

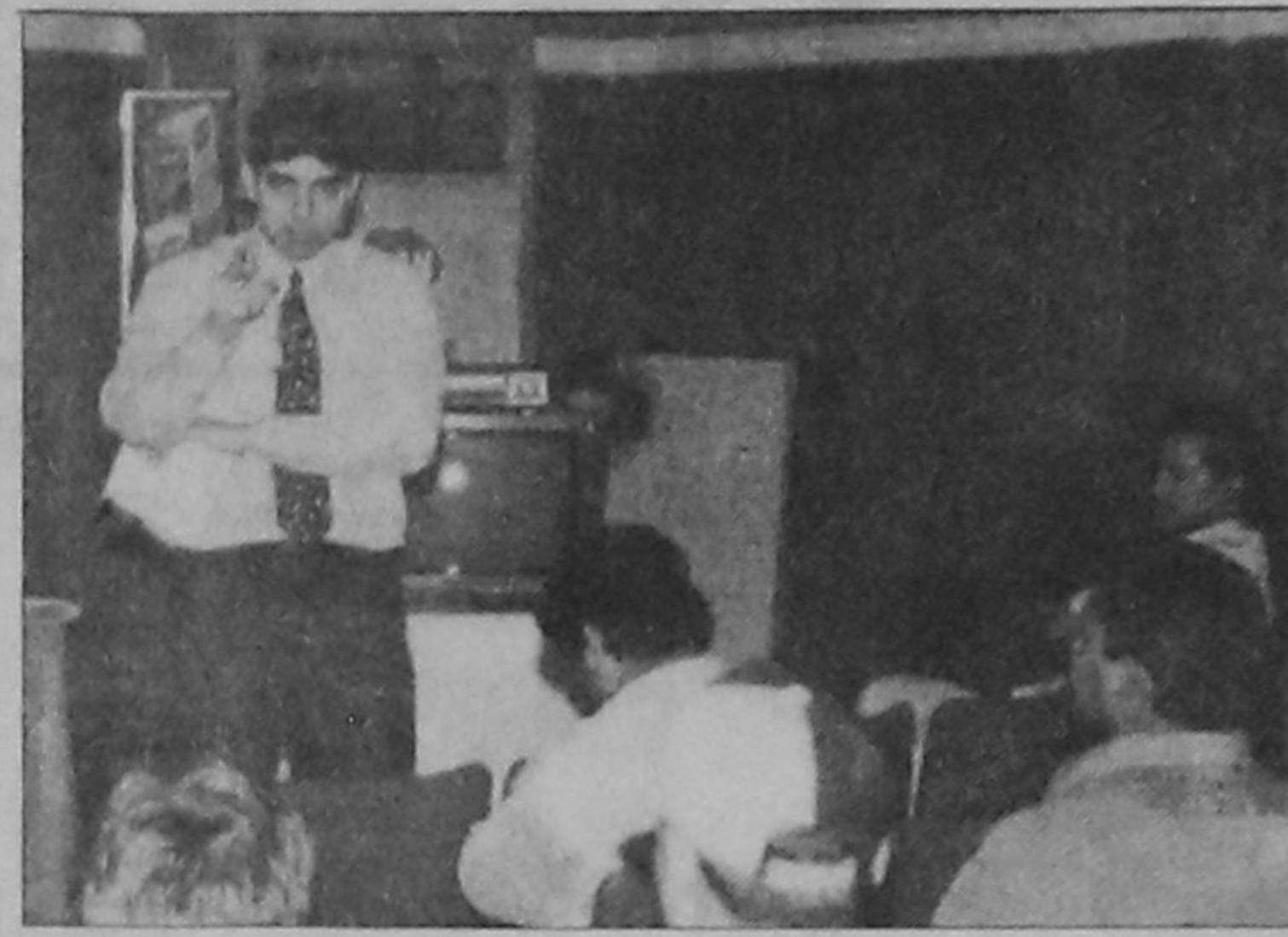
Stepped up reform needed to avoid another East Asian slowdown: WB

AFP, Beijing East Asia will weather the slowdown in the US economy and the impact of slowing technology demand but continued reforms are needed to avoid another regional downturn, the World Bank said Thursday.

Two of the region's largest developing countries, China and Indonesia, would see growth of 7.3 percent and four percent respectively. That compared to eight percent growth for China and 4.8 percent for Indonesia last year.

Indonesia's slow policy reforms and political concerns were undermining investor confidence, Kassum said. The World Bank would spend two billion US dollars this year in new loans for 35 projects to strengthen the investment climate and reduce poverty in East Asia, he announced.

as more difficult challenges than anticipated. Progress in all three areas is critical to investor confidence and to sustainable growth and recovery, Kassum said. Banking and corporate restructuring remained urgent priorities, he said.



Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, Deputy Managing Director of PRAN Group, speaks at a distributors conference held recently in Kolkata.

