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Vietnam Air Force Chief Lt General Phan Thanh Ngan sits in a model of the French Mirage 2000 fighter jet during his visit to the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition on Tuesday at Langkawi in Malaysia. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad opened the six-day exhibition and airshow. —AFP photo

Intrusion of foreign vessels continue

CHITTAGONG, Dec 8: Foreign vessels reportedly continue to intrude into the country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to illegally exploit its marine resources.

According to sources, Thai and Indian fishing vessels have been frequently raiding the fishing grounds in Bangladesh's territorial waters to catch fishes of various species worth crores of Taka.

Consequently, EEZ in the Bay known as "Gold-Mine" of fishes is likely to face a sudden depletion leading to an abrupt fall of marine resources, officials of Marine Fisheries Department and other relevant sources apprehend.

The pirate vessels have not only looted the fish but also

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disturbed the fishing beds at 'Swatch of no ground' and other places rich with costly fishes like shrimps in the EEZ.

Such a rampant trawling by intruder-vessels poses a threat to Bangladeshi deep sea fishing, sources say.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Navy, during its patrol in the country's territorial waters, impounded over twenty such Thai and Indian intruder vessels in the past one month at the time of illegal fishing in EEZ.

Around 200 crew from these vessels were caught and sent to the custody in Chittagong and Khulna, police and marine officials said.

The arrested crew, who are Thai and Indian nationals, will

face trial in Bangladesh courts, police and officials informed.

Sources say, during every fishing season Thai and Indian vessels reportedly trespass into Bangladesh territorial waters for illegal harvesting of marine resources.

Those vessels also reportedly bring smuggled goods for handing over to the clients in Bangladesh who wait in the Bay on board high-powered engine boats, sources said.

Officials of Marine Fisheries Department and sources of fishing sector opined that such illegal fishing by foreign vessels could be stopped fully with stepping up surveillance both by helicopter and patrol ships.

IDB to help energy sector

The visiting President of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali assured all possible help and assistance for the promotion of energy resources of Bangladesh the source said, reports BSS.

IDB, Wednesday called on

the Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharrif Hossain, at his secretariat office.

They discussed the ways and means of assistance and cooperation of IDB for the development and promotion of Energy and Mineral resources

of Bangladesh, an official source said.

The Energy Minister apprised the president a preview of energy and mineral resources sector of Bangladesh highlighting its present and future demand of energy.

6 Asia-Pacific airlines order for 777 wide-bodied jetliner

LANGKAWI, Malaysia, Dec 8: Six Asia-Pacific airlines have ordered 86 of Boeing's latest 777 wide-bodied jetliner, which is expected to roll off the production line in May, Boeing officials said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The orders were made by All Nippon Airways, Thai Airways International, Japan Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Southern and Japan Air System, said Paul Dubeck, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group's Regional Director.

"We could not be more pleased with the sales success of the 777, especially during these recessionary times, said Dubeck, who is here for an International Air and Naval show at this northern island resort.

Boeing, which is also displaying its chinook helicopter

the workers of the US armed forces at the show, is trying to woo Malaysia Airlines (MAS) into ordering a 777.

MAS now operates the largest 737 fleet in Asia and third largest outside the United States — 52 737s, of which 14 are leased, with orders for 14 more, a MAS official said.

To date 14 customers have placed 136 orders and 100 options for the 777 since it was put on the market in October 1990, he said.

The first 777 is expected to roll out of Boeing's Everett Factory in Washington state in May and enter service with United Airlines, its launch customer, on May 15.

The first 777 flight is scheduled for June 1994, Boeing officials said.

Sonargaon to sell X-mas tree bulbs

Sonargaon Hotel has installed this year's Christmas Tree with bulbs in its branches to sell them to the benevolent persons for helping orphans, reports BSS.

Each bulb carries the price of Taka 100 and the total sales proceeds will be donated to an orphanage of the city, a hotel press release said Wednesday.

Philips, Bangladesh has donated all the 300 bulbs for the purpose.

General Manager of the hotel, Richard Vrijmoet bought the first bulb this evening at the hotel lobby and said, "this small amount can bring smile on the face of a helpless child."

He hoped the benevolent persons of the city would come forward with their generous help for the welfare of those living in orphanages.

Obaidur, Rahman Khan, Executive Director of Transcom Electronics Limited, the successor of Philips Bangladesh, was also present on the occasion.



