

ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet opens

Suharto calls for promoting economic prosperity of SEA

JAKARTA, July 20: ASEAN Foreign Ministers opened their annual talks here today with calls for Southeast Asia (SEA) to work together to promote the economic prosperity and political stability of the region, says AFP.

After a ceremonial opening by Indonesia's President Suharto this morning, Foreign Ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) set the agenda in the afternoon for two days of talks.

The Ministers, who had been asked to keep their formal speeches short so as to allow more time for discussions, highlighted the challenges facing ASEAN as it moves to embrace all 10 Southeast Asian nations by 2000.

Singapore Foreign Minister

S. Jayakumar referred to the "uncertain and uncharted waters" ahead related to developments in the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea.

Several stressed ASEAN's desire to see member states ratify the Southeast Asia nuclear weapons free zone treaty signed at the ASEAN summit last December, and to get the support of the nuclear powers as well.

Philippines Foreign Minister Domingo Siazon called on those nuclear powers still conducting test blasts to desist, as he urged early adoption of a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Earlier President Suharto attacked the west for trying to link "extraneous" matters to trade and he invited Southeast

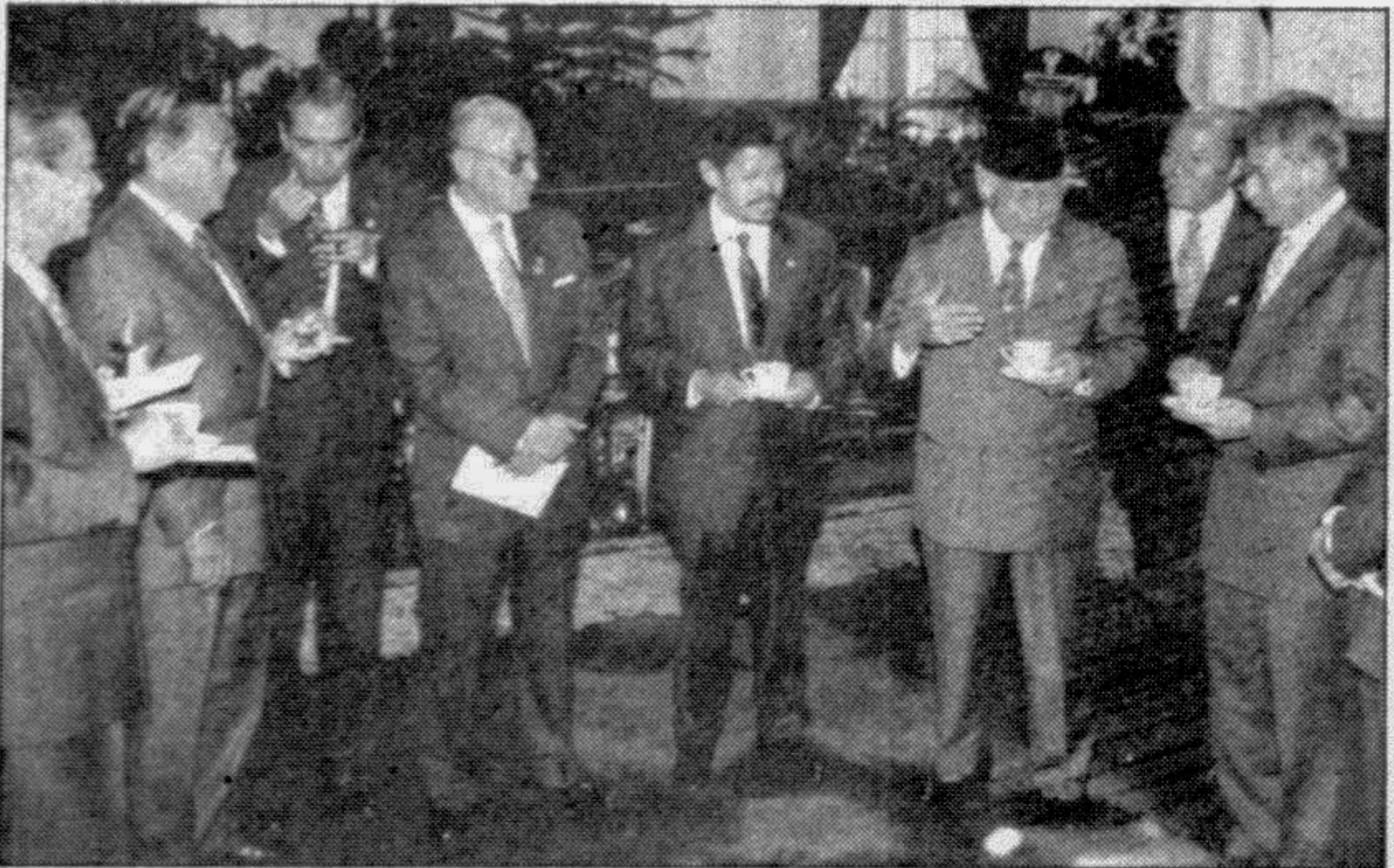
Asia to close ranks on the issue ahead of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) meeting in December.

