

Duty-free access to US... Rulings on labour rights

CPD seminar told



CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan (2-L) speaks at a seminar in Dhaka yesterday. Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman (2-R)...

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Bangladesh's chances to get duty-free access to the US market largely depend on how Bangladesh addresses issues such as democracy, labour rights and human rights...

Mustafizur Rahman presented the keynote paper. CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan presided over the seminar...

President of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Anwar-Ul-Alam Chowdhury said 99.10 percent garment factories have been paying their workers minimum wage...

Dollar drifts

AFP, London

The dollar slid against the euro and yen on Monday after finance chiefs from the world's richest nations warned of slowing global economic growth.

In European trade, the euro gained to 1.4535 dollars from 1.4505 dollars in New York late on Friday.

Against the Japanese currency, the dollar fell to 106.56 yen from 107.32.

World stock markets also dived lower on Monday, with heavy losses in Asia, after finance chiefs from the Group of Seven industrialised nations warned that the global economy faced growing threats from a US housing slump and squeeze on credit...

Microsoft holds session on cyber security

Cybercrime foundations and best practices event for public sector officials in Bangladesh was organised by Microsoft on Sunday, says a press release.

The programme was held under the Security Cooperation Program (SCP), introduced last year in Bangladesh. Through the SCP, Microsoft provides a structured way for governments and Microsoft to engage in cooperative security activities...

The goal of the SCP is to help governments address threats to national security, economic strength, and public safety more efficiently and effectively through cooperative projects and information sharing.



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Md Rezaul Karim, director of IOM (International Office Machine) Ltd, the sole distributor of Toshiba brand notebook PC and copier in Bangladesh, gives a Toshiba Satellite L-40 A502 notebook PC to Shiffat Shahriar...



The Annual conference-2008 of Continental Insurance Limited was held recently in Dhaka. Md. Musa Meah, chairman of the company, is seen attending the conference as the chief guest...

The adviser said the government is conducting a study on ensuring standard labour practices in industrial production units, political stability and democracy.

The Congress will consider a country's stand on such issues for its inclusion in a trade facility. Bangladesh needs to diversify its exports to get more benefits from the duty-free facilities...

Since Bangladesh must deal with the non-trade issues like labour and human rights for the passage of the bill, the technical committee has already prepared its reports on these issues for submission to the US Congress...

He said if the bill is passed, not only the ready-made garment (RMG) products but also thousands of local commodities will receive the duty-free access to the US market.

President of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) President Farooq Sobhan called for the involvement of more and more NGOs and personalities like Dr Yunus for the passage of the bill.

President of Karmojibi Nari Shrin Akhter urged the government to give more freedom to the workers to form associations and unions to protect labour rights in the country.

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SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Table showing berthing position and performance of vessels at Chittagong Port as of 11/2/2008. Columns include Berth No., Name of vessels, Cargo call, L Port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Leaving, and Import disch.

Vessels at Kutubdia

Table showing vessels at Kutubdia. Columns include Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port call, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels at outer anchorage

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Vessels awaiting employment / instruction

Table showing vessels awaiting employment. Columns include Name of vessels, Cargo, Last port call, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels not entering

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

CURRENCY

Following is Monday's (Feb 11, 2008) forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank

Table showing major currency exchange rates and USD/BDT per currency. Columns include Currency, Buy, and Sell rates.

Local Market FX: Local inter-bank FX market was active as the international markets opened after the weekend break. Liquidity improved slightly, but the BDT remained almost unchanged against the USD.

TRADED ISSUES February 11, 2008

Large table listing traded issues for February 11, 2008. Columns include Company, FV/ML, Price, Turnover, and other financial metrics.

Turnover Leaders

Table listing turnover leaders. Columns include Company, Volume, and Turnover.

Market Highlights February 11, 2008

Table listing market highlights. Columns include Index, Change, and Volume.

Not Traded Issues

Table listing not traded issues. Columns include Company, FV/ML, LCP, LTD, LCP, LTD, Last AGM, and Last Trading Date.

Capital Gainers

Table listing capital gainers. Columns include Company, Price Chn. (%), Close, and Turnover.

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