

Govt likely to ban raw jute exports

PORIMOL PALMA

The government is mulling a ban on the export of raw jute until August to ensure a smooth supply of natural fibre to local mills, as jute products are experiencing a gradual rise in exports after a recent slump.

"I have asked exporters not to export raw jute until the next harvest. If they do not abide by the request, we will ban exports by issuing a circular," Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddiqui told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We cannot keep our mills closed by allowing the export of raw jute," he said. "The amount of jute product exports is now rising after a significant decline in the last few months due to global recession."

However, the prices of raw jute has increased unexpectedly from Tk 1,000-Tk 1,150 a maund to Tk 1,400-Tk 1,500, only because of hoarding by traders, the minister said. Last year, the price of raw jute was between Tk 900-Tk 1,150 per maund.

Enquiring about the situation, Siddiqui said around 10-12 lakh bales of jute are still in the country, but the hoarders have created an artificial crisis to hike prices.

Representatives of the Bangladesh Jute Association, a forum of jute traders, were also present at the meeting. They said they already signed contracts to export raw jute.

"But the minister said raw jute exporters can make deliveries to the supplies when jute harvest begins,"



an official said.

Meanwhile, jute millers said they are facing problems in jute production due to a sudden rise of jute price.

They held a meeting with the jute minister on Monday in this regard.

"The amount of jute product exports has increased, but not the

price. If the crisis for raw jute continues and prices rise even further, we will not be able to operate our mills. The hoarders are increasing prices, not the farmers," said Najmul Huq, managing director of Janata Jute Mills Ltd.

The export of jute products decreased following the global financial crisis, which prompted the government to increase export incentives to 10 percent from the previous 7.5 percent to help the ailing industry.

Of the 160 jute and jute spinning mills in the country, around 30 are closed and a similar number operate on an on and off basis, while about 100 operate normally.

Experts said the industry is important for the country because it is 100 percent value-added.

Export earnings from jute products and jute in fiscal 2007-08 were \$318.34 million and \$165.06 million respectively, according to Export Promotion Bureau data.

In the proposed budget, the government announced it would not close any mills. It would also mandate that jute sacks be used in packing certain commodities.

Bangladesh Jute Mills Association (BJMA) Secretary Abdul Barik Khan said these moves by the government are positive.

According to BJMA, the production of jute was 40 lakh tonnes this year, 10 lakh tonnes lower than the previous years. Around 40 percent of total raw jute is exported.

"If local mills can consume all the jute, why should we export it?" Khan said.

Exploit duty-free facility to expand exports to S Korea

Speakers urge businessmen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called upon local businessmen for making a united effort to expand export volume to South Korea and bring down the trade deficit between the two countries, utilising the duty-free access for certain Bangladeshi products to the northeast Asian country.

South Korean Ministry of Strategy and Finance earlier ensured that as Bangladesh is a least developed country, 32 out of 64 of its items would get duty-free access to South Korea.

Fifteen out of twenty-four knit products, fourteen out of nineteen woven items, one of the two jute and jute products, and ceramic and

tableware are the 32 goods that have been enjoying duty-free access to South Korea since January 1 this year, said an EPB official.

Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) Chittagong organised the seminar titled "Identification and solution to problems in availing of duty-free access to South Korea" at its conference room here in the port city.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) First Vice President Nasir Uddin Chowdhury said at the seminar that BGMEA would help its members in expanding export volume and availing of the duty-free access to South Korea.

Director M Abdur Rahman

of EPB, Dhaka, was the resource person at the seminar with EPB Chittagong Regional Director Md Golam Mostafin in the chair.

Mostafin referred to the South Korean government's declaration of providing Bangladesh with \$200 million as development aid and allowing a major access of Bangladeshi goods to its market this year.

He also said Bangladesh witnessed a trade deficit of \$524.58 million in fiscal 2007-2008 when its exports amounted to \$95.58 million against imports worth \$620.16 million.

The export volume was only worth \$83.26 million in the first six months (July to December) of the current fiscal year.

Minister stresses local tyre manufacture

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday expressed the need for tyre manufacturing in Bangladesh to reduce the country's dependency on the imports of tyre.