Several ministers echoed Suharto's concerns.

Jayakumar meanwhile warned against the dangers of a "two-tier ASEAN" dividing more and less prosperous members of the grouping as it expands to include Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos by the year 2000.

The two-day meeting featured a ceremony for the admission as an observer of Myanmar, isolated by the west for its human rights record.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



Indonesia President Suharto (3rd from right) has some refreshments with the seven foreign ministers of ASEAN after the opening ceremony of the 29th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) ministerial meeting at the presidential palace in Jakarta on July 20. Foreign Ministers of the seven ASEAN countries attended the ceremony which formally opens the two-day meeting. — AFP photo

Boeing gets order for three 747-400 aircraft from Air China

WASHINGTON, July 20: The US aircraft manufacturer Boeing yesterday confirmed that it had won an order for three 747-400s worth 510 million dollars from Air China, reports AFP.

"We are honoured by Air China's strong vote of confidence in Boeing airplanes," said Boeing Vice President for Asia/Pacific sales Larry Dickenson.

"These 747-400s will contribute to Air China's growth and future success."

A Boeing statement said Air China would use the aircraft on its routes to the United States, Europe and Asia.

The airline currently operates 18 737s, 16 747s and 10 767s and the latest order takes the number of Boeing planes used by Air China to 47.

Overall, China has taken delivery of more than 250 Boeing aircraft, giving the company a 70 per cent share of the Chinese market.

The sale was reported earlier Friday by the China Daily newspaper, which said the first 747s would be delivered in May and June next year, the third in July 1998.

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Exchange Rates

Sonali Bank

The following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies with Bangladesh Taka as on July 20, '96.

Selling	T.T. & O.D.		Buying	
	T.T.	O.D.	T.T.	O.D.
USD 1 B.T.K.	42.0615	42.1015	41.7650	41.6075
GBP 1 B.T.K.	65.2234	65.2854	64.2375	63.9953
DM 1 B.T.K.	28.4333	28.4603	27.9388	27.8334
FRF 1 B.T.K.	8.3914	8.3994	8.2453	8.2142
CAD 1 B.T.K.	30.9344	30.9638	30.3995	30.2849
SFR 1 B.T.K.	34.7887	34.8218	34.1857	34.0568
JYEN 1 B.T.K.	0.2938	0.2942	0.2831	0.2816

A) T.T. (DOC) spot buying Taka 41.6862

B) Usance export bill buying rates (B. Taka for one unit of US Dollar).

30 Days DA	60 Days DA	90 Days DA	120 Days DA	180 Days DA
40.3357	40.9877	40.6397	40.2916	39.5955

C) US Dollar sight export bill 3 months forward purchase: Same as O.D. sight export bill. Indicative rates (B. Taka for one unit of foreign currency).

Currency	Selling		Buying	
	T.T. & O.D.	O.D. Transfer	O.D. Transfer	O.D. Transfer
Saudi Riyal	1=	Tk 11.2155	11.0677	
UAE Dirham	1=	Tk 11.4522	11.3015	
Kuwaiti Dinar	1=	Tk 140.3453	138.3717	
D. Guider	1=	Tk 25.2728	24.9348	
S. Krona	1=	Tk 6.3469	6.2592	
Malaysian Ringgit	1=	Tk 16.9180	16.6934	
Singapore Dollar	1=	Tk 29.7065	29.2974	

Janata Bank

The following are the dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies with Bangladesh Taka as on July 20, '96.

