

Europeans will find rays of strong economic growth soon

PARIS, July 23: Europeans will return from summer holidays in a month's time to find that rays of strong economic growth have risen over their three main economies, in Germany, Britain and France, according to the latest figures, reports AFP.

Britain is expecting growth this year of about 2.75 per cent, France 2.0 per cent and Germany more than 1.5 per cent, statistics published yesterday showed.

The green shoots of recovery have long been announced, but slow to show in Britain and France, although in Germany they have burst through with astonishing speed.

The main unknown quantity, and threat to continuation of the strong surge in activity, is the future of long-term interest rates.

Each country, too, has its own particular weakness. In Germany, it is the high cost of production and the strength of the mark.

In Britain, the threat in past recoveries has come from a propensity to import for consumption, resulting in a "boom and bust" cycle. In France unemployment is high, and

Prime Minister Balladur warned this week that public deficits must be reduced to avert an increase in interest rates.

In Britain, on Friday official figures showed that the economy had grown by 0.9 per cent in the second quarter from the figure for the first quarter in the strongest quarterly performance on record.

It had also grown by 3.3 per cent from the figure for the second quarter of last year, exceeding a growth rate of 3.0 per cent for the first time since the first quarter of 1989.

The government recently increased its figure for expected growth this year to 2.75 per cent from 2.5 per cent forecast initially.

At the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce economist David Coleman said that the target was now realistic.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke commented that he wanted to prevent the economy from falling again into a cycle of "boom and bust".

In the last 12 months industrial output and risen by 4.5 per cent, retail sales had risen by 4.0 per cent and exports by

9.0 per cent while the number of people without work had fallen by 270,000, he said.

Official figures published in France yesterday showed that French manufactured output had increased by 22 per cent in May from the figure in April.

The total amount of output has not yet recovered to the amounts achieved before the recession but has risen continuously since November.

Customs figures published on Thursday showed that French exports had risen by 3.2 per cent in May to 107 billion francs (198 billion dollars) which was the highest amount since April 1992.

The economy ministry said that the figures showed that the economy was "robust and accelerating" and that gross domestic product might show growth of one per cent in the second quarter alone.

The government is expected to increase the figure for estimated growth for the whole of the year to 1.4 per cent in September.

Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery had said at the beginning of July that the economy would grow by an amount closer to 2.0 per cent than 1.4

per cent this year. The official Insee statistical institute now estimates that it will grow by 2.0 per cent.

In Germany on Thursday, the DIW Research Institute, which had forecast that West German Gross Domestic Product (GDP) would fall by 0.5 per cent this year, said that no-one had foreseen the vigour of recovery, an it now expected GDP to grow by 1.5 per cent.

The economy of the whole of Germany would grow by 2.0 per cent this year and again in 1995.

Economy Minister Guenter Rexrodt said that recovery was "more favourable than had been foreseen", the government now estimated that overall GDP would grow by more than 1.5 per cent.

He noted that the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) expected growth of 1.75 per cent in 1994 and 2.5 per cent in 1995.

But he warned that despite measures introduced recently to improve the competitive position of German businesses, such efforts had to be maintained.

CIA analyst says China is controlling its booming economy better

WASHINGTON, July 23: The CIA said yesterday that China is controlling its booming economy better, but without full success yet because inflation remained above 23 per cent in cities this year, reports Reuters.

"They haven't solved this by any means," Central Intelligence Agency analyst Martin Petersen said. "What they are attempting to do is to be just a little smarter about how they put on the brakes."

Petersen, the CIA's director of East Asian analysis, testified to Congress's joint economic committee.

"I think what we have seen this last year is rather than slamming on the brakes as they had so often in the past, they pumped them a bit," Petersen said.

Rather than its past "boom and bust" practice of cutting off credit to stop economic growth, he said, China acted to regulate bank loans and the money supply and to increase central control over tax revenues.

He said the brake pumping has had some successes reducing gross national

product growth to 11.6 per cent in the first half of this year, compared to 13.4 per cent last year.

But, he said, inflation rose above 23 per cent in cities last year from 13 per cent in 1992 and has remained above 23 per cent since December.

Petersen said China's economy is driven largely by rising domestic consumer demand, so it ran up a trade deficit of 12.2 billion dollar last year, its first annual trade deficit since 1989.

But that did not help the United States, whose trade deficit with China grew more than 25 per cent to 22.8 billion dollar, he said.

Meanwhile, Japan which has become China's second biggest trade partner, saw its imports to that country soar by 45 per cent to 17.3 billion dollars in 1993.

The report said that Japan's foreign aid to China supported its exports to that country by "giving Japan an advantage in the bidding process."

