ICFTU report to mark Women's Day

Women prime victims of

economic globalisation

Feminisation of poverty was

In developing countries.

increasingly in evidence. with

women accounting for 70 per

cent of the 1.25 billion people

nearly 60 per cent or 570 mil-

lion women lived below the

poverty line, while in Europe

poverty affected between 20

and 25 per cent of Italian,

Norwegian, French or Swiss

women where the mother

lived alone with her children.

the ICFTU said. but

"international flows of people

seeking work have intensified

with globalisation of the econ-

very common for women since

they were cheaper to employ.

In the Philippines, there were

12 females looking for work

for every male migrant worker,

and many of the women ended

zones are "major growth areas

for women workers, who con-

stitute 80 per cent of the

workforce in the zones in Cen-

tral America and South and

pool of cheap labour," it said.

"Young women form a large

"In countries such as Thai-

land or Malaysia, governments

attracted western investors

with publicity promising the

"dexterity of small hands of the

"After the opening of bor-

ders (when the Berlin Wall

fell), many highly trained

women from Russia, Hungary

and Poland whose job oppor-

tunities evaporated in the new

free trade economies were

tricked into prostitution in

Western Europe. They were

promised jobs in offices or

restaurants but finished up

working in peep shows or as

Romina-G

oriental women and a tradi-

tional attitude of submission.

the ICFTU added.

domestics." \*

Such export processing

up in free trade zones,"

Southeast Asia." it said.

"Inter-Asian migration was

Migration was nothing new.

living in poverty.

BRUSSELS, Mar 8: Women

are prime victims of globalisa-

tion of the economy and the.

increased competition it has

spawned to the detriment of

workers' rights, the Interna-

tional Confederation of Free

Trade Unions (ICFTU) said

In a report to mark Interna-

tional Women's Day, the

ICFTU said working women

made an essential contribution

to the global economy, "but

many are faced with a living.

The report, titled "Worlds

Apart," noted that women ac-

counted for nearly half the

world's workforce, but new job

"flexibility" and increased

competition "often reduce

them to near slave-like condi-

tions reminiscent of 19th cen-

body of women in Africa who

now sell soap in markets be-

cause their jobs as teachers

were axed, women from east-

ern Europe selling themselves

on the streets of Western Eu-

rope, women forced to take

contraceptive pills in factories

of the free trade zones in Latin

America, or trained chemists

from the Philippines working

as servants in Hong Kong, the

witnessed "a return to pre-in-

dustrial economic patterns

with a boom in homeworking

and sub-contracting, and 90

per cent of homeworkers were

women," in the words of an

to, wear specialist Benetton

was "typical case of an enter-

prise that has woven a giant

web of subcontractors to man-

age it stocks and sales in an ul-

tra-flexible manner, while

small home industries can be

found behind the doors of ter-

ICFTU added, women part-

time workers earned only 75

per cent of equivalent full

In the latter country, the

raced houses" in Britain.

In Europe, the Italian ready

ICFTU press statement.

The report said the 1990

story is the same," it said.

"Whether it is the growing

today, reports AFP.

nightmare."

tury capitalism."

## China's missile exercise

# Taiwanese besiege banks, gold shops to stock up on safe currencies

TAIPEI, Mar 8: Taiwan residents besieged banks and gold shops Thursday to stock up on safe currencies and precious metals ahead of China's missile exercises intended to worry the nationalist island, reports

Press reports said queues formed at gold dealers and banks where the US dollar was in heavy demand with tense

members of the population. Citibank said it had set limits for dollar purchases as demand had been so high.

The state-run Hua Nan bank said the surge in demand had sapped their supplies of US dollars and there would not be more until next week. Demand was said to be 20 times

higher than normal. But banking officials said the general demand for dollars could be met.

The United Evening Ex-

WTO gives clean

bill of health

to Czech

Trade Organisation gave a

clean bill of health Thursday to

the Czech Republic, praising

its "liberal and transparent"

export and import policies,

trade policeman, said the

Czech Republic used only

moderate import duties and

rarely resorted to quotas or

other types of barriers to keep

based trade body sounded a

note of concern about the

country's widening trade

deficit, which last year ac-

counted for eight per cent of

gross domestic product.
The WTO regularly reviews

the trade policies of its mem-

Nonetheless, the Geneva-

The WTO, which acts as a

according to AP.

out competing goods.

GENEVA, Mar 8: The World

said two Citibank branches imposed a 1,000 USdollar exchange limit for clients and that those with an account were refused green-

As dollars ran out attention in central and southern Taiwan switched to gold bars, with dealers enjoying 60 to 70 per cent increase in sales, the express said.

