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S Africa, Brazil, India to meet on trade

AFP, Pretoria

The leaders of emerging power-houses South Africa, India and Brazil will meet in Pretoria this week to bolster trade and energy ties as well as flex their collective muscle on world affairs.

South African President Thabo Mbeki, his Brazilian counterpart Luis Inacio Lula Da Silva and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will sign a series of joint agreements on education, energy and information technology in a follow-up to their inaugural multilateral summit in September last year.

All three countries have ambitions to join the UN Security Council and see their alliance, known as IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa), as an opportunity to push the concerns of developing countries in the southern hemisphere.

According to Jerry Matjila, deputy director general of South Africa's foreign ministry, IBSA aims to become the "G8 of the South".

Citi Asia Pacific Banking head due today

Agnes Liew, head of Network Relationship Banking in Citigroup Asia Pacific Region, is due in Dhaka today on a two-day visit, says a press release.

During her visit, Liew will meet regulators, major clients of the bank and review Citibank's growth opportunities in the country.

Liew joined Citi in 1982 as management associate. She was the Corporate Bank head for Citi, Singapore and later became Country Risk Manager for Citi Taiwan. Prior to assuming her current role, Liew was the head of ASEAN Global Portfolio Management.

Rupali Bank shares soar 57.26pc

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The share price in Rupali Bank on the DSE yesterday soared by Tk 1137.75, or 57.26 percent, just in a day on the latest news that the state-run bank's future owner Prince Bandar will finalise the deal with the government next month.

Opening at Tk 2086, the share of the bank rose as high as Tk 3150 before the Dhaka Stock Exchange halted the trading to examine whether there is any malpractice behind the abnormal price hike. Rupali Bank shares however closed at Tk 3124.50 from previous trading day's closing at Tk 1986.75. A total of 62,150 shares worth Tk 18.43 crore changed hands on the DSE.

On the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), the price of Rupali Bank's shares surged by Tk 1106.5, or 55.85 percent, to close at Tk

3087.5 from previous trading day's close at Tk 1981. A total of 12,900 shares of Rupali Bank worth Tk 3.83 crore were traded on the CSE.

Just before the Eid vacation, some newspapers reported Saudi Prince Bandar Bin Mohammad Bin Abdul Rahman Al-Saudi, the winner of 93.6 percent stake in Rupali Bank, planned finalisation of a sale and purchase agreement (SPA) with the government.

According to the press reports, Saudi prince's adviser Frank Peters visited Rupali Bank on October 9 and assured the bank management that the prince will finish the SPA.

The government that owned 93.6 percent shares of Rupali Bank had decided to sell the stakes at the suggestions of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF), which conditioned their loans with the country's banking

sector reforms.

In March of 2005, the government assigned the Privatisation Commission to sell the bank.

INDICES HIT NEW HIGHS
As the Eid vacation ended yesterday, the trading on DSE resumed and a huge transaction in Rupali Bank shares helped price indices register new highs.

The DSE All Share Price Index jumped by 115.49 points, or 4.95 percent, finishing the day at 2447.84 points, while the DSE General Index went up by 68.5 points, or 2.44 percent, ending the day at 2871.1 points. Both the indices hit new all time highs.

A total of 18,327,601 shares worth Tk 258.01 crore changed hands on the premier bourse. Of the issues traded, 130 advanced, 64 declined and eight remained unchanged.

Eskayef takes part in CPhI Worldwide

Eskayef Bangladesh Ltd, a leading pharmaceutical company, participated in the Conference on Pharmaceutical Ingredients (CPhI) Worldwide 2007 held in Fiera Milano Rho, Italy on October 2-4, says a press release.

A four-member delegation from Eskayef headed by Managing Director AM Faruque participated in the conference this year. Eskayef has been participating in the CPhI Worldwide for the last three years.

"Our focus is to show our high quality international standard products," said Faruque.

"To facilitate export to western countries, we are at the final stage of completion of our new state-of-the-art pharmaceutical plant at Tongi. It is expected to be commissioned in January 2008," he said in the press statement.

He also said, "We are on the process of getting UK MHRA accreditation by April 2008, which will facilitate our export to European and other developed countries."

He added, "We have already signed a licensing, marketing and supply agreement with APC Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals (Europe) Ltd for marketing our products to Europe, Central Asian Republic and African countries."

Italy-based pharmaceutical company CHEMI S.p.A has shown its interest to work with Eskayef for pellets development and worldwide marketing, the release added.

Citigroup profit slowed to \$2.4b

AFP, New York

Mortgage woes and big loan write-downs took a dramatic toll on Citigroup's third quarter profits, but America's largest banking group on Monday still reported a net profit of \$2.4 billion dollars.

