OD Sight OD Transfer

50.5930

28.9467

28.7574

33.4499

5.5130

27.1684

13.1633

6.4577

13.3731

1.6487

0.0454

74.9687

44.2587

180 Days

47.8408

Months

0.4572

50.6815

0.4580

29.0472

28.8078

33.5750

27.3680

13,1966

6.4715

13,4071

13.6836

75.2519

44.3362

120 Days

49.0110

Mal. Ringit Indo, Rupiah Sing, Dollar

3.7995/05 8260/8280 0.4473/0.4780

LIBOR

6.16078 | 6.33969 | 6.51375 | 6.81063

Months

6.80875 7.04125 7.46

1 Month 3 Months 6

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5,5244

Following are yesterday's Standard Chartered Bank rates of major currencies against Taka. Central Bank USD/BDT Rate: Buying-BDT 50.85/Selling-BDT 51.15.

TT Clean

50.8500

0.4595

29.1437

28,9035

5.5428

27.4590

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13,7291

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75.5021

44,4836

90 Days

49 5335

Usance export bills

Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollar

Market Commentary

dollar was high. The call money market came down and stabilised. Call money rate ranged

On Thursday, the interbank foreign exchange market was active and the demand for

In the international markets, euro traded within a cent record of lows against US dollar

despite the stronger-than-expected German data. In addition to its strength against euro. US

New report seeks stronger IMF to tackle crises

group of business and academic leaders said yesterday it wanted to strengthen the much-maligned International Monetary Fund, praising the global lender's role in preventing problems around the world but saying reforms were needed. reports Reuters.

The Committee of Economic Development, in the latest in a chain of proposals on how the IMF should work, said the IMF, which put together emergency rescue packages worth tens of billions of dollars as economies crumbled around the world, should be made stronger, not eliminated.

"Strengthening, not scrapping, the IMF is central to the CED reform package," said the group, which is comprised of more than 200 business leaders and academics including executives from many leading US firms.

"When international financial crises occur, a strong international backstop is needed. Other reports, including a

set of radical proposals from a US congressional commission

Tender No. 123.53.138

WASHINGTON, May 18: A economist Allan Meltzer, have eign investment. Flexible exsuggested radical curbs on IMF change rates provided a better activities, reducing the number way to adapt to problems than of countries eligible for cash or the fixed rates which helped shortening the maturity of trigger the economic crisis of

> Other critics say the IMF ignores labour rights or environ- for the most part have been mental issues, or that it follows a "cookie-cutter" approach to economic policy, imposing a single policy prescription regardless of a country's needs.

Groups of anarchists, environmentalists and others tried to halt IMF meetings in Washington in April, but the meetings went ahead under a tight security cordon.

"It's unusual to open a report which says the IMF is a critical element in international financial architecture," IMF first Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer told a meeting launching the report. "I particularly like the part commending the IMF and talking about the importance of the fund."

The Committee for Economic Development said developing countries needed to upgrade their financial institutions and chaired by conservative open up their markets to for-

Dated: 09.05.2000

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৪/১৮ এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration

Company Limited

(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে

জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

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Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the bonafide

Tender schedule containing terms, conditions &

supplier/manufacturer/distributor on prescribed schedule for

supply of 4 Cars 1300 C.C. each in local currency for

specifications will be available at our Accounts & Finance

Division, Ibrahim Mansion (3rd Floor), 11, Purana Paltan,

Dhaka during office hours from 24-05-2000 at a cost of Tk

1000/- per schedule (non-refundable). No tender schedule will be

sold on the opening date of the tender. Tender in separate sealed

covered superscribing the case number & description of goods

may be dropped in the tender box kept at Materials Control

Division, HBFC Building (9th Floor), 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka

at 12:00 Noon on 04-06-2000 which will be opened on the same

1. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petro Centre,

2. Bakhrabad Gas System Ltd, Head Office Chapapur, Comilla.

received as per stated date and time in the following offices:

In addition, the tender documents will also be sold and

Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd, Titas Bhaban, 11, Kawranbazar,

Jalalabad Gas T&D System Ltd, Amborkhana, Bara Bazar,

Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the

tenders and increase/decrease the quantity of the items without

day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any).

RPGCL, BSEC Bhaban, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.

Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Court Road, B'baria.

Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagul, Sylhet.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited (BAPEX).



