

OECD sees weaker growth ahead in industrialised world

"We have made a lot of movement we think on overall trade distorting support, and the

Developing and emerging countries say subsidies paid mainly by wealthy economies distort world prices and unfairly undercut poor nation farm exports.

"In the summer, traders worried about the gasoline level. Now, traders are starting to worry about the heating oil level," he said, referring to the expected increase in heating fuel during the Northern Hemisphere winter later this year.

A five-member delegation from Timberland, one of the leading global footwear brands, visited the office of Apex Adelchi Footwear Ltd on Thursday in Dhaka. The delegates include Andrew Patrick Cohen, managing director, Timberland Company of Asia Pacific, Jerry David Ervin, senior director, Global Supply Chain Planning-Footer of Timberland, and Stephen Roux, director of Product Integrity of Timberland USA.

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North Korea remains subject to US economic sanctions until it fully honours a six-nation deal to scrap its nuclear weapons programme.

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In China the CLI gained 3.5 points in August, with its six-month average well above its long-term growth rate level.

By the end of the week, the dollar slipped but stayed off record lows against the euro, with major currencies trading within narrow ranges ahead of key interest rate decisions from the Bank of England and the European Central Bank. Both the BoE and the ECB are expected later in the session to keep their interest rates steady at 5.75 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively, as the wait to see how the global credit crunch affects their overall economies. The euro was slightly up but well below its all-time high hit earlier this week. Sterling fell against the dollar and the yen, as the market speculated the BoE may lower interest rates at its meeting, while most investors were skeptical of such a possibility.

Standard Chartered Bank

Grameenphone Ltd and RFL Plastics Ltd have recently entered into an agreement under which 'Village Phone' and 'Village Phone' subscribers of the mobile phone operator will get five percent discount on purchase of any plastic items from RFL Plastics. **Riaz M Zaman**, head of Grameenphone 'thankyou' programme, and **Rathindra Nath Paul**, executive director of the plastic company, signed the deal.

The agency said a separate survey showed the US unemployment rate edged up to 4.7 percent from 4.6 percent as the number of jobseekers increased.

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