

France asks  
consumers  
to spend

PARIS, Jan 19: France, in a dash for growth, is reversing years of savings policy against medium-range international advice, urging consumers to spend as G7 finance ministers prepare to discuss remedies for rickety growth here on Saturday, reports AFP.

President Jacques Chirac said this week, in a speech presaging a Franco-German initiative to boost the European economy. That a cut of one point in interest on French savings put 50 billion francs (10 billion dollars) into the economy.

Plan to build \$8b oil pipeline from  
Turkmenistan to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Jan 19: A team from Unocal of the United States has updated Pakistani officials on its plans to build oil and gas pipelines from Turkmenistan to Pakistan via war-ravaged Afghanistan at an estimated cost of 8 billion dollar.

"There is developed gas in Turkmenistan with no market here in Pakistan," Richard Keller, President of Unocal Pakistan Ltd, told Reuters yesterday.

"The project makes sense from that point of view," Keller said. "We are working

to finalise routes from the technical and political perspective within the next few months."

He said the Unocal team, led by Marty Miller, Vice-President for business development in central Asia and the Middle East, had left for Turkmenistan to discuss the oil pipeline.

The delegation met Pakistan's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Anwar Saifullah and Minister for Water and Power Ghulam Mustafa Khan in Islamabad on Tuesday.

Los Angeles-based Unocal,

in 60/40 collaboration with Delta Oil Company of Saudi Arabia, plans to build a 1,272-km (794-mile) gas pipeline from the Turkmen border to the Sui gas fields in Pakistan's southwestern province of Baluchistan.

Turkmenistan, which signed agreements on the projects with Unocal and Delta in October, has earmarked the fully developed Daulatabad field, 160 km (100 miles) from the Afghan border, with reserves of 45 trillion cubic feet of gas — about double Pakistan's own official gas reserves — to supply Pakistan.

The gasline, with a capacity of two billion cubic feet a day and six compressor stations, is expected to cost 3 billion dollar.

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tained as consulting engineers to establish route, design and detailed cost estimate.

Unocal also plans to build a 1,800-km (1,125-mile) oil pipeline from Chardzhou in Turkmenistan to a marine terminal to be built at Gwardar on Pakistan's southwest coast.

The pipeline will have a capacity of about one million barrels per day and cost an estimated 5 billion dollar. A detailed project analysis is due to be completed by November.

Keller said Unocal was interested in helping to plan the Gwardar terminal, which could be used to Export Turkmenistan's oil to growing markets in south and South-East Asia.

Import more from  
Bangladesh, Saifur  
urges Pak trade  
delegation

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has requested a Pakistani trade delegation to import more from Bangladesh for narrowing the existing trade gap between the two countries, according to UNB.

"Substantial and worthwhile import from Bangladesh of some traditional and non-traditional items can reduce the trade gap to a desirable level," he said.

The delegation, led by Vice-President of the Federation Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Jamil Mahbub Magoon, met him at his office on Thursday.

During the meeting, they discussed various issues with particular reference to the promotion of trade between the two countries.

The finance minister stressed the need for establishing a shipping line between the two countries to boost up trade.

EU warns China against  
foreign news clampdown

BRUSSELS, Jan 19: China's clampdown on foreign economic news providers is against the country's own interests and could damage its bid to join the World Trade Organisation, a European Commission spokesman said yesterday, reports Reuters.

He said the commission would be raising the issue with the European Union's member states and together they would formulate an appropriate response.

The commission is a staunch supporter of Beijing's bid to join the World Trade Organisation.

"Frankly it is a very bizarre move for a country which is trying to reassure its world partners that it is serious about economic reform," the spokesman said.

"It is also odd for a coun-

try which is keen to join the World Trade Organisation which ... is based on freedom to provide services — including information services — and on the principle of transparency," he added.

Citing national security, a Chinese cabinet edict issued on Tuesday said foreign news agencies must submit to regulation by the government Xinhua news agency.

It mandated punishment for unauthorised vendors whose information "slanders or jeopardises the national interests of China" — but did not say how violations would be defined.

The directive forbids Chinese customers from buying economic information directly from foreign vendors and allows Xinhua to determine the subscription rates of foreign news vendors.

