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FAO okays use of

growth hormones

in food production

despite EU ban

ROME, July 14: The United Na-

tions Food and Agriculture Organisa

tion (FAO) said yesterday it had ap-

proved the use of growth-promoting

hormones in food production de-

spite a European Union ban on such

joint FAO-/World Health Organisa-

tion (WHO) Commission responsible

for international food standards had

approved "maximum residue limits"

for growth-promoting hormones after

growth in animals are used in major

meat producing countries such as the United States and Australia," FAO

commission approved these maxi-

mum residue levels after extensive re-

viewing of scientific information had

shown their safety to the consumer."

sion, meeting in Rome, had earlier

adopted guidelines on measures to

combat the illegal use of non-ap-

proved or unsafe drugs used in food

adopted standards for food addi-

tives and revised those for a variety

of commodities including rice, wheat

flour, couscous, canned frozen and

salted fish and weight reduction for-

and certification at entry points were

also adopted," it said. The

FAO/WHO CODEX commission has a

membership 151 countries which ac-

count for 98 per cent of world food

New rules for food inspection

FAO said the commission also

The statement said the Commis

'Veterinary drugs which promote

The CODEX (joint FAO/WHO)

The Rome-based agency said a

substances, reports Reuter,

tests showed they were safe,

said in a statement.

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BRDB to disburse Tk175cr credit

Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) will disburse Taka 175 crore as credit through its six rural poor project (RPP) in 1995-96, re-

ports BSS. A broad press release said here vesterday BRDB had launched a massive programme in 465 thanas for undertaking various income generating activities for self-employment of the assetless families.

The project for the assetless families would be financed by the government and different donor agen-

The press release said at present 58 per cent of 12.16 lakh persons were covered under credit facilities of RPP of BRDB which was higher than the rate in 1994-95.

The loan recovery rate under RPP

During 1994-95 small dairy farms, poultry farms, pisciculture, cattle fattening, handicrafts, pottery, tailor-ing, nursery and small trade have been established for income generation and self-employment. The members of the assetless families made a capi-

In order to address the environmental problem 16 lakh sapling have been raised by the assetless members. From the assistance of WFP and other agencies roadside tree plantation was undertaken in 220 km of road in project area, it said.

tal of Taka eight crore three lakh

through their small savings.

In 1995-96 financial year rural poor programme of BRDB has taken up a massive programme in planta-

tion of saplings, slab latrine, hand tubewell for safe water, improved chula (stove), nurseries, excavation of derelict ponds for pisciculture and various income generation activities.

Apart from credit operation and mobilisation the projects have undertaken a comprehensive training programme during 1995-96 which involve skill development training for two lakh 78 thousand members of assetless group, human resource development training and awareness raising courses for one lakh 20 thousand group members. The training programme as initiated under BRDB's rural poverty alleviation programme focus on human resource development and environmental consideration.

Fourteen development projects

were under implementation by BRDB during 1995-96 of which six are poverty alleviation projects, namely: production and employment project (PEP), rural development-9 project, rural poor cooperative project, RD-12 project, rural poverty alleviation programme (and) women's programme. In addition to this BRDB is going to implement greater Noakhali rural poor cooperative support project in

The aim of these poverty alleviation projects is to mobilise assetless people and organise them into cooperative societies and informal groups, assist in their social development through training and other inputs and provide them with credit for income generating activities.



Julilia Rahman Chowdhury, Managing Director of Janata Bank, spoke at the managers' conference of the bank under Narayanganj area recently. Golam Mustafa, Deputy

Managing Director of the bank, is also seen in the picture.

WB will provide assistance for information infrastructure

WASHINGTON, July 14: The World Bank in association with other public and private donors, is to provide technical assistance to developing and transforming economies for the communications and information sector at global, regional and national levels, says PTI.

A two-day conference on information infrastructure challenges and opportunities in the developing world, organised by the World Bank group, opened here yesterday to assess the rapid ongoing change in information technology and markets affecting developing economies and countries in transition.

The conference would also discuss the role of the World Bank to help its member countries, particularly the poorest, to fully benefit from the information revolution, a bank press release said.

About 100 senior business executives, World Bank Managers and other experts are participating in the conference.

Inaugurating the conference, the World Bank Vice President for Finance and Private Sector Development, Jean Francois Rischard, said, "new, emerging low cost telecommunications and information technology systems may well represent the developing and transforming economies' biggest chance of making leaps forward in economic development growth and poverty reduction."