A workshop on telecom sector sponsored by IIFC was held at Hotel Sonargaon Sunday. It was inaugurated by M Saiful Islam, Secretary of the Ministry of Land and Director of HFC. Representatives of various chambers, private sector operators, ISPs, software developers and officials of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication and Bangladesh T&T Board participated in the day-long workshop.

EU, China struggle towards

long-awaited WTO deal

New Taiwanese FM defends

home-grown," the report said.

cial and legal infrastructures.

But the group spoke out

against the idea of "bailing in"

the private sector in interna-

tional rescue deals, arguing that

this would impose extra costs on

private sector lenders and re-

duce the flow of capital to coun-

capital flight."

tries that needed it.

TAIPEI, May 18: Taiwan's new foreign minister on Thursday defended the island's strategy of using money and other aid to keep diplomatic allies from recognising rival

In a special briefing for foreign reporters. Tien Hung-mao also said that Japan would continue to be a valuable friend to Taiwan. But he warned that icy relations with the Philippines might scare Taiwanese in vestors away from that nation.

Taiwan have been locked in a

BEIJING, May 18: Trade steeper the climb is. Those last talks between China and the few steps before you reach the European Union grew tougher peak are very strenuous, very as negotiators closed in on a

Thursday as the negotiations on way for China's entry into the Beijing's entry into the World WTO, the Geneva-based rule-Trade Organisation dragged into making body for world trade that Beijing hopes to join this said.

It could also sway undecided

Lamy, the EU's trade commissioner, and Chinese foreign trade minister Shi Guangsheng met for 3 1/2 hours Thursday A deal would help clear the for talks which Gooch said were productive but difficult. Their aides would continue talks on details in the afternoon, he

sary and useful," Gooch said.

"We hope that the investment of all this time will finally pay off," he said. These are the fourth round of negotiations be-

Shipping Intelligence

Exchange Rates

51.2500

0.4763

29.7965

30.0006

34.5234

5.6399

30.2888

13.6321

6.6125

13.7773

14,0688

0.0464

77.1620

46.3966

30 Days

Pak Rupee

43.95/44.10 | 51.75/52.10 | 38.76/38.81

US DOLLAR

Selling

51.25

51.2

50.4321

Buying

50.65

50,6

USD

Jpy

OF

SGD

HKD

AED

GBP

EUR

60 Days

50.0141

USD

dollar was also very bullish against British found following weak British data.

TT/OD

51.2250

0.4761

29.7820

34.5066

5.6371

30.2740

13.6255

13,7705

14.0620

0.0464

77.1244

46.3740

TT Doc

50.7452

Chittagong port Berth position and performance of vessels as on 18.5.2000 Berth Name of vessels Cargo L. Port Local Date of Leaving agent arrival J/1 Royal pescadores RSeed Addal 22/5 Clipper Eagle R Seed Alba Litmond Ocean-1 Yang 13/5 Lady Hind Wheat(P) Gang Angelic 5/5 31/5 Axion Andriane Wheat(P) Turk 15/4 25/5 Handy Humanity Wheat(P) Darb Total 28/4 Kota Singa Cont Sing PIL (Bd) 13/5 Achiever Cont sing 14/5 19/5 CCT/1 Bangla Biraj Cont Sing Bdship 16/5 20/5 CCT/2 Chu Hong Cont Sing 10/5 21/5 CCT/3 Xpres Resolve Cont Sing 19/5 RM/14 Norbulk Namir Cement Sing 26/5 RM/15 Ocean Prayer C Clink 12/5 GSJ Lima-1 Cement Zaka 4/5 | 19/5 Elizabeth R Phos Hamre 22/4 RM/3 Atalanta Cpo/Cpo 16/5 RM/6 Acushnet Hsd/Jp-1 Atlantic 14/5 17/5 DD Banglar Moni Repair DDJ/1 Banglar Shikha Sing 17/4 DDJ/2 Dea Conqueror K.Dais Arafeen R/a RM/9 Banglar Mamata Repair R/a 22/5 Kafco(U) Sureness Urea Pena Everett 16/5 20/5