Entertainment major export  
industry, says Kantor

LOS ANGELES, Jan 19: US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor hailed the entertainment industry as a cornerstone of US economic health and warned of the need to safeguard "intellectual property rights" in world markets, reports AP.

Citing California as "the seventh largest trading nation in the world," Kantor told a group of entertainment industry representatives that their business combines with high technology as an engine that drives US exports.

"All of you represent the cutting edge of the American position in the economies of the world," Kantor told the film producers, television executives and music industry representatives on Wednesday.

"We must maintain that lead and that can only be done with free markets and fair rules," he said.

Kantor appeared at the forum organized by US Senator Barbara Boxer and their message flowed in stark contrast to Republican criticism of the entertainment industry as a destructive moral force.

"Not every movie is wonderful," Boxer said. "What our movies have done, what our television has done, and what our music has done has

awakened the world to the opportunity of freedom.

Many of the more than 100 industry representatives at the forum voiced concerns about export laws, trade regulation and the protection of "intellectual property rights," the copyrighted material that can include music, movies, television, book, software and even pharmaceutical formulas.

'Tiger economies  
asked to donate  
more to UN'

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Jan 19: Fast-growing economies like Malaysia should contribute more money to the United Nations to make it less dependent on the United States, Malaysia's UN envoy said Thursday, reports AP.

The United States pays for 25 per cent of the UN's ordinary budget and 31 per cent to its peacekeeping operations every year, Malaysia's Permanent Representative Razali Ismail said.

"If we do not want to depend on the United States to finance it ... we may have to work out a different approach," Razali told reporters.

Rajdhani Unnayan  
Kartipakkha  
Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka  
Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the undermentioned esteemed allottees/lessees of allotment/leased plots in different commercial areas of RAJUK, whereas they did not pay the amount of arrear instalment/instalments of plots inspite of repeated extensions of time, are requested to deposit the amount of instalment/instalments stated against their names with interest at the rate 17%, at a time by 29-2-96 at the bank concerned. On failure, necessary steps will be taken to cancel allotment/lease of the allotted/leased plots.