Citigroup said its earnings per share plummeted to 47 cents compared with 1.10 dollars during the same period of 2006. Top executives had warned earlier this month that quarterly profits would be harmed by soured mortgage investments.

Oil prices smash records, near \$88

AFP, London

World oil prices hurtled to fresh record highs on Tuesday, striking close to 88 dollars per barrel in New York amid fears over tensions between Turkey and Kurdish rebels in crude producer Iraq.

New York's main futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in November, surged to an historic 87.97 dollars per barrel in late morning deals.

London's Brent North Sea crude for November delivery soared to a fresh all-time high of 84.31 dollars per barrel.

Prices also jumped on worries over stretched global energy supplies, particularly during the forthcoming northern hemisphere winter, when demand for heating fuels hits a peak.

Traders were also spooked after the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) on

Monday cut its fourth-quarter non-Opec production outlook by 110,000 barrels per day.

"The tensions in Turkey are the main driver here," said Nas Nijjar, a trader at CMC Markets. "Now we have potential (supply) problems on top of that going into the winter."

Later Tuesday, London Brent pared gains to stand at 83.81 dollars, up 1.06 dollars from Monday's close. New York crude traded 1.32 dollars higher at 87.45 dollars.

Turkey had moved a step closer on Monday to a possible incursion into northern Iraq as the government sought parliament's approval for military action against rebels of the separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

Many of Iraq's largest oil fields are located in the north of the troubled country.

The Iraqi government called Tuesday for urgent negotiations with Ankara.

The call came in a conciliatory statement from Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's spokesman, Ali al-Dabbagh, in which he urged the Turks to adopt a diplomatic rather than a military way forward.

"The market's really trying to nail down here how much oil's potentially affected by this," said Tobin Gorey, a commodities strategist with Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney.

"There's room for prices to move either way as the market gets on top of this."

According to Opec data, Iraq produced about 2.0 million barrels of crude per day in August. Before April 2003, the country pumped an estimated 2.8 million bpd.

"Since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 most of the country's oil is shipped from the south of the country, while northern pipelines have been idle due to sabotage," noted Sudan analyst Michael Davies.

Foreign firms in race for big Indian power project

AFP, New Delhi

Three foreign bidders are in the race with six local companies to build a four-billion-dollar power plant in India, an official said Tuesday, amid a drive to improve the country's infrastructure.

Sumitomo Corporation, China Light and Power and Israel Electric Company have submitted bids for the 4,000-megawatt project in Andhra Pradesh state, said a senior New Delhi-based government official involved in the bidding process.

The bids will be opened on October 24, and the contract to build and operate the plant awarded as early as next month,

said the official, who spoke in a telephone interview on condition of anonymity.

China Light and Power and Israel Electric have teamed up with local partners for the Krishnapatnam project, he said.

The six Indian companies independently bidding for the contract are Tata Power, Reliance Energy, Larsen and Toubro, Essar Power, National Thermal Power Corporation and Sterlite Industries.

A senior official at the Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corp., in an interview from the state capital Hyderabad, said the criteria for deciding the winner included the price at which the developer will sell the electricity.

Danone to sell 20pc stake in China's Bright Dairy

AFP, Shanghai

French food giant Groupe Danone SA, which is embroiled in a long and bitter public feud with a Chinese partner, said Tuesday it was backing out of another venture in the fast-growing Asian market.

Danone will sell its entire 20.01-percent stake in Shanghai-based Bright Dairy and Food for 955 million yuan (127 million dollars), the Chinese company said.

Danone agreed to sell 104.24 million shares in Bright Dairy at 4.85 yuan per share to each of Bright Dairy's parent Shanghai Dairy Group and S.I. Products Holdings Ltd, Bright Dairy said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

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Invitation for Re-Tenders

DHAKA WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

1	Procuring entity name	Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority.
2	Invitation for	Work.

KEY INFORMATION

3	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

4	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

5	Tender No.	65/S.M.D.
6	Tender publication date	
7	Tender start selling date	11-10-07
8	Tender last selling date	04-11-07 Time: Up to 3:00pm
9	Tender closing date and time	05-11-07 Time: 12:00 noon.
10	Tender opening date and time	05-11-07 Time: 2:00pm
11	Name & address of the office(s)	
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Janata Bank, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
	- Selling tender document (others)	1. Janata Bank, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch. 2. Janata Bank Fakirapool Branch. 3. Agrani Bank, WASA Branch. 4. Uttara Bank Ltd, Kawran Bazar Branch. Interested tenderers may view the documents at the offices selling the tender document during normal working hours.
	- Receiving tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer Structural Maintenance Division Dhaka WASA, Dhaka.
	- Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer Structural Maintenance Division Dhaka WASA, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