Selling	T.T. & O.D.		Buying	
	T.T.	O.D.	T.T.	O.D.
US Dollar	42.0620	42.1150	41.7660	41.6072
G.B. Pound	65.2286	65.3059	64.2434	63.9782
D.M.	28.4321	28.4657	27.9414	27.8260
F. Franc	8.3911	8.4010	8.2460	8.2120
J.P. Yen	0.2945	0.2949	0.2850	0.2834
C. Dollar	30.9330	30.9666	30.4023	30.2768
S. Franc	34.7873	34.8284	34.1889	34.0477

Janata Bank's selling and buying rates in cash currency for public:

	US DLR	G.B.P.	S.Riyal	UAE DH	Kuwait Dinar
Selling	42.6500	65.2286	11.2500	11.3000	138.0000
Buying	41.9500	62.9786	10.8500	10.9000	133.0000

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels As On 20.7.1996									
Berth	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L. Port	Local Agent	Date of Leaving				
J/1	An Da	C Clink	Sing	MEL	2/7	23/7			
J/2	Banglar Shobha	Wheat (G)	Sing	Lams	R/A	2/7			
J/3	Acor	GI (Copro)	Quel	ESL	15/7	23/7			
J/4	Gios	GI (Steel)	Mumb	Cross	15/7	22/7			
J/6	Oceah-1	GI (Logs)	Yang	Cross	16/7	22/7			
J/7	Banglar Asha	Wheat (G)	Lams	R/A	24/7	24/7			
J/8	Eastern Mars	GI	Busa	Prog	16/7	20/7			
CCT/1	Padma	Cont	Sing	RSL	19/7	22/7			
CCT/2	Qe Teal	Cont	Sing	QCSL	17/7	20/7			
CCT/3	Fong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDSHP	16/7	21/7			
GSJ	Fortune Star	Repair	Kali	Eastwest	6/7	25/7			
TSP	Taeschorn	Wheat (G)	K. Dia	Lams	R/A				
DD	Fong Shin	Repair	Anna	PSA	15/6	22/7			
DD/1	Tanary Star	Repair	Sing	BDSHP	30/6	25/7			
RM/8	Sea World	Repair	Para	PSAL	R/A	20/7			
RM/9	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	Litmond	ISC	R/A	23/7			
SM-10	Tug Britol-16	Repair	Kali	Yama	13/7				
CUFLJ	Zalco Sharif	Urea	Ctg	Syacom	19/7	24/7			
Kaiko (A)	Blue North	Cement	Ctg	PSAL	3/6	30/7			

Vessels Due At Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of Last Port Arrival	Local Call	Cargo Agent	Loading Port
Alfar Ace	20/7	Sing	BEA	GI (7 Vch)
Banglar Robi	20/7	Sing	ESC	Cont
Tug Natuna Tiger	20/7	Sing	Bxnam	Empty
Palvia	20/7	Sing	H&H	Scraping
Meng Kiat	21/7	Sing	AML	Cont
Banglar Gourab	21/7	Sing	ESC	Cont
Joiter Dorcas	21/7	Sing	BEA	GI
Joint Star	21/7	Sing	Prog	GI
Tia (Estela)	22/7	P Kel	Oil	GI
Shionon	22/7	Sing	BDSHP	Cont
Daesong	22/7	Sing	BEA	GI/Rice(P)
Green Island	22/7	Para	Kama	GI
Banglar Kiron	22/7	B.A.H	ESC	GI
Kota Binting	22/7	Sing	PIL (B)	Cont
Aries	24/7	Sing	RSL	Cont
Jaguar	22/7	Col	Everett	Spl Cargo
Juang Cheng	23/7	Sing	BDSHP	GI
Qui Jiang	23/7	Sing	BDSHP	GI
Meng Yang	24/7	Sing	AML	Cont
Susak	25/7	Col	Baridhi	Cont
Singapore	23/7	Sing	RSL	Cont
Angerli R	24/7	Sing	ANCL	GI
H-Star	25/7	Sing	Rainbow	M Seeds
Eurasian Chariot	25/7	Sing	Oil	Vehicles
Banglar Mont	25/7	Sing	ESC	Cont
Sintra	25/7	Sing	PIL (B)	Cont
Oranek Sky	25/7	Sing	BEA	Vehicles
Brighton	26/7	Sing	BEA	GI
Kota Berjaya	29/7	Sing	PIL (B)	Cont
Satin Hero	4/8	Sing	BEA	GI
Sea Elegance	10/8	Sing	PIL (B)	Cont

