

Four held for missing Barings share scrip

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 25: Four employees of a courier company are being questioned about Barings Securities share scrip worth 1.96 million dollars that went missing from the company's care, reports AP.

SC resolution allowing Iraq to sell oil likely

UNITED NATIONS, Mar 25: The United States and Britain are preparing a Security Council resolution that would allow Iraq to sell an initial two billion dollars worth of oil over six months, subject to less onerous monitoring than under a previous limited oil sales diplomats said late on Thursday.

mainly that the United Nations would monitor the distribution of the goods bought with the proceeds to ensure they reached all sectors of the population. Also, about two thirds of the revenues earned through the oil sales would be available for the purchase of food and medicine. The remainder would go to a Gulf War reparations fund and other costs stemming from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The issue could come to a head if Iraq receives a clean bill of health from the UN Special Commission in charge of scrapping its weapons of mass destruction. Under a 1991 ceasefire resolution, lifting of the oil embargo is linked to fulfillment of these weapons requirements. Sanctions are reviewed by the council every 60 days. The next review is due on May 12. The United States has threatened to use its council veto to block what it considers any premature move to lift sanctions which remain in force unless the council decides otherwise.

\$160m US export guarantee for Ukraine

WASHINGTON, Mar 25: The US government and US agribusinesses have authorised 160 million dollars in export guarantees to foster agricultural development in Ukraine, reports AFP.

The programme, announced Tuesday by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA) is part of a 250 million dollar package announced by Washington in Paris to support Ukraine's comprehensive economic reform programme for 1995.

The announcement came as western donor countries and world financial bodies hailed in the French capital Tuesday Ukraine's economic reforms launched by President Leonid Kuchma's eight-month-old government by promising aid exceeding 5.5 billion dollars for 1995.



Azizan Zainal Abidin (R), Chairman of the Petronas and Malaysia Liquefied Natural Gas and Taiwan's Chinese Petroleum Corporation Chairman Tzu Yuan Chang (L) exchange a nine billion US dollar sale and purchase agreement in Kuala Lumpur, Wednesday. Under the agreement, Chinese Petroleum Corporation will receive a supply of liquefied natural gas amounting to 2.25 million tonnes annually for the next 20 years. — AFP/UNB photo

Cancellation Notice
বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন
The invitation of Tender No. Pur-203/95 against BPDB's tender notice dated 14-2-95 for the procurement of 33/0.4 KV, 200 KVA distribution transformer against Chittagong Hill Tract Project (Phase-2), Rangamati is hereby cancelled.

Japan's parliament okays \$788b budget for '95

TOKYO, Mar 25: The Japanese parliament Thursday passed a 70.99 trillion yen (\$788 billion dollar) state budget for fiscal 1995 starting April 1, the earliest enactment in the postwar history, officials said, reports AFP.

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'Islam compatible with rapid development'

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 25: Strong economic growth in predominantly Muslim Malaysia and Indonesia has proven that Islam is not incompatible with rapid development, a US defence official said yesterday, reports AFP.

Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chief of Staff William Owens said the booming economies and political stability of both countries showed that other Islamic nations could also pursue development policies in harmony with religion.

IWC projection Wheat harvest better, but supply tight this year

LONDON, Mar 25: Early forecasts point to a bigger world wheat harvest in 1995, but supply is likely to stay tight, the international Wheat Council (IWC) said yesterday, reports Reuters.

Current prospects for wheat production in the 1995/96 crop year are quite favourable," the IWC said as it issued first projections for the 1995/96 (July/June) trading season. If import needs are as predicted, however, and abnormal weather like the recent Australian drought again hits crops "it could become difficult to satisfy the world wheat market."

EU liquor makers call for action against Japan

BRUSSELS, Mar 25: European liquor makers called yesterday for the European Commission to take action against Japan in the World Trade Organisation for its failure to open up its markets to imports of spirits, reports Reuters.

