

## 'Gang of Four' seeks to spur WTO talks in Paris meet

Ministers from four key players in world trade are set to gather in Paris on Friday to try to spur sluggish talks on a treaty liberalising global commerce towards a December deadline. The meeting, bringing together Brazil, India, the EU and United States, will try to bridge differences, notably over farm subsidies, which have hampered efforts to keep

almost four years of World Trade Organisation negotiations on track. The 148 nations in the WTO are up against the clock: a crucial summit in Hong Kong in December is meant to produce at least the bare bones of an accord on cutting customs duties, subsidies and other barriers to commerce. But without a deal among the giants of world trade, the outlook for Hong Kong is bleak -- and that could

mean the talks will be mired for years, experts say. "The pressure is on these four members, and the outcome of the meeting will be a good sign of the ability of the WTO to move forward in coming weeks," said a Geneva-based trade diplomat. The "Gang of Four" -- the term used by new WTO chief Pascal Lamy -- are set to meet Friday morning at the Brazilian embassy in Paris.

The discussions will bring together Brazilian foreign minister Celso Amorim, who steers his country's commercial negotiations, US trade chief Rob Portman and his EU counterpart Peter Mandelson, plus India's commerce minister Kamal Nath. Last week, Lamy said that at least two-thirds of the issues under negotiation must be settled by Hong Kong.



**Signing Ceremony**  
Modern Diagnostic Centre Ltd. Anwer Khan Modern Hospital. Siemens Medical Solutions. Siemens Bangladesh Ltd. Md Kamal Uddin Ahmed, MD of Shahjalal Bank, and Md Mosharof Hossain, MD of Standard Bank, were also present.

### Siemens Medical, Anwer Khan Modern Hospital sign deal

Siemens Medical Solutions will provide all technical service supports for Modern Diagnostic Centre and Anwer Khan Modern Hospital. A US\$3.5 million agreement to this effect was signed recently between the two organisations in Dhaka, says a press release. Anwer Hossain Khan, managing director of Modern Diagnostic Centre and Anwer Khan Modern Hospital, and Rudolf Paul Klink, MD and chief executive officer of Siemens Bangladesh Ltd, signed the deal on behalf of their organisations.



**Eastern Bank offers festival loan**  
Md Kamal Uddin Ahmed, MD of Shahjalal Bank, and Md Mosharof Hossain, MD of Standard Bank, were also present.

### Eastern Bank offers festival loan

Eastern Bank Ltd (EBL) on Sunday launched a new consumer loan product titled 'EBL Utshab Loan' for Eid-ul-Fitr. Any consumer can apply for this loan ranging from Tk 50,000 to Tk 150,000 for any purpose such as shopping or travelling, says a press release. This festival loan has special discount offer on interest rate and no processing fee. Mashrur Arefin, head of consumer banking of Eastern Bank Ltd, hands over the sanction letter of a new festival loan product titled 'EBL Utshab Loan' to a customer at a launching ceremony in Dhaka on Sunday.



**Chittagong Port**  
Md Nasir Bin Baharom, managing director of AKTEL, and M Jalal Uddin Chowdhury, MD of Clifton Group of Companies, sign an agreement recently in Chittagong. Under the deal, Clifton Group has become a corporate client of the mobile phone operator.



**AIR MAURITIUS**  
Officials pose for photographs at an agent presentation titled 'Mauritius as a destination and Air Mauritius as its national carrier', organised by Air Mauritius Bangladesh, on Monday in Dhaka. Ghazi Salahuddin, executive director of Air Mauritius-- Dhaka office, was also present.

### CURRENCY

Following is Wednesday's (September 21, 2005) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Sell	Buy
TT/CD	BC
66.8900	66.9200
82.1543	82.1911
121.1913	121.2457
52.2076	52.2311
0.6560	0.6563
52.9381	52.9598
9.0633	9.0674
57.8133	57.8392
8.6359	8.6397
40.6058	40.6241
18.3602	18.3685
17.9792	17.9873
11.3565	11.3616
225.5757	225.6791
TT Clean	OD Sight/Doc
65.7200	65.8981
79.0480	79.0217
117.3365	117.2974
49.6875	49.6809
0.5835	0.5833
50.9339	50.9169
8.1313	8.1286
55.6949	55.6784
8.4466	8.4438
38.9683	38.9553
17.7487	17.7428
17.3882	17.3804
10.2880	10.2846
223.9693	223.8970
223.7523	223.7523

Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar

Indian rupee	Pak rupee	Lankan rupee	Thai baht	Norwegian	NZ dollar	Malaysian ringgit
43.82	59.85	101.48	41.105	6.4992	0.6975	3.77

Local Interbank FX Trading: Local interbank FX market was active. USD remained steady against BDT.

Local Money Market: Money market was active. Call money rate was almost unchanged and ranged between 5.00 and 5.50 percent.

