

Asia Pacific leaders close summit with trade plea

AFP, Sydney

Key world leaders called Sunday for "urgent" efforts to salvage global talks on trade as they wrapped up a summit marked by unprecedented security and wrangling over a plan to tackle climate change.

Representing 21 economies that account for nearly half the world's trade, Asia Pacific leaders said it was time to bridge the gap in talks on breaking down tariffs and other barriers to global commerce.

It came a day after they had papered over their own differences to trumpet an agreement on curbing greenhouse gas emissions -- slammed by environmental groups as meaningless because it contained only "aspirational" goals.

As the leaders headed home, workers started dismantling the huge fence and other measures that had locked Sydney in the biggest security straitjacket in Australian history.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard apologised but said residents should not blame the visiting politicians or his government for the security surrounding the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit.

"It's the fault of those people who would threaten to resort to violence in order to disrupt the meeting," he told reporters.

State police commissioner

Andrew Scipione was unapologetic: "I'd rather be criticised for overkill than not have enough resources."

The main security scare came when a team from a satirical comedy TV show, one dressed as Osama Bin Laden, breached a security cordon to get within 10 metres (yards) of the hotel where Bush was staying.

Fighter jets also Sunday intercepted a light plane whose pilot mistakenly breached a no-fly zone extending some 80 kilometres (50 miles) around central Sydney.

Standing in front of most of the other Apec leaders -- US President George W. Bush had left a day early to return to Washington -- at the conclusion of the summit on Sunday, Howard said all sides had to compromise on trade.

He said they were sending "an urgent request for all countries involved in the Doha round to renew their efforts to achieve an outcome, emphasising that agriculture and industrial products are the two priority areas."

World Trade Organisation chief Pascal Lamy has been in Sydney to lobby for support from the Apec economies, including the United States, China and Japan, for the trade talks, known as the Doha round.

The WTO member states are arguing over the size of cuts in

barriers to trade in agriculture, industrial goods and services amid fierce disagreements between rich and poor countries over what concessions to make.

Howard said the talks "still represent the last best hope for an aggregate multilateral trade agreement."

On Saturday, Apec leaders issued their flagship announcement, an agreement setting non-binding goals on reducing energy intensity and increasing forest cover as part of the wider fight against global warming.

Howard hailed it as "by far the most important statement" to emerge here, but Greenpeace Southeast Asia energy campaigner Abigail Jabines branded it "a political stunt."

"Developing nations of the Asia Pacific region cannot afford to accept lip service instead of action," she said.

A testy Howard retorted that "it was unrealistic to expect that out of this meeting we would have binding targets," saying critics were either "ignorant" or pushing their own political agenda.

The Apec leaders also promised to increase cooperation on a range of other concerns ranging from contaminated foods, pandemics and intellectual piracy to regional security and the fight against terrorism.

Apec vows tougher stand on food, product safety

AFP, Sydney

Asia Pacific leaders promised Sunday to push for stronger food and product safety standards amid international concern over a spate of recalls of Chinese goods.

In a statement at the end of a summit in Sydney, they called for a "more robust" approach on standards, listing the problem as part of a wider section on the issue of human security.

"We agreed on the need to develop a more robust approach to strengthening food and consumer product safety standards and practices in the region," the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) leaders said.

China has been hit by increasingly frequent reports of dangerous food and other products being seized or recalled overseas, ranging from seafood, fruit, noodles and vegetables to toothpaste, tyres and toys.

The issue was discussed earlier at the Apec summit in Sydney, where Chinese President Hu Jintao insisted 99 percent of China's food exports were safe.

India to remain outside Apec for now

AFP, Sydney

India and around 10 other countries will remain excluded from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum for at least three years, Australian Prime Minister John Howard announced Sunday.

"We agreed to revisit the issue of membership in 2010," Howard said at the end of Apec's annual summit in Sydney, at which the accession of India to the regional grouping was discussed.

