

Bangladeshi firms refloat fishing trawler

CHITTAGONG, July 5: Two Bangladeshi salvage firms have jointly refloat a third ship, 120-ton fishing trawler, Sal Sabul sunk in the Karnaphuli river by the unprecedented tidal bore of 29 April, 1991, reports UNB.

The firms, Marine Services International and Salvage International Corporation used cent per cent local technology, equipment and manpower. The operation cost the owner of the ship MHK Enterprises much lower expenditure without involving any foreign exchange.

The two Bangladeshi firms earlier refloat with local expertise two other ships, 9909-ton Pentas Fortune of Panama and 750-ton Bangladeshi coas-

'Future assistance depends on socio-economic condition'

Canadian assistance in future would be guided by political, social, economic and environmental considerations of a country, Counsellor (Development) of Canadian High Commission Susan I. Brown said in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

Speaking at a workshop on "Design of Small Scale Water Control Structures (SSWCS)" she said assistance of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) would in future "depend" on the sustainability of these four points.

Sponsored jointly by Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and CIDA, 30 senior and mid level design engineers of BWDB are

participating in the 10-day workshop.

This is the third of the five design workshops scheduled to be held to train BWDB engineers in the design methodologies used for SSWCS.

Inaugurating the workshop BWDB Chairman M A Razzaque said under the Second SSWCS Project, International Development Agency (IDA) sanctioned and aid of US dollar 40 millions for implementation of about 215 sub-projects.

He said, under the same project CIDA sanctioned a grant of US dollar 9.60 millions for technical assistance, training and procurement of vehicles and survey equipments.

He said, the project would

benefit and area of about 250,000 hectares.

The inaugural function was also addressed by Head of Agriculture, World Bank Resident Mission in Bangladesh, Saeed A Rana. BWDB Chief Engineer M Abdul Majid Khan, Canadian resource person Mike Okun, Training Adviser of Canadian Technical Unit Dr H R Khan and Superintendent Engineer of BWDB Project Implementation Unit AZM Aowlad Hossain.

Saeed Rana suggested standardisation of design methodology to avoid repetition of the same thing every time.

He also suggested introduction of easy to operate and cost effective new water control structures.

BR Western Zone earns Tk 82.87 cr in 11 months

RAJSHAHI, July 5: Bangladesh Railway Western Zone earned Taka 82.87 crore in 11 months upto may during the current fiscal year, official sources said, reports UNB.

This was Taka three crore more than that of the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

Taka 13.87 crore was also collected from land revenue, stores and parcel carriage, the sources added.



M A Razzaque, Chairman, WDB delivering his inaugural speech at the 10-day workshop on small scale water control structure sponsored jointly by WDB and CIDA at a local hotel on Sunday.

Bush in Poland to lend support to reforms

POLAND, July 5: President Bush began a brief but symbolically important visit to Poland on Sunday, trying to bolster sagging economic reforms in the face of public complaints about financial hardship, reports AP.

After an overnight flight from Washington, Bush landed at Warsaw's Military Airport shortly before 11 am (0900 GMT) as sun broke through the clouds on a mild summer day.

After 4 1/2 hours in the Polish capital, Bush goes on to Munich, Germany, for the annual summit of the world's seven economic powers.

Bush arrived in the middle of one of post-Communist Poland's frequent government crises. Leading politicians had stayed up all night, meeting until 6:30 am on how to bring down Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak and install an obscure lawmaker, Hanna Suchocka, as the country's fifth government chief in three years.

The ceremonial high point of Bush's visit to Poland was to be the burial of the remains of pianist and statesman Jan Ignacy Paderewski, who died in New York 51 years ago. It was the dying wish of Paderewski — one of the great musicians of his time — to have his body returned to his homeland once Poland was free.

On the anniversary of his death, Paderewski's remains were flown home Monday and have lain in state at the Royal Castle. Bush was joining Wałęsa at Paderewski's final burial in the crypt of St. John the Baptist Cathedral.

Stable government has proved elusive in Poland since Communism fell. The 460-member parliament is deeply divided, primarily over the pace and cost of free-market reforms and questions of who did or did not collaborate with the old Communist regime.

In a preview of his message here, Bush told reporters last week, "In Warsaw, birthplace of the revolution of '89, I will stand with the Polish people, show our support for their efforts to consolidate their hard-won freedom."

Secretary of State James Baker said Bush would discuss the economic reform process with Wałęsa "and explore some new ways that Poland and the international community can work together to advance these courageous reforms."

The stop in Warsaw also should give Bush a political boost back home with the eight million Americans of Polish ancestry.

From Munich, Bush goes to Helsinki where leaders of more than 50 nations will gather for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Three years later, nearly half of gross domestic product and 35 per cent of jobs are in the private sector, says Bogdan Chojna, director of Poland's Foreign Investment Office.