Vessels due at outer anchorage Name of vessels Date of L Port Local Cargo Loading arrival Call agent Port Johnny Jedda OWSL Jaya Mars (Cont)10/5 18/5 Everbest Cont Col. OSG Alpha (Cont)10/5 Cont Sing Green Ace (Roro/24)7/5 18/5 Vehi 16/5 North wind African Addax - - -- OTBL Scraping-Makmur Perkasa 19/5 Cement Kota Naga (Cont)10/5 19/5 Sing PII(Bd) Cont Sing Julie tide 19/5 Arafeen Projmat Clover Trust 20/5 Kant C.Clink Arabelia(Cont)10/05 11/5 Cont Sing Orient Independence (Cont)2/5 BdShip 21/5 P Kel Cont Sing Min Jiang San Mateo(Roro/24)7/5 20/5 Able Lieutenant (Roro/24)9/5 20/5 Vehi Jurong Baisam(Cont)9/5 Sing Cont Sing Asean Liberty 22/5 Yang Coral Sea-II 21/5 Sing Scraping Torm Pacific 22/5 Oil Urea in Bulk QC Pintail (Cont)14/5 22/5 Sing Cont 25/5 Pusan Sinoben Bnglar Robi(Cont)10/5 23/5 Sing Cont Sing Pan Jin hai 22/5 Newsl C.Clink Turi Kota Berjaya (Cont)14/5 Pil(Bd) 23/5 Sing Cont Sin Hai (Cont)7/5 Cont Sing 23/4 Leona GI Banglar Birol (Cont)14/5 24/5 Bdship Cont Sing Xpress Makalu(Cont)14/5 25/5 Cont Sing. Jaami 16/5 Cont Sing Kota Cahaya PII(BD) Sing Cont Sing

Tiger river(Cot)26/4 Sing Cont Sing Yong Jiang 20/5 Bdship GI

Tanker due Name of vessels Cargo Last port Date of Local agent arrival Vessels at Kutubdia Energy exdplorer-IV BBAL 5/4 Ismaya BBAL 17/8 Mfb Devi Matha BBAL 24/10 MFB Sona 24/10 BBAL MFB Lakshmi 24/10 Barge CSK-6 R/A (28/11) Tug Magarita R/A (28/11) BBAL Dea Conqueror R/A (12/5) Arafeen Seabulk Command R/A (29/4) IBS Romina-G C.OI ASTA Rast 17/5 Banglar Jyoti C.OI BSC UAE Equator Scarp OTBL Vessels at outer anchorage Rady on Chavchavadze CDSO Sealift 28/4 16/5 Urea Kenai Everett Pranedya Pratama F.OIL Sing CTPL 17/5 Paulina Sugar(G) 16/5 Sing Fortune Ocean Pride Cement Uzan PSAL

Vessels not ready Jing Hong Hai Wheat(P) Tedt OWSL 7/5 Green Island GI(Y.Pe) Sing Royal 7/5 Won San Cement Jaycee Vessels awaiting instruction Xing Ye Rice(G) R/A (20/2) Banglar Shourabh R/A (27/4) BSC Banglar Gourab BSC R/A (12/5) Banglar Urmi BSC R/A (15/5) Professor Pavlenko Empty Bata Everett 11/5 Elmwood CCNL R/A (17/5) Vessels not entering Accord Cement Sing Viking 5/4 Sonali OWSL 5/3 Leopardi-1 C Clink ANCL Kant 24/4 Orient Queen Cement 13/5 BBS Cement T.Prk 14/5 Jaycee Kanok Naree 17/5 Scraping UMTL 8/5 Scraping Simni Revenge 3/8 Sunshine

Karya Sentosa Rice(G) R/A (18/9) USTC Movement of vessels for 19, 20 & 21-5-2000. Outgoing Shifting Incoming CCT/3 Xpress resolve CCT/3 Osg Alpha J/10 Hand Humanity to J/4 RM/6 Acushnet J/13 Jaya Mars DOJ B. Jyoti J/10 K. naga

RM/8 Atalanta J/6 greenace RM/4 P.Pratama CCT/1 B. Biraj J/10 K. Naga to CCT/2 CCT/1 J. Balsam J/12 Achiever B. Jyou The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong

dollar diplomacy

China, says AP.

Since they split amid civil

war 51 years ago, China and fierce competition for diplomatic ties with other nations.

difficult," Gooch said. deal, and EU spokesman said

"We are now at the stage year after 14 years of trying.

members of the US House of Representatives to support a bill to be debated next week to grant China permanent lowtariff access to the United States, ending current annual closer you get to the peak, the reviews of its trade status.

The EU negotiators planned to stay in Beijing as long as talks were "constructive, neces-

tween the two sides this year.

"Microsoft attempts to elide

"Microsoft's proposed remedy

is neither serious nor sensible.

. The filing Wednesday was

what remedies he should im-

the judge to issue a "summary

Last week Microsoft asked

Microsoft said the problems

be addressed by allowing com-

puter makers more freedom to

alter the appearance of win-

dows, less restrictive marketing

agreements and not requiring

software firms to limit distribu-

pose on Microsoft.

