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ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SUDAN

Egypt and the Sudan are negotiating a fresh trade protocol abolishing custom duties and stepping up the volume of trade, the Sudanese Trade and Cooperation Minister Farouk Al-Magboul said recently.

The Minister, who is currently visiting Egypt, told a press conference that technical committees are revising the procedure and implementation prior to conclusion of the accord.

TRADE WITH JORDAN

Egypt and Jordan have signed an agreement that considers the March 1978 trade protocol as effective. The agreement, which includes a clause calling for payment for commodities in convertible currencies, revives the 1978 protocol.

According to the Cairo press, the two sides agreed to convene the joint Egyptian-Jordanian committee to meet within six months to discuss implementation of the protocol.

EGYPT, RUSSIA SIGN PROTOCOL

Egypt and the Soviet Union have signed a protocol for cooperation in the field of development of fisheries and export of fish, Al Ahram newspaper reported.

The newspaper said that according to the protocol, the Soviet Union will export to Egypt 26,000 tons of frozen fish before the end of 1983. The protocol also includes programmes for training of Egyptians in fishing operations in the Soviet Union, expanding fisheries and buying Soviet fishing equipment.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA

Egypt, Yugoslavia and India have renewed for a further five years a tripartite agreement on trade and economic cooperation, according to officials in Belgrade. The agreement, first signed in 1968, covers cooperation in customs regulations, industry, science, technology, shipping, banking, tourism and insurance.

WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Tenders have been invited for a water improvement contract forming part of the Beheira provincial water supply project. Work for the contract (number 2) includes network mapping, leak detection, repairing and relaying pipelines and valves, installing bulk meters, repairing and building stand-pipes, preparing network drawings and providing technical advisers. The contract is one of about 30, some of which have already been awarded.

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