

Oil hits record, gold rallies

AFP, London

Oil prices scaled fresh record heights this week, climbing past 127 dollars per barrel as the market was energised by tight supplies and a weak US currency, traders said.

OIL: The price of oil soared to a record high of 127.82 dollars per barrel on Friday, as US President George W. Bush prepared to urge Saudi Arabia to pump more crude.

Friday's record run for New York's light sweet crude beat the previous all-time peak of 126.98, which was set Tuesday on worries about tight supplies despite an official downgrade to global oil demand growth.

London's Brent crude contract for June spiked to its own historic peak of 126.34 dollars on Friday, beating the record of 125.90 reached on May 9.

US President George W. Bush arrived in Saudi Arabia from Israel on Friday for talks with the world's biggest crude exporter on record oil prices that have hit Western consumers hard.

Saudi Arabia is the main

player in the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps 40 percent of the world's oil.

On Thursday, Opec trimmed its 2008 estimate of world oil demand growth, citing higher prices and slower economic momentum in major industrialized countries including the United States.

On Tuesday, the International Energy Agency suggested growth in global oil demand would slow this year.

The IEA, an energy policy adviser to major industrialized countries, predicted that crude demand in 2008 would stand at 86.8 million barrels per day (bpd) -- about 390,000 bpd less than its previous estimate given in April.

By Friday, New York's main oil futures contract, light sweet crude for delivery in June, had jumped to 127.43 dollars from 124.80 dollars a week earlier.

Brent North Sea crude for June was at 126.07 dollars, from 124.39 dollars the previous week.

PRECIOUS METALS: Gold

prices hit a two-week high of 903.72 dollars on Friday as oil prices surged higher.

On the London Bullion Market, gold climbed to 897 dollars per ounce at Friday's late fixing from 876 dollars a week earlier. Silver eased to 16.83 dollars per ounce from 16.97 dollars.

BASE METALS: Base metals prices were mixed, but star performer tin hit a historic high on the back of dwindling global stockpiles, traders said.

On Thursday, tin hammered a record peak of 25,500 dollars per tonne -- the highest point since 1989 when it was re-introduced on the London market.

The new record beat the previous high of 24,602 dollars that was hit on April 24.

By Friday, copper for delivery in three months fell to 8,296 dollars per tonne on the LME from 8,300 dollars a week earlier. Three-month aluminium gained to 3,010 dollars per tonne from 2,875 dollars.

SUGAR: Sugar prices weakened on the prospect of a vast surplus of the commodity.

By Friday on LIFFE, the price per tonne of white sugar for August delivery fell to 331.10 pounds from 337 pounds the previous week.

On NYBOT, the price of unrefined sugar for July delivery declined to 11.10 US cents per pound from 11.76 cents.

GRAINS AND SOYA: Grains and soya prices diverged as traders kept their eye on prevailing weather conditions in key producer the United States.

By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for July delivery slid to 6.01 dollars per bushel from 6.29 dollars the previous week.

Wheat for July delivery eased to 7.82 dollars per bushel from 8.04 dollars.

RUBBER: Rubber prices bounced higher, supported by futures supplies amid the wintering season -- a period of low harvest in key Asian producing countries, traders said.

On Friday, the Malaysian Rubber Board's benchmark SMR20 increased to 288.90 US cents per kilo from 278.35 a week earlier.



Syed Manzoor Elahi, chairman of Apex Adelchi Footwear Ltd, inaugurates a new branch of Gallerie Apex at Rampura in Dhaka recently. Senior officials of the company are also present.



Unilever Bangladesh Limited (UBL), in a recent ceremony, rewarded 94 distributors with tickets to trips both within the country as well as overseas in recognition of their excellent performance over the year 2007.

PHOENIX FINANCE & INVESTMENTS LTD.

13th Annual General Meeting-2007

14th May, 2008 Wednesday, 11.00 AM

Venue: Hall of Fame, Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center (BCFCC), Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

Deen Mohammed, chairman of Phoenix Finance and Investments Ltd, presides over the 13th annual general meeting (AGM) of the company in Dhaka on Wednesday. The company declares 22 percent cash dividend for its shareholders at the AGM.

Singapore exports rebound

AFP, Singapore

Singapore's key exports grew 5.4 percent in April from the previous year, rebounding from a decline in March, driven by strong demand from the European Union, China and Indonesia, government data showed Friday.

Non-oil domestic exports (NODX) rose to 14.02 billion Singapore dollars (10.17 billion US), reversing a 5.9 percent annual contraction in March, the trade promotion body International Enterprise (IE) Singapore said.

Nandan Mega Shop

Anniversary Celebration Program

Chief Guest: Mr. Mahboob

Mahboob Jamil, special assistant to the chief advisor and in charge of the ministries for civil aviation and tourism, industry, and youth and sports, attends a programme on the 5th founding ceremony of Nandan Mega shop at Gulshan in Dhaka recently. Moshroor Chowdhury, chairman and chief executive officer of Nandan Group, is also seen.

STOCK

TRADED ISSUES OF THE WEEK May 11 - 15, 2008										
Company		FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing	Turnover (%)	Pre-Wk.	Share	Price Closing	Turnover (%)	Pre-Wk.	Share
DSE										
BANK										
AB Bank *	100/5	4072.50	-6.05	4334.75	239785	4101.25	-5.53	4243.50	62158	60666.07
AG Bank *	100/5	5115.00	-1.13	613.00	12179	5115.00	-1.13	613.00	12179	12179.00
ATB Bank *	100/5	5789.25	-52.61	611.25	239243	5789.25	-52.61	611.25	239243	239243.00
BB Bank *	100/5	5789.25	-52.61	611.25	239243	5789.25	-52.61	611.25	239243	239243.00
Bank of Asia *	100/10	100.00	2.46	91.50	5440.00	912.33	-2.87	939.25	13730	13730.00
Bank of China *	100/10	100.00	2.46	91.50	5440.00	912.33	-2.87	939.25	13730	13730.00
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Bank of India *	100/10	100.00	2.46	91.50	5440.00	912.33	-2.87	939.25	13730	13730.00
Bank of Japan *	100/10	100.00	2.46	91.50	5440.00	912.33	-2.87	939.25	13730	13730.00
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