

Bury the hatchet at trade meet, GATT chief tells US, EC

GENEVA, Nov 27: GATT Secretary General Peter Sutherland told the United States and European Community they must settle differences at a key trade meeting next week, reports Reuters.

order to avoid being presented with a sown-up deal at the last minute. ROK farmers hold rallies

Japan poised to unveil rice market

Japan's rice market is set to be opened to foreign imports, press reports and farm leaders said.

Poor factory safety standard in China!

BEIJING, Nov 27: China's state-run media is placing the blame for poor factory safety standard — of the kind that caused the deaths of 81 workers in a fire last week — on the shoulders of foreign investors, reports AFP.

The China Daily, in a long article Friday citing reports by local newspapers, accused foreign-funded factories of open violation of the rights of employees, in many cases uneducated migrant workers from inland provinces with no knowledge of what to demand as rights.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on November 27, 1993

Week opens on mixed note
Week's trading on the floor of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) opened on a mixed note on Saturday.

Since November 1, DSE has been calculating the index on the basis of IFC All Share Price Index formula and the base date is 01.01.91.

Trading at a glance

Table with columns: DSE Share Price Index, Market Capitalisation Tk, Turnover in Volume, Turnover in Value Tk, Company's Name, Previous price, Closing price, Change (absolute), Change (% of Shares), Number traded.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies effective as on Nov 27. (Figures in Taka)

Table with columns: Currency, Selling TT & OD, EC, TT Clean, Buying OD SIGHT, Ex. Bills., OD Transfer.

Table with columns: Currency, Selling T.T. & O.D., Buying O. D. Transfer.

Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.



Hundreds of students opposed to the opening of South Korea's rice market clash with riot police near President Kim Young-Sam's official residence yesterday. The students emerged from a subway station and started marching toward Kim's residence but were immediately blocked by some 150 riot police who used truncheons to beat back the demonstrators.— AFP photo

The two powers, he declared, "should not make the dangerous mistake of leaving everything until the last minute...."

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Sutherland told a meeting of the trade negotiating committee (TNC), he would then call it into a final meeting on December 15 agreed by the steering body in July as zero-day "to approve the Uruguay Round results."

EC's special meeting

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Japanese traders disappointed with slow pace of reforms in India

NEW DELHI, Nov 27: Japanese businessmen are disappointed with the "slow pace" of economic reforms in India, a Japanese official said here yesterday, reports AFP.

Kinichi Kadono, who headed the Japanese delegation to a two-day meeting of the Indo-Japanese Standing Committee here this week, said change was needed if Japan were to increase its investment in India substantially.

Of 21 suggestions made by Japanese businessmen four months ago to improve the investment climate, only three or four have been implemented, Kadono said in a news conference.

Meanwhile, Paul Allaire, the head of Xerox of the United States said here that India was becoming increasingly attractive for multi-national corporations and as a source of components.

Allaire told a trade chamber structural reforms would attract more overseas capital and said Xerox would step up investment in India.

Arafat seeks more int'l aid

STOCKHOLM, Nov 27: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat called here Friday for greater aid contributions from the international community to bolster massive infrastructure development in areas primed for autonomy under the PLO-Israeli peace accord, reports AFP.

Speaking to journalists on the first day of a 36-hour visit to Stockholm, Arafat warned: "We are in need of a lot of help... we have to build everything. We have nothing and we have to start from zero."

The Palestine Liberation Organisation Leader added: "There is real starvation in (the) Gaza (Strip)... there is no water, no electricity. We must build communications, hospitals, schools, houses, ports, airports...."

Arafat said earlier Friday the PLO estimated it would need "13 billion dollar by 2000 to rebuild the entire country."

His call was backed by Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, who stressed the need for concrete result on the ground to accelerate the peace process.

There would be no progress on that front without economic development, Bildt said, adding that Sweden had pledged some 150 million dollar worth of aid to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank over the coming five years.

Arafat, who is no the second leg of a four-nation Scandinavian tour that began in Norway, reaffirmed his opposition to any delays in the PLO-Israeli autonomy accord.

The first phase of the accord is due to be implemented December 13 with a withdrawal of Israeli security forces from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

"We hope that the withdrawal... will soon be implemented. Everything will go smoothly, the PLO leader said.

The run-up to the phased Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories has been plagued by increasing violence there, with 23 Palestinians and eight Israelis killed since Sept-

ember 13, the date the landmark accord was signed.

The unrest peaked Thursday with violent protests against the army's killing of Islamic fundamentalist guerrilla chief Imad Akei.

In the latest opinion polls, Israeli support for the autonomy deal has fallen from 63 to 43 per cent since September. For Arafat's faction Fatah backing is down to 41 per cent from 45 in early October.

Arafat, who held talks Friday with Bildt and foreign Minister Margaretha AF Ugglas, is scheduled to meet Saturday with other top Swedish officials before being received by King Carl Gustaf Saturday afternoon.

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Trade union strike paralyses Belgium

BRUSSELS, Nov 27: Belgium was largely paralysed by a one-day general strike yesterday as both the public and private sectors responded massively to trade union calls for action against a government economic austerity plan, reports AFP.

It was the first general strike since 1936, when workers were demanding one week of paid leave.

This time they were protesting against an economic recovery plan involving a two-year pay freeze, higher taxes and cuts in social security.

Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene was due to make a statement on the strike in the mid-afternoon. He announced on Thursday that the government was preparing for new consultation with both trade unions and employers.

Public transport ground to a halt on Friday. There was no

international train traffic across the country. Passengers from neighbouring countries were being ferried through Belgium by bus.

Postal services were blocked. Many hospitals and fire stations were offering skeleton emergency services.

Many factories in most major cities came to a near standstill. Sometimes with pickets blocking access. Some businesses instructed staff to stay at home.

There was a partial blackout of local radio and television broadcasts. Many newspapers were not published and others were not distributed.

The national carrier Sabena said flight were delayed by up to one hour to give passengers more time to get to the airport, and because of thick fog but airport authorities said as air controllers were at work as usual.



Hectic activity on the floor of the Milan Stock Exchange November 23. Shock waves from the municipal poll results continued to reverberate through Italian financial markets after the stock market lost five points Nov 22 reflecting the business world's uncertainty in the face of the crisis. In Milan, the lira came under strong pressure and by midday stood at about 1,000 lira to one German mark, against 987.65 at the opening of the day's trading.— AFP photo

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Berth Position and performance of Vessels as on 27.11.1993.

Table with columns: Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local call agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels due at outer anchorage:

Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Date of arrival, Last Port, Local call agent, Cargo, Loading port.

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Vessels at Kuttubdia

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Vessels Ready

Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local call agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels Not Ready

Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local call agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels Awaiting Instruction

Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local call agent, Date of arrival.

Vessels Not Entering

Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local call agent, Date of arrival.

Movement of Vessels for 28.11.1993

Table with columns: Outgoing, Incoming, Shifting.

DSE Shares and Debentures

Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), Shares (100/5), Debentures (100/5).