

Asian growth to slow to 7pc in 2005 from 7.8pc: IMF

AFP, Washington
The report said the regional slowdown this year was partly due to a return to more sustainable growth levels but also reflected the moderation of the global economic expansion...

investment remains unsustainably high, the reports said.
In the rest of Asia excluding Japan, the region's most advanced economies - South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore - are expected to grow an average 4.0 percent in 2005 and 4.8 percent in 2006 after 5.5 percent last year.

Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia are tipped to expand an average 5.4 percent in 2005 and 5.8 percent the following year after growing 5.8 percent in 2004.
South Asia's economies should grow an average 6.5 percent this year and 6.3 percent in 2006 after an expansion of 7.1 percent in 2004.

tsunami disaster that killed some 220,000 people around Indian Ocean coastlines and devastated local tourist industries would not dramatically impact the region's GDP numbers, except for the Maldives and Sri Lanka.
"Despite the considerable physical damage, which will take years to repair, in most cases the disaster is not expected to have a major impact on economic growth," the IMF said.



Md Nasir Bin Bahrom, managing director of AKTEL, cuts a cake to inaugurate the cellphone operator's new customer care centre in Comilla on Tuesday. Other senior officials of the company were also present at the inaugural function.



Beximco Group Director (Finance and Corporate Affairs) OK Chowdhury (right) and Impact PR Chief Executive Officer M Shamsur Rahman sign an agreement on behalf of their sides on Tuesday in Dhaka. Under the deal, Impact PR has been appointed official public relations agency for Beximco Group of Companies.



K Mahmood Sattar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank Ltd (EBL), speaks at the opening session of a workshop on 'Sales Leadership' for mid-level EBL staff. EBL and SouthAsia Enterprise Development Facility (SEDF), a multi-donor founded facility, jointly organised the three-day workshop recently in Dhaka. Among others, Gilles Galludec, programme manager (Financial Markets) of SEDF, was present at the session.



Syed Maher Murshed, managing director of Etetara Bangladesh (Pvt) Ltd, the owning company of Etetara bookstores and music gallery, poses for photographs with the participants of a pre-service training on store operations and customer service in Dhaka recently. Other senior officials of Etetara were also present.

G7, IMF face sticky talks as oil prices surge

AFP, Washington
International financial leaders will gather here this week to analyse the impact of surging oil prices on global growth and efforts to relieve grinding poverty in the world's poorest nations.

Finance ministers from the powerful Group of Seven nations will meet on Friday and Saturday, coinciding with the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank over the weekend.

The meetings will be the last for James Wolfensohn as president of the World Bank. After a decade in the influential post, he will be replaced in June by the controversial US deputy defence secretary, Paul Wolfowitz.

Protesters demanding the cancellation of poor countries' debt plan a series of events, but security can be expected to be as tight as ever in the US capital.

After 2004 saw global growth revive on the back of strong performances by the United States and China, the world economy faces several major risks, according to IMF chief Rodrigo Rato.

CURRENCY

Table showing following is Wednesday's (April 13, 2005) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank. Columns include Sell, Buy, and various currency rates.

Table showing exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar. Columns include Indian rupee, Pak rupee, Lankan rupee, Thai baht, etc.

SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels as on 13/4/2005. Columns include Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. port call, Local agent, Dt of arrival, Leaving, Import disch.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table showing vessels due at outer anchorage. Columns include Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L. Port call, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports.

Tanker due

Table showing tanker due. Columns include Mado, 12/4, Hold, MPL, Armonia.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table showing vessels at Kutubdia. Columns include Name of vessels, Cargo, Last Port call, Local agent, Date of arrival.

Outside Port Limit

Table showing vessels outside port limit. Columns include Guldri-9, Wira Keris, Soleau Tude, etc.

Vessels at outer anchorage

Table showing vessels at outer anchorage. Columns include Ployaline Naree, Qc Star, Salamet-3, etc.

Vessels not ready

Table showing vessels not ready. Columns include Mu San, Vira Santosa, Gulstun Ana, etc.

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table showing vessels awaiting employment/instruction. Columns include Bumi Jaya, Vessels Not Entering, etc.

The above are the shipping position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by ITCG Family, Dhaka.

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES April 13, 2005

Large table containing market data for April 13, 2005. Includes sections for Today's Traded Issues, Day's Market - April 13, 2005, Non Traded Issues, Turnover Leaders, Capital Gainers, Chittagong Stock Exchange, Dhaka Stock Exchange, Capital Losers, and Book Closures/AGM/Dividend/IPO.

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