The Christmas tree at the Sonargaon Hotel. —Star photo.

GOVT. OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FOOD
16, ABDUL GANI ROAD, DHAKA

Memo No. IDTS/Dev - 5-516/92/2458 Dated: 07-12-1993

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender in sealed covers are hereby invited by the undersigned from the prequalified contractors for Food Godown Rehabilitation and Maintenance Training Project in Greater Mymensingh and Sylhet Districts under the Netherlands Govt. Assistance for the Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the under noted works.

Brief particulars are given below:

Package No. & Districts	Location of Sites	Categories of Contractors	Time of Completion	Amount of Earnest Money (in Tk.)	Last date of Selling Tender Papers
XVII HOBIGONJ	Madhabpur Nayapara Chunarughat	A & B	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XVIII HOBIGONJ	Shaistaganj	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXIX HOBIGONJ	Nabiganj Bariachonj Bahubal Hobiganj	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XX MOULVIBAZAR	Sreemongal Shamsamagar Banugacha	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXI MOULVIBAZAR	MOULVIBAZAR I+II	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXII SYLHET & MOULVIBAZAR	Sherpur Tajpur	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXIII MOULVIBAZAR	Rajnagar Juri	A & B	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXIV SYLHET	Sylhet Sadar	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXV SYLHET & SUNAMGONJ	Bishnath Chatak - 1 Dwara Bazar	A & B	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXVI SYLHET	Fenchugonj Golapgonj Seola Jakigonj	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXVII SYLHET	Companygonj Goinghat Darbast Kanaighat	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXVIII SUNAMGONJ	Malikpur - 1&II Bishambarpur	A	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93
XXIX MOULVIBAZAR	Kulaura - 1 Baraleika	A & B	9 (nine)	2% of Quoted Amount	26-12-93

The earnest money will be in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Director General, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.

Necessary Tender papers (excluding drawings) may be obtained from the office of the Consultant, Sthapati Sangshad Limited, House No. 4, Road No. 9, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka - 1205, on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 2,500.00 (Taka two thousand five hundred) only per set during office hours on all working days upto 26.12.1993. Drawings may be viewed in the office of the Consultant and copies may be obtained on payment of actual printing costs.

The tenders will be received by the undersigned upto 11:00 A.M. on 30.12.1993 in front of Room No. 531, 5th Floor, Khaddya Bhaban, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka and opened at 11:05 A.M. on the same day in presence of the tenderers if any in the Conference room of Khaddya Bhaban (1st floor).

The tenderers should apply in their letter head pad alongwith Prequalification letter to the Consultant to get the permission to purchase tender documents.

The Contractor working in the last packages Batch No. 1, 2 & 3 but not completed 85%, 70% and 50% of the work respectively, may not be awarded any new contract even found lowest (as per progress of work upto November 1993). Tenderer can participate in all tenders but none will be awarded more than two contracts at a time in this Tender.

The Tender Committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

The undersigned reserves the right to change the date of sale of documents and receiving to tender if required.

Director, IDTS
Directorate General of Food

BSRS asked to dispose of court cases against defaulters

State Minister for Finance Mozibor Rahman has instructed the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin-Sangstha (BSRS) authorities to expedite disposal of all legal actions initiated so far against the default borrowers including those under article 34 of the BSRS order 1972, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the sangstha, the instructions were given by the State Minister while reviewing the performance of BSRS at its head office here yesterday.

Mamun-Ur-Rashid, Managing Director and Sangstha's Legal Adviser and Lawyers were present during this review. Rahman also instructed the management of BSRS to take measures for immediate settlement of court cases so far initiated. He also urged the lawyers concerned to be more assertive for quicker disposal of the court cases.

ADB grants \$260m loan to India

MANILA, Dec 8: The Asian Development Bank on Wednesday approved a 260 million dollar loan to the Gas Authority of India to finance an expansion programme on the Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur pipeline, reports AP.

The loan will be used to transmit offshore gas to downstream customers in India, the bank said in a statement.

Peace to create an integrated market in Middle East

AMMAN, Dec 8: At one end of the scale there are dreams that peace will bring mega projects and an integrated Middle East market, according to Reuters.

At the other, there are fears of a continuation of the warfare that has given the region Third World economies with first world weapons.