Backed by Australia, which hosted this year's summit, India has been knocking on the door of the forum for years and had been hoping the end of a 10-year moratorium on new members from 1997 would help its case.



PHOTO: OTObi

Thana Nirbahi Officer Md Motahar Hossain inaugurates the dealer outlet of Otobi at M/s Chowdhury Enterprise at Kaliakoir in Gazipur recently. Senior officers of the company including the proprietor of the enterprise were present.

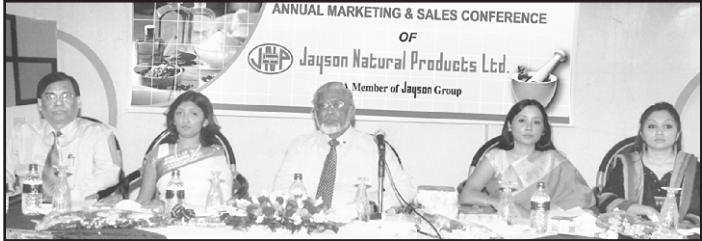


PHOTO: JAYSON NATURAL PRODUCTS

The annual marketing & sales conference-2007 of Jayson Natural Products Ltd, was held in Dhaka recently with Md Salimullah, chairman of Jayson Group of Companies, in the chair.

Oil supplies sufficient Says Opec president

AFP, Abu Dhabi

The president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries said Sunday the oil cartel will seek at a meeting this week to maintain market stability, but that current output was sufficient.

"Any decision taken by Opec will take into account the stability of world markets," said Mohammad bin Dhaen al-Hamli, who is energy minister of the United Arab Emirates.

But Hamli, who spoke before leaving for Vienna where the cartel meets on Tuesday, also said that "current supplies to the petroleum market are sufficient," the official WAM news agency reported.

"Opec is committed to provide sufficient supplies," he added.

Hamli said that Opec members are currently producing an estimated 30 million barrels per day (bpd) and have a spare output capacity of about four million bpd

expected to last until the end of the year.

The 12-nation club is under pressure to raise output to dampen crude prices.

Last Thursday, oil prices in New York tested their record level of 78.77 dollars per barrel, reached on August 1, while in London a barrel of Brent was trading at about 75 dollars.

At its last regular meeting in March, Opec decided to keep its official production quota at 25.8 million bpd.

Hamli said Opec members believe the shortage of refining capacity in consumer countries is one of the reasons behind the rise in crude prices.

Rich countries are clamouring for more supply ahead of the peak winter demand period in the Northern Hemisphere, with high oil prices an added risk for the world economy in addition to financial market turbulence and a US housing crisis.

SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Berthing position and performance of vessels as on 9/9/2007

Berth no.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L. Port call	Local agent	Dt of arrival	Leaving	Import disch
J/2	Asrar-A-Mostafa	Rice(G)	Kaki	Cla	1/9	13/9	32
J/3	Tay Bac-18	Rice(G)	Kaki	HSa	3/9	11/9	94
J/5	Sunvazs	Urea(Boic)	Sing	Seacom	2/9	12/9	110
J/6	Cape Henry	Cont	Col	APL	5/9	9/9	--
J/7	Hunjiang	Gl	Thai	Cosco	5/9	14/9	428
J/8	Viendong-2	Gl	Sing	Prog	8/9	12/9	197
J/10	Dall	Cont	Col	Seacon	7/9	11/9	539
J/12	Kota Raja	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	4/9	9/9	--
J/13	Oel Freedom	Cont	Sing	PSSL	6/9	10/9	316
CCT/1	Banga Bonik	Cont	Sing	Bdship	6/9	9/9	--
CCT/2	Kissama	Cont	Cal	Seacon	7/9	--	--
CCT/3	Api Lilac	Cont	Sing	APL	7/9	10/9	--

