

Menon meets PM

Worker's Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon and Politbureau member Haider Akbar Khan Rono yesterday made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Ganobhaban residence in the city, reports BSS.

They exchanged views on various socio-economic aspects and political situation in the country.

Awami League Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan was also present.

Hasina greets Palestinians

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has greeted the Palestinians on the occasion of the 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People' to be observed today, reports UNB.

"Since the 32nd UNGA session, this day has been observed faithfully to reaffirm solidarity with our Palestinian brethren and to remind the interna-

tional community of its responsibilities in achieving a just and equitable solution to the problem of our Palestinian brethren," said the Prime Minister in a message on Saturday.

She expressed the hope and expectation that the Wye river accord, which Bangladesh welcomed as a step forward in the Middle East peace process, will be fully implemented.

What's on today

Nat'l seminar: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) has organised a national seminar on 'National Security of Bangladesh in the Twenty First Century'. Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria. Venue: BISS auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

Talk: English Department of Darul Ihsan University has organised a talk on 'Development of Human Resources in Bangladesh'. Keynote speaker: Prof MN Alam. Venue: House No: 25, Rd No: 9A, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:30 am.

UNAB symposium: United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a symposium in observance of 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People'. Keynote speaker: Ambassador of Palestine Mohammad Shahta Zarab. Venue: Hotel Razmoni Isha Kha, Kakrail. Time: 5:30 pm.

CIRDAP meet: The 14th meeting of CIRDAP Technical Committee begins today. Delegates from 13 member-countries of CIRDAP, member representatives from IDRC, AIT, BIRD and observers from ANGO, CIRDAFRICA, UNICEF, ILO and other national and international agencies will attend. Venue: CIRDAP Headquarters, Chameli House, 17 Tophkhana Road. Time: 10 am.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, said the Met Office.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.3 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and Teknaf and the lowest of 15.8 degree Celsius at Satkhira.

The sun sets today at 5:10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:24 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.3	16.2	69	78
Chittagong	32.0	21.5	76	77
Khulna	30.0	17.4	79	77
Rajshahi	29.5	18.0	70	78
Barisal	30.0	16.6	80	86
Sylhet	31.2	18.5	70	76

LG Lucky Draw today

LG Lucky Draw '98 will be held at the Head Office of Butterfly Marketing Ltd at 71 Motijheel C/A today, says a press release.

The draw has been organised on the occasion of Mini World Cup cricket.

Matiur Rahman, Editor of the daily Pratham Alo, will be present at the ceremony as chief guest.

The company has requested the coupon-holders to be present at the function at 11 am.

Student stabbed to death in Ctg by classmate

CHITTAGONG, Nov 28: A student was stabbed to death allegedly by his classmate at Nalapara in the city on Saturday afternoon, reports UNB.

Police said Safayat Hasan Anik, a second year student of Chittagong Commerce College, was stabbed and killed by a fellow student Mohiuddin following an altercation over a cricket match.

Police later arrested Mohiuddin.

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TRANSPACIFIC SHIPPING LINES AGREE ON 1999 REVENUE PROGRAM

Ontario, Canada: November 16, 1998 - Major container shipping lines in the trade from Asia to Canada are continuing efforts to restore freight rate levels and plan for 1999 peak season operating contingencies.

Effective April 1, 1999, member carriers in the Canada Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (CTSA) said they will increase freight rates by US\$750 per 20-foot container, \$ 1,000 per standard 40-foot container (FEU), \$ 1,125 per high-cube 40-foot container, and \$ 1,266 per 45-foot container.

CTSA carriers further indicated that they will introduce a US\$300 per FEU container peak season surcharge, effective from June 1 through November 30, 1999, applicable to all shipments moving on member lines' vessels. The surcharge is intended to help recover a portion of extraordinary operating costs resulting from cargo and equipment imbalances in the trade.

A 1998 peak season surcharge of \$100 per FEU surcharge, currently in place, will expire as previously announced on November 30, 1998. A \$200 per FEU equipment repositioning charge introduced in August 1998 will remain in effect, to specifically address continuing operational difficulties associated with retrieval and positioning of empty containers back to Asia from Canadian delivery points.

"All of the forecasts we have seen suggest that the Asia's economic crisis will continue through 1999, that Asian manufacturers will continue to focus their export strategies on North America, and that the severe trade imbalances seen to date will continue," said CTSA Executive Director Albert A. Pierce.