He was speaking as chief guest at a product launching ceremony at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Nitol Motors Ltd, the sole distributor of TATA Motors in Bangladesh, launched Tata's new arrival, the XENON 4WD pickup, in Bangladesh.

It comes with a 2.2 litre VTT DiCOR diesel engine (Direct Injection Common Rail), generating a maximum power of 140 PS and maximum torque of 320 Nm.

The hi-tech pickup also comes with a 32-bit built-in computer for efficient engine control.

The government should reduce traffic congestion in

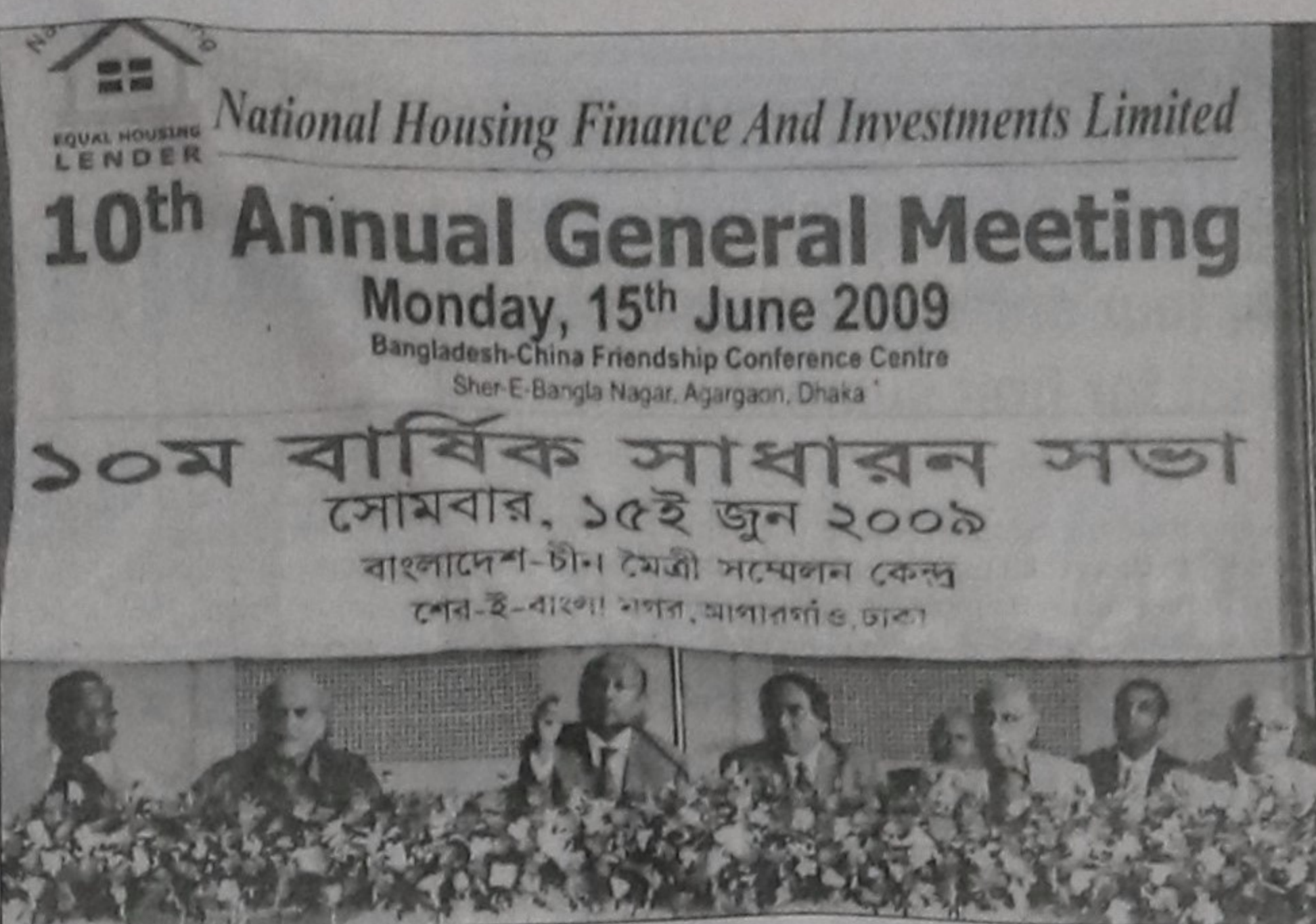
the major cities in Bangladesh by finding new transport solutions that would be ideal for the country's infrastructure, said Mussabir Ahmed, managing director of Nitol Motors Ltd.