The time for talking is over, Japan shows no intention of freeing its market by taxing all spirits at rates similar to Shochu," Maurits Bruggink, Director General of the European Confederation of Spirits Producers, said in a statement.

"We are left with no option but to call on the European Commission to pursue this issue through the WTO's dispute procedure," he said.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the WTO's predecessor, ruled in 1987 that all spirits should be taxed at similar rates in Japan.

But the confederation said that Shochu, a locally produced spirit, was still receiving advantageous treatment because gin and vodka were being taxed two to three times more heavily, and brandy and whisky up to seven times more heavily.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Ltd (BAPEX) Material Control Division HBFC Building (9th Floor) 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000. Re-Tender Notice. Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide suppliers/manufacturers/distributors on prescribed schedule for supply of Drilling Accessories & Drum.

GDP rises in Britain

LONDON, Mar 25: Britain's fourth-quarter 1994 gross domestic product (GDP) rose by 0.8 per cent from the third quarter, and rose by a revised 4.2 per cent from a year earlier, final official figures showed yesterday, reports AFP.

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Prices of oil, nickel soar, tea declines

LONDON, Mar 25: Oil prices soared this week, breaking out of their recent mediocre cycle and climbing some 50 cents in 24 hours as tension increased in the Gulf and stocks declined significantly in the United States, reports AFP.

the Canadian rail strike. Some dealers believe that if the Canadian rail dispute continues for much longer, it will have a far-reaching effect on nickel output there, with both Inco and rival Falconbridge struggling to meet orders.

Washington has accused Tehran of deploying chemical weapons near oil shipping routes, moving 6,000 troops onto islands in the vital Hormuz Straits and deploying anti-ship missiles, air-defence missiles and chemical weapons.

VEGETABLE OILS: Irregular. The price of the vegetable oils on the Rotterdam market fluctuated irregularly with palm, rapeseed and sunflower oils all lower, and soy oil higher.

Among the base metals, prices rose slightly after beginning the week lower, while the precious metals were mainly stable except for palladium, which jumped to record highs after speculators crowded the New York market.

COFFEE: Depressed. Coffee prices fell by around 100 dollars to end the week at 3,000 dollars per tonne.

The tropical commodities were generally depressed with cocoa and coffee at their lowest levels for weeks.

COCOA: Dive. Prices slumped to their lowest level since December at around 950 pounds per tonne after a massive harvest was predicted in the Ivory Coast.

Sugar, however, climbed, while grains remained strong on the back of last year's poor wheat harvest.

RUBBER: Firm. Rubber prices rose by around 15 pounds to end the week at 1,230 pounds per tonne — a level close to their February peak.

One analyst predicted gold could rise to above 390 dollars per ounce in the near term on continued strong demand from industrial producers and jewelers.

GRAINS: Firm. Prices in London remained firm as the weakened pound made grains more attractive to overseas buyers, even compared with French grains.

SILVER: Higher. Silver also rose as investors returned to the market, ending above 4.7 dollars per ounce.

Wheat was trading at around 113 pounds per tonne, while barley was at 107 pounds per tonne.

PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM: Soaring. The prices of both platinum and palladium soared as speculators crowded into the US market.

TEA: Decline. Prices on the London auction market declined significantly to an average of 107 pence per kilo, despite strong demand for Ceylon teas.

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Exchange Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US Dollar, GBP, DM, F Franc, C Doll, S Franc, Jap Yen, IRS, Pak Rupee, and Iranian Ryal. Columns include Selling and Buying rates.

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Corrigendum

We regret the inadvertent error in PART-V of the Prospectus of Sonargaon Textiles Limited published in our yesterday's issue. It should be read as follows:
PART-V
PERFORMANCE OF THE COMPANY
The following are the main factors to consider about its performance.
(a) Financial Performances: The Company has been in profitable operation for last two years. In 1993 nine months operation has been recorded and ten months in 1994.