

India seeks Dutch help to build infrastructure

NEW DELHI, May 14: India yesterday sought Dutch help in building its inadequate infrastructure...

US seizes Japanese fishing boats in Pacific Ocean

TOKYO, May 14: Only days after the first shots were fired in a potential US Japan trade war...

Unemployment rate in US jumps in April

WASHINGTON, May 14: The US unemployment rate jumped in April, the Labour Department said yesterday...

Armenia, Iran to begin work on gas pipeline

MOSCOW, May 14: Armenia and Iran are to begin work this year on a gas pipeline that should be capable of supplying a billion cubic meters of gas...

World stock of wheat at its lowest level for 14 years

LONDON, May 14: World stocks of wheat are estimated to be at their lowest for 14 years and may leave little margin to cover any big crop failure...

Gaza's economy sinks deeper

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip, May 14: Initially buoyed by the prospect of peace and prosperity when Palestinian autonomy began on May 4, 1994, Gazans have watched with anger and despair as the economy has sunk deeper and deeper...

British trade team leaves for China

LONDON, May 14: British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Michael Heseltine left for China Friday at the head of the largest British foreign trade mission ever undertaken...

producing a heavy gold chain and pendant. Like many others in the clothing industry's 2,000 factories and small workshops that employ more than 40,000 people here, Abdel Aal has been unable to send his products to Israel and the West Bank...

Living standard for world's poor improving: World Bank

WASHINGTON, May 14: Total global fertility rates have declined as living standards for the world's poor have climbed, according to the latest estimates by the World Bank...

Regional accords bolster goal of global free trade: WTO

GENEVA, May 14: A new study by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) dismisses the idea that world trade is polarising into inward-oriented regional "blobs" and concludes that regional integration agreements bolster the objective of global free trade...

General Motors plans to invest more in Poland

WARSAW, May 14: General Motors Corporation is planning further investment in Poland, its president said Thursday, after meeting with the country's officials...

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Intelligence table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, Last port call, Local agent, Cargo, Loading port. Includes sections for Chittagong port, Vessels due at anchor, Tanker due, and Vessels awaiting instruction.

Myanmar seeks foreign investment under tight control

Yangon wants foreign investment both to conserve and to cash in on its teak and other precious hardwoods. But it also wants to maintain tight controls. It is an irreconcilable dilemma. Something will have to give — and there is a danger it will be Myanmar's forests...