Vessels At Kutubdia

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Alfar Ace	Cont	Sing	BEA	18/7
Banglar Robi	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Tug Natuna Tiger	Empty	Sing	Bxnam	18/7
Palvia	Scraping	Sing	H&H	18/7
Meng Kiat	Cont	Sing	AML	18/7
Banglar Gourab	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Joiter Dorcas	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Joint Star	GI	Sing	Prog	18/7
Tia (Estela)	Oil	Sing	P Kel	18/7
Shionon	Cont	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Daesong	GI/Rice(P)	Sing	BEA	18/7
Green Island	GI	Sing	Kama	18/7
Banglar Kiron	GI	Sing	ESC	18/7
Kota Binting	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Aries	Cont	Sing	RSL	18/7
Jaguar	Spl Cargo	Sing	Everett	18/7
Juang Cheng	GI	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Qui Jiang	GI	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Meng Yang	Cont	Sing	AML	18/7
Susak	Cont	Sing	Baridhi	18/7
Singapore	Cont	Sing	RSL	18/7
Angerli R	GI	Sing	ANCL	18/7
H-Star	M Seeds	Sing	Rainbow	18/7
Eurasian Chariot	Vehicles	Sing	Oil	18/7
Banglar Mont	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Sintra	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Oranek Sky	Vehicles	Sing	BEA	18/7
Brighton	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Kota Berjaya	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Satin Hero	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Sea Elegance	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7

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Alfar Ace	Cont	Sing	BEA	18/7
Banglar Robi	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Tug Natuna Tiger	Empty	Sing	Bxnam	18/7
Palvia	Scraping	Sing	H&H	18/7
Meng Kiat	Cont	Sing	AML	18/7
Banglar Gourab	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Joiter Dorcas	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Joint Star	GI	Sing	Prog	18/7
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Shionon	Cont	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Daesong	GI/Rice(P)	Sing	BEA	18/7
Green Island	GI	Sing	Kama	18/7
Banglar Kiron	GI	Sing	ESC	18/7
Kota Binting	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Aries	Cont	Sing	RSL	18/7
Jaguar	Spl Cargo	Sing	Everett	18/7
Juang Cheng	GI	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Qui Jiang	GI	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Meng Yang	Cont	Sing	AML	18/7
Susak	Cont	Sing	Baridhi	18/7
Singapore	Cont	Sing	RSL	18/7
Angerli R	GI	Sing	ANCL	18/7
H-Star	M Seeds	Sing	Rainbow	18/7
Eurasian Chariot	Vehicles	Sing	Oil	18/7
Banglar Mont	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Sintra	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Oranek Sky	Vehicles	Sing	BEA	18/7
Brighton	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Kota Berjaya	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Satin Hero	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Sea Elegance	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7

Vessels Awaiting Instruction

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Alfar Ace	Cont	Sing	BEA	18/7
Banglar Robi	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Tug Natuna Tiger	Empty	Sing	Bxnam	18/7
Palvia	Scraping	Sing	H&H	18/7
Meng Kiat	Cont	Sing	AML	18/7
Banglar Gourab	Cont	Sing	ESC	18/7
Joiter Dorcas	GI	Sing	BEA	18/7
Joint Star	GI	Sing	Prog	18/7
Tia (Estela)	Oil	Sing	P Kel	18/7
Shionon	Cont	Sing	BDSHP	18/7
Daesong	GI/Rice(P)	Sing	BEA	18/7
Green Island	GI	Sing	Kama	18/7
Banglar Kiron	GI	Sing	ESC	18/7
Kota Binting	Cont	Sing	PIL (B)	18/7
Aries	Cont	Sing	RSL	18/7
Jaguar	Spl Cargo	Sing	Everett	18/7
Juang Cheng	GI	Sing	BDSHP	18/7