"This region is very much underdeveloped because of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and everyone has wasted a lot of money on weapons", said a western expert in Jordan. I think there is a lot of potential.

There is no shortage of possibilities if the plan by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to gradually their conflict, starting with Israel's withdrawal from parts of the occupied territories this month, leads to Middle East peace.

Practical though some idea may prove, there is talk of turning Gaza into the Palestinian port, building Palestinian airports and digging a canal to let Red Sea water replenish the dead sea — bordering Jordanian, Israeli and Palestinian lands.

A Jordanian official reported rumours an American firm was quietly looking at prospects of eventually reopening a pipeline that carried Iraqi oil across Jordan to Haifa until halted by the creation of Israel 45 years ago.

"I think the future looks very good," said Mifleh Aqel, a senior manager with the powerful Arab

bank. "We will see more stability, less tension between Arabs, less spending of arms. I think the region will witness at least a decade of growth."

If Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip moves ahead, there should be a burst of building just to provide the housing and infrastructure ignored under Israeli rule.

Riad Khoury, an Amman economist, predicted a boom in the West Bank by next spring — with benefits overflowing to Jordan which hopes to do much of the work.

Jordan, after decades facing a hostile Israel, now hopes to benefit from peace with Jewish and Palestinian neighbours — both as a middleman in regional trade and in direct business.

At the top of the Red sea, where both Israel and Jordan hold short stretches of coastline, Israel could use the larger Jordanian port. In return, Jordanians would like access to an Israeli Mediterranean port.

Tourism could be boosted by packages including the best of the region — sacred sites of Jerusalem and the carved-stone splendour of Jordan's ancient city of Petra.

But, with Israelis and Palestinians still killing each other and no signed accords defining future economic ties in the area, nothing is guaranteed. Governments and investors are waiting.

The Amman stockmarket,

Petro-Bangla to explore minerals in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Dec 8: Petro-Bangla will explore mineral resources in Khulna region this fiscal year.

An eight-member Petro-Bangla delegation is already in the city to set up a camp office.

According to sources, the project is being financed by the Canadian Government. It will be extended further to explore in the coastal belt.

In 1973-74 first, a unit of Petro-Bangla also made searches for mineral resources in Khulna region except the coastal belt. The team found a huge stock of pit coal at Terokhada, Dighalia, Kola-Bashukhalil Bil mouza. The low quality pit only fifty to hundred feet deep of sea level was not viable economically at that time.

Accident-hit DC 10-30 aircraft's test flight conducted

Biman's accident-hit DC 10-30 aircraft 'Nabajug' successfully conducted its test flight yesterday morning, says a press release.

The aircraft completed a three-hour circuit over the Dhaka sky.

The State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan was present at the airport during the test flight.

Food Minister defends move to ban polythene bags

Food Minister Meer Shawkat Ali Bir Uttam said the government's decision of banning manufacturing of polythene shopping bags was a right one and it would also like to curb the use of polythene bags, reports BSS.

Meer Shawkat was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the day-long seminar on polythene shopping bags: Usage and problems' organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) here yesterday at the DCCI auditorium. DCCI President ATM Wazulullah and Senior Vice-President Syed Zamaluddin Haider also spoke on the occasion.

The Food Minister said that the government would not take any decision which would go against the interest of the people of the country.

Meer Shawkat said the government had taken the decision to make sure the polythene bags did not close down

our sewerage system or end up in agricultural fields.

The Food Minister said the decision to ban the polythene shopping bags was right in every possible way, economically, politically, environmentally and socially.

The DCCI leaders said that the government had not banned thousands of defective and old automobiles that were responsible for emission of cancer-causing carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide in our neighbourhoods.

The DCCI leaders requested the government to reconsider the decision saying, extension of time period for several months for closer of the polythene bag factories was not the answer.

"The industry can not be banned at this stage of our socio-economic development," the DCCI leaders said and added, "if United States can wait till the year 2000, probably we can wait a little longer."

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Meer Shawkat Ali, Minister for Food, delivering his speech at a day-long seminar on "Polythene Shopping Bags: Usage and Problems" organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at its Chamber auditorium yesterday. A. T. M. Wazulullah (extreme right), President, DCCI and Syed Jamaluddin Haider (M), Senior Vice-President, DCCI also seen in the picture. —Star photo