

Kantor new US Commerce Secy

WASHINGTON, Apr 15: Two days after Ron Brown's burial, President Clinton named Trade Representative Mickey Kantor his new Commerce Secretary in an emotional conclusion to a "profoundly moving and difficult week," reports AP.

Shuffling his economic team, Clinton on Friday also promoted Kantor's deputy to be acting trade representative and picked an executive at the housing agency Fannie Mae as budget director, replacing Alice Rivlin who is joining the Federal Reserve Board.

With a bear hug in an East Room ceremony, Clinton and Kantor sealed the surprise move and paid yet another tribute to their mutual friend who died in an April 3 plane crash in Croatia.

Like Brown, Kantor is a staunch Clinton ally and experienced political campaigner. He was Clinton's 1992 campaign manager; Brown helped spearhead the 1992 campaign as leader of the Democratic National Committee.

Clinton named Kantor's deputy, Charlene Barshefsky, as acting trade representative. She has received widespread praise in the past three years for her high-profile negotiating of trade deals with Japan and China.

Franklin Raines, vice chairman of the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, as the new head of the Office of Management and Budget, filling the slot Rivlin will leave.

Republicans quickly praised Kantor, who was sworn in by Vice President Al Gore.

Campaigning in Texas, Clinton's presidential rival Bob Dole said, "He probably will be widely supported on the Republican side. I've worked with him, found him to be very fair a good person to work with."

ULC declares dividend

United Leasing Company Limited held its AGM at a local hotel yesterday, says a ULC press release.

The company declared a dividend of Tk 18 per share for the year ended December 31, 1995.

The meeting was attended by many shareholders including the directors representing the foreign shareholders — Asian, Development Bank, Commonwealth Development Corporation and Lawrie Group PLC of UK.

The company earned a profit of Tk 4.1 crore in 1995 compared to Tk 2.90 crore in 1994, an increase of 52 per cent. Income from operation grew by 74 per cent from Tk 30.49 in 1994 to Tk 30.49 in 1995.

Kaifuddin Mahmood, Chairman of the company, presided over the AGM.

StanChart regional chief in city

 John Filmeridis, Regional General Manager for Standard Chartered Bank, Middle East and South Asian region is in the city on a three-day visit, says a press release.

He arrived in Dhaka on Sunday.

Filmeridis is no stranger to Bangladesh and is looking forward to seeing many old friends when he meets local industrialists and entrepreneurs.

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Rajshahi markets remain flooded with Indian salt

RAJSHAHI, Apr 15: Despite the ban on selling non-iodised salt, local markets remained flooded with Indian inferior quality salt causing serious health hazards in the area, reports UNB.

A recent survey showed that about 60 per cent families in 16 districts of northern region are not using iodised salt as Indian salt is rampantly being sold at a cheaper price.

At present, iodised salt is available in the market at Tk 12 which was earlier Tk 10. But, the price of non-iodised salt is Tk six only.

Moreover, in the absence of use of iodised salt, iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) developed among many people in these areas.

A vast section of people are suffering from different diseases for non-consumption of iodised salt such as goitre, dwarfism, deaf and dumb, swelling of the thyroid gland, physical and mental impairment.

Not only this when there is deficiency in iodine in a pregnant woman the brain cells in a placenta cannot be formed smoothly and the child may die before the birth in the womb of the mother, said a physician.

SAARC starts work to promote tourism in S Asia : Naeem

The SAARC Secretary-General Naeem U Hasan has said the seven-nation regional forum has already started the process of promoting tourism within South Asia.

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