Allianz, Dresdner Bank mull mega-merger

AFP, Frankfurt Insurer Allianz and Dresdner Bank said Thursday that they were in talks to create a leading financial services group whose products would span insurance, asset management and banking services. The German insurance giant and the country's third-biggest bank said in a joint statement they were holding "strategic talks" to create "a leading, integrated financial services provider."

cial services, similar to US giant Citigroup. And it would provide a huge step forward in the much-needed and long talked about consolidation of the German banking sector, where first Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank, and then Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank embarrassingly failed to tie the knot last year.

Oil tumbles as US stocks hit 10-month highs

REUTERS, London Oil prices came under selling pressure yesterday as US crude stocks leapt to 10-month highs, marking a sharp recovery from 25-year lows less than a month ago. London Brent blend fell 62 cents to \$25.27 a barrel, while US light crude was trading down 75 cents to \$27 a barrel.

The API pegged US crude inventories at 302.6 million barrels in the week to March 23, leaving stocks more than 13 million barrels above lean year-ago levels. The build up by far outstripped market expectations of a 1.2 million-barrel rise.

plies just 800,000 barrels above year-ago levels. A top US oil executive warned on Tuesday of a renewed gasoline supply crunch because of problems meeting environmental specifications. "There could be a fundamental shortage," said Archie Dunham, head of Conoco Inc COCA, N, the fourth biggest US oil company.

Dhaka Bank signs EEF deal with BB

Dhaka Bank Limited has signed a co-operation agreement with Bangladesh Bank to extend equity-support from Equity and Entrepreneurship Fund (EEF) to the promising two sectors, viz. software industry and food-processing and agro-based industry. Ziaul H Siddiqui, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank, and Md Mokhesur Rahman, Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Limited, signed the agreement of behalf of their respective organisations in the city on Wednesday, says a press release.

PRAN Indian distributors confce held The Indian distributors conference of PRAN was held at Hotel Hindustan International in Kolkata recently, says a press release. Deputy Managing Director of PRAN, Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, presided over the conference.

Understandably, no comment can be made on current speculation," the statement added. No further details were provided, but the statement was issued in response to numerous press reports which said that Allianz was planning a full takeover of Dresdner Bank in a complex stock and cash deal valued at about 19.5 billion dollars (22 billion euros).

বন্যা ও অতিবর্ষণ জনিত কারণে ঢাকা মহানগরীর ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত সড়ক, বৈদ্যুতিক স্থাপনা, প্লাস্টিক এন্ড ইকুইপমেন্ট ও তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট অবকাঠামোসমূহের পুনর্বাসন প্রকল্প

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন আপনার শিশুক টিকা দিন

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নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১ সীলমোহরকৃত বায়ে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ২৮-১২-১৪০৭ বাৎ/১১-০৪-২০০১ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা ডেপুটি কমিশনার, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং এ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। শর্তকরা হারে দর অর্কে এবং কথায় উভয়ই স্পষ্টভাবে লিখিত হইবে, অনাধার দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

Table with 4 columns: ক্রমিক নং, কাজের নাম, প্রাক্কলিত টাকা, বায়নার টাকা, সময়সীমা. It lists various construction and maintenance work items with their estimated and bid amounts and deadlines.

প্রকল্প সমন্বয়কারী বন্যা ও অতিবর্ষণ জনিত কারণে ঢাকা মহানগরীর ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত সড়ক, বৈদ্যুতিক স্থাপনা, প্লাস্টিক এন্ড ইকুইপমেন্ট ও তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট অবকাঠামোসমূহের পুনর্বাসন প্রকল্প।



Ziaul H Siddiqui, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank, and Md Mokhesur Rahman, Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Limited, shake hands after signing a cooperation agreement between the two banks in the city on Wednesday. Picture also shows Mohammad Abu Musa, Senior Vice-president of Dhaka Bank, and other officials of both the banks.

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গাজীপুর-১৭০৫ ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি সেকেন্ডারী স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট (এস এস সি) শিক্ষাবর্ষ ২০০১-২০০২

CURRENCY

Table showing Standard Chartered Bank foreign exchange rates (indicative) against the Taka to major clients. Central bank buying and selling band of USD: BDT 53.85/BDT 54.15. Columns include TT/OD, BC, Currency, TT Clean, OD Sight, OD Transfer.

SHIPPING

Table titled 'Chittagong port' showing berth position and performance of vessels as on 29.3.2001. Columns include Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival, Leaving.

Table titled 'Vessels due at outer anchorage' showing Name of Vessels, Date of Arrival, L Port Call, Local Agent, Cargo, Loading Port.

Table titled 'Tanker due' showing Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels at Kutubdia' showing Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels at outer anchorage Ready on' showing Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels awaiting instruction' showing Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels not entering' showing Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.