

Blair wants G8 expanded to G13

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The British premier reckoned that the first fruits of closer engagement could be a break of the logjam in the ailing Doha round of world trade talks.

Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, hosts Russia and the United States form the G8.

At the summit, Blair intended to push for a successor to the Kyoto treaty on climate change, a process he believed would be greatly helped by the inclusion of big emerging economies.

"There is no way we can deal with climate change unless we get

an agreement that binds in the United States, China and India," he told The Guardian.

"We have got to get an agreement with a binding framework -- of that I am in no doubt at all."

"There is no point in thinking Congress is going to enter a commitment to change the structure of the US economy without China and India being part of the deal."

Blair said the G8 had to recognise that Iran was "a test case for multilateralism".

"If we cannot come together and agree a common line on Iran, which

is a global threat, it is damaging.

"If an issue as crucial and sensitive, but not actually of direct national interest or threatening our existence, if we cannot come together and agree a common line, then that is serious."

Blair added that he was confident Russian President Vladimir Putin would not be able to avoid a debate on Russia's slide from democracy at the annual summit.

Blair pledged that British views on democratic values and human rights would be put across strongly "without wrecking the hotel room".



PHOTO: EBL

K Mahmood Sattar, managing director and chief executive officer of Eastern Bank Ltd (EBL), and Thomas H Kirker, managing director of Wachovia Bank NA, pose for photographs while signing a final credit service agreement on Tuesday in Dhaka. Under the deal, the EBL will send eligible forex instruments to Wachovia Bank for collection of proceeds from the drawee banks in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and other areas in the USA and from other stipulated areas.



PHOTO: PRIME BANK

Kazi Masihur Rahman, deputy managing director of Prime Bank Limited, and Mohammad Idrish Farazi, Chairman of National Exchange Co of Italy, exchange documents after signing a remittance collection agreement in Rome recently. Under the deal, National Exchange Co will provide the expatriate Bangladeshis living in Italy with remittance services through Prime Bank.

CURRENCY

Following is Thursday's (July 13, 2006) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Sell		Buy			
TT/OD	BC	Currency	TT Clean	OD Sight Doc	OD Transfer
70.3400	70.3700	USD	69.1200	69.0970	69.0509
90.5698	90.6084	EUR	86.6350	86.6061	86.5484
130.4244	130.4801	GBP	125.3560	125.3142	125.2307
54.2251	54.2482	AUD	51.3838	51.3667	51.3324
0.6198	0.6199	JPY	0.5955	0.5953	0.5949
57.7504	57.7750	CHF	55.3539	55.5174	55.4804
10.1644	10.1688	SEK	9.1947	9.1916	9.1855
62.7252	62.7519	CAD	60.3721	60.3520	60.3117
9.0669	9.0708	HKD	8.8690	8.8661	8.8602
45.4833	45.5027	SGD	43.5813	43.5668	43.5378
19.3077	19.3160	AED	18.6670	18.6607	18.6483
18.9066	18.9146	SAR	18.2847	18.2787	18.2665
12.5171	12.5225	DKK	11.3067	11.3029	11.2954
239.8909	239.9953	KWD	237.2618	237.1851	237.0316

Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar

Indian rupee	Pak rupee	Lankan rupee	Thai baht	Norwegian krone	NZ dollar	Malaysian ringgit
46.075	60.245	103.91	37.930	6.2598	0.6183	3.66

SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 13/7/2006

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L. Port call	Local agent	Dt of arrival	Leaving	Import disch
J1	Vera	Wheat(p)	Ukra	Jnship	1/6	13/7	545
J2	Carake Jaya Niaga-III	Cl(log)	Yang	Sunshine	12/7	15/7	131
J3	Xuan Cheng	Gypsum/tsp	Fang	Cosco	17/6	16/7	643
J4	Huang Shan	Gi	Chin	Cosco	3/7	14/7	1448
J5	Eastern Fortis	Gi(pa/st)	Busa	Prog	5/7	15/7	1161
J6	Long Grow	Sugar	Tuti	Litmond	5/7	16/7	792
J7	Banga Borat	Cont	Sing	Bdship	5/7	17/7	407
J8	Yong Jiang	Gi	Inch	Cosco	5/7	17/7	2035
J9	Golden Star	Urea(BCIC)	Ruwei	PSAL	27/6	20/7	942
J10	Kota Petani	Col	Sing	Pil(Bd)	5/7	13/7	284
J11	Cape Henry	Cont	Sing	API	7/7	16/7	22
J12	Bangla Robi	Cont	Ptp	BSC	5/7	14/7	125

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. Port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Amalia	13/7	--	Seacom	Raw Sugar	--
Tai	13/7	Dali	AHZ	Scraping	Col
Xpress Resolve	13/7	Col	Seacon	Cont	Col
Pelagos	14/7	Tuti	Kaptai	Bunker	--
Coastal Express	15/7	Kol	BSCA	Cont	Viza
Qc Dignity	15/7	Pkel	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Eastern Star	14/7	Sing	PML	Cont	Sing
Midwest Angela-ii	14/7	--	Beeline	Rig Equip	--
Phu My	15/7	Pkel	PSL	Cont	Sing
Ja Vesta	15/7	Sing	Vega	Cont	Sing
Ultima	15/7	Sin	PSSL	Cont	Sing
Tropical Star	15/7	--	Archangel	Towing Goro-2	
Goro-2ho	15/7	--	Archangel	Dead Vessel	

Tanker due

Smooth Sea-3	14/7	Past	Jnship	CPO(RM/3)
Tablim	15/7	Dumai	SNCL	CPO(RM/3)
Lotos	20/7	Jebel	OWSL	Crude Oil

Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of vessels	Cargo call	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Wira Keris	--	--	IBSA	R/A (7/7)

Outside port limit

Wira Keris	--	--	IBSA	R/A (7/7)
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Vessels at outer anchorage

Vessels ready

Kanok Naree	Wheat(p)	Turk	Litmond	21/6
Emily-C	Cont	Pkel	Seacom	7/7
Kota Rajin	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	8/7
Kota Cahaya	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	8/7
OEL Excellence	Cont	Col	PSSL	8/7
Banga Bijoy	Cont	Col	Baridhi	8/7
Xpress Manaslu	Cont	Col	Seacon	9/7
Pacific Envoy	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	11/7
Yongxing	Cont	Ptp	PSSL	11/7
QC Honour	Cont	Sing	QCSL	11/7
Kota Berjaya	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	11/7

Vessels not ready	Wheat(p)	Ukra	Pol	5/7
Evangelos-I	Sugar	Tuti	Cla	5/7
Continent-4	C. Clink	Krabi	Litmond	6/7
Maris	HSD/MS	Kuwa	MSTPL	7/7
Al Kuwaitah	GI	Vanc	Mutual	10/7
Al Badiyah	HSD	Kuwa	MSTPL	10/7
Port Lice	Gr. Slag	Japan	Everett	12/7
Brave Rofyal	C. Clink	Krabi	BRSL	22/7