

HR groups' campaign fails to stem surge in Myanmar tourism

PHATTAYA, Thailand, Apr 18: Despite attempts to persuade tourists to shun Myanmar because of its suppression of democracy and human rights, visitors are flocking to the exotic, military-run nation in record numbers, reports AP.

"We are open-hearted, even to those who boycott us," said the Deputy General Manager of the Myanmar Hotel and Tourism Services said about 100,000 tourists came to Burma renamed Myanmar by the military regime — in 1995, up by nearly 100 per cent from three years earlier.

mar, including the oil company Unocal and Pepsi Cola. The military regime, which came to power in 1988, has been widely criticised for suppressing all political dissent, brutality against ethnic minorities and failure to honour results of a 1990 election won by a pro-democracy party led by Aung San Suu Kyi.

Myanmar Year," which officially opens November 18 but has in effect been promoted as such since this January 1. Privately, Myanmar officials say they don't expect more than 200,000 — which is still double last year's number.

Delegates to the annual conference of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, one of the world's largest tourism organizations, say the boycott hasn't proved a problem and generally praise Myanmar efforts in opening up the once hermit nation.

Some university students in the United States are also pressing consumers not to buy products of American companies doing business in Myanmar.

In an earlier interview with the Associated Press, the Nobel Peace Prize winner urged tourists to avoid Myanmar until more progress towards democracy is made. She also criticised the government for building hotels rather than schools and hospitals.

Although some journalists are barred from entry, tourists can obtain visas in as short a time as ten minutes and visa fees have been reduced from 18 to 10 dollars.

Pre-elections statement Indian leftists' alliance won't permit full-scale privatisation

NEW DELHI, Apr 18: An alliance of left-wing Indian parties said on Wednesday it would not permit full-scale privatisation of state-owned industry if it won coming general elections, reports Reuters.

But a spokesman for the alliance leading party said the union was not opposed to the partial sale of stakes in state-owned companies.

Rao's government has allowed the sale of partial stakes in state-owned firms provided the government retains control.

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- 01. Micro-computer, Printer, Voltage Stabilizer, Word Processor (Bengali) - 01 (One) Unit. 02. Tarpapline - 25 (Twenty five) Pcs. 03. Crew Napkin - 9,600 (Nine thousand six hundred) Pcs. 04. Fax Machine - 05 (Five) Unit. 05. Staple Pin - 6,000 (Six thousand) Pcs.

Tender Schedule mentioning full details/specifications of items, terms and conditions will be available from the Accounts Officer, Cash Payment Unit of Finance Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka and Assit Manager (Cash & Banking), Biman, Motijheel, Dhaka on payment of Tk 100/- (Take one hundred only) per set (for each group) (Non-refundable) by applying self letter head pad during any working day upto 12.05.96.

Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in Local Purchase Section, Stores & Purchase Directorate, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka and Biman Head Office Reception Counter, Biman Bhawan, Motijheel, Dhaka latest by 1100 hours on 13.05.96 and will be opened on the same day at 1400 hours (BST) at the premises of Stores & Purchase Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity in the items and can accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Tender Notice No 52/95-96

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- 01. Processor, Printer, Bangla World - 01 (One) Unit. 02. Micro-computer, Printer - 01 (One) Unit. 03. Photocopy Machine - 01 (One) Unit. 04. Polythene Bag for Blanket - 5,00,000 Pcs. 05. Blue Bar Washing Soap - 24,000 Pcs.

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DPP-8104-15/4 Dy General Manager (S&P) Commercial Stores and Purchases Directorate G-503

Lankan govt waives duty on rice imports

COLOMBO, Apr 18: Sri Lanka's government has waived duty on rice imports to help the import of 400,000 tonnes of rice after a drought hit the nation's crop growing area, a food and trade ministry official said yesterday.

The 35 per cent customs duty on imported rice is now being waived to induce imports so that it would meet the local requirement at a lesser price. Food and Trade Secretary Keerthi Weragoda told Reuters.

The duty waiver will be effective till October 15, he said. Sri Lanka will have to import an estimated 300,000-400,000 tonnes of rice this year to meet a shortfall in the main harvest over the winter months caused by the drought, he said.

The northeast monsoon, from November to March, failed hitting major crop-growing regions of the north-central and northwestern provinces.

Officials said there were enough stocks to meet demand for another two or three months.

Indian ministry okays refinery project with Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Apr 18: The Indian oil ministry has approved a project with Kuwait to set up a joint venture refinery in India worth 1.2 billion dollars, the official news agency Kuna reported yesterday, says AFP.