The company also launched Casumina tyres, a brand by The Southern Rubber Joint Stock Company from Vietnam.

Casumina, a joint venture of Japanese tyre giant Yokohama in Vietnam, would market trucks, buses and other heavy vehicle tyres in Bangladesh through Nitol Motors.

Nitol Motors has also expressed plans to set up a joint venture tyre plant with Vietnam in Bangladesh.

Among others, Nguyen Van That, ambassador of Vietnam, Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, high commissioner of India, and Abdul Matlub Ahmad, chairman of Nitol-Niloy Group, were also present.



Latifur Rahman, chairman of National Housing Finance and Investments Ltd, presides over the company's 10th annual general meeting in Dhaka on Monday. The company, which declared 12.5 percent cash dividend for 2008, earned Tk 145.21 million operating profit in the same year.

Foreign ministry to help promote tourism

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said yesterday her ministry would extend its cooperation in promoting the country's tourism industry.

She said tourism can play a vital role in offsetting the fallout stemming from the current global recession, according to a statement.

Although Bangladesh is a land of natural beauty and has many historical places and excellent architectural heritages, its tourism potential is yet to be explored fully

due to a lack of publicity, the minister added.

She was speaking at a function organised by Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) in Dhaka.

At the function, ATAB executives handed over a total of 70 copies of CD of a documentary on tourism of Bangladesh titled "The Face of Bengal" to the foreign minister for publicising those through the Bangladesh missions abroad.

Presided over by ATAB

President MA Muhaimin Saleh, the programme was also addressed by President of International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh Mahbubur Rahman.

The foreign minister said: "Currently around 6.5 million Bangladeshis are working in different countries across the globe. Besides contributing to the economies of the host countries, they are helping our national economy."

She said ATAB can play a key role in manpower export.



Abdul Matlub Ahmad, chairman of Nitol-Niloy Group, displays the company's new pickup line 'Tata XENON 4WD' to Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, Indian high commissioner, at a launching ceremony at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

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Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of CCTV Network
Tender Notice No. Pur: 211 dt. 11/06/09

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturer or local authorised representative/distributor/agents of renowned electrical company like Philips/Sony/Panasonic/Pelco/Honey Well/Bosch/Samsung or govt./semi-govt. enlisted 1st class contractors having experience for similar jobs or reputed companies/organisations dealing with supply/installation of CCTV System in Bangladesh for design, supply, installation and commissioning of CCTV Network at our Head Office, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.

Interested bidders may collect tenders schedule from our Purchase/Cash Section, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka against cash payment of Tk. 1,000/- (one thousand) (non-refundable) only on all working days (from Sunday thru Thursday) within 15:00 hrs up to 06/07/2009.

The bidders are to submit the following documents at the time of purchasing of tender schedule:

- The bidder must be a manufacturer or local authorised representative/distributor/agents of renowned electrical company like Philips/Sony/Panasonic/Pelco/Honey Well/Bosch/Samsung, or govt./semi-govt. enlisted 1st class contractor having experience for similar jobs or reputed companies/organisations dealing with supply/installations of CCTV System in Bangladesh, certificate of authorisation from the manufacturer/authorised local representative/distributor/agents in favour of the bidder to participate the tender and provided assurance for supply of the materials required for the job.
- Copy of work order/purchase order of similar job amounting not less than Tk. 5,00,000 (five) lac in a single work order done during the last 5 (five) years and a certificate of satisfactory completion of work from the concerned authority.
- Certified copy of up-to-date bank solvency certificate.
- Certified copy of up-to-date Income Tax registration/TIN.
- Certified copy of import registration certificate/IRC.
- Certified copy of VAT registration certificate.
- Certified copy of up-to-date trade licence.
- List of tools equipments and technical manpower.