"Carriers must have adequate resources and planning in place to make sure customers' service needs are met during a very difficult and costly market cycle."

Pierce noted that the rate increase and peak season surcharge adopted for 1998 was set and announced when the Asian crisis was still in its early stages.

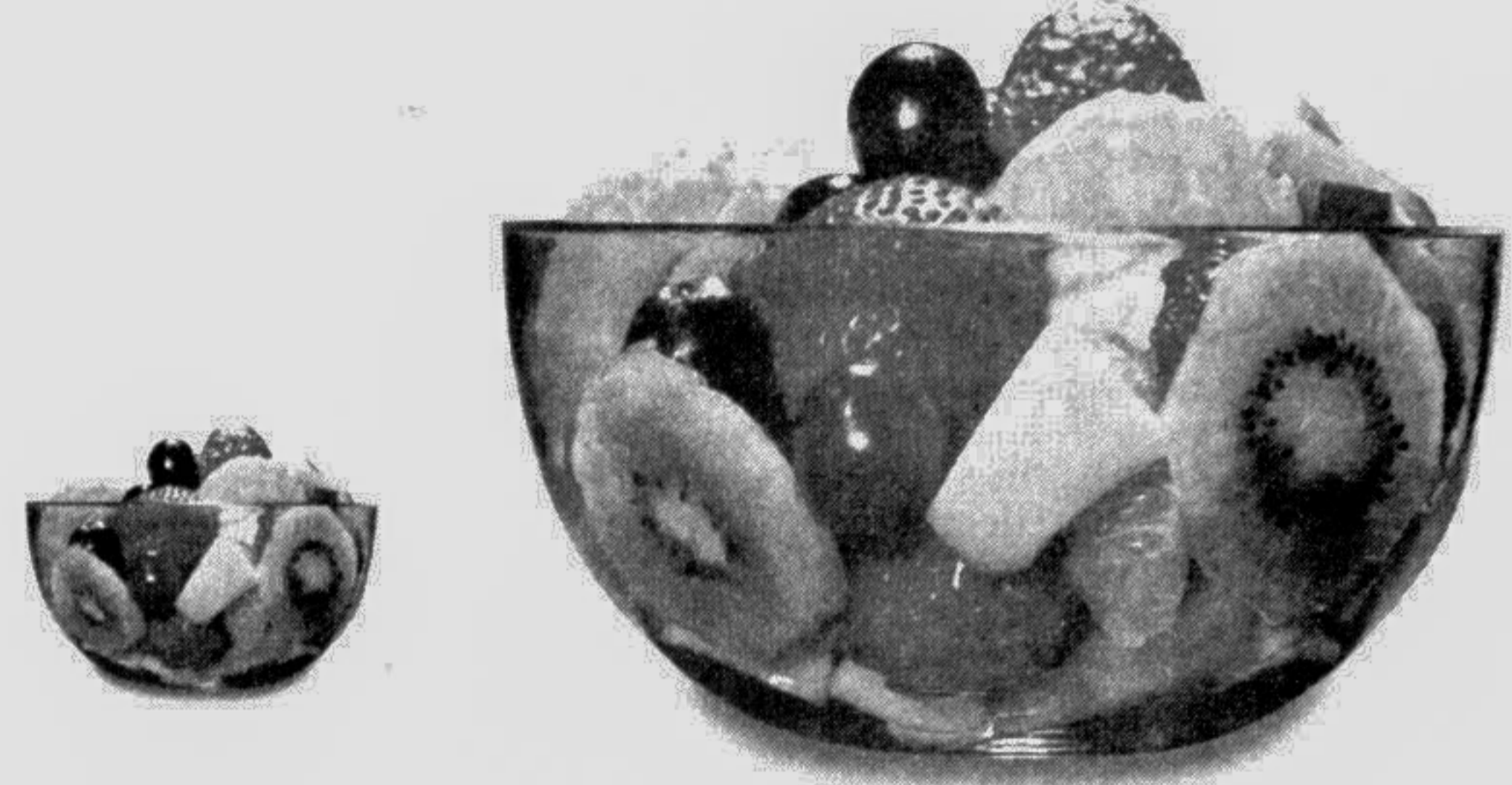
"Events in Asia have since altered round-trip carrier economics in the transpacific market dramatically," he said. "Ships are full from Asia but only 40 percent filled going back. There's no significant intra-Asia trade to contribute revenue or help balance equipment. It's a classic supply-demand situation that carriers can only address through the rate structure."

