

IMF sees next Indonesia loan in Feb or Mar

JAKARTA, Dec 18: The International Monetary Fund will delay its next loan to Indonesia of around \$400 million possibly until February or March...

already fragile financial markets. The rupiah IDR has fallen almost 25 per cent this year because of ongoing political and economic problems...

stalling on selling stakes in two major banks which would have raised around 1.92 trillion rupiah (\$205 million). Indonesia promised to sell stakes in its largest retail bank, Bank Central Asia (BCA)...



An employee of Japan's Matsushita Electric Industrial Co Ltd, known for its Panasonic and National brands, unveils its new camcorder 'DVD DIGICAM VDR-M10'...

Japan to cut 2001 budget

TOKYO, Dec 18: Japan's finance ministry said Monday it will reduce national spending next fiscal year for the first time in six years because of lower debt repayment costs...

Debt servicing costs had fallen about 20 percent to roughly 17 trillion yen, he said, despite large-scale bond issuance by the government...

how it proposes to tackle debt levels which, at roughly 130 percent of gross domestic product, are the highest in the industrialised world. But recent worrying signs of economic slowdown could dampen the government's willingness to rein in spending...

Airbus to launch A3XX superjumbo production today

PARIS, Dec 18: The board of Airbus is expected to launch production of the A3XX superjumbo airliner on Tuesday, committing the European consortium to a 10.7-billion-dollar gamble aimed at overtaking rival Boeing and its 747 jumbo jet...

Thailand cuts its 2000 growth forecast

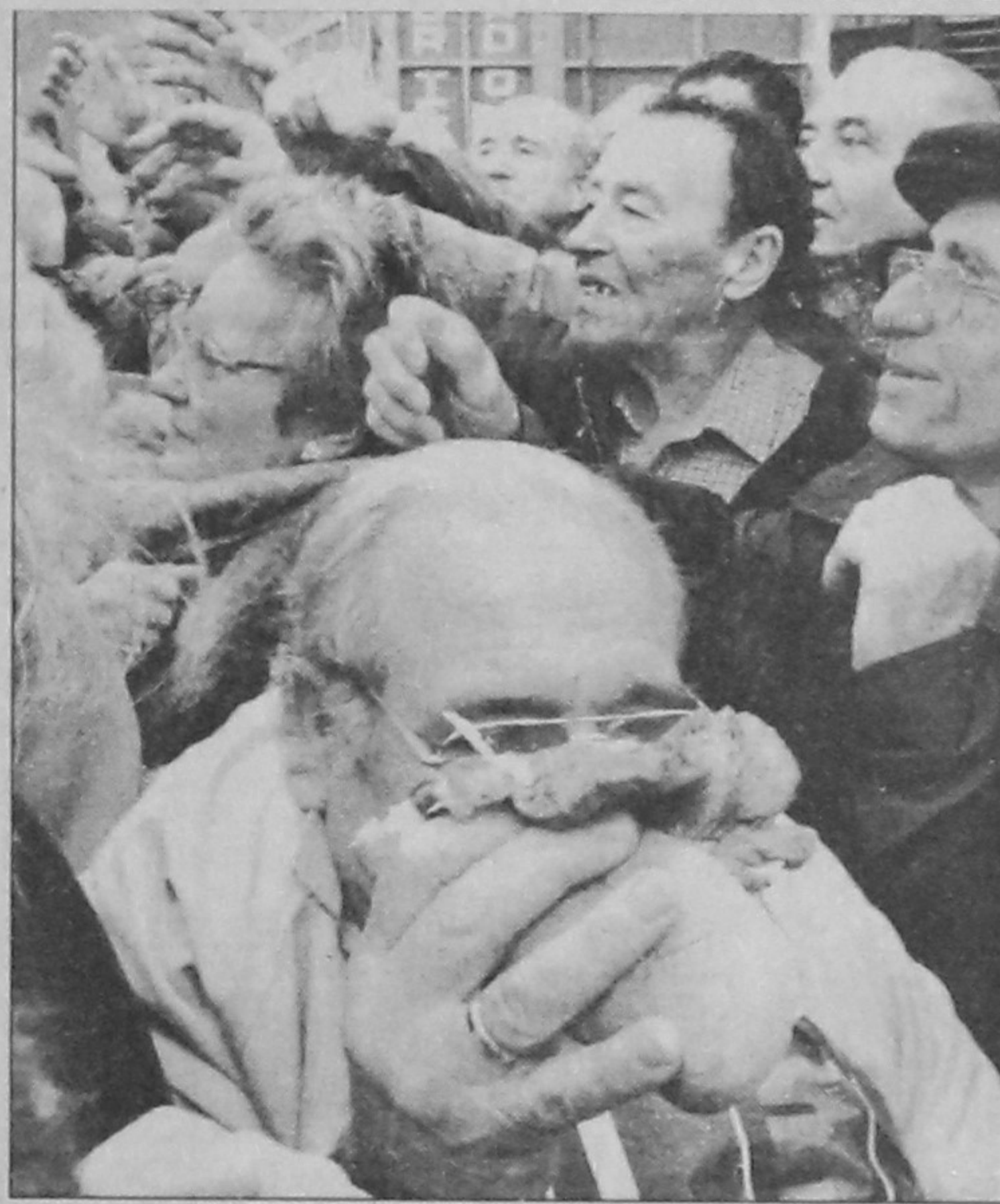
BANGKOK, Dec 18: Thailand's government think tank scaled back its forecast for full-year growth to 4.5 from five per cent today after announcing that third-quarter GDP rose just 2.6 per cent year-on-year...