"These systems are crucial to these countries ability to make the very poorest benefit from economic development in new and innovative ways, and to meet the agility, network, learning and reliability requirements of the new world economy," he

Clinton admn to Congress

Help extend spending power in Gaza

WASHINGTON, July 14: The Clinton administration asked Congress on Thursday to let it continue helping pay for government operations and economic development in Gaza and Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank, reports AP.

The request received a boost from 600 American rabbis, who presented members of Congress with a letter asking them to extend the spending power.

The Rabbis, saying they represent all segments of the American Jewish population, described the authorisation expiring July 22 as "a key element in the fight against terror" and "an important and effective diplomatic tool for moving the peace process

Middle East Peace Facilitation Act boosts Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, established 13 months ago through US-sponsored negotiations between Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel. The areas it governs remain wretchedly poor.

"This legislation is a key element underpinning our assistance program," Richard Roth of the State Department told a Senate panel. "It has helped convince Arafat of the importance of seriously addressing security issues as a prerequisite to

In earlier hearings, US lawmakers have heard State Department assessments that Arafat lacked the political will and his police lacked the training and expertise to crack down on Palestinian groups bent on aborting peace moves through violence.

Roth, head of the department's office of Israel and Arab-Israeli af-

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fairs, reported Thursday "remarkable achievements" toward greater Palestinian security enforcement, heightening Israeli confidence to accommodate Palestinian needs.

The administration wants a "longer-term extension (of the spending law) while permitting us to continue our leading role in the donor effort" for the Palestinians, Roth

State Department and congressional experts are negotiating an extension, said department spokeswoman Julia Arrighetti.

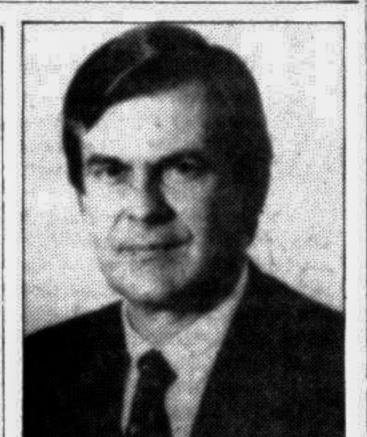
In testimony Thursday, Margaret Carpenter, an assistant administrator of the US Agency for International Development, warned the senators that even with continued spending Already extended for 45 days, the authority there remains a huge amount of ground to cover.

"Unfortunately, the peace divi dend expected by many Palestinians has not yet been reflected in economic conditions in Gaza and the West Bank," she said. "Slow foreign investment, border closures and high unemployment and underemployment have exacerbated popular frustration with the slow pace of negoti-

"If anything, Palestinians are now more aware of their declining incomes and economic opportunities. especially in relation to those of their Israeli neighbours."

Responding to a question from the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Hank Brown, about whether investors would be available if industrial parks were built to absorb Palestinian labour, Carpenter said "new solutions" would have to come

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Nestle Asia-Oceania chief due today

Michael W () Garrett, Head of Nestle Asia-Oceania Zone, arrives in the city today on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, says a press release.

Special Envoy of Prime Minister M Morshed Khan will receive Garrett with officials of Nestle Bangladesh Limited at the Zia International Airport. During his visit Garrett will have separate meetings with Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, and Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam.

Garrett will visit the Nestle factory located at Sripur in Gazipur district where commercial production of Nestle Bangladesh Limited started in 1994.

Garrett will discuss the future investment programmes of Nestle in Bangladesh, and will also hold discussions on production and marketing related issues with the company offi-

Nestle Bangladesh Limited is a subsidiary company of Nestle SA Switzerland which is the largest food company in the world. Nestle has 494 factories worldwide spreading over all five continents.

China insurer pays out \$ 12m for floods

BEIJING, July 14: The People's Insurance Company of China (PICC) has paid nearly 100 million yuan (12.05 million dollars) in compensation for damage by floods so far this year, the official Financial News said yesterday, reports Reuter.

The state-owned insurance company has sent 1,000 work teams to flooded areas, including the worst-hit Hunan province, to help recover property and to assess losses, it said.

In Hunan alone, 320 work teams saved 500 million yuan (60.24 million dollars) worth of property from homes covered by PICC policies, the newspaper said.

The teams recovered a total of one billion yuan (120 million dollars) worth of property in all flood-ravaged provinces, it said.

Biswas seeks more private investment in health sector President Abdur Rahman Biswas tion is a must for successful imple welfare activities in the society

vesterday laid emphasis on more private sector investment in health sector to strengthen the country's medicare facilities and extend it to the grass root level, reports UNB.