Despite the surging demand for the US dollar caused by the escalating tension with China, the exchange rate between the Taiwan dollar and the greenback closed at 27.5 Thursday, unchanged from the previous. day. This followed intervention. by the central bank.

#### Cabinet okays record budget for '96-97

Reuter says : Taiwan's cabinet approved a record

budget for 1996/97 on Thursday and set aside a hefty special fund to buy fighter jets as tensions with China mtensify.

The cabinet set the budget for the year to June 1997 at Taiwan 1.212 billion dollars (44.1 billion US dollars) up 6.8 per cent from T 1,135 billion dollars in 1995/96, government spokesman Charles Wu told a news conference.

"Due to the increase in paying back government debts and the selective strengthening in defence, we have to increase the budget," Wu said.

Defence spending is set to rise 3.8 per cent to a record T 255.3 billion dollar (9.3 billion US dollars) it is the biggest item in the budget, accounting for 21 per cent of total spend-

In a addition, the cabinet set up a special budget of T 166.2 billion dollars (6 billion

US dollars), of which T 58.2 billion (2.1 billion US dollars) is earmarked for fighter jets and T 108 billion (3.9 billion US dollars) for communica-

tions construction projects. The T 58.2 billion will pay for 150 US F-16 and 60 French Mirage fighter planes. Chang Che-Shen, Deputy Director General of the cabinet's Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, told Reuters.

Taiwan has already ordered the jets to beef up its defences against China, which has bought advanced Sukhoi Su-27s from Russia.

China is scheduled to start missile tests near Taiwan on Friday, apparently to intimidate voters ahead of presidential elections on March 23.

Analysts say the Sabre-ratlling is a warning to Taiwan not to declare independence.



French Ambassador Renee Veyret (Centre) called on Ali Hossain (2nd from right), President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), at the DCCI office on Tuesday. They discussed various issues relating to bilateral trade promotion, possibilities of joint venture investment and economic cooperation between the two countries.

## ber nations in a bid to monitor any trends toward liberalisa-Bangladesh Railway **Engineering Department**

Corrigendum to Tender Notice Corrigendum Tender Notice No. Eng/W/BG/Steel/95/3 Dated: 07-3-96

Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. Eng/BG/Steel/95 dated 04-12-95 and Corrigendum tender notice No. Eng/W/BG/Steel/95/2 dated 08-2-96 in connection with Rehabilitation and recyclining of 15,000 Nos. Steel Trough Sleepers including supply of 66,000 Nos. Elastic Clips (Pandrol type) for Broad Gauge Section of Bangladesh Railway is hereby issued:

(1) The dropping date of the tender document is hereby extended on 07.4.96 instead of 16.3.96 due to some unavoidable circumstances.

RPRD No:- 385 Dt. 7-3-96

For Chief Engineer/West Bangladesh Railway Rajshahi

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RPRD No.-386 Dt. 7-3-96 D-259

For Chief Engineer/West Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi

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## Malaysia, Vietnam put trade in forefront

Lumpur and Hanoi put politics on the backburner and trade to the fore on Thursday as Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad began a

In contrast to visits by other leaders, in which diplomatic. issues have overshadowed trade, diplomats at the Malaysian Embassy in Hanoi were unabashed in describing Mahathir's trip as business first and handshaking later.

Mahathir skipped the usual welcoming ceremony at Vietnam's presidential palace and headed instead directly to Hanoi's government guest house, where he was greeted by Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet ahead of a meeting with trade

breaking ceremony for an EPZ (Export Processing Zone) at Noi Bai Airport and sign a number of business MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) here in Hanoi before flying south:" the Ambassador

"There have been 44 Malaysian business licences approved in Vietnam. In 1992 the number was 11. What we want to see is an intensification of this process."

Lumpur, which with 846 mil-

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# HANOI, Mar 8: Kuala - lion dollar in commitments is

"It's 70 per cent business." said one. "This is a working visit and not a state one. He's coming here to see for himself what's happening with Malaysian investments in Vict nam especially in Ho Chi Minh City and Danang.

nam. Cheah Sam Kip. "As you getting a number of Malaysian projects off the ground here.

be signed."

ter was due to meet President Le Duc Anh and Communist Party Cluel Do Muoi later in the day, before getting down to what diplomats said was the real business of his trip of Fri-

## seventh in the table of foreign investors in Vietnam, has benefitted from decades of formal

1976 and both are members of

the formerly anti-communist

Association of Southeast Asian

KL wants top

post in INRO

Malaysia will not ratify the

third International Natural

Rubber Agreement if it does

not get the executive direc-

tor's post in the International

Natural Rubber Organisation.