Petersen declined to comment in detail at a public hearing about China's military programme and export of weapons.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on July 23, 1994
Index up by 7 points

The Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index rose sharply on Saturday, opening day of the week, while losers' domination on the DSE floor continued.

The index leapt from 678.62056 to 685.55805, an increase of 6.937 points.

The number of issues traded fell from 54 to 51, in which 25 incurred losses, 13 gained and 13 others remained unchanged.

Zee Bangla Sugar topped the list of the losers in terms of volume. Its 4150 shares were traded.

Among the losers, Quasem Drycells (1200), Beximco Fisheries (1860), Beximco Synthetic (2460), Beximco Ltd (3600) and Eastern Insurance (1920) were also major volume leaders.

Singer Bangladesh Ltd incurred a loss of Tk 47.08 per share, leading the losers in terms of value.

Eagle Star Textile led the gainers in terms of volume with 5200 shares traded.

Apex Spinning (1480), Libra Pharma (2100) and Ashraf Textile (608) also gained significantly.

In terms of value, 1st ICB M Fund dominated the gainers' list with a rise of Tk 19.80 per share.

The turnover in volume on the DSE rose by 22.59 per cent while the turnover in value showed a fall of 10.628 per cent.

A total of 34,463,000 shares were traded at Tk 41,794,722.00 as

against Thursday's 28,112,250 shares worth Tk 46,76,472.50.

Trading at a glance

DSE All Share Price Index 685.55805
Market Capitalisation Tk 3,118,80,11,926.30
Turnover in Volume Tk 34,463,000
Turnover in Value Tk 41,794,722.00

Company's name Change Number (per share) of shares Tk traded

Losers (25)

2nd ICB M Fund	5.00	10
BD Lamps	0.27	16
Eastern Cables	0.76	210
Singer BD	47.08	120
Atlas BD	0.76	620
Quasem Drycells	0.22	1200
Howlader PVC	0.23	130
National Tubes	4.00	10
BD Tat Aluminium	1.00	240
Bengal Food	3.59	50
Dhaka Veg Oil	3.03	315
Zee Bangla Sugar	0.18	4150
Cig Veg Oil	0.50	100
National Fisheries	5.30	1860
BD Oxygen	0.17	137
Ambee Pharma	0.24	900
Beximco Pharma	5.50	40
Beximco Infusions	5.67	60
Beximco Synthetic	3.05	2440
Usmania Glass	5.00	120
Beximco Ltd	1.08	3500
Cig Cement Clinker	0.06	175
Apex Footwear	6.91	200
Eastern Insurance	0.62	1080
Rahim Textile Mills	1.50	20

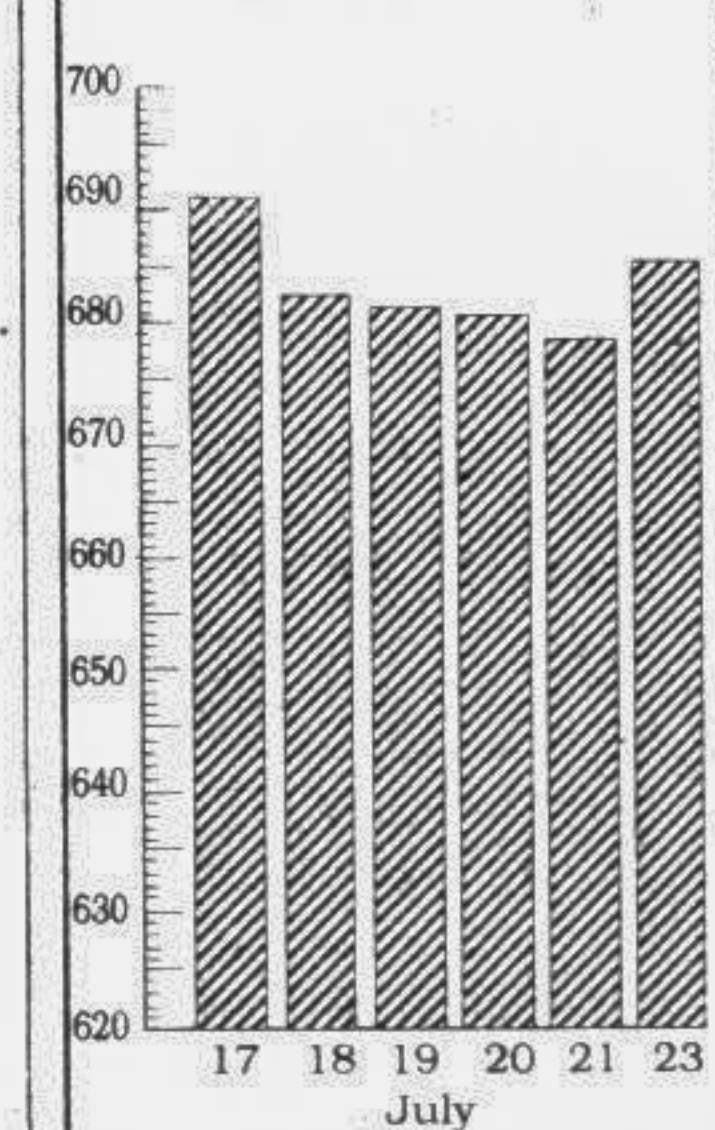
Gainners (13)