Wealthy people of the country may set up more trusts like Ibn Sina to expand modern medicare system", he said while distributing the Ibn Sina awards at Hotel Sheraton in morning. President Biswas urged the elite

section of society and the trusts like Ibn Sina to come forward in aid of the flood affected people.

"The government alone cannot ensure all medicare support to the affected people. People's participa-

LONDON, July 14: The govern-

ment on Thursday awarded a 2.5 bil-

lion-pound (4 billion dollars) order for

67 army attack helicopters to

Britain's Westland Helicopters and

McDonnell Douglas Corp of the

The order, one of the largest

British defence contracts of the

decade, provoked a fierce, two-year

lobbying battle among six contrac-

tors who bid, including British

Aerospace PLC and America's Boeing

joined forces with Apache's designer,

satisfactory contract terms, we have

decided to buy 67 Westland Apache

McDonnell-Douglas, for the bid.

Westland, a unit of GKN PLC.

"Subject to the negotiation of

PARIS, July 14: A grim picture of

the plight of France's poorest people

showing 75 per cent of them living be-

low the poverty line was unveiled here

this week in the first major study to

manitarian agency Atd-Quart Monde

was based on a sample of 754 impov-

erished persons investigated by a re-

search centre for the study and ob-

income below the poverty threshold,

which is calculated at 3,300 francs

(685 dollars) a month, or half the av-

erage income, 60 per cent had less

than 2,800 francs per adult defined as

a unit of consumption, and 10 per

sole revenue for 49 per cent, only 29

per cent were getting wages, and

among long-term unemployed, 28 per

cent were getting minimum revenue

Social security payments were the

cent had absolutely no resources.

It found that three quarters had

servation of living conditions.

The report prepared by the hu-

be made in a decade, reports AFP.

United States, reports AP.

mentation of the government plans aimed at social welfare", he told the l'urning to the private sector clin-

ics and medical colleges, Biswas said the people have expectation that the service will always get priority than that of business. Referring to Ibn Sina, who was

Royal Physician and two times Minister of the then Parsian regime, Biswas said people would always remember those who had outstanding contributions to the field of medical science.

Biswas said every religion had given priority to humanitarian service to ensure peaceful life and strengthen

Apache helicopters

helicopters with Rolls-Royce

engines," Defence Secretary Michael

Portillo said in a statement to

support of the army's two armored

divisions and 24 Airmobile Brigade

Westland will benefit 180 British

companies and safeguard some 3,000

pressure from new French President

lacques Chirac to choose the Tiger -

offered by Franco-German

Eurocopter allied with British

Aerospace - or risk being excluded

from future European defence initia-

Of the sample, 18 per cent had

Of the unemployed, 35 per cent

Additionally, 47 per cent had no

work, 43 per cent were unemployed

and 38 per cent of those without jobs

had been out of work from one to

five years and 19 per cent more then

degree qualifications (10 per cent are

illiterate), 31 per cent were in poor

health, and 56 per cent lacked perma-

nent accommodation or were home-

and disadvantages, the report said

that 80 per cent suffered from at least

two and 48 per cent had three or

cluded youths on their own without

work, one-parent families where the

parent had no work, and families liv-

ing in caravans.

The more vulnerable groups in-

Tabulating the various handicaps

were no longer looking for work.

and the Royal Marines," he said.

"They will operate, as required, in

Portillo said the Contract for

The government had come under

Parliament Thursday.

Presided over by Chairman of Ibn Sina Trust Advocate Mujibur Rahman. the function was also addressed by Dr Abdul Majid Mollah, Dr Mr Khan and Dr Salman, National Professor Dr Nurul Islam and Senior Scientist of ICD-

DRB Dr Md Rafigul Islam presented

two papers in the programme. Earlier, president Biswas distributed Ibn Sina Padak to the National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, Porf lam for their outstanding contribu-

Abdul majid Mollah and Dr Rafigul Istions to the country's health sector. The Padak includes a crest, certificate and a check of Tk 50,000.

proved its value in service with the US

the Apaches and manufacture their

transmissions at its factory in Yeovil.

southwest England. Rolls Royce will

build their RTM 322 engines and

Shorts, of Belfast, Northern Ireland,

will contribute Hellfire anti-armor

ment also has "negotiated rights for

the maintenance and repair of

Apache in the UK and will be offering

this service to all other Apache users

defence analysts said the race was

perior payload, heftier firepower and

advanced Longbow radar system won

the day, even though the helicopter

was estimated to be the most expen-

The Apache had the added at-

Right up to Thursday morning.