Sl. No.	Name & address of allottee/lessee	Plot no & name of area	Number of instalment & amount of money	Date of payable interest
1	Mr Faisal Kabir Chowdhury, House No. 82, Road No. 17/A, Banani, Dhaka.	27 (New) 44 (Old) Gulshan North Commercial Area	2nd instalment Tk 11,51,799/=	From 16/6/83
2	Gulshan Municipality Presently Dhaka City Corporation, Dhaka.	41, Gulshan North Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 9,08,074/=	From 16/6/85
3	Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Trust, Banani, Dhaka	2, Banani Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 7,69,999/=	From 16/1/84
4	Mr. Zahangir Kabir Chowdhury, 14, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka.	2, Banani Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 3,41,042/=	From 31/12/85
5	Mr Citta Ranjan Chowdhury, Plot No. 22, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka.	2, Banani Commercial Area	Due at a time US Dollars - 2,50,000/=	From 1/7/85
6	Mr Nazimuddin Bhuiyan, Father & Guardian - Mr Md Hanif Bhuiyan, 35, Banani Commercial Area, Dhaka.	14, Banani Commercial Area	Increased land price US Dollars - 71,594/-	From 31/8/85
7	Mr Shrab Hossain Khan, 441, Shahinbag, West Nakhalpara, Tejgaon, Dhaka.	14, Banani Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 2,90,674/-	From 27/4/85
8	Public Health Engineering Department, Road No-2/17, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.	54A, 54B Mohakhali Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 2,79,124/-	From 1/8/85
9	Dhaka WASA Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	55, 56, 61, 62 Mohakhali Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 4,63,194/=	From 1/8/85
10	Divisional Forest Officers, Dhaka Division, 101, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka.	101 Mohakhali Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 13,80,400/=	From 17/9/89
11	Mrs Tasia Khanum, C/o Mr Altaf Hossain, Hotel Zakaria Int'l (P) Ltd., 35 Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka.	34 Mohakhali Commercial Area	2nd instalment Tk 6,91,900/=	From 16/7/87
12	Messrs Paramount Engg & Construction, 14, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka.	28 Uttara Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 6,17,100/=	From 16/7/88
13	Messrs 'Personal Services International, 405, Stock Exchange Building, 9/F Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.	28 Uttara Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 5,42,300/-	From 16/7/89
14	Messrs A Latif Enterprise, Vill-Ahaila, P.O. Azampur, Uttara, Dhaka.	34 Mohakhali Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 10,40,188/=	From 1/9/86
15	Mr Md Harun, "Muhib Manzil", 193, Elephant Road, Dhaka.	34 Mohakhali Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 12,888.89/=	From 1/9/79
16	Mosammad Mahmuda Khatun, 101 East Testuri Bazar, Dhaka.	42, Kawranbazar Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 3,91,111.11/=	From 16/6/78
17	Mr Md Kamal Hossain, 119, Municipal Market, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.	60, Kawran Bazar Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 2,21,388.75/=	From 1/3/70
18	Messrs Al-Askar Int'l Co. 14, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka.	10, Kawranbazar Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 1,375/-	From 10/6/85
19	Mr Abdul Mochhair Crost, 12, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka.	12, Bikanan Commercial Area	Of the remaining price 1st instalment Tk 9,14,997/=	From 30/6/95
20	Haj Md Habibullah, 372 D, Zurin, Dhaka.	38B, Postagola Commercial Area	2nd instalment Tk 9,14,997/-	From 30/10/95
21	Mr Manzur Hossain, 372 D, Zurin, Dhaka.	38C, Postagola Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 9,14,997/-	From 31/12/95
22	Mr Md Jahangir Hossain, 372 D, Zurin, Dhaka.	38D, Postagola Commercial Area	2nd instalment Tk 11,07,540/=	From 1/9/83
23	Mr Alamgir Hossain, 372 D, Zurin, Dhaka.	38E, Postagola Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 9,90,360/=	From 1/9/84
24	Mr Abdus Sobhan, K B Saha Road Narayanganj.	21 Chasara Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 8,73,180/=	From 1/9/85
25	Mr Md Jalal Uddin, 60-A/1, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.	39 Chasara Commercial Area	Increased land price Tk 78,100/=	From 14/11/86
26	Deputy Commissioner, Narayanganj.	21-30, Khanpur Commercial Area, Narayanganj	2nd instalment Tk 11,07,540/=	From 1/9/83
27	Messrs Relax Enterprise, Gulshan Building, Narayanganj.	7/A Boat Khal Commercial Area	3rd instalment Tk 9,90,360/=	From 1/9/84
28	Messrs Taj Chisty Properties (Ltd) Taranga Complex (3rd Floor, DIT Avenue, Dhaka.	28 (West) DIT Commercial Area	4th instalment Tk 9,90,360/=	From 1/9/85
29	Bangladesh Hotel Ltd, No 1 Dikusha Commercial Area, Dhaka.	1, Dikusha Commercial Area	2nd instalment Tk 18,77,287/=	From 19/8/92
			4th instalment Tk 16,49,738/=	From 18/8/93
			4th instalment Tk 9,86,000/=	From 12/6/94
			2nd instalment Tk 1,88,084/-	From 1/11/86
			3rd instalment Tk 1,67,750/-	From 1/11/87
			4th instalment Tk 1,47,416/-	From 1/11/88
			2nd instalment Tk 1,32,584/-	From 1/11/86
			3rd instalment Tk 1,18,250/-	From 1/11/87
			4th instalment Tk 1,03,916/-	From 1/11/88
			3rd instalment Tk 29,05,815/-	From 1/6/85
			4th instalment Tk 25,53,595/-	From 1/6/86
			Interest of 2nd instalment Tk 12,00,082/=	From 1/5/86
			3rd instalment Tk 21,23,550/=	From 24/2/92
			4th instalment Tk 18,66,152/-	From 24/2/93
			2nd instalment Tk 3,25,677.08	From 15/5/90
			3rd instalment Tk 2,90,468.75	From 15/5/91
			4th instalment Tk 2,55,260.41/=	From 15/5/92
			2nd instalment Tk 3,30,533/-	From 15/5/90
			3rd instalment Tk 2,94,800/-	From 15/5/91
			4th instalment Tk 2,59,067/-	From 15/5/92
			2nd Instalment Tk 3,40,400/-	From 27/7/90
			3rd instalment Tk 3,03,600/-	From 27/7/91
			4th instalment Tk 2,66,800/-	From 27/7/92
			2nd instalment Tk 3,50,267/-	From 24/7/90
			3rd instalment Tk 3,12,400/-	From 24/7/91
			4th instalment Tk 2,74,533/-	From 24/7/92
			6th instalment Tk 12,428/-	From 1/6/75
			7th instalment Tk 11,666/-	From 1/6/76
			8th instalment Tk 10,905/-	From 1/6/77
			4th instalment Tk 2,43,358/-	From 9/12/93
			Increased land price Tk 96,180/=	From 1/1/86
			3rd instalment Tk 48,514.66 (part)	From 1/9/85
			4th instalment Tk 57,604.56	From 1/9/86
			4th Instalment Tk 12,09,300/=	From 15/2/91
			6th instalment Tk 2,46,342.53	From 1/1/83
			7th instalment Tk 52,725.20	From 1/1/84

