

Opec to boost production

Oil prices soar above \$58

REUTERS, Dubai
Opec's 10 members bound by official output limits will pump 28.1 million barrels per day (bpd) in April, an Opec delegate said Monday, an estimated 400,000 bpd more than the month before.



Bank Asia President and Managing Director Syed Anisul Huq inaugurates the extended premises of the bank's MCB Banani branch on Sunday in Dhaka. Dr M Shamsul Alam, vice chancellor of Southeast University, among others, was present at the inaugural function.



Pubali Bank Managing Director Khondkar Ibrahim Khaleel inaugurates the new premises of the bank's Rampara branch in Dhaka recently. Deputy managing directors M Rafiqul Islam, Helal Ahmed Chowdhury and Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury, and General Manager Md Ekabul Ali, among others, were present at the function.

he would likely start consulting member producers on Sunday over a 500,000-bpd increase to stem oil's relentless rally this year. Nigerian Presidential Adviser on Petroleum, Edmund Daukoru, said on Sunday the cartel could announce a new increase within two weeks if prices stayed above \$55 for the next 10 days.

Proton sees exports double, plans new push abroad
AFP, Kuala Lumpur
Malaysian national carmaker Proton expects its exports to have doubled in the past year and plans to tap new markets in southern Europe, Asia and the Middle East, a report said Monday.

Proton expects figures to show that it sold 16,000 units abroad in the financial year ending March 2005, chief executive Mahaleel Ariff told Bernama news agency. Exports had been running at around 6,000 to 7,000 units annually, making up less than five percent of Proton's total sales.

Mahaleel said Proton's latest model Gen-2 was well-received in Britain, while its Arena model topped sales for single cabin pickups in Australia.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for May delivery, struck a record intra-day high of 58.18 dollars in electronic trading amid worries over US refining capacity and the continued fall-out from a study that indicated prices could hit 100 dollars, analysts said.

It later stood at 58.13 dollars, a rise of 86 cents on Friday's closing price. The price of Brent North Sea crude oil for delivery in May hit 57 dollars for the first time, peaking at 57.65 dollars per barrel. It later stood at 57.62 dollars, up 1.11 dollars.

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Ahmed Zafrul Hasan, vice-president and head of Cards of Vanik Bangladesh Ltd, and Harun ur Rashid Chowdhury, project director of Canteen Stores Department (CSD), sign an agreement recently. Under the deal, personnel of Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force will enjoy the privileges of Vanik credit cards.

CURRENCY

Table showing following Monday's (April 4, 2005) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Columns include Sell, Buy, and various currency rates.

Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar

Table showing exchange rates of Indian rupee, Pak rupee, Lankan rupee, Thai baht, New kronner, NZ dollar, and Malaysian ringgit against the US dollar.

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INTERNATIONAL MARKET

The dollar firmed against the euro and hit its highest level against the yen since late October on Monday as investors bet higher interest rates would continue to support the US recovery.

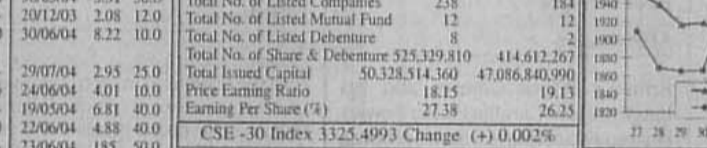
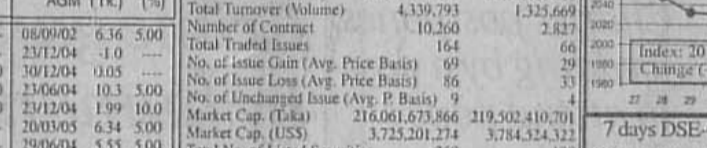


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SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels as on 4/4/2005. Columns include Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L port call, Local agent, Dt of arrival, and Leaving Import disch.

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Table showing vessels at Kutubdia with columns for Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port call, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Outside port limit

Table showing vessels outside port limit with columns for Rig Ocean Sovereign, Gulfidri-9, Wira Keris, and Tug Lady Gerda.

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Non Traded Issues

Table showing non-traded issues with columns for Company, EV/MVL, Last Closing Price, Last Trading Price, Last Closing Price, Last Trading Price, Last AGM, and EPS.

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES April 04, 2005

Large table showing today's traded issues with columns for Company, EV/MVL, Price, Turnover, CSE, and Financial Performance.

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Day's Market - April 04, 2005

Table showing indicators for the day's market including DSE and CSE indices and turnover.

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