But, in the end, the Apache's su-

Portillo said the British govern-

He said Westland will assemble

Air Force.

in Europe.

too close to call.

prototype stage.

vet to fly, analysts say.

UK decides to buy 67 Westland Brazilian bank wants 15000 employees to quit voluntarily But Portillo said the Apache has

BRASILA, July 14: Facing a deficit of 1.8 billion dollar, Brazil's semi-official Banco do Brasil is encouraging some 15,000 employees to quit voluntarily. If they don't, bank officials said layoffs start Monday, reports

The 'voluntary layoff' programme is aimed at shrinking the bank's bloated payroll by a billion dollars in a new era of smaller government and lower inflation. The involuntary programme is to ensure the goal is met.

Banks proliferated during years of high inflation, when prices rose as much as 50 per cent a month and Brazilians scurried to banks to protect their money. But inflation has fallen to 34 per cent in the past 12 months, and the banking industry is

new jobs," said Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso. "Otherwise, the bank goes into the red and the people will pay for it.

traction of being an "off-the-shelf" product, while the Tiger is still in the The Cobra Venom offered by Britain's GEC-Marconi and Bell

Helicopter Textron Inc of the US has Boeing had teamed up with

Sikorsky, a unit of United Technologies of the United States, on the RAH-66 Comanche helicopter, but analysts had said this contender was surrounded with doubts about its delivery date and funding. The award will mean increased

annual profit of 12 million pounds (19.2 million dollars) to Westland during the production phase from 1997 to 2003 and 5 million pounds (8 million dollars) a year during the 30year life of the helicopters, from 2000 to 2003, according to estimates by the London brokerage Smith New

in the midst of a shakeout. Some must retire and look for

Cardoso spoke Wednesday at the

signing of an agreement to finance counseling and job training for employees who join the programme. Bank president Paulo Cesar

Ximenes said layoffs were inevitable. A 15 per cent reduction of the bank's 197,000 employees would save about one billion dollars, he said. The bank has nearly 5,000 branches nationwide. Although some 55,000 workers are eligible, the programme is aimed at

employees with between 12 and 17 years experience. The bank offers a cash settlement and 98 per cent of pension contributions. Joao Camargo, Banco do Brasil's

Personnel Director, said 80 per cent of the bank's expenses go for salaries and benefits. Banco do Brasil operates as a

commercial bank but performs services for the government, especially in farm loans and import-export reg-

Samoa's auditor sueing PM for corruption

APIA, July 14: Samoa's Controller and Chief Auditor, who has charged that there is high-level corruption in the government, issueing the Prime Minister and his cabinet for suspending him, says AFP.

Su'a Rimonoi Ah Chong said here he had filed legal proceedings against Prime Minister Tofilau Eti Alesana and the cabinet to seek a court order "to set aside the warrent of suspen-

sion as invalid." He was suspended last week after

he filed a lawsuit agianst the government, asking the court to define his Last year's Su'a created a huge

controversy here with a 96-page report slamming what he said was the belief of some government officials that they "have unlimited authority to do whatever they may wish to do with public resources."

ple have acquired almost an "impunity syndrome' driving them to do all sorts of actions which are clearly a breach of their lawful duties and responsibilities, resulting in loss and misuse of public monies and resources," he said. Six cabinet ministers were cited

"I am concerned that some peo-

in the original Su'a report for alleged misuse of public money and equipmake the world more dependent on

Gulf states need to invest more to raise crude output in 10 yrs

75pc living below poverty

line in France

five years.

ABU DHABI, July 14: Saudi Arabia and other Gulf oil heavyweights need to invest tens of billions of dollars to boost their crude output capacity in the next 10 years to avert a global supply crisis, experts said yesterday, reports AFP.

The kingdom and its neighbours Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are expected to provide the bulk of OPEC's capacity increase of around 12 million barrels per day (BPD) until the year 2005,

Total costs of such increases in the 12-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries exceed 100 billion dollar and such a high investment could block Gulf expansion plans if oil prices do not im-

"Oil prices should rise by at least two dollars after the year 2000 so expansion plans will be fully imple mented," Mohammed Halawai, a former adviser at the UAE oil ministry, wrote in the ministry's monthly magazine.

"There are doubts now regarding the financing sources for OPEC, especially for Iraq, which will boost capacity to 5.7 million BPD in the vears 2005.'

