



Spot not on the map

You are unlikely to find Jiwani in your atlas. A small fishing village, it lies in rugged, waterless country on the coast of West Pakistan, 40 miles from the Iranian border and 350 air miles from Karachi. Roads are mere sand tracks and the only approach is by sea or air.

Air? Yes, Jiwani has an airfield. True, today's airliners seldom use it, except in emergency; but to smaller aircraft of limited range flying through to the Far East it is an essential staging point.

Life at the base is lonely and spartan. Water is rationed and food is sparse. Communications are poor. There is an irregular coastal launch service from Karachi and once a month a Dakota of Pakistan International Airlines flies in supplies and relief staff. Mail comes via Gwadar 65 miles away by runner or camel. How welcome are the visitors who land to fuel!

To keep Jiwani supplied with aviation fuel is far from easy. But Burmah-Shell takes care of that. Supplies are shipped from Karachi in "country craft" which are run aground at high tide and the drums off-loaded by plank ramps to the shore. The trip takes 8-10 days, but for 4 months the monsoon makes sailing well nigh impossible.

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