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CR-1042-BD The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit of $11 million for an afforestation project in Bangladesh. The $17.2 million project involves the planting of 100,000 acres of mangrove trees over five years with suitable strengthening of the supporting services, including research. It will continue and expand the Government's mangrove plantation program in the coastal districts of Chittagong, Noakhali, Patuakhali, and Barisal. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 80/96)

CR-1044-BD The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit of $25 million to help finance the import of fertilizer and fertilizer raw materials (rock phosphate and sulfur), to assist in meeting farmers' increasing demand for fertilizer and the Government's efforts to increase production of food and other agricultural products. The credit will contribute to meeting Bangladesh's objectives of achieving food self-sufficiency and creating employment in the rural areas. (Refer to IDA News Release No. 80/99)

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on June 27, 1980, were, seated from left to right: Mr. M. Syeduz-Zaman, Alternate Executive Director of WORLD BANK/IDA for Bangladesh; Mr. Abidur Rahman, Economic Minister, Bangladesh Embassy; and Mr. W. David Hopper, Vice President, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK/IDA.

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