

ABC poll shows public opposition to Clinton's plan

WASHINGTON, Aug 10: Public opposition to President Clinton's economic programme surged even as it was squeezing through Congress last week, reports AP.

The latest ABC News-Washington Post poll showed a growing number of people who believe the plan is fair, but that less than half think it will do what it is supposed to do - reduce the deficit by 496 billion dollar over five years. Two in three said it taxes too much and cuts spending too little.

The survey released Monday found 48 per cent of those questioned oppose the plan and 43 per cent support it. A week earlier, a similar poll showed the plan's supporters and detractors were evenly split at 38 per cent each.

Asked whether the plan will really help to shrink the deficit, 45 per cent said yes and 46 per cent said no. And the 45 per cent of respondents who thought the economy would be helped were outnumbered by the 48 per cent of doubters.

Sixty-six per cent agreed with the statement that the programme raises taxes too much and doesn't cut spending enough.

50 pc increase in prices of essentials for diplomats in Cuba

HAVANA, Aug 10: Cuba's state store chain for diplomats, Cubalse, hiked prices by an average 50 per cent Monday, stunning diplomatic community shoppers, sources said, reports AFP.

With the skyrocketing prices, "The social life of the diplomatic corps will be compromised," a diplomatic source said privately.

The possibility that prices could continue to rise sparked rumours some time ago that diplomatic missions here might opt to import their food and supplies "directly," a second source said.

"If we have to fill out forms requesting exemptions, we are ready to do that," the second source said, adding "there will be a lot of verbal" complaints to the Cuban foreign ministry.

A pack of cigarettes jumped from .80 dollar to 1.20 dollar, and the new price tag on other products made in Cuba caught diplomatic consumers by surprise.

They now can purchase chicken for 3.60 dollar per kilogram, coffee for 9.00/kg, sugar for .90/kg, cheese for 13.05/kg and milk for 1.50 per litre.

US firm to develop Kazakh oil, gas field

HOUSTON, Aug 10: Anglo-Dutch Petroleum International Inc announced it has been awarded rights to develop the Tenge oil and gas field in the Republic of Kazakhstan, reports AP.

The field, east of the Caspian Sea and south of Russia, has between 375 million and 600 million barrels of oil and 1.8 trillion cubic feet of gas, the Houston-based energy firm said Monday.

Anglo-Dutch will be equal partners in the project with Mangistaumunaygaz, the largest production association in Kazakhstan, a republic in the former Soviet Union. The company estimated capital costs in the development at 370 million dollar.

Gas production began in the Tenge field in 1970. Anglo-Dutch said it would be using western oil field technology to develop untouched, deeper oil-bearing zones.

Trade centre in Barguna facing manifold problems

BARGUNA, Aug 10: Taltali bazar, one of the biggest business centres of the district, has been facing manifold problems for a long time, reports UNB.

Shortage of accommodation, lack of drainage system, dearth of conservancy services and scarcity of drinking water are the main problems the market is facing seriously.

Heaps of garbage and filth are always dumped in the bazar polluting the environment. There is no drainage system in the market and so the market goes under water in the rainy season.

During the last few years, no scheme was taken to expand and renovate the bazar to cope with the rising buyers and sellers creating severe stalemate in business transactions.

The roads inside the bazar are not spacious enough to facilitate easy movement of the market-goers. Besides, indiscriminate establishment of shops has further narrowed the roads which also have been in bad shape due to lack of main-

tenance.

Local people alleged that the bazar authorities are quite indifferent to keep the market neat and clean although they realise increased taxes from traders and shopkeepers.

The market is also lacking proper electrification and the major part of its area plunges into darkness after sundown.

There is no residential hotel in the market and for this traders coming from the distant areas of the country have to face accommodation problem.

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Dr Sheikh Maqsood Ali, Chairman, Sadharan Bima Corporation (SBC) presided over a meeting of the corporation's Board of Directors on Monday.

IMF asks Riyadh to take steps to reduce budget

NICOSIA, Aug 10: The IMF has asked Saudi Arabia to take firm measures to reduce its budget and commercial deficits, develop non-oil based industries and reduce subsidies, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday, says AFP.

The Nicosia-based weekly newsletter cited a recent confidential IMF report which noted the willingness of the Saudis to make important reductions in spending in the 1993 budget.

The deficit is explained by an acceleration of security related projects after the 1991 Gulf War, and subsidies to the order of three billion dollar particularly towards the agricultural sector.

The IMF said that further adjustment measures will be needed in 1994-95 to prevent a steady weakening of the fiscal position.



A H M Karam Ali, Managing Director, Hotel Agrabad, Ctg conducted a Lucky Draw of the hotel recently. H M Hakim Ali, chief executive, is seen on his right along with other officials.

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Business

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 9/8/93

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local call	Date of leaving agent	Arrival
J/1	Nand Srihti	Pulses/ Wheat	Aust	MAS	1/8	14/8
J/3	Golden Star	Sugar/GI	Bang	BML	5/8	12/8
J/4	Danching Sister	Sugar	Kand	OWSL	3/8	15/8
J/5	Kamaleverett	GI	Sing	EBPL	7/8	13/8
J/6	Pecan	GL	Mong	OWSL	8/8	10/8
J/7	Chipsam	Urea	Titz	PSAL	14/4	15/8
J/8	Bangler Kalol	Cont	-	BSC	R/A	9/8
J/9	Jiang Cheng	GI	S Hai	BDSH	7/8	12/8
J/10	Bangler Kiron.	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	13/8
J/11	Agra	Urea	Sing	R/A	10/8	
J/12	Optima (Cont)	Cent	Sing	RSL	7/8	10/8
MPB/1	Bangler Moni	Cont	Sing	BSC	8/8	10/8
MPB/2	Fong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDSH	6/8	9/8
GSJ	Dolores	-	-	Scaron	R/A	13/8
TSP	Al Mubarraq	R Phos	Aqaba	SSST	29/7	12/8
DOJ	Bangler Shourab	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	10/8
DD	Marine Three	Repair	-	BML	R/A	18/8
DD/2	Bangler Asha	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	20/8
CUF/J	Lily	Urea	Mong	Scaron	5/8	18/8

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Vishva Manta	9.8.93	Tuti	UMAL	Salt in Bag	-
Vila Moosum	9.8.93	Pena	B Bay	GI	-
Rafah	20.8.93	Niko	Dynamic	M Seeds	-
Kota Buana	10.8.93	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Andrian	-	-	-	-	-
Goncharov	13.8.93	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Tanary Star	12.8.93	-	PSAL	Cement	-
Meng Kiat	11.8.93	Call	AML	Cont	Sing
NGS Ranger	12.8.93	Sing	BDSH	Cont	Sing