ULC	16.00	20
1st ICB M Fund	19.80	10
Bengal Carbide	11.53	144
Saiham Textile	1.00	700
Eagle Star Textile	0.68	5200
Padma Textile	1.98	529
Apex Spinning	2.41	1480
Kohinoor Chemical	1.42	95
Rahman Chemicals	0.97	390
Libra Pharma	3.90	2100
Bata Shoe Co	0.38	300
Beximco Fisheries (Debt)	3.69	60
Ashraf Textile	0.08	2200

Unchanged (18)

6th ICB M Fund (1040)	Afrah	100/20
Auto (5), Karim Pipe (8), B.I.		
Autocar (350), Rupon Co		
(1000), Modern Dyeing (65)		
Desh Garments (60), Ibsina		
(30), Apex Tannery (265), BD		
Shipping Co (55), GQ Ball Pen		
(595), Savar Refractories (100)		
BGIC (60)		

DSE All Share Price Index



DSE Shares and Debentures

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
BANKS (13)		
AB-Baraka Bank	1000/1	762.50
A.B. Bank	100/5	170.00
City Bank	100/5	265.00
Eastern Bank	100/20	110.00
DLG Ltd	100/20	459.33
ULC	100/20	380.00
LFIC	100/5	165.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1589.71
National Bank	100/5	110.00
Pubali Bank	100/5	100.00
Rupali Bank	100/10	72.00
U.C.B.L	100/5	85.00
Uttara Bank	100/5	90.00
INVESTMENT (8)		
1st ICB M Fund	100/5	115.00
2nd ICB M Fund	100/5	650.00
3rd ICB M Fund	100/5	270.00
4th ICB M Fund	100/10	232.00
5th ICB M Fund	100/10	162.00
6th ICB M Fund	100/10	127.01
ICB Unit Cert.		
Sale Price		
Re-Purchase		
INSURANCE (5)		
BGIC	100/10	380.00
Eastern Insurance	100/20	228.15
Green Delta	100/10	350.00
Peoples Insurance	100/10	450.00
United Insurance	100/10	340.00
ENGINEERING (19)		
Aftab Automobiles	100/5	248.00
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	60.00
Aziz Pipe	100/5	375.00
Bangladesh Autocar	100/5	44.00
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	1440.00
B. Thai Aluminium	100/10	117.50
Bengal Carbide	100/5	626.53
Eastern Steel	100/50	20.00
Howlader PVC	100/10	52.77
Karim Pipe	100/5	102.00
Metalex Corp.	100/5	60.00
Monno Staffers	100/5	370.00
Monno Jute	100/5	880.00
National Tubes	100/10	66.00
Panther Steel	10/50	8.00
Quasem Drycells	100/5	15.78
Renwick Jaineswar	10/5	68.00
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	2286.25
FOOD & ALLIED (24)		
Alpha Biscuit	100/5	198.00
A.B. Tobacco	10/50	50.00
Annam Sea Food	100/5	500.00
Apex Food	100/5	890.00
Arora Tea	100/5	55.00
Banges	100/5	172.00
B.D. Plantation	100/5	500.00
Bengal Food	100/5	296.00
B.L.T.C.	100/5	550.00
B.T.C.	10/50	150.00
Ctg. Vegetables	100/10	80.00
Dhaka Vegetables	100/5	98.97
E.L. Camellia	100/5	1040.00
Progress Export	10/50	3.00
Gemini Sea Food	100/5	65.00
Hill Plantation	100/5	550.00
Modern Industries	100/5	350.00
N.T.C.	100/52	290.00
Rabeya Flour	10/100	N.T.
Rupon Oil	10/100	5.00
Tulip Dairy	100/10	75.00
Yousuf Flour	10/50	15.00
Zee Bangla Sugar	10/50	7.12
Beximco Fisheries	100/20	215.61
FUEL & POWER (4)		
BD Oxygen	10/50	173.60
Eastern Lubricant	10/50	14.00
National Oxygen	100/5	70.25
Padma Oil Co	10/50	68.00
TEXTILE (10)		
Alhaj Textile	10/50	N.T.
Apex Spinning	100/20	302.50
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00
Ashraf Textile	10/50	24.14
Desh Garments	100/10	50.00
Dalsania Cotton	100/10	104.00
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	14.68
OMG Ind. Corp.	10/50	10.00
Modern Dyeing	100/5	36.00