Primary Industries Minister

Lim Keng Yaik said Thursday.

said he had already sent letters

three days ago to his counter-

part in Indonesia and Thailand

views indicating that if

Malaysia were to ratify INRA,

the (executive director's) post

should be given to Malaysia."

wants the post, now being held

by Thailand, claiming that

there was a "gentlemen's

agreement" in the past that

to express that.

he said.

Speaking to reporters, Lim

"We have made known our

Indonesia reportedly also

KUALA LUMPUR. Mar 8:

ties with its Southeast Asian neighbour. three-day visit, says Reuter. The two countries established resident embassies in

"This is his first visit to Vietnam since 1992," said Malaysia's Ambassador to Vietknow he was instrumental in "It's not the kind of trip

where we're expecting intergovernmental agreements to The Malaysian Prime Minis-

"He'll officiate at a ground-

Malaysian analysts say Kuala বাংলাদেশ রেলপথ

#### Sandoz AG Chairman Daniel Vasella (L) and Ciba-Geigy the post should be rotated head Alex Krauer shake hands in front of the new between Thailand and Indonecompany, logo 'Novartis' after the two Swiss sia, while Malaysia should not pharmaceutical giants announced their intention to merge claim the post since it already in Basel, Switzerland on Wednesday. - AFP/UNB photo had it before.

# Unemployment one of toughest problems in Western Europe

UNDATED. Mar 8: Unemployment is one of the toughest problems in Western Europe but most countries have generous support systems, reports AP.

BRITAIN: Unemployment rate is 7.9 per cent to 8.6 per cent, depending on the calculation method, the lowest in almost five years.

Standard benefits are about 70 dollars a week, plus a range of allowances for housing. children and dependent adults. The government plans to replace the unemployment benefits and income support used as a cash top-up to lowpaid workers - with a job seekers' allowance for those looking for work. Plans for a new social security card to cut

down on fraud FINLAND: Unemployment rate is 17.8 per cent, second highest in the European

Anyone who has worked for at least six months can collect an unemployment benefit for nearly two years. Percentage of salary is lower for those who earned more, but calculations start at 60 per cent of national average wage, and average benefit equals 1,330 dollars. Extra payments for those with children, and incentives for people aged 53 and over to retire early and collect unemployment until they are 65. Unemployed also eligible for welfare payments in a system that consumes 10 per cent of the national budget.

FRANCE: Unemployment rate is 11.8 per cent. Benefits

for first four months ranges from 65 per cent to 75 per cent of gross salary. Thendrops to 15 per cent to 25 per cent for several months, depending on previous salary. After 12 months, a commission can review and extend payments for another year. which often happens. The unemployment insurance is funded by employers and employee contributions. When it runs out, a state dole kicks in. under a law that says people have the right to a minimum amount of money to survive. The payments range from 2,800 francs (560 dollars) a month for singles to 3.500 francs (700 dollars) for couples, and more for those with children. It is open-ended, but recipients must join a state job

training programme. GERMANY: Unemployment rate is 11.1 per cent, a post-World War II high. Benefits are 67 per cent of monthly salary for someone with children and 60 per cent for others. Jobless west Germans get an average 1,410 marks (972 dollars) per month, east Germans 1.120 (772 dollars). Welfare pay-

ments also available. 'ITALY: Unemployment rate is 12.1 per cent. Benefits vary according to amount of time worked, type of job, reason for job loss and days worked in the previous year. Generally, up to two-thirds of salary for up to two years, but benefits can be revoked if a work offer is refused. An unemployment fund, partly paid by companies for industrial layoffs, grants up

to two years of benefits of 1.2 million to 1.8 million lire (750 dollars) to 1,150 dollars a month. Can be extended for more than two years if worker is close to retirement.

NETHERLANDS: Unemployment rate is 7 per cent Benefit is 70 per cent of the last salary for a period of time depending on length of service. Long-term unemployed receive basic state benefit of 70 per cent of minimum wage. which calculates to 1,270 guilders (765 dollars) per month for a single person.

SPAIN: Unemployment rate is 22.73 per cent. highest in European Union. Benefits start with 70 per cent of the last 180 days salary. After six months, drops to 60 per cent of final salary. Can be collected for up to two years.