Poland has been the largest recipient of US foreign aid in eastern Europe, totaling nearly 500 million dollar as of April. It has 250 Peace Corps volunteers, the largest contingent in the world, and it has attracted 300 million dollar to 500 million dollar in private US investment, says the US Trade Development Centre.

Major's call to avoid severe aid terms

Yeltsin rejects IMF conditions

MOSCOW, July 5: Russian President Boris Yeltsin has refused to comply with demands by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it free energy prices, saying Moscow was ready to forego 24 billion dollar in western aid if the IMF continued to attach such conditions, reports Reuters.

Days before he is due to address the seven leading industrialised nations (G-7) in Munich, Yeltsin told Russian and German journalists in Moscow he was not satisfied with the IMF's position.

The fund was treating Russia like any other country, he said, without taking into consideration its particular situation.

"Russia is unique and the reform here is also unique," Yeltsin was quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency as saying.

Explaining his country's special situation, he said, "for 74 years, none here knew what private property was."

Meanwhile, the Russian leader told IMF President Michel Camdessus Saturday during a meeting in the Kremlin that he was concerned about the delay in the organisation's support for Moscow, which he said could slow down the reform process.

Presidential spokesman Viatcheslav Kostikov said Yeltsin hoped the IMF would "shoulder part of the historic responsibility for Russia's transition from a totalitarian state to a free-market economy."

"It's not a question of putting on the pressure, but of presenting objective information on the current situation in Russia," Kostikov added.

Camdessus, for his part, said the IMF planned to draw up a specific aid plan for Russia, noting that the West did understand the country's particular problems, Itar-Tass said.

Yeltsin stressed that his main differences with Camdessus were over the IMF's demand that Russia free energy prices. Russia could not do so, he said, because it would lead to a 10-fold price rise in other goods, particularly bread and other basic foods, which the population would not accept.

"If it comes to that, then we will forego these 24 billion dollar, particularly as it's not charity, we'll have to pay for it," he said.

"It's just a question of normal credit and we will not go down on our knees for it. Russia is a large country and she will not allow it."

Yeltsin added that the government knew the limits of its people's patience. When this ran out, chaos would ensue, he said.

AP from Munich says: The world's seven richest countries prepared Saturday for their annual economic summit as Russian President Boris Yeltsin said he would forego a 24 billion dollar aid package rather than let the West "force us to our knees."

While Yeltsin will not address the summit until the last day, Wednesday, his country's urgent economic plight was likely to dominate the three days of closed-door discussions, just as then — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's appearance was the focal point of last year's London summit.

At that meeting, Gorbachev's appeal for Western assistance was rebuffed. One month later, hard liners in Moscow tried to topple him from power.

Mindful of that history, President Bush and the other summit leaders were trying to walk a fine line between showing support for Yeltsin and insisting that Russia implement painful economic reforms they believe are necessary.

The United States and other countries have indicated in recent days that the debt deferral, which is already included in the 24 billion dollar aid package, would probably be approved at the summit.

British Prime Minister John Major, one of the biggest backers of economic support for Russia, urged the West to avoid imposing harsh terms on the aid.

At a joint Press conference in London following a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Major said there was no point in providing aid to Russia unless it was "used to accelerate the reform process." But he said it was equally important "that the terms are not so severe that they are politically undeliverable in Russia."

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Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 05.7.92						
Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of Leaving	Date of Arrival
J/11	Piya-1	Cement	Pena	H&H	18/6	6/7
J/12	Banglar Bari	Wheat	-	Lams	R/A	8/7
J/13	Banglar Mamata	Wheat	-	Lams	R/A	6/7
MPB/1	Kota Duana(Cont)	Cont	Sing	CTS	2/7	6/7
MPB/2	Abotiz	Magacharrir	Cont	Mong	BDSHIP	3/7
CGJ	Georgios-M	C.Clink	Pugam	UMAL	1/7	7/7
GSJ	Banglar Smadap	Wheat	-	Lams	R/A	5/7
TSP	Karrington	Cement	Sing	H&H	18/6	7/7
RM/3	Bunga Selash	CDRO	Durb	Seacom	30/6	7/7
RM/5	Hang Fook	Cement	Vish	MSA	13/6	11/7
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	C.Oil	-	ED	R/A	5/7
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Argaba	EOSL	25/1	5/7
RM/8	Ohrmazdi	Salt	Col	PSAL	21/6	12/7
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	-	ISC	R/A	10/7
CUFJ	Chong Chon Gang	Urea	Mong	PRSA	24/6	6/7