The banks concerned are requested to receive the amount of instalment/instalments of plots with interest at the prescribed rate within the extended time limit as per this notice. No separate letter will be issued by RAJUK in this regard.

Chairman

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha, Dhaka.

Canada may make \$ 428 m  
trade deal with Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Jan 19: Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien arrived Thursday for a two-day visit with 300 officials and businessmen who expect to make deals worth 1.17 billion ringgit (428 million dollars), says AP.

Canadian officials said the agreements, contracts, memorandum of understandings and other deals would be signed Friday. Details will be released after the signings.

Chretien calls the high-powered delegation — comprising seven provincial governors, two ministers and assorted businessmen — "Team Canada." He led the group to Indonesia, India and Pakistan before coming to Malaysia.

Canadian officials said contracts worth 550 million ringgit (220 million dollar) and letters of intent worth about 520 million ringgit (208 million dollar) were expected to be dealt with.

They expected contracts to make office furniture and kitchen equipment, an air services agreement, linkages between Malaysian and Canadian educational institutions, student exchange programme, cooperation in forestry and environment, would be signed.

Malaysian officials said

Chretien's visit was aimed mainly at boosting economic, trade and investment ties. The two nations had no political problems to resolve.

Canadian exports to Malaysia in 1994 amounted to 553.8 million ringgit (221.3 million dollars) while imports from Malaysia were 2.28 billion ringgit (883 million dollar).

Canada ranks 13th among foreign investors in Malaysia with direct investments worth 672.6 million ringgit (269 million dollars).

Bank of England  
reduces lending  
rate

LONDON, Jan 19: The Bank of England reduced its minimum lending rate from 6.5 per cent to 6.25 per cent Thursday, the second rate cut in as many months, reports AP.

The markets had not expected a rate cut so soon after the reduction from 6.75 per cent to 6.5 per cent on December 13.

The pound fell from 1.5236 dollar to 1.5233 dollar following the announcement.

BR to introduce  
new facilities

Bangladesh Railway (BR) will introduce "Sovan Class" and "Sovan Chair Car" in Dhaka-Dinajpur inter-city Tista from January 20, a railway press release said on Thursday, report BSS.

Earlier, the railway has introduced such special facilities in its inter-city expresses plying between Dhaka and Chittagong, and Dhaka and Sylhet.

The fair Sovan Class Tista

inter-city will be Taka 145

while that of the Sovan Chair Car Taka 165.

Biman's week-long  
course on training  
techniques ends

The week-long specialised course on training techniques concluded at Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATIC) on Thursday, says a press release.

Biman organised this international aviation training for its management trainee instructors from Administration and Engineering Directorates.

The six-day programme which was conducted by Shashi Desai of Kuwait Airways aimed at developing skills of professional trainers in Biman — the national flag carrier.

Director Engineering of Biman Group Captain Khadaker Iftikhar Ahmed PSC distributed certificates among the 14 successful participants of this course at BATIC which began on January 13, 1996.

