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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA)
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CR-424-BD-1 A credit of $4.1 million equivalent from the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA) will assist in the rehabilitation of an important mode of transport in Bangladesh — inland water transport. Because of the 1971 events, the role of this mode of transport has been greatly increased.

The numerous natural waterways of Bangladesh provide an ideal setting for water transport operations, both local and arterial. The total arterial route system operated perennially is about 3,200 miles. During the wet season, this increases to about 5,000 miles. Most traffic in people and goods moves by water, primarily in more than 300,000 privately owned non-motorized vessels. There are five principal public sector institutions dealing with inland water transport: the Inland Water Transport Authority, Chittagong Port Trust, the Inland Water Transport Corporation, the Engineering and Shipbuilding Corporation, and the Chuna Port Directorate. The first four agencies will be assisted by the IDA credit.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on August 10, 1973, were, from left to right: Mr. A.M.A. Muhith, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Bangladesh; Mr. S.R. Sen, Executive Director of IDA for Bangladesh; Dr. Faruq Asiz Khan, Counselor, Embassy of Bangladesh; Mr. Maryv L. Weiner, Projects Department Director of IDA; and Mr. Jochen Kraske, Division Chief, South Asia Department of IDA.

Photo: Edwin G. Huffman for IDA
On August 10, 1973, the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, made a credit to Bangladesh in the amount of $4.1 million equivalent to assist in the rehabilitation of an important mode of transport in Bangladesh — inland water transport.

On October 17, 1975, this credit was increased by $4.6 million. The numerous natural waterways of Bangladesh provide an ideal setting for water transport operations, both local and arterial. The total arterial route system operated perennially is about 3,200 miles. During the wet season, this increases to about 5,000 miles. Most traffic in people and goods moves by water, primarily in more than 300,000 privately owned non-motorized vessels. There are five principal public sector institutions dealing with inland water transport: the Inland Water Transport Authority, Chittagong Port Trust, the Inland Water Transport Corporation, the Engineering and Shipbuilding Corporation, and the Chalna Port Directorate. The first four agencies will be assisted by the IDA credit.

Among those present at the signing of the credit amendment documents were, seated from left to right: Mr. Md. Matiul Islam, Alternate Executive Director of WORLD BANK for Islam; His Excellency M.R. Siddiqi, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States; and Mr. Ernest Stern, Vice President, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK.

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Men at shipyard working with machinery.

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Men building boat.

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Man unloading cargo from ship

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Man throwing fishing net into irrigation pond.

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Schoolboys.

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Coal workers carrying coal on heads to deliver to shipyard.

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Men at shipyard working on machinery.

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Welder at shipyard.

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Pragoti truck factory.

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Pragoti truck factory.

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Water pumps being made at shipyard.

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Water pumps being made at shipyard.

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Water pumps being made at shipyard.

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Planting rice.

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Rice production in the northwestern region of Bangladesh is being increased by 40,000 tons as a result of the installation of 10,000 shallow tubewells.

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Planting rice.

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Harvesting rice.

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Harvesting rice.

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D-424-BD-21 Woman holding fish.

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