

Copyright piracy: US ban on China likely next week

WASHINGTON, May 9: The United States will announce two billion dollars in sanctions on China next week unless Beijing acts quickly and decisively to curb copyright piracy, reports AFP.

compliance, but there is not much time left. Deputy White House spokesman David Johnson said.

gotiating table with China to discuss the dispute. The plan to announce sanctions comes amid efforts by the Clinton administration to defuse congressional opposition to unconditional renewal of China's Most Favored Nation (MFN) trade status.

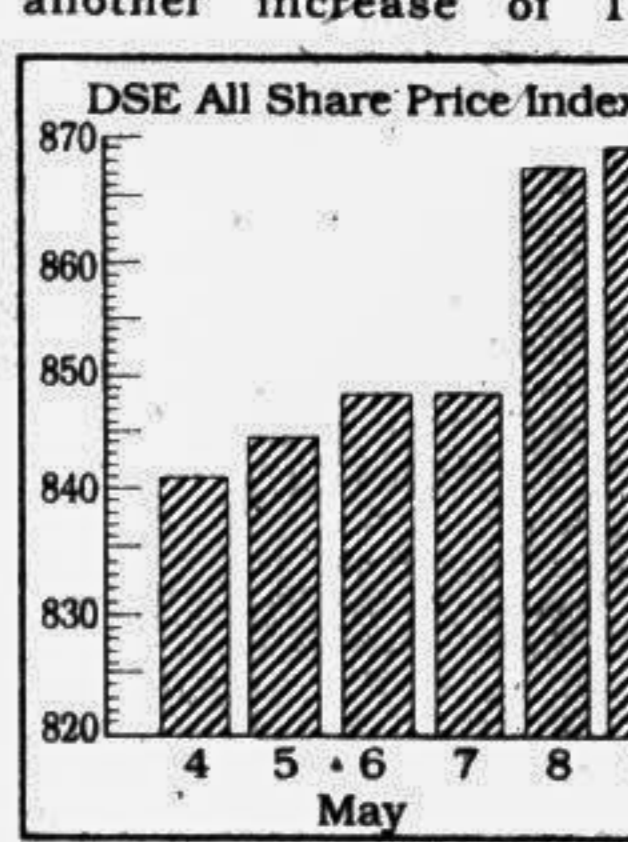


US Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif, describes during a Capitol Hill press conference in Washington, on Wednesday sections of her bill sanctioning China for violating US copyrights. Pelosi is urging US President Bill Clinton to pressure China to live up to its agreement to protect US software.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on 9, 1996 Index up, transaction down

The Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index posted another increase of 1.53 points, reaching 869.15 from Wednesday's 867.62.



Total market capital rose to Tk 5901.49 cr from Tk 5891.13 cr. Volume leaders of the day were: Beximco Pharma (51350), Chic Tex (21500) and BOC Bangladesh (16350).

Trading at a glance

Table listing various stock prices and market data including DSE All Price Index, Market Capital, and various company shares like Islami Bank, Janata Bank, etc.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Open University, featuring an invitation for international letters of intent for consultancy of foreign training programmes.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Open University, mentioning the Vice-Chancellor and contact information.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Open University, detailing various courses and fees.

Advertisement for the Government of Bangladesh, Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-3, Dhaka, regarding a notice inviting tender for installation of overhead LT line.

China threatens to retaliate in greater measure

BEIJING, May 9: China today threatened to retaliate in even greater measure against any US trade sanctions imposed over copyright violations, reports Reuters.

Pakistan receives 2 bids for sale of Bankers Equity

ISLAMABAD, May 9: A local leasing company yesterday emerged the highest bidder as Pakistan offered 26 per cent share of the state-owned Bankers Equity limited (BEL) for sale, officials said.

EU economic growth to be less than 2pc

BRUSSELS, May 9: The European union's economic growth rate this year will be markedly less than two per cent, less than forecast, EU Finance Commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy said yesterday.

Exchange Rates Janata Bank

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US Dollar, G.B. Pound, Franc, Yen, Dollar, Franc, etc.

LDF nominees for 163 JS seats

Left Democratic Front yesterday announced the names of party nominees for 163 Jatiya Sangsad constituencies to contest the June 12 general elections.

DSE Shares and Debentures

Table listing various DSE shares and debentures with their respective prices and market data.