ADB okays loans  
to Indonesia,  
China

MANILA, Jan 19: The Asian Development Bank has approved 90 million dollars in loans for a flood control project in Indonesia and a separate 52 million dollars loan for a port project in China, the bank said Friday, reports AP.

The Indonesian loans will benefit some 800,000 people living in Java, the Manila-based bank said. The project is expected to reduce flooding, especially along Java's north coast in the provinces of West and Central Java.

One loan worth 45 million dollars, from the bank's ordinary capital resources, is repayable over 26 years with a grace period of six years. Interest will be computed based on the bank's variable lending rate for US dollars which presently is 6.9 per cent.

The second loan, also for 45 million, is from the bank's special funds and is interest free and repayable over 35 years with a grace period of 10 years. An annual service charge of 1 per cent will be charged on the loan.

China's loan will be used to improve transportation facilities in the three main hinterland provinces in the Fancheng Port area — Guizhou, Guangxi and Yunnan.

Indonesia plans  
to build 27 MW  
hydropower plant  
in East Timor

JAKARTA, Jan 19: Indonesia said today it planned to build a 27 megawatt (MW) hydropower plant in East Timor, tripling capacity in a territory that has yet to offer all its citizens round the clock electricity, reports Reuters.

The official Antara news agency quoted the local head of the state-run electricity from PLN, Heri Siswanto, as saying on Thursday that an environmental impact analysis was being conducted ahead of the plant's construction on Irelaloro Lake, near the eastern tip of Timor Island.

He was speaking in the territory's capital Dili.

The plant, expected to be completed by 2003, would provide enough power for domestic consumption and to attract new industries to the area, Indonesia's poorest, he said.

## Shipping Intelligence

## Chittagong Port

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 19/1/96

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	Date of Leaving/arrival
J/1	Mare	Oil	Sing	owls	R/A 23/1
J/2	Anne Oldendorf	Rice	Sing	MSA	24/1
J/3	Smena	Rice	Kiki	B Bay	9/1 24/1
J/4	Sea Light	Cement	Sing	Latmond	3/12 8/1
J/5	Marglan	Cement	Bhaz	RML	8/1 18/1
J/6	Achilles	Cement	Shan	IFL	11/1 14/1
J/7	Fortune ocean	Cement	Sing	Prog	7/1 21/1
J/8	Gios	Rice	Kari	Cross	15/12 20/1
J/9	Amancada	Rice	Kiki	OWSL	5/1 26/1
J/10	Hua Tu	GTSP	Tamp	Berum	7/1 23/1
J/11	Sea Express	Cement	Sing	PULB	9/1 19/1
J/12	Continental-1 (Flag)	Oil	Kari	WSL	10/1 21/1
J/13	Bangor Robi	Cement	Shan	IFL	12/1
CCT/1	Padma	Cement	Sing	IFL	10/1 19/1
CCT/2	Meng Lee	Cement	Sing	AML	10/1 19/1
CCT/3	Fong Soon	Cement	Sing	BDship	14/1 21/1
RM/14	Sea World	Repair	Vietnam	9/12	25/1
OCJ	Emerald island	Cement	Chin	USTC	13/11 19/1
CSJ	Bangor Bani	Wheat	Cement	IFL	13/1 19/1
Nameren-1	Repair	Cement	Mong	Nishan	6/1
FM/4	Feng Zhang Ling	Cement	Sing	Delatour	6/1 22/1
FM/5	Wawasan Setia	Cement	HSD	JP-1 Sing	MSPL 13/1 18/1
FM/6	World Sea	Cement	Sing	MSPL	16/1 20/1
DOJ	Bangor Shoubab	Cement	C-OM	IFL	13/1 18/1
DDJ	Bangor Kallor	Repair	Mong	IFL	13/1 18/1
DDJ/1	Tanary Star	IDLE	para	PSAL	7/6 30/1
DDJ/2	Ocean Trader	IDLE	para	Latmond	R/A 21/1
CUT/1	Pattu	Rice	Sing	AMBL	R/A
Kafca(U)	Hawal splandour	IDLE	Sing	PSAL	29/1 25/2