Bangladesh Computer Council

a fourth day, reports AP.

negotiator, Pascal Lamy.

that hopefully we can close the

remaining gaps," said Anthony

Gooch, spokesman for lead EU

"It's like climbing a moun-

tain. At the beginning you have

relatively easy hills to climb. The

House # 31/A, Road # 6, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka Phone: 8614224, FAX: 880-2-8613773, e-mail: bcc@bdonline.com

Ref: BCC/771/System-Dated: 08.05.2000 Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide original equipment manufacturer (OEM)/distributors of OEM for supply and installation of Generator for advanced IT laboratories under the project "Development of Infrastructure for IT Applications."

1.	Tender No.	:	BCC 771/IT-Infra/ Installation/99.
2.	Place of selling & dropping of tender schedule	:	Bangladesh Computer Council, House # 31/A, Road #6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.
3.	Date from which tender will be sold	:	May 14, 2000.
4.	Last date and time for selling tender schedules		May 31, 2000.
5,.	Price of schedule (non-refundable)		Tk 1000/- (one thousand) only.
6.	Last date and time for dropping tender		June 4, 2000 (12:00 Noon).
7.	Date and time for opening tender	-	June 4, 2000 (12:30 PM).
8.	Earnest money	:	2.5% of total quoted price in the form of Account Payee Bank Draft/Pay Order from a scheduled bank in favour of "Project Director, Development of Infrastructure for IT

| Applications. Bangladesh Computer Council reserves the right to accept or

reject partially or wholly any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. DFP-11596-11/5 G-929

Project Director.

US rejects Microsoft's

US government on Wednesday change its business practices saying it would fail to stop the law, and defended its own proposal to break up the company. reports Reuters.

"What remedy does Microsoft dence at trial and this court's propose to undo the damage to findings that its conduct had competition caused by its past no effect on competition," the illegal conduct?" the government strongly worded brief said. said in a 70-page brief filed in US District Court. In the next sentence it answered its own the government said. question: "Nothing.

The court filing came in rethe scheduled to be the last besponse to an offer by Microsoft fore Judge Jackson conducts a last week to restrict its business hearing on May 24 to consider conduct rather than be broken up by the court, which it said would be an extreme measure.

District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled April 3 that judgment" that would dispose of the software giant had broken the government's proposal to US antitrust law by abusing its split the firm. monopoly in operating systems for personal computers. found by Judge Jackson could

The US Justice Department

remedy proposal WASHINGTON, May 18: The browser No matter what remedy the

rejected Microsoft corp's offer to judge decides on, Microsoft says it always acted within the law and plans to appeal Jackson's firm's violations of anti-trust findings. the need for structural relief by pretending, contrary to the evi-

and 17 states called on April 28 for Microsoft to be spilt into a personal computer operating systems business and a separate applications software firm that would retain such assets as the Microsoft Office software suite and the Internet Explorer Microsoft platforms.

Dated: 8/5/2000

tion of software for use on non-Oil prices dip as speculators

lose nerves LONDON, May 18: Steamy world oil prices which have frayed US nerves in recent days

cooled down yesterday as speculative buying petered out, says "There has been a lot of technical buying by speculative

hedge funds," an industry source said. "But they have started to lose energy." North Sea benchmark Brent

blend futures for July were off 22 cents at \$27.88 a barrel while US June benchmark futures were down 35 cents at \$29.38.

"These toppy levels raise the potential for OPEC to increase supplies to tame prices," a London oil dealer said. "That possibility alone might be enough to prevent US (crude) from closing above the \$30 mark." The United States, the

world's biggest oil consumer, on Tuesday expressed new concern over heady oil prices. "We are nervous about the

spikes about oil at \$30 a barrel, after some initial price stability," US Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told Reuters in an "This is perhaps not the sta-

bility that we had all hoped for," following OPEC's decision

(OPEC) agreed to hoist supplies from April 1 after the US flexed its diplomatic muscle when a tight supply situation shoved prices beyond \$34 in early

have all but ruled out an upward supply adjustment at OPEC's June 21 meeting in Vienna. Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi appeared to leave the door ajar on Tuesday. Naimi agreed with his OPEC

colleagues that recent inventory data showed there was no need for the oil cartel to boost wellhead flows

Richardson added that OPEC should wait until the week before its Vienna confab to decide whether oil prices were high enough to merit a further in-Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka. crease in supply.

