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Case No. 227

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, EASTMAN KODAK INTERNATIONAL SALES COMPANY and KODAK (NEAR EAST) INC.,

Claimants,

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, RANGIRAN PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES CO. (P.J.S.C.), BANK MELLI, BANK SEPAH, IRANO-BRITISH BANK and BANK MARKAZI IRAN,

Respondents;

Case No. 12384

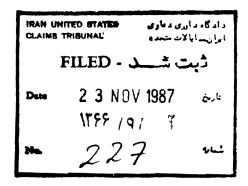
EASTMAN KODAK INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL COMPANY, INC., a claim of less than U.S.\$250,000 presented by THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

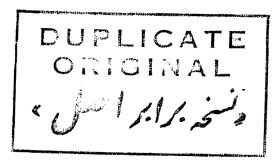
Claimant,

and

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN,

Respondent.





The following correction is hereby made to the English version of this Opinion filed on 11 November 1987:

- 1. At paragraph 21, line 9, the word "to" is deleted.
- 2. A copy of the corrected page is attached.

Dated, The Hague 23 November 1987

Charles N. Brower

21. The Award relies in this respect first on the fact that legal title to Claimants' shares in Rangiran "was unaffected by Iran's interference." (Para. 58.) This simply is saying there was no transfer, i.e., no expropriation, which is beside the point so far as a deprivation is concerned. Second, the majority "has attached particular importance" to the Claimants' decisions "to liquidate and to declare Rangiran bankrupt" much after the events claimed to have constituted the deprivation. The fact that Claimants may have managed ultimately to arrange a decent burial for their defunct enterprise, however, should not absolve accused of killing it. 12 I would at least have left it open

Financial statements submitted showed that Rangiran, while initially experiencing net losses, nevertheless maintained a healthy ratio of current assets to current liabilities, and always had the ability to meet its obligations as they came due. Projections performed by Rangiran in late 1978 suggested that the company would start earning a profit beginning in 1979. While in light of the severe economic and social disruptions which began in November 1978 -- concurrently with Rangiran's fiscal year 1979 -- the projections were not met, sales were nevertheless substantial, and in the second quarter of 1979 (1 February - 30 April) the company indeed showed a profit of \$1.6 million, confirming the improving situation of the company and Claimant's expectations of its future profitability.

¹² It is conceded that in fiscal year ending 31 October 1978, the first full year of its operations, Rangiran had sales of \$13.2 million, and that even for fiscal year 1979, during the most intense period of revolutionary disruption, and while the company was still controlled by Claimants, Rangiran succeeded in making total sales of \$11.6 million. In 1980, however, following Iran's "measures," despite a more stable political and social situation in Iran, sales plummeted to but a fraction, i.e., \$0.39 million. Thus once Iran interfered with Rangiran it deteriorated from a thriving concern to annual gross sales less even than the balance of its outstanding debts to Claimants. It is small wonder that such results eventually led Claimants to attempt to liquidate Rangiran and later to declare it bankrupt.