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE						
Name of Vessels	Date of arrival	Last port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading Port	
Oryx	8/7/92	Mong	Arga	GL	Doula	
Optima (Cont)	9/7/92	Sing	RSL	Cont	SING	
Gold Horizon	9/7/92	Sing	AMI	GI		
NGS Ranger	9/7/92	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing	
Al Reza	9/7/92	Kuwait	OWSL	Cement		
Knud Jerspersen	9/7/92	-	CT	Cont	Sing	
JALA Govind	10/7/92	-	SST	GL	Dundee	
Mehedinti	10/7/92	Col	BSS	GI		
Ocean Envoy	10/7/92	Kara	ISC	GI		
Artemis-1	11/7/92	-	Bright	Cement		
Banglar Kallol	11/7/92	-	ISC	Cement		
Fong Yun (Cont)	12/7/92	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing	
Banglar Gourab	13/7/92	Pena	ISC	GI		
Yao Sheng	14/7/92	-	Bright	Cement		
Sahna-E-Haider	15/7/92	-	ASLJ	GI/CI	Kurichi	
Al Swamrutz	15/7/92	-	ASLJ	GI		

TANKER DUE			
Antares	13/7/92	CT	Tallow

VESSELS AT KUTUBIDIA				
Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
T.T Energy	C. Oil	Col	NNI	27/4

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE				
READY ON				
Allsea	Urea	Col	ISI	1/7
Mowhai	GI/CL	Col	SSL	2/7
Mira Di-Jung	Cement	Chin	MSA	25/6
Andromache(Cont)	Cont	Mong	RSL	3/7
Apri	Wheat	Mong	Lams	29/6
Banglar Shourabh	C.Oil	-	ISC	R/A

VESSELS NOT READY				
Fong Shini(Cont)	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	4/7
Banglar Asha	-	-	Lams	-

VESSELS NOT ENTERING				
Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A/18/9
Red Deer	-	Sing	OTL	R/A/26/11
Nehaj	Scraping	Col	UMAL	10/6
Taal Lake	Scraping	Col	Unimarine	2/7
George	Cement	Sing	Bright	R/A/2/7
Chestnut Hill	Wheat	Anged	ESL	30/6
Kum Gang	Cement	Sing	MSA	23/6

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR : 6/7/92

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
J/3 Sun Biler-5	Doi-B-Joyit-4	RN-5-Hang Fook 7
J/11 Piya-1(Cont)	J/13 Fong Shini (Cont.)	
J/13 Mamata	MPB-2, Goncharov(Cont)	
MPB-2, Goncharov	RM-5 Georgios	
CGJ/ Georgios-M	J/11 Man Dujang	
DOJ B-Shourach	CUFJ/Allissa	
CUFJ Chong Chon Gang		

The above were the Sunday's (05.07.92) shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Price Index

Essentials		Dates	
RRCE (Taka per kg)	16.00-17.00	OIL (Taka per kg)	45.00-50.00
Amant(fine)	13.50-14.00	Mustard	52.00-54.00
Pajam	10.00-11.00	Soyabean	39.00-40.00
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)	10.00-11.00	Cocoon (Columbo)	90.00-95.00
Posato (local)	10.00-11.00	Vegetable Ghree (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Brijyal	10.00-12.00	SPICES (Taka per kg)	10.00-11.00
Kanolla	8.00-11.00	Onion (local)	10.00-11.00
Lalshak	2.00-3.00	Garlic (local)	28.00-36.00
Papaya	6.00-8.00	Chillies (dry)	80.00-90.00
Ciron Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-5.00	Chillies (local)	36.00-48.00
OTHER FOODSTUFF (Taka per kg)	14.00-15.00	Turmeric(Round)	48.00-55.00
Flour	10.50-11.00	" (Long)	50.00-60.00
Alta	12.50-13.00	Green chillies	8.00-10.00
FISH (Taka per kg)	14.00-15.00	Ginger	18.00-20.00
Ruh(big)	125.00-135.00	Cinnamon (10gms)	3.00-3.50
Kaita(big)	65.00-70.00	Cardamom (1.0gm) (small)	8.00-9.00
Haha	110.00-120.00	Jhira (50gms)	8.00-9.00
Pangan	30.00-40.00	MILK (Two kgs)	31.00-31.00
Shrimp(big)	40.00-50.00	Dano	310.00-316.00
Sungi	30.00-40.00	Red-Cow	315.00-316.00
Koi	30.00-40.00	MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)	220.00-240.00
MEAT	60.00	Ghee	7.50-8.00
Beef	85.00-90.00	Sah	30.00-31.00
Mutton	85.00-90.00	Sugar	30.00-31.00
CHICKEN	64.00-66.00		
Large	68.00-70.00		
Moderate	72.00-74.00		
Small	70.00-80.00		
TEA	4.00 (4 pax)		
Dust (Plain)	12.50-13.00		
EGG	12.50-13.00		
Han	12.50-13.00		
Duck	13.50-14.00		
Pirm	13.50-14.00		
PULSES (Taka per kg)	27.00-29.00		
Mashur	29.00-30.00		
Mung	22.00-23.00		
Cholar	22.00-23.00		
Kharar	14.50-15.00		
FRUITS			