CTSA is a discussion and policy setting group of 12 ocean and intermodal carriers serving the trade from ports and inland points in Asia and the Indian Subcontinent to destinations throughout Canada.

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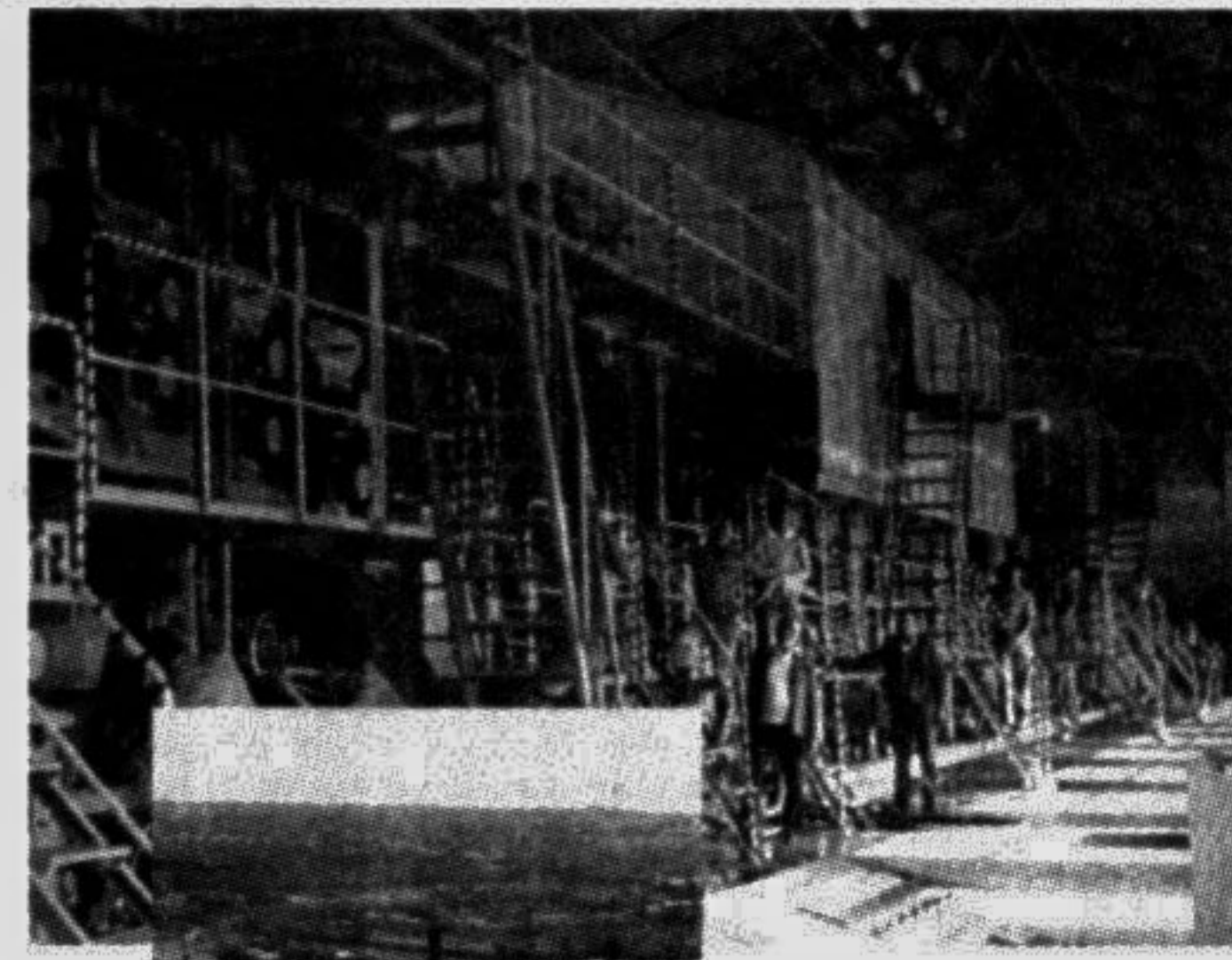
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