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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Biswas, Khaleda shocked

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has expressed deep shock at the devastating hurricanes that struck Florida and Louisiana recently inflicting heavy loss of life and property. The President conveyed sympathies and condolences at this human tragedy in a message sent to the US President George Bush on September 3. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also expressed her grief. At the tragic loss of life and property caused by the devastating hurricanes that struck Florida and Louisiana recently, in a message to President Bush, Begum Zia conveyed her deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the people affected by this natural calamity. reports BSS.

### Speaker goes to Sweden tomorrow

A four-member parliamentary delegation will attend the 8th conference of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) that begins in Stockholm on September 5. The delegation led by Speaker Sheikh Razaque Ali will leave Dhaka for Sweden on Saturday (August 5). Chief Whip Khondoker Delwar Hossain, Col (Rtd) Shaukat Ali MP and Abul Hashem, Secretary, Parliamentary Secretariat are the other members attending the five-day conference. reports UNB.

### Nizami leaves for US

Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and parliamentary party leader of Jamaat Moulana Muttar Rahman Nizami left Dhaka on Wednesday for the United States to attend a conference of the Islamic Society of North America. The Jamaat leader will also visit Canada, England, Germany, France and Italy. He is accompanied by Abu Naser, a central working committee member of the party. reports BSS.

## That's not my job, says Ghali

# NAM demands abolition of Big Five's veto rights

JAKARTA, Sept 3: The Non-Aligned Movement has demanded that the powers of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council be trimmed to allow developing nations a greater voice in running the world body. reports AP.

"The composition of the Security Council may (have been) justified in the immediate post World War II period. It cannot be justified now," said Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed at the movement's week-long summit meeting, in its third day Thursday.

"It represents disregard for democracy in international affairs," he said.

Developing nations make up two-thirds of the UN membership, while veto power is held by the five permanent Security Council members, the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China.

President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran called for the abolition of the permanent members' veto power and criticized what he saw as domination by the United States over the United Nations.

Their view was echoed by

other leaders of the Non-aligned Movement, which consists of 108 mostly poor developing states, including Indonesia, Tanzania and Cambodia.

Zimbabwe President Robert G Mugabe said the permanent members had either a "monopoly of power" or "historical privilege" that should be "abolished through a democratization process."

Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao said that the Security Council could be strengthened by enlarging it and that the General Assembly should be given more power.

The Council's decisions were weighted in favour of the powerful industrial countries of the so-called North, said delegates of several countries, according to AFP.

Cuban Vice-President Juan Almeida Bosque said the United Nations was being used by the big powers to "impose particular political and economic models and designs" on developing nations.

"Non-aligned countries cannot remain passive towards efforts directed at involving the Security Council more and more in issues and actions," he said.

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## NAM to achieve its goal, hopes PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today expressed her optimism that the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) would play a dynamic role to achieve the goal of establishing a more equitable political and economic order in the world. reports BSS.

In an interview with the Indonesian National Television tonight the Bangladesh Prime Minister referred to economic problems facing the developing countries and said they should go for interval reforms to attain self-reliance.

Begum Zia also underlined the need for continuing the North-South negotiations to obtain a better deal from the developed countries side by side with strengthening the South-South cooperation.

She thanked Indonesian President Soeharto for assuming the Chairmanship of NAM and hoped NAM under his leadership would be revitalized in the changed global scenario for achieving the objectives of the movement.

Begum Zia said Bangladesh was one of the first few countries which supported Indonesia's chairmanship of NAM and assured her country's all-out support and cooperation to president Soeharto in leading the movement.

On Bangladesh's foreign policy, Begum Zia said her country always followed a very positive and comprehensive foreign policy based on the Principles of Panchasheila to have friendship with all and

malice towards none.

The Prime Minister, replying to a question, said Bangladesh enjoyed an excellent bilateral relations with Indonesia both politically and economically.

She said Bangladesh and Indonesia had been cooperating and coordinating their activities in different international forums including NAM, Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and the United Nations.

Begum Zia said economic and technical cooperation in the fields of agriculture, family planning and oil exploration had been mutually beneficial to both the countries and were serving as models of South-South cooperation.

She said the formation of Joint Economic Commission and establishment of air services between the two countries would further strengthen the relations of the two countries.

On family planning, the Prime Minister said Bangladesh would try to learn the experience of lowering the birth rate by sending family planning personnel and ulema to Indonesia. In this regard she referred to Indonesia's success in motivating women and ulema to contain population boom. Both Bangladesh and Indonesia are densely populated countries.

Begum Zia said that she could manage time for her family despite her busy official life.

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PLO chief Yasser Arafat (centre) takes time off for a photo with staff and liaison officers after a long day of speeches at the