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
PHARMACEUTICALS & CHEMICALS (21)		
Ambee Pharma	10/50	16.30
Bangla Process	100/5	45.00
BCI	100/10	440.00
Beximco Infusion	100/10	486.83
Beximco Pharma	100/5	1494.50
B. Synthetics	100/20	205.83
Libra Pharma	100/20	165.60
Glaxo	10/50	140.00
ACI	10/50	115.00
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	105.42
N Polymer	100/10	140.00
Petro Synthetic	10/50	4.50
Renata Ltd	100/5	710.00
Pharma Aids	100/5	279.20
Pharmaco	100/5	74.00
Progressive Plastic	100/5	20.00
Rackitt & Colman	100/50	95.00
Rahman Chemicals	100/10	73.49
Therapeutics	100/5	60.00
The Ibsina	100/10	120.00
Wata Chemical	100/20	268.71
PAPER & PRINTING (6)		
Eagle Box	10/5	17.50
Monopol Paper	100/5	30.00
Paper Converting	100/5	85.00
Paper Processing	100/10	15.00
Padma Printers	10/50	50.00
Sonali Paper	10/50	40.00
SERVICE (2)		
Bangladesh Hotel	10/50	12.00
Jd Service	10/50	N.T.
MISCELLANEOUS (18)		
Apex Footwear	100/20	465.00
Apex Tannery	100/10	950.00
Asmita	10/50	20.00
Bata Shoe	10/100	89.00
Beximco	100/10	46.99
B.S.C.	100/5	80.00
Cig. Cement	100/5	400.00
G. Q. Ball Pen	10/50	146.00
High Speed	100/5	50.00
Himadri Ltd	2/100	6.00
Milton Tannery	100/5	5.00
Monno Ceru	100/5	670.00
New Dha's Refac	100/20	90.00
Phoenix Leather	100/5	130.00
Savar Refractories	100/5	46.00
The Engineers	100/5	100.00
Texpick Ind	100/10	85.00
Usmania Glass	100/5	365.00
JUTE (12)		
Ahad Jute	100/10	N.T.
Anowara Jute	10/50	N.T.
Delta Jute	10/50	8.50
Gawisa Jute	10/50	N.T.
Islam Jute	100/5	70.00
Jute Spinner	100/5	126.67
Mutual Jute	100/5	120.00
Northern Jute	10/50	N.T.
Shamser Jute	100/5	100.00
Specialised Jute	10/50	N.T.
Shine Pakur Jute	100/5	250.00
Sonali Anah	100/5	130.00
DEBENTURES (6)		
BD Oxygen	2000/1	2700.00
Beximco	1685/1	1800.00
(17%)		
Beximco Infusion	1500/2	1660.00
(17%)		
Beximco Pharma	886/1	798.33
(17%)		
Beximco Synthetic	2500/2	2500.00
(14%)		
Beximco Fisheries	3000/1	2860.22

Note: FV = Face Value ML = Market Lot N.T. = Not Traded AL = Allotment Letter

India aiming at 6 to 7 pc annual growth

BOMBAY, July 23: The Indian economy will grow by five per cent in fiscal 1994-95 and witness a growth rate of six to seven per cent in about three years from now, Finance Minister Manmohan Singh said on Friday, reports AFP.

Manmohan Singh told a meeting organised by the ruling Congress (I) Party here that the present 10 per cent inflation rate will also fall soon because of a "more than expected agricultural output" this year.

The next five or six years will see the emergence of a new modern, progressive, humane and integrated India, said the minister.

Annual economic growth, now at 3.5 per cent, will go up to five per cent and industrial production will rise to seven per cent in 1994-95, ending in March, he said.

In about three years, New Delhi planned to have an economic growth rate of six to seven per cent annually, Manmohan Singh told a hall packed with businessmen and brokers, as well as Bombay-based diplomats.

Chinese workers seek tougher action against foreign firms

BEIJING, July 23: Trade Union leaders in Southern China have called for tougher action against overseas firms which ignore worker safety, following 136 deaths this year in Guangdong province alone, China Daily said today, reports AFP.