

Analysts speak at Bangkok dialogue

"The Doha Development Agenda (DDA) is like everything is agreed and yet nothing has been agreed," Margaret Liang, a free trade agreement adviser and a professor at the National University of Singapore, said at a dialogue on 'reviving multilateralism: road to Bali and beyond' at the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the

"So, logistics should be easier for

Thawatchai Sophasatienphong, chief inspector general of the ministry of commerce of Thailand, said if political willingness is

"So, the recipient countries have also the responsibility to collect the fund from the donor agencies to utilise it for trade," he said.

The more soothing political environment gets the more vibrant and confident the investment scenario, IDLC Investment said in a market analysis.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange ended higher for the fifth session with its selective categories index, CSCX, gaining 202.59 points, to close at 8,573.04 points.

Mudassar Murtaza Moin, managing director of Rahimafrooz Distribution Ltd, presents performance awards to business partners, at a company convention at Brac CDM in Savar recently.

The agreement will be made effective immediately after its signing, and the two sides will also hold the forum's first meeting on the same day.

Bangladesh will also open its service sector to US investors. Commerce Secretary Mahbub Ahmed will lead the delegation and sign the agreement on behalf of Bangladesh, while a deputy United States Trade Representative will represent USA.

"And we need to ensure that the governments and regulators put a

band are going to be the next challenges for the emerging economies. The policymakers should address the issues of spectrum, licences and

John E Davies, vice president, Intel World Ahead Program, Intel Corporation, also spoke at the session moderated by A Reza Jafari, chairman

Meanwhile, another bout of unrest took place yesterday at Ashulia, leaving at least 30

Police detained Ziaul Kabir Khokan, president of Bangladesh Garment Workers' Trade Union, on Monday night on charges of instigating the workers to unrest, said Kamrunnahar, a sub-inspector of Joydevpur Police Station.

The country accounted for 4.8 percent of global apparel exports in 2011, compared with only 0.6 percent in 1990. Over the same period, total exports as a share of GDP increased from around 5 percent in 1990 to over 23 percent in

The report said improving employment prospects and working conditions—notably in the RMG sector—will help to safeguard exports, which have been a key driver of growth and employment creation, especially for women.

"That plan has turned into a reality through establishment of Sher-e-Bangla Naval base in the country's southern region."

The premier noted that the development

The port will also improve the standard of living through extension of utility services, ensure environment-friendly afforestation, land development, embankment, river training as well as easing international businesses.

Wal-Mart audit finds

But the audit also sparked calls for more reform. Scott Nova, executive director of the Worker Rights Consortium, a monitoring group in Washington, said Wal-Mart's disclosures were disappointingly opaque given the expectations it had created by vowing to be transparent.

Jay Jorgensen, senior vice president and global chief compliance officer at Wal-Mart, said, "We are doing this because we believe transparency is a key driver of safety. Being transparent in our supply chain will help us all make safer working conditions for the workers."

Last week, the bank has lowered the interest rate for term deposits of three months and above by 0.5 percentage point, to go with the identical rate cut in August. Now, the rate of interest on Agrani's term deposit stands between 10 percent and 11.5 percent.