

EU gears for action on China textiles despite warnings

AFP, Brussels
In the face of pressure from France and Italy in particular, the commission was poised to start its way down the path to limits on Chinese textile imports.

that thousands of jobs could be lost if urgent action is not taken to hold back a flood of Chinese clothing that was unleashed by the end of a 31-year-old global textiles quota system on January 1.



Signing Ceremony of Agreement
Md Omar Faruque Bhuiyan, executive vice-president and head (Card Division) of Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, and NKA Mobin, director (Finance) of GrameenPhone Ltd, shake hands after signing a bill collection agreement on behalf of their organisations in Dhaka on Sunday.



Ramit Budhrja, managing director of Holcim (Bangladesh) Ltd, and Shamsul Haq, managing director of Shoyan Group, shake hands after signing an agreement on Wednesday. Under the deal, Shoyan Woven Bag Manufacturing Company, a concern of Shoyan Group, will supply all types of woven and paper-made cement bags to Holcim.

'Thai shrimp exporters to benefit under new EU deal'

AFP, Bangkok
Thai businesses, including shrimp exporters, will benefit from the European Union's new generalised system of trade preferences (GSP) once they are introduced, EU trade commissioner Peter Mandelson said Thursday.

Tariffs on Thai shrimp will fall to 4.2 percent from 12 percent under the new system, which was due to take effect this July 1 but has been fast-tracked due to the tsunami.



M Kamaluddin Chowdhury, managing director of Shahjalil Islami Bank Ltd, and Rezaul Hakim, managing director of National Life Insurance Company Ltd, exchange documents after signing an agreement on behalf of their companies on Wednesday in Dhaka.



Shamsuddin Ahmed, managing director of Uttara Bank Ltd, addresses the second heads' conference of the current year held recently in Dhaka. Md Abduz Sattar, additional managing director, MA Halim and Kazi Khalilur Rahman, deputy managing directors of the bank, were also present.

SHIPPING

Table with columns: Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 28/4/2005. Includes columns for Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo, L. Port, Local agent, D/arr, and Leaving/Import.

Table with columns: Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L. Port, Local agent, Type of cargo, Loading ports. Includes vessels like Despina, Xpress Nuptse, etc.

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The above are the shipping position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port per berthing sheet of Cpa Supplied by FRICT Family, Dhaka.

CURRENCY

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies against the US dollar. Columns include Sell, Buy, and specific currency rates.

Local Interbank FX Trading

Local Interbank FX market was active on Thursday. Dollar ended almost unchanged against Bangladeshi taka.

Money market was active on Wednesday. Call money rate remained unchanged and ranged between 3.00 and 5.00 percent.

STOCK

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Large table containing stock market data for various companies, including DSE, CSE, and financial performance metrics. Includes sections for Day's Market, Non Traded Issues, Turnover Leaders, Capital Gainers, and Capital Losers.