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backbone of the economy, providing the main source of foreign exchange earnings which in turn is essential for the continued importation of capital goods and services. Improvement in living conditions is a dominant feature of the development policy, which expenditure on education, public utilities, health care, improved housing, mass media and cultural facilities taking priority. Industrial development is directed at widening the productive base of the economy through the establishment of natural gas based and other manufacturing industries. This book documents the twin developments of economic and social advancement."--Bloomsbury Publishing.
