

ADB approves \$47.1m loans to 6 Asian states

MANILA, Jan 12: The Asian Development Bank announced Friday that it has approved 47.1 million dollars in loans and grants to the Philippines, China, Indonesia, India, Cambodia and Kazakhstan, Reports AP.

Province. Another 720,000 dollars grant will be given to China's Provincial Power Utilities to help it manage its finances by providing modern accounting and financial systems and tools.

ductivity and off-farm employment. Cambodia will receive a total ADB grant package of 1.83 million dollars, 980,000 dollars of which will go to technical and vocational education and training.

Whitewater probe Legal bills may eat up personal savings: Clinton

WASHINGTON, Jan 12: President Clinton said savings may be eaten up by a mound of legal bills he has accumulated over the Whitewater investigation and a sexual harassment case, reports AP.

Canada presses India to sign NPT, curb child labour

NEW DELHI, Jan 12: Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien pressed India on Thursday to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and curb child labour and the exploitation of women.

sign (the NPT) and he took (Rao) note of it." The main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has said India, which exploded a nuclear device in 1974 but says it does not have the atomic bomb, should declare itself a nuclear power.

Pakistan likely to produce 10.2m bales of cotton this year

KARACHI, Jan 12: Pakistan is likely to produce 10.2 million bales of cotton this year, according to an official estimate reported yesterday.

A committee set up to survey the 1995-96 crop reduced the estimate given by officials who earlier predicted a harvest of 10.5 million bales, the news daily reported.

Japan extends \$1.2 b soft loan to India

NEW DELHI, Jan 12: Japan extended a 1.2 billion dollar soft loan to India yesterday for environment, sanitation, irrigation power and other projects, the Japanese Embassy announced, reports AFP.

However, an official at the Karachi Cotton Association (KCA) told AFP it was still too early to accurately predict the cotton yield. "It is a good crop but no one can forecast the final figures right now since the crop keeps coming in till March," the officials said.



M Aminuzzaman, Managing Director of the Uttara Bank Limited, inaugurated the regional heads' conference yesterday. Executives of the head office and regional heads also took part in the discussion.

I am assuming that I will be responsible, in some form or fashion, for those legal bills," Clinton said.

Polish Parliament passes \$40.12b budget for '96

WARSAW, Jan 12: The leftist-dominated parliament on Thursday passed the country's 1996 budget, which maintains taxes of up to 45 per cent for high wage-earners and moderately increases social spending, reports AP.

tion of 17 per cent, and expects the 9.5 billion-zloty (3.8 billion dollars), government deficit to grow by 5.5 per cent to reach 2.8 per cent of gross domestic product.

National Broadcasting Authority (Radio) Tender Notice. Maintenance Section, Administrative Building, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Dated: January 9, 1996. Description: Modulation transformer Type M-5-30-10,000-6.8 KVA Primary Volt 2x340V. Secondary Volt 4100-590-530-400.



An unidentified shopper searches the nearly empty bread racks at the Safeway grocery store at the Crystal city underground in Arlington, on Thursday. The threat of a second major snowstorm in less than a week has sent worried residents out to stock up on supplies.

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Iraq blames speculators for fall of dinar BAGHDAD, Jan 12: Iraqi Finance Minister Hekmat Mazban Ibrahim yesterday blamed speculators for the decline of the dinar, which has been in free fall since UN sanctions were imposed in 1990, says AFP.

Japan receives new economic leadership TOKYO, Jan 12: Japan received a new economic leadership yesterday charged with steering the country out of financial crisis following the election by parliament of Ryutaro Hashimoto as Prime Minister, reports AFP.

Shipping Intelligence CHITTAGONG PORT. Table with columns: Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L Port Call, Local Agent, Date of Arrival, Date of Leaving. Includes tables for VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE, TANKER DUE, and VESSELS AT KUTUBIA.