The refinery will be 26 per cent owned by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), with the remaining 74 per cent held by the Indian Oil Corporation, the Hindustan Oil Corporation and Bahrat Corporation, Kuna said.

BCSIR Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide dealers, stockists & suppliers for supply of (a) workshop equipment, (b) research implements/raw materials & (c) computer & other goods.

Tender schedule containing terms & conditions will be available from Accounts Section of all units of BCSIR, Dhaka on depositing Taka 400/- (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) during office hours up to 07-05-96.

DPP-7903-10/4 Director (Current responsibility) G-504 PP & PDC BCSIR, Dhaka

Rajshahi Krishi Unnyan Bank Thakurgaon Zone Baliadangi Branch Shifting Notice Old address Present address Dag No 6400 Dag Nos 6897, 6900, 6901 Khatian No-Old-39 Khatian No 1361 Present-40 Union- Barabari Thana- Baliadangi District- Thakurgaon Thana- Baliadangi District- Thakurgaon

Exchange Rates Sonali Bank The following are the dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies with Bangladesh Taka as on 18th & 19th April '96.

Table with columns: Name of Currency, Selling (T.T. & O.D., B.C.), Buying (T.T. Clean, O.D. Sight, O.D. Transfer). Includes US Dollar, GB Pound, DM Mark, FRF, C. Dollar, S. Franc, JP Yen.

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Shipping Intelligence Chittagong Port Birth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 18.4.96

Table with columns: Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, L Port, Local Agent, Date of Arrival, Leaving. Lists various vessels like Vishva Kumudi, Asean Enterprise, Banglar Kakoti, Caraka, Jaya Niaga-III, Superitas, Banglar Maya, Al Salma, Seyang Ace, Asran Pioneer, Banglar Robi, Nearechos, Banglar Monti, Meng Kiat, Fong Yun, Sintra, Banglar Gourab, Alam Kembong, Antonio D'Alesto, Moscence, Sea World, Tanary Star, Banglar Shourab, Banglar Kiron, Banglar Jyoti, Korsun, Schevchenkovskiy, Banglar Baant.

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Date of Arrival, Last Port, Local Agent, Cargo, Loading.

Vessels at Kutubdia Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Vessels at Outer Anchorage Ready On Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Vessels Awaiting Instruction Table with columns: Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, Date of Arrival.

Movement of Vessels for 19.4 & 20.4.96 Table with columns: Outgoing, Incoming, Shifting.

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Dhaka Stock Prices At the close of trading on April 18, 1996 7-point rise in index Star Report

The Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index Thursday surged by 6.64 points to 822.99 after two days of decline.

The transaction in volume fell by 0.31 per cent to 185473 from Wednesday's 186052 while the value showed an increase of 12.17 per cent, reaching Tk 3.89 cr from Tk 3.47 cr.

Total market capital rose to Tk 5538.14 cr from Tk 5538.10 cr.

Trading at a glance DSE All Price Index 822.49 Market Capital Tk 5538.15 cr Transaction in volume 185473 Transaction in value Tk 3.89 cr Total issues traded 114 Issues gained 47 Issues incurred losses 56 Issues unchanged 11

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Dynamic Textile, Mithun Corporation, B Dyeing, Delta Millers, Apex Weaving, Dandy Dyeing, Sonargaon Textiles, BD Zipper, Beximco Denims, Prime Textile, M H Garments, Sajib Knitwear, Chic Text, Serepur Textile, Monno Fabrics, Beximco Pharma, ACI Limited, Petro Synthetec, Pharmaco, Progressive Plastic, Reckitt and Colman, Kohinoor Chemical, Rahman Chemicals, Wata Chemical, Beximco Infusions, National Polymer, Beximco Synthetic, Libra Pharma, Orion Infusion, Square Pharma, Eagle Box, Maq Paper, Apex Tannery, Bata Shoe, GJ Ball Pen, Monno Ceramic, Umanisa Glass, Beximco Ltd, Chittagong Cement, Apex Footwear, Eastern Housing, Confidence Cement, Meghna Cement, Lexco Limited, BGIC, Green Delta, Peoples Insurance, Eastern Insurance, Janata Insurance, Phoenix Insurance, Delta Life, Pragati Insurance, Sandhani Life Insurance, B Fisheries (Deb).

DSE Shares and Debentures Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), 100/20, 50/10.

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PAPER & PRINTING Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), 100/20, 50/10.

SERVICES Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), 100/20, 50/10.

INSURANCE Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), 100/20, 50/10.

MECHANICALS Table with columns: Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), 100/20, 50/10.

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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.