Figures provided by Halawi showed the five Gulf oil giants, which control more than 60 per cent of the world's crude reserves, would increase production capacity by more than seven million BPD in the next 10

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer and exporter, will raise capacity to 11.6 million BPD from 9.6 million BPD in 1994. Capacity will rise to five million BPD from 3.6 million BPD in Iran, to 5.7 million BPD from pre-war level of 3.5 million BPD in Iraq, to 3.6 million BPD from 2.5 million BPD in Kuwait and to three million BPD from 2.5 million BPD in the LAE.

Most of those countries have already completed short-term expan sion projects that involved development of new fields and maintaining the capacity of others.

But some of them have announced they were pressing ahead with expansions until the year 2000 in a bid to grab a bigger market share. Saudi Arabia has just approved

der field that could produce 500,000 Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer

velopment of the giant Shaybah bor-

has said the project, on the cards for several years, would push up total capacity to around 10 million BPD but he did not mention any expansion plans beyond the year 2000. In the UAE, the two main operat-

ing company ADCO and ADMA-OPCO last month endorsed new fiveyear development plan but they did not give details. Experts said the UAE was the only

Gulf state that does not have any financing problems as it has retained its foreign partners on a 60-40 basis. "The UAE is the only Gulf states

that has not taken full control of its energy sector. This helps it to secure funds, technology and markets for its exports," an Abu Dhabi-based oil executive told AFP.

All the remaining producers in the region are suffering from financial difficulties due to low oil prices and the Gulf War. But some of them are considering reinstating foreign partners they kicked out three decades around 2.5 billion dollars for the detimates, said OPEC needed around 11 billion dollars a year to maintain current capacity and increase it in the next decade. He gave no breakdown but pre-

Halawai, citing independent es-

vious studies have estimated such costs at around 25 billion dollars in Saudi Arabia, 20 billion dollars each in Iran and Iraq and over 10 billion dollars each in Kuwait and the UAE.

The five gulf states, with reserves of around 650 billion barrels, currently produce nearly 16.4 million BPD and output could exceed 28 million BPD if they fully carried out expansion projects and demand remained high.

Halawai said the capacity rise would boost OPEC's production capacity from 28.2 million BPD in 1994 to 35.9 million dollar BPD in the year 2000 and 40.2 million PBD in the year 2005. He said the remaining capacity increase would come mostly from Venezuela, Libya and Nigeria.

"Oil supplies from outside OPEC are expected to steadily increase until the year 2000. But later, they will start to recede gradually and this will OPEC," he said.

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন রাখুন

মালের নাম

ক্রমিক নং

Nipsom auditorium in the city yesterday.

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

Acting President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(FBCCI) Rashiduzzaman Dudu seen addressing the installation ceremony of the '95-96

Executive Committee of Bangladesh Refrigeration and Airconditioning Banik Samity at

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অধীন বিভিন্ন জবাইখানায় জবাইর পূর্বে গর্ভবতী পশুর গর্ভবাস্থা নির্ণয়ক সিডিউলে বর্ণিত স্পেসিফিকেশন মোতাবেক ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১তে প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী/পরিবেশকের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১২-০৪-১৪০২বাং/ ২৭-০৭-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নগর ভবনস্থ প্রধান স্বাস্থ্য কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর ও সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাগণের দপ্তরের সমুখে রক্ষিত বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ উক্ত দিন বেলা ১-০০ ঘটিকায় টেভারদাতা/প্রতিনিধির সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) প্রধান স্বাস্থ্য কর্মকর্তার দপ্তরে খোলা হইবে। অঞ্চলে প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ খামের উপর স্বাক্ষর করিয়া আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তাগণ প্রধান স্বাস্থ্য কর্মকর্তার দপ্তরে প্রেরণ করিবেন। নিম্নবর্ণিত হারে আর্নেস্টমানি যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে পে–অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ভাফটের মাধ্যমে মেরর, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন-এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের নোটিশ ফরম ও সিডিউল **নিম্নবর্ণিত** হারে নগদ টাকায় চালান মারফত জমা দিয়া সকল আঞ্চলিক দপ্তর ও ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট হইতে পাওয়া যাইবে। দরপত্রে বর্ণিত মালামালের দর অংকে ও কথায় স্পষ্টভাবে লিখিতে হৈতৈ। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

ার্গর্ভবতী পশুর গর্ভ নির্ণয়ক যন্ত্র কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন 200/-ডিসিসি/পিআরডি/২৩/৯৫-৯৬

যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের সর্বক্ষমতা সিটি করপোরেশন কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

প্রধান স্বাস্থ্য কর্মকর্তা **16-939** ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

সিডিউলের বিক্রয় আর্নেস্টমানি