SWEDEN: Unemployment rate is 12 per cent to 13 per

Benefits are 75 per cent of a worker's salary, soon 80 per cent, for fee-paying union members or fee-paying members of the state unemployment registry. Based on pay earned for at least five nonconsecutive months in the preceding 12 months, and lasts about a year. Recent complaints that unemployed sign up for benefits, register at state job-search agency, then go on vacation or take black market work. Job-search agency in 1994 suggested giving a mobile phone to each applicant so they could be reached quickly if a job arose.

# tipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth No	Name of vessels Car	to LPort	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
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J/2	Mare Rice(		SBS	29/2	10/3
J/3	Banglar Shobha (	L Mong	BSC	23/2	7/3
J/4	Banglar Doot(PRT)	iL Mong	BSC	28/2	8/3
J/5	Al Swamruz	Ol P.Kela	ASLL	23/2	9/3
J/6	Sea Beauty Rice(C	/) Hald -	B Bay	18/2	8/3
J/7	Putívi Rice(	P) swich	MMI	17/2	8/3
J/8	An Qing Jiang	GI G.Zhu	Bdshp	20/2	8/3
J/9	Zalco Sharif Rice(	G) Hald	Seacom	28/2	10/3
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J/11	Golden Kris C.Clir	k Sing-	Gel	7/2	9/3
J/12	Lydra · Co		. RSL	22/2	8/3
J/13	Dae Jin . Co		Bdship	1/3	8/3
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CCT/2	Fong Soon Co		Bdship	18/2	7/3
CCT/3	Banglar Robi Con		BSC	, 22/2 ,	8/3
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RM/9	Amanecida Repa		OWSL	5/1	8/3
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Meng lee 19/2	9/3	Sing	AML	Cont	Sing	
Seyang ace	9/3	Sing	Prog	GI(Cont)		
Evandros-K	8/3		Psal	· C.Clinker		
Tug Britoil-16	10/3	Sing	Karna	•	920	
Alam University	11/3	Sing	BSL	Wheat(G)	55 SW	
Golden venus	10/3	Kaki	RSA	Rice(G)	8674	
Alekshandrov5/3	11/3	Sing	Bdship	Cont	Sing	
Amrta Jaya-1/(48)4/3	11/3	Sing	BBA	GI		
Robert-e-lee	18/3	-	Kama	Gi(Lash)	38	
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Marine Schulte	Cont	Gol	Baridhi	92	29/2
Meng Yang	Cont	Sign	AML	-	22/2
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Sintra	Cong.	Sing	Pil(B)		2/3
Zerva	GI	Sing	Prog		2/3
Feng Qing	GI	Sing	Bdship		4/3
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The above were the shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

## Bangladesh Railway/West Zone **Engineering Department** Corrigendum to Tender Notice

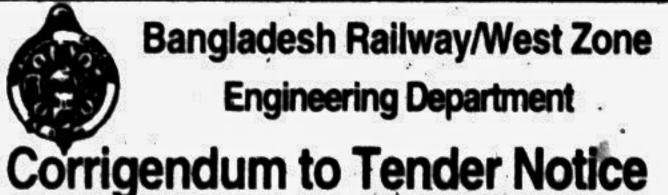
Corrigendum tender notice No. Eng/MG/Sleeper/95-96 /4 Dated: 05-3-96

Corrigendum to tender notice No. Eng/MG/Sleeper/ 95-96/2 dated 23-12-95 and Corrigendum tender notice No. Eng/MG/Sleeper/95-96/3 dated 07-2-1996 in connection with supply of 5,000 Nos. (7,500 Cft.) Metre Gauge wooden sleeper for Bangladesh Railway, West Zone is hereby issued:

(1) The date of selling and dropping of tender documents is fixed on 08-4-96 and 09-4-96 respectively instead of 12-3-96 and 13-3-96. (2) All other terms and conditions of the tender notice will remain unchanged.

RPRD No.-381 Dt. 7-3-96

For Chief Engineer/West Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi



Corrigendum tender notice No. Eng/BG/Sleeper/95-96/4 Dated: 05-3-96

Corrigendum to tender notice No. Eng/BG/Sleeper/ 95-96/2 dated 23-12-95 and Corrigendum tender notice No. Eng/BG/ Sleeper/95-96/3 dated 07-2-96 for supply of 10,000 Nos. (31,250 Cft.) wooden Broad Gauge sleeper for Bangladesh Railway, West Zone is hereby issued:

(1) The date of selling and dropping of tender document is fixed on 8-4-96 and 9-4-96 respectively instead of 12-3-96 & 13-3-96. (2) All other terms and conditions of the tender notice will remain unchanged.

RPRD No.-380 Dt. 7-3-96

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For Chief Engineer/West Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi

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