

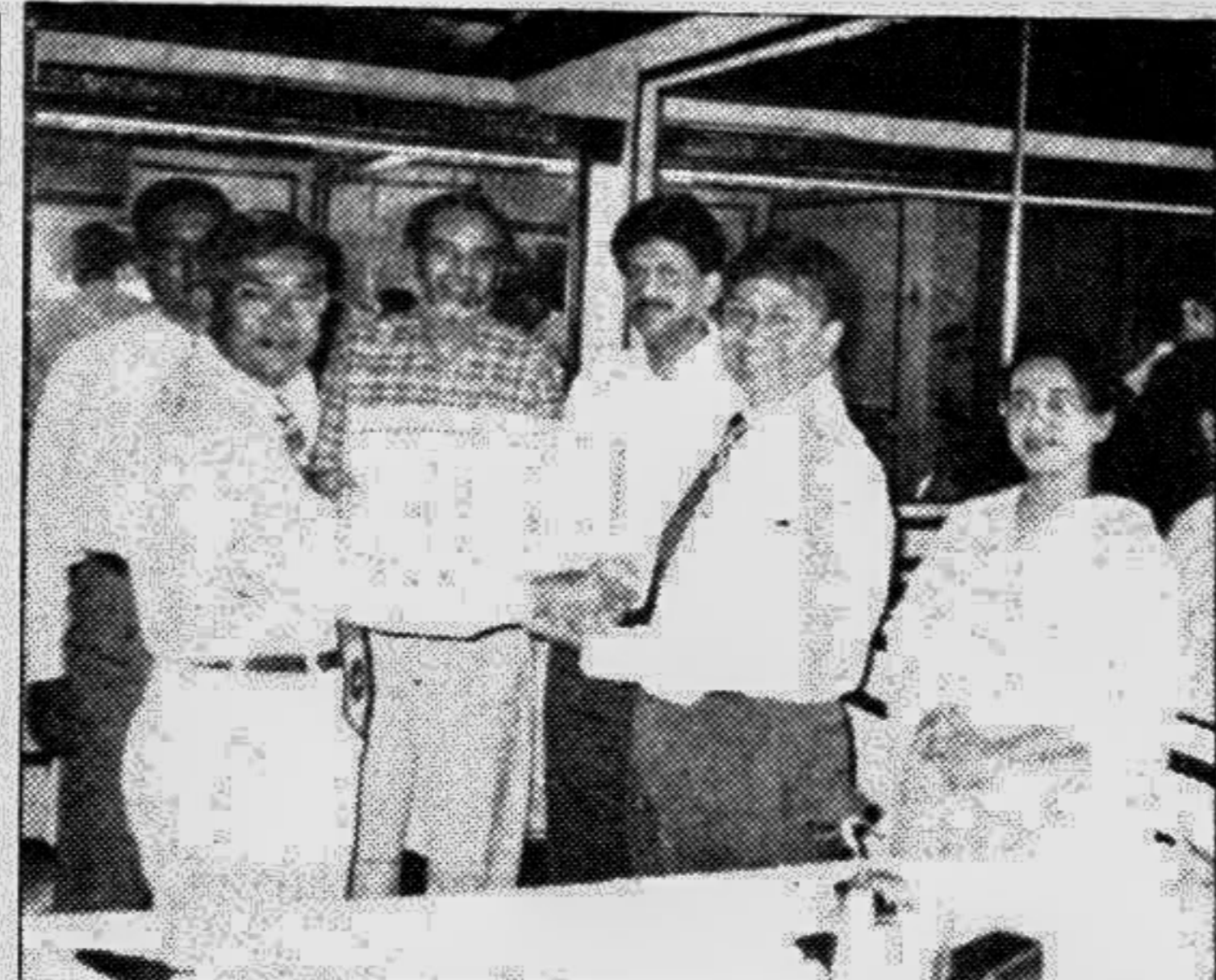
US-EU talks on new WTO round agenda fail

BERLIN, Oct 31: US and European officials and business leaders wrapped up two days of talks here Saturday...

the Transatlantic Business Dialogue's CEO Conference. European Union trade commissioner Pascal Lamy said: "As we all know there are some remaining differences..."

134-nation WTO based on a "sufficiently broad-based agenda." Lamy said at the joint closing press conference that while it had been useful to get the opinions of US and EU businessmen...

Lamy told AFP that United States was reticent to put investment and competition on the WTO agenda for "internal political reasons." Daley said there was growing wariness in the United States about trade and international issues...



Picture shows (from left) Akram Hossain (Humayun), director of Mercantile Bank, Golam Kabir Bhuiyan, MD of Fashion Media, Hasan Chowdhury, IT educationist...

Economy is 'make-or-break' issue for post-coup Pakistan

KARACHI, Oct 31: Revitalising the battered economy is the most crucial challenge for Pakistan's military ruler General Pervez Musharraf, who seized power in a coup in early October...

condition of anonymity, said it was too early to assess whether the new administration, a combination of military brass and civilian technocrats, would be able to deliver.

Musharraf has vowed to revive the economy and create an atmosphere conducive to foreign and domestic investment. He has initiated a drive to recover loans from bank defaulters and eliminate massive tax evasion.

AMA-Technohaven, Fashion Media in sub-franchise contract

Fashion Media Ltd and Technohaven Co Ltd signed a sub-franchise agreement on Thursday at a local restaurant for operating an internationally accredited and affiliated computer education centre in Dhaka...

ROK braces for financial chaos

SEOUL, Oct 31: South Korea's government will face one of the toughest tests of its reform crusade this week as foreign and domestic creditors squabble over how best to dismantle the giant Daewoo Group...

Local creditors last Friday unveiled the draft of a rescue plan for four major Daewoo units featuring capital write-downs, debt rescheduling and new loans.

exchange rates

Table showing Standard Chartered Bank rates of major currencies against Taka, including US Dollar, Euro, Japanese Yen, etc.

Table showing Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollar, including Indian Rupee, Pak Rupee, Thai Baht, etc.

On Sunday, trading in the local foreign exchange market was subdued. Call money rate was steady and the rate ranged between 6.5 to 7.0 per cent.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT Berth position and performance of vessels as on 31.10.99

Table listing vessel arrivals at Chittagong port, including vessel name, cargo, local agent, date of arrival, and leave.

VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Table listing vessels due at outer anchorage, including vessel name, date of arrival, local agent, cargo, and loading port.

TANKER DUE

Table listing tanker vessels due, including vessel name, cargo, local agent, and date of arrival.

VESSLS AT KUTUBDIA

Table listing vessels at Kutubdia, including vessel name, local agent, and date of arrival.

VESSLS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON:

Table listing vessels ready on, including vessel name, local agent, and date of arrival.

VESSLS NOT READY

Table listing vessels not ready, including vessel name, local agent, and date of arrival.

VESSLS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Table listing vessels awaiting instruction, including vessel name, local agent, and date of arrival.



M H Rahman, president of DCCI, addresses the launching ceremony of the joint collaboration between APTECH Consulting and Business Advisory Services Centre (BASC) at a local hotel...

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