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L. Port call	Local agent	Type of cargo	Loading ports
Ataraxia	9/9	Chenn	ASA	Gl(Hr St.C)	--
Asraar-E-Mostafa	9/9	Kohsi	Pol	C. Clink	--
Santa Suria-ii	9/9	Krabi	Sunmoon	Gypsum	--
Ks Glory	9/9	Chin	ASLL	C. Clink	--
Eid-A-Mostafa	9/9	Kaki	Cla	Rice(G)	--
Energy Falcon	9/9	Indo	Litmond	C. Clink	--
Orientor-2	9/9	Kala	Mutual	Wheat(P)	--
Banga Biraj	9/9	Col	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Xuan Cheng	11/9	Xang	Cosco	Gl	--
Hansa London	11/9	P.Kel	PSSL	Cont	Col
Banglar Shikha	10/9	Pki	BSC	Cont	L/Ptp
Yong Jiang	10/9	Inchon	Cosco	Gl	--
Cape Bonavista	11/9	Pki	Bdship	Cont	P. Kel
Yong Yue-8	11/9	Col	QCSL	Cont	Col
Kota Ratna	11/9	Sing	Pil(Bd)	Cont	Sing
Kota Tegang	12/9	Sing	Pil(Bd)	Cont	Sing

Tanker due

Champion Star	7/9	Braz	USL	CDSO(RM/3)	21000 W/Lt
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Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Outside port limit				
Onozo	Crude Oil	Jebel	Uniglobal	23/8
Banglar Jyoti	C. Oil	--	BSC	R/A(8/9)
Maritime Newanda	Wheat	Cana	Rainbow	3/9
Wira Keris	--	--	IBSA	R/A(8/9)

Vessels at outer anchorage

Vessels ready

Al Sabiyah	HSD	Mina	MSTPL	7/9
Kota Rukun	Cont	Sing	Pil(Bd)	8/9

Vessels not ready

Santa Suria	C. Clink	Krabai	ASLL	3/9
Golden Wish	Wheat(G)	Sing	SSST	6/9
Sunny Falcon	Urea(Boic)	Sing	Litmond	7/9
Brave Royal	C. Clink	Krabi	BRSL	8/9
Cielodi Salerno	CDSO	P. Luis	USL	8/9

Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Borak	--	--	FSA	R/A(4/8)
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Vessels not entering

Sea Crown	C. Clink	Sing	Saraf	22/8
Tug Niko Maru	--	Mala	OTL	25/8
Ataduru	Wheat(P)	Novo	Angelic	23/8
Pan Express	C. Clink	Kohsi	ASLL	26/8

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

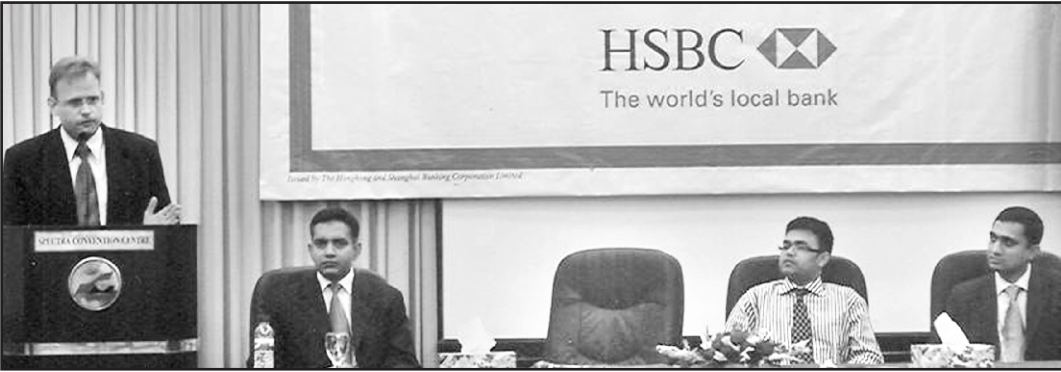


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Steve Banner, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh, speaks at a trade seminar on 'UCP (Uniform Customs and Practices) 600', organised by HSBC Bangladesh in Dhaka. Shah Md Ahsan Hasib (second from right), associate professor of Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management, is also seen.

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