per cent for the third quarter. Generally speaking, the economy has slowed down more than the market expected, said Usara Wilaipeh, economist at KGI Securities One. But the markets showed little immediate reaction to the news...

BFCC Biman Flight Catering Centre বিমান ফ্লাইট ক্যাটারিং সেন্টার. Tender Notice No 51/2000. Biman Flight Catering Centre (BFCC) invites sealed Tender from experienced supplier/contractor to supply the following items.

Taiwan to free liquor, tobacco production after WTO entry

TAIPEI, Dec 18: Taiwan will liberalise its liquor and tobacco sectors following its expected entry into the World Trade Organisation next year, local media reported today, says DPA. Private companies will be gradually allowed to start making alcohol products...



Spanish cattlemen offer sandwiches of roast beef in an attempt to reassure consumers about the quality of their meat in front of the Agriculture Ministry in Madrid at a protest yesterday...

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice. পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন. Sealed tenders are invited from class I civil licence holder contractors enlisted with Dhaka WASA under Dhaka WASA Form No-1 for the undermentioned work for the extension and rehabilitation work sewerage system project.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Sathkira. Tender Invitation Notice No 4/2000-2001. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are invited from sanitary/electrical contractors/firms of Public Works Department...

Exchange Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Selling TT & OD, Selling BC, Buying TT Clean, Buying OD Sight, Buying OD Transfer. Includes American Express Bank foreign exchange rates and US dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR).

Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollars

Table with columns: Indian Rupee, Pak Rupee, Thai Baht, Malaysian Ringgit, Indonesian Rupiah, Korean Won.

Amex notes on Monday's market

The inter-bank USD/BDT market was very active Monday. The USD/BDT rate ranged between 53.950 and 53.9550. The call money market was also very active. The average call rate ranged from 9 to 9.25 per cent.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong port. The following are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Table with columns: Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, Date of Leaving Call, Date of Arrival.

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage

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

Tanker Due

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

Vessels at Kutubdia

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

Vessels at Outer Anchorage

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

Vessels Not Ready

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

Vessels Not Entering

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

Movement of Vessels for 19/12/2000

Table with columns: Outgoing, Incoming, Shifting.