The bidders are to submit the tenders in 2 (two) separate envelope one for Technical offer and other for Financial offer. The sealed tender both (Technical and Financial) must be dropped in the tender box kept at our above-mentioned Chittagong and Dhaka Offices latest by 15:00 hrs of 08/07/2009. Out of the same the technical offers only will be opened at 2 (two) same places on the same day at 15:15 hrs in presence of bidders (if any). The financial offers of the technically successful bidders only will be opened later on, the date and time of which will be communicated to them by confirmation letter.

All other terms and conditions will be as per tender schedule. The company reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason. GD-3070

United flies to Dubai from July

UNB, Dhaka

United Airways, one of the three private carriers in Bangladesh, will start operation on Dhaka-Dubai-Dhaka route from July 10 with a view to carrying mainly migrant workers from Bangladesh.

The airline will operate seven flights a week -- one flight every day -- on its Dhaka-Dubai-Dhaka route with a 160-seater MD-83 aircraft.

United Airways, a venture of non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) in UK, has already obtained permission from the Civil Aviation Authority of

Bangladesh (CAAB) to operate seven flights to Dubai, three each to Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, and four flights to Kathmandu, said Capt. Tasbirul Ahmed Choudhury, chairman and managing director of the airline.

The airline started its journey on July 10, 2007. It has been operating flights to all major domestic sectors

from Dhaka since 2007 and includes a regional destination to Kolkata, India in its route.

"One more MD-83 having 160 seats will be added to the fleet of United Airways to fly on Dhaka-Kuala Lumpur, Dhaka-Kathmandu and Dhaka-Bangkok routes," Tasbirul said.

United Airways, 95 percent owned by expatriate Bangladeshis, has also planned to operate two regional routes -- Canton in China and Yangon in Myanmar -- by the end of 2009.

Tasbir said: "The allocation of more flight frequencies for the private airlines was due to a change in the government policy, as it seeks to inject competition in the aviation industry. The government is now very liberal."

He said that the government is encouraging the private sector to have its share of the growing market and "we must be ready to face competition and should improve our service quality."

Bangladesh's air traffic grew 7.3 percent last year, making it one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the region, but decades of poor performance by the other airlines has enabled foreign carriers to snatch almost 80 percent of the market.

"We will soon procure Boeing 767-300 ER to fly to other Gulf and European destinations including London," said United Airways chairman.

He said UK and Gulf are the most important markets for Bangladeshi airlines as one in two people who fly abroad goes to the six Gulf countries and UK, which employ more than 70 percent of the country's over five million migrant workers.

World's sixth largest airline Emirates at present carries the bulk of the traffic for Dubai and UK destinations. Emirates operate 17 flights a week and will soon add two more. There are also several other top Gulf carriers operating in these routes.



Hiroaki Nakamura, chief executive officer of YKK Bangladesh, inaugurates the company's "YKK Fastening Tree Plantation Day" in Munshiganj recently. The company planted a large number of trees in the district town as part of its CSR programme.

Eurozone inflation slumps to record zero

AFP, Brussels

Consumer prices in the 16 countries using the euro stagnated in May as inflation fell to a record low of zero in the face of a recession, official EU data showed on Tuesday.

The Eurostat figures, which confirmed a first estimate, left 12-month eurozone inflation at the lowest point on records going back to 1996 and down sharply from the 0.6 percent that the agency booked in April.

After hitting a record high point of 4.0 percent last June and July, eurozone inflation has fallen sharply as oil and other commodity prices have collapsed in the face of a dire economic downturn.

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-১২/২০০৯ তারিখ: ১১/০৬/২০০৯

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের জেনারেল সাইটে সহকারী পরিচালক পদে নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে গত ০২, ০৩, ০৬ ও ০৭ জুন ২০০৯ তারিখে যথাক্রমে দৈনিক যুগান্তর, New Age, দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক ও The Daily Star পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত এবং ০১/০৬/২০০৯ তারিখ হতে ব্যাংকের ওয়েব-সাইটে প্রদর্শিত নিয়োগ-বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ০৯/২০০৯ তারিখ ৩১/০৫/২০০৯ এর ২(খ) এবং ০৭নং অনুচ্ছেদ নিম্নরূপভাবে সংশোধন করা হলো:

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