12	Eligibility of tenderer	Dhaka WASA enlisted civil contractor.			
13	Brief description of works	Repairing and maintenance work of S.O.C Office Building at Kakrail.			
14	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 310/- (three hundred ten) only.			
15	Name of work	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/ months	
	1	Repairing and maintenance work of S.O.C Office Building at Kakrail	Kakrail	5,000/- (five thousand) only	20 (twenty) days
16	Name of official inviting tender	Structural Maintenance Division.			
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.			
18	Address of official inviting tender	Structural Maintenance Division 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
19	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. +88028129761.			
20	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

01	Procuring entity	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).
02	Source of fund	CAAB's own fund.
03	Invitation of tenders reference & date	CEMSU/Com-04/2007-2008 Date: 08/10/2007.
04	Tender name/ description of work	Supply of spare parts for ILS-389 at Zia International Airport.
05	Procurement of method	Open tendering method.
06	Completion time of delivery	90 (ninety) days from signing the contract.
07	Eligibility of tenderers	CEMSU enlisted contractor, manufacturer or their authorised local agent or bonafide supplier.
08	Price of tender document	Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable).
09	Amount of tender security	Tk. 70,000/- (seventy thousand) (refundable). Must be submitted in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10	Name & address of the office selling tender document	1. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. 2. PA to Member (Ops & Plan), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. 3. PA to Member (Finance), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. 4. PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Dhaka. 5. Cash Section of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka. 6. Cash Section of Director (Finance), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. 7. PA to Director, Zia Int'l Airport, Dhaka. 8. PA to Superintending Engineer (EM), CAAB, Dhaka.
11	Name & address of the office receiving tender document	1. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.
12	Name & address of the offices opening tender	Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
13	Last date & time for selling tender document	05/11/2007 during office hour.
14	Date & time for submission tender document	06/11/2007 on or before 12:00 noon.
15	Date & time for opening tender document	06/11/2007 at 2:30pm.
16	Designation & address of official inviting tender & telephone number	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229. Telephone No. 8911699, 8911127
N.B.	1. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. 2. If any unavoidable circumstances arises at the date of receiving/opening the tender, the next working day will be scheduled for receiving/opening the tender. 3. Other terms & conditions can be seen at the Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.	

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- ২। প্রজেক্ট মালামাল উদ্ধৃত দরের ২৫% সমপরিমাণ টাকা জামানত স্বরূপ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে জনতা ব্যাংক, বৈদেশিক বাণিজ্য কর্পোরেট শাখা, ৫৭, পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকার অনুকূলে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ৩। প্রজেক্ট মালামালের জন্য আর্থিক দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।
- ৪। দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার পরবর্তী ১০ (দশ) দিনের মধ্যে দরপত্রের সমুদয় মূল্য পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। বার্ষিক্য আইন অনুযায়ী ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত করিতে পারিবেন।
- ৫। উপরোক্ত ৪নং শর্তের অধীনে জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত হইলে উহার অর্থ ঋণ হিসাবে সমন্বয় করা হইবে। বাজেয়াপ্তকৃত অর্থ এবং দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত দর একত্রে সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত দর অপেক্ষা কম না হইলে দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে সম্পত্তি/প্রজেক্ট মালামাল নিলাম খরিদ করিতে আহবান করা হইবে এবং দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা পরবর্তী ১০ (দশ) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য পরিশোধ করিবেন এবং বার্ষিক্য তাহার জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত হইবে এবং জামানতের টাকা দাবীকৃত টাকার সহিত সমন্বয় করা হইবে।
- ৬। দরপত্রে প্রজেক্ট মালামালের প্রস্তাবকৃত মূল্য অস্বাভাবিকভাবে অপর্যাপ্ত বা অপ্রতুল প্রতীয়মান হইলে কর্তৃপক্ষ তাহা বাতিল করিতে পারিবেন এবং পরবর্তীতে প্রাইভেট নিগোশিয়েশনের মাধ্যমে দরমূল্য নির্ধারণ করা যাইতে পারে।
- ৭। শাখা কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।
- ৮। অকৃতকার্য দরদাতাদের আর্নেস্টম্যানি যথাসময়ে ফেরত দেওয়া হইবে। কম জামানত/জামানতবিহীন/ক্রেতাপূর্ণ দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

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