General Manager (MCD). Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director Dhaka Zoo overall Development Project

Superintendent Dhaka Zoo, Mirpur, Dhaka

No-DZ/BA-14/2000/910

Kawranbazar, Dhaka.

assigning any reason whatsoever.

Dhaka.

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Dt 14.01.1407/07.05.2000

"Re-Tender Invitation Notice-14"

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate/MES/Local Government Directorate's construction works enlisted A&B class contractors for the undermentioned works under Dhaka Zoo overall development project

SI No Name of work Amount of Price of tender Time for Estimated cost (in lac Taka) document volume- completion earnest money 2 (in Taka) Repairing of the existing 2.5% of the Taka 450/-1 month. Quarantine (old portion) estimated cost Repairing & renovation of Taka 1 month. Rhino quarters Repairing of Hyena, Pig and Taka 1 month. Hippopotamus quarters 450/-Repairing of 5-unit officers' 2.5% Taka 2 months. quarters at Dhaka Zoo

Tenderer shall have to properly abide by the terms & conditions mentioned in the tender for submitting earnest money. Tender document will be available at the above mentioned price (nonrefundable) from the office of the Project Director, Director (Administration), Directorate of Livestock, Krishi Khamar Road, Farmgate, Dhaka/Director, Research, Training & Evaluation, Mohakhali, Dhaka/Deputy-Director, Central Medical Stores Depot (Livestock), 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka on all working days from 24.05.2000 to 28.05.2000. Tenders will be sold only to the valid contractors or their authorised representatives sent subject to permission.

Tender document will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned and Director (Administration), Directorate of Livestock up to 12:00 Noon of 30.05.2000 and will be opened at the office of the Director (Administration), Directorate of Livestock on the same day at 1:30 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). No tender document will be sold on the prescribed date of receiving tender document and no tender will be accepted after the time for receiving tender document. Envelope should be distinctly superscribed with address of the tender invitor, address of the tenderer and name of work. Any incomplete tender will not be acceptable. If the working day is disrupted on the date of submitting tender under any unavoidable circumstance, then tender can be submitted by the prescribed time on the next working day. Work order will be issued subject to receipt of allotment for the works.

The undermentioned papers must be submitted with each tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled. 1) Attested papers in support of enlistment and 2 copies of attested photographs of the original

2) Uptodate trade licence and VAT registration certificate.

3) Papers in support of uptodate renewal. 4) Bank solvency certificate.

5) Document in support of eligibility to sign tender.

6) Power of attorney and attested photograph in favour of those who may work for the original

7) Photocopies of renewal fees receipts of the last five years.

8) Declaration to the effect that the contractor is not in litigation with any govt organisation. The authority reserves the right to reject any tender including the lowest tender or accept any tender in part or full without assigning any reason. Dr Md Serajul Islam

> Dhaka Zoo Overall Development Project Superintendent

Bangladesh Atomic **Energy Commission**

No 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Reference No-NSRC-1 (81)/2000 For Information of Members of Public

X-ray is a very powerful and effective technique for diagnose of disease. But are you aware that the risk of deadly cancer is involved with this

ray (although the possibility is very little). With a view to lessening the risk of misuse of Xray machine the government has enforced Law (No 21 of 1993) and Regulations (1997) and the implementation of this has been entrusted with

the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission. All the hospitals/clinics conducting X-ray and Xray installations are obliged by law to have licence issued by the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission and follow the regulations enforced

by the commission. Pay special attention to the following issue in order to lessen risk of yours and that of your near

and dear ones: Never make any X-ray at your desire and without

the advice of the physician; Don't stay inside the X-ray room during taking Xray other than the X-ray conducting person and the person recommended by the physician for doing Xray;

If under any special case of the person advised for X-ray another person is required to stay, then the person concerned will keep maximum possible distance from the X-ray machine during the period of conducting X-ray; and

 If in any special case it is required to hold the patient then the regulations of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission will have to be followed (to hang one copy of regulations in the notice boards of X-ray clinic or hospital is obligatory by law).

Your cooperation will help keep our lives safer and make free from risk. Director Atomic Safety and Radiation Control Division

BAEC/S Information-1(2)/94-562 Telephone: 8621386/505022/504331 DFP-11640-14/5 e-mail: nsrcd @bdcom.com Fax: 8613051

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in March to increase oil output by about 1.7 million barrels per day, he said. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

But while key oil ministers

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Dhaka Zoo, Mirpur, Dhaka.

Project Director