STOCKS		COMMODITIES		ASIAN MARKETS			
DSEX	CSCX	Gold	Oil	MUMBAI	TOKYO	SINGAPORE	SHANGHAI
▼ 0.94%	▼ 0.67%	▲ $1,186.55 (per ounce)	▼ $75.00 (per barrel)	▲ 0.47%	▼ 2.96%	▼ 0.81%	▼ 0.19%
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CURRENCIES — STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

	USD	EUR	GBP	JPY
BUY TK	76.97	94.64	119.22	0.74
SELL TK	77.97	98.64	123.22	0.79

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Social, personal services account for 10pc of GDP

Study finds households as employers added Tk 17,914cr to economy in fiscal 2010-11

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Social and personal service providers contribute 10 percent of gross domestic product, according to a survey, the first of its kind.

Termed the Community Social and Personal Services (CSPS) providers, they accounted for Tk 41,342 crore of GDP in fiscal 2011-12, said the study commissioned by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

The CSPS has three categories: the professional, scientific and technical services; household services; and other service activities.

The professional, scientific and technical services include firms in areas of law, chartered accountancy, engineering, research, management consulting, architecture, advertising and market research organisations.

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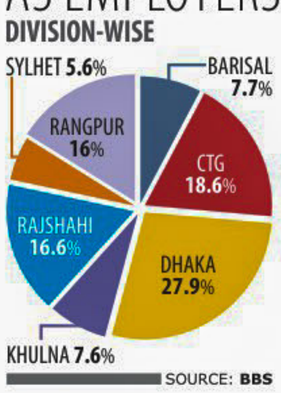

Banks asked to install cameras for vault security

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The central bank yesterday asked all banks to install security cameras inside and outside their branches or offices to beef up security of their vaults.

In a notice sent to chief executives of all banks, Bangladesh Bank instructed them to install CCTV or IP camera or spy camera with digital video recording system at entrance, inside and outside the branches.

The directive came following some incidents of robbery in banks recently.

Earlier in January, the central bank asked the banks to strengthen security of their vaults and take additional measures to prevent burglary.

The banks were asked to take up a three-step security policy: strengthening the infrastructure, installing advanced security system and providing insurance facilities for items stored in vaults.

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US Ambassador Dan W Mozena takes a look at a motorcycle at a stall at the 23rd US Trade Show at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Ticfa meaningless without duty-free access of garments to US: Tofail

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The signing of Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa) between Bangladesh and the US will be meaningless if the country's products do not get duty-free access to the American market, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said yesterday.

"So, I want the US to give us duty-free access," Ahmed said at the inauguration of the 23rd US Trade Show.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) and the US embassy in Dhaka are jointly organising the three-day exhibition at the capital's Sonargaon Hotel.

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Ctg to get biomass power plant soon

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A biomass power plant will be set up in Chittagong soon to generate 10 megawatts of electricity with an initial investment of $16 million.

Renewable Energy Sources Sdn Bhad of Malaysia and Well Trade of Bangladesh yesterday joined hands for the plant that will generate electricity from biomass by using municipal solid wastes.

Syed Nurul Islam, chief executive officer of Well Group Industries, and Victor Kuan Wai Teck signed a deal in this regard at Hotel Royale Chulan in Malaysia.

The capacity of the power plant, however, depends on the quantity of such wastes, officials said.

The companies will go for more biomass power plants in Dhaka and other cities after necessary feasibility studies if the pilot project turns out to be successful, they said.

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