

Rich, poor states bargain over crucial trade compromise

Rich and poor countries in the World Trade Organisation (WTO) were still divided on Tuesday as the 147 member states began their final days of bargaining to salvage crucial talks on dismantling global trade barriers.



Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, managing director of Queens Garden, and PN Iyer, vice-president of Marketing and Sales, Holcim (Bangladesh) Limited, shake hands after signing an agreement recently in Dhaka.



National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited (NCC Bank) Chairman Muzahibul Hossain speaks at the branch managers' half yearly conference of the bank in Dhaka.

National Life Insurance Co. Ltd.



M Haider Chowdhury, chairman of National Life Insurance Company Limited, speaks at the 19th annual general meeting of the company in Dhaka on Monday.

Big powers bullying poor to get world trade deal: NGOs

But developing countries insist the draft ignores many of their basic concerns, while some richer nations -- including Japan and Switzerland -- say its provisions for lowering tariff barriers would hit farmers vital to their economies.

CURRENCY

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies against the US dollar, including Indian Rupee, Pak Rupee, Lankan Rupee, Thai Baht, New Zealand Dollar, and Malaysian Ringgit.

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US warns of another possible setback in global trade talks

US trade officials warned Monday of another possible setback in world talks this week and said they would not accept just any deal to keep negotiations in Geneva going.

In a statement, US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said the United States' goal was to reach a framework agreement that would get World Trade Organisation talks back on track after a disastrous collapse last year in Cancun, Mexico.

But he still has many hurdles to clear. With 147 players in the WTO, achieving consensus is a tall order. We must focus on narrowing the tasks step by step and assuring that it is the appropriate balance, Zoellick said.

Zoellick and a number of top trade officials from around the world are meeting this week in Geneva for one last stab at reaching a framework agreement this year.

Table titled 'TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES July 27, 2004' with columns for Company, FV/ML, Price, Turnover, DSE, CSE, and Financial Performance.

STOCK

Day's Market - July 27, 2004

Table showing market indicators for July 27, 2004, including DSE and CSE indices, turnover, and various market statistics.

Table titled 'Turnover Leaders' showing the top performing stocks and their turnover values.

Table titled 'Capital Gainers' showing stocks that have gained value significantly.

Table titled 'Capital Losers' showing stocks that have lost value.

Table titled 'Bank Closing/AGM/Dividend/ IPO' providing details on bank operations and financial events.

Non Traded Issues

Table listing various non-traded issues, including bank shares, government securities, and other financial instruments.

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