## SHIPPING

**Chittagong Port**  
Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 21/9/2005

Berth no.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L port call	Local agent	Dt of arrival	Leaving	Import disch.
J1	Jin Bao	GI/S Ash	Dani	Seacom	17/9	22/9	-
J2	Thor Tribute	GI (S/C)	Odasa	OWSL	8/9	22/9	1991
J3	DD Fidelity	Wheat (P)	Russ	Parik	9/9	24/9	298
J4	Pu Cheng	TSP (Bag)	Yang	Cosco	15/9	23/9	165
J5	Superior Pescadores	GI	Yang	Everett	19/9	23/9	1101
J6	Prestigious	Sugar	Santos	Mutual	1/6	26/9	440
J7	Golden Star	Urea (B/C)	Luba	PSL	6/9	25/9	-
J8	Asian Premier	GI (Pa & S)	Busa	Prog	19/9	25/9	526
J9	Xpress Nuptse	Cont	P Kel	RSL	19/9	22/9	84
J10	Emily-C	Cont	Kol	Everbest	19/9	22/9	45
J11	Mellum	Cont	Sing	QCSL	19/9	22/9	295
J12	Oel Freedom	Cont	Tanj	PSSL	16/9	22/9	288
J13	Baiglar Robi	Cont	Col	PML	19/9	23/9	193
CCT1	Qc Honour	Cont	P Kel	QCSL	19/9	22/9	338
CCT2	Turj Hua Xiang	-	S Hai	OWSL	14/9	25/9	-
CCT3	Barge Zhong Ren-2	Gantre	S Hai	OWSL	14/9	25/9	-

**Vessels due at outer anchorage**

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Navitec	21/9	Viza	Saraf	Slag	SA/Hct
Pavonis	21/9	Yang	PML	1000 Y Ma	-
Kota Tegap	21/9	Sing	PI (Bd)	Cont	Sing
Banga Borat	21/9	Sing	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Alexandra-T	21/9	Turk	Angelic	Dap (Fert)	Col
Orient Independence	22/9	Col	PSSL	Cont	Col
Win Grace	22/9	Sin	Seacom	Urea (Bag)	-
Thomas-C	23/9	Sin	Rainbow	GI (Y Peas)	-
Golden Star	23/9	Indo	Pacific	C/Clmk	-
Maritime Changmai	23/9	Tarj	BSL	C/Clmk	HCBL
HF Karim-1	23/9	-	NFT	F/Trawler	-
Xpress Resolve	23/9	-	Everbest	Cont	Col
Coastal Express	23/9	Kol	BCSA	Cont	Viza
Xpress Manislu	24/9	Pk	RSL	Cont	Viza

**Tanker due**

Jag Pari	Seal	Date	Local agent	Type of cargo
Jag Pari	Seal	23/9	SLL	HSD
Seal	Seal	24/9	MTCL	CPOL (RM/B)

**Vessels not ready**

Crystal Ace	Yick Zao	Holy Light	Al Muztaba
TSP/S Ash	Wheat (P)	Sugar	GI (S Ash)
Fang	Ukra	Santos	Ohha
Unique	USL	Rainbow	CLA
14/9	17/9	16/9	20/9

**Vessels awaiting employment / instruction**

Bumi Jaya	F Jahan	Banglar Jyoti
-	Repair	-
Visa	Krabi	-
Unicom	BRSL	BSC
10/11/2004	11/08	R/A (9/9)

**Vessels not entering**

Vispataurini	Sea Light-II	Gold Friday	Lindos	Hawk-1	K.S. Harmony	Heng Tai	Midas
-	Wheat (P)	C/Clmk	C/Clmk	C/Clmk	C/Clmk	Dap (P)	C/Clmk
Hald	Darb	Krabi	Mant	Krabi	C/Clmk	Sing	Nant
RSA	Litmond	BSL	Move	ASLL	ASLL	PSL	Saraf
24/8	3/9	7/9	9/9	9/9	9/9	4/9	12/9

**Movement of vessels for: 22/9/2005**

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
J1	Jin Bao	B Biraj
J2	T Tribute	B Mass-II
J4	Pu Cheng	K Ratna
J9	Xp Nuptse	M Green
J10	Emily-C	B Borak
J11	Mellum	J1 Pavonis
J12	Oel Freedom	RM3 A Ashura

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

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Local Government Engineering Department  
LGED Bhaban (Level-12), Agargaon  
Dhaka-1207

Memo No: LGED/PD/RIIP-2/02 Dated: 15.09.2005

**Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project**  
**Request for Expression of Interest for Institutional Support Consultants (ISC)**

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and grant from DFID, KIW & GTZ and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan and grant to payments under the contract for design & supervision consultants to provide consulting services for the Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project (RIIP-2). The project scope consists of the (i) improvement of 1360 km of Sub-District Road, 550 km of Union Road, 60 km of Submersible Road & 3664 km of Village Road, 160 Nos. Growth Center Markets, (ii) construction of 9000m bridges/culverts on Sub-district & Union Roads & 3664m of road structure on Village Road, 25 Nos of Jetties, 175 Nos of Union Council Complexes and 6 flood refuge shelters, (iii) capacity building of Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and Union Parishad etc.
- The main objective of the project will be to reduce rural poverty through sustainable economic growth, rural infrastructure development in 23 districts of North West & Central Bangladesh (Rajshahi, Dhaka & Chittagong Divisions). To achieve these objectives the Project will increase economic opportunities for the rural poor through participatory improvement of sustainable rural infrastructure, social and gender development and improved local governance as well as strengthening the capability of Local Govt. Institution in the project area as well as LGED.
- The scope of services of institutional support consultant is to support the Local Government Engineering Department as the Executing Agency (EA) and Union Council (UC) with capacity building in the fields of (a) Training, (b) Benefit Monitoring & Evaluation, (c) Participation, (d) Management information system, (e) Socio-economic issues, (f) Financial Management & Accounting, (g) Local governance issues, (h) Environmental assessment, (i) Gender and Development and (j) Resettlement moreover, the preparation of monthly, quarterly and final reports throughout the 5 (five) years project period.
- Domestic consulting firm will provide the consulting services. The consulting services will be engaged by LGED in accordance with the ADB's guidelines on the use of consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for engaging local consultants.
- LGED now invites proposals from professionals consulting firms having expertise and adequate experienced professional staff of different disciplines for short-listing of consulting firms. The proposal should demonstrate firm's understanding of the requirements of the project and an understanding of the tasks set forth in the scope of services. In particular, the proposal should consist of (i) the background, organisation and experience of the firm, including works done and at hand during the last ten years, (iii) detail resume of each of the proposed professional staff to be assigned to carry out the services etc, (iv) Financial resource, (v) Annual turnover, (vi) Audit report.
- All proposals (five copies) must be submitted to the Project Director, Second Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project, LGED Bhaban (Level-12), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 either by mail or in person on or before 19 October, 2005 at 2:00pm local time. The undersigned will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred in connection with the preparation or delivery of proposal or visits to any office or site whatsoever.

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Tender No. CSD: 5/B/9(2)-23/2005-2006 Dated: 12/09/2005

**Invitation for Re-Tenders**

Sealed tenders are invited from the contractors/firms/authorized suppliers or their local agents of internationally reputed diesel power generator manufacturers for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of a 75 KVA stand-by diesel generator at Bangladesh Bank, Sadarghat, Dhaka. Necessary information are given below:

- Source of fund: Bangladesh Bank.
- Invitation for tender No: CSD: 5/B/9(2)-23/2005-2006.
- Eligibility of tenderer: Only from valid electrical ABC contracting and supervisory licence contractors/firms/authorized agents registered in Bangladesh having experience in supply, installation, testing & commissioning of minimum 50 KVA capacity stand-by diesel generator in any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization during last 03 (three) years. The tenderer shall have to furnish certificate in this respect from the officers not below the rank of executive engineer and shall meet all other criteria terms & conditions as specified in tender document.
- Name & address of the office selling tender document: Common Services Department (CR&D Section) at 1<sup>st</sup> floor of 1<sup>st</sup> Annex Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Name & address of the office receiving tender: Common Services Department (Equipment Section at 6<sup>th</sup> floor of 30-storied building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
- Last date & time for selling tender documents: 09-10-2005 up to normal office hours.
- Last date & time for submission of tenders: 10-10-2005 on or before 12:15pm.
- Date & time for tender opening: 10-10-2005 at 12:30pm (Intending tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening).
- Brief description of the goods and services: Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of a 75 KVA stand-by diesel power generator and operation & maintenance services at Bangladesh Bank, Sadarghat, Dhaka to be completed on PACKAGE job basis. After sale service i.e. 12 (twelve) months free operation and maintenance as warranty period from the date of successful commissioning of stand-by diesel power generator.
- Price of tender document: Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
- Time for completion of the work: 05 (five) months from the date of contract signing for the work.
- Tender security: Tender security amount will be Tk 35,000/- (Taka thirty-five thousand) only.

Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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- The scope of services of the D&S consultant team is to assist the LGED in preparing and implementing the project activities, including planning and designing, procurement of goods and services, training for sustainable operation and maintenance of infrastructure, the quality control regime, preparation of contract documentation, evaluation of contract award, certification in payment procedures with supervision of physical works. The consultant will also assist identifying and reporting adverse environmental impacts and modifying designs and practices to mitigate them and generally accomplishing project preparation tasks including resettlement plans and preparing monthly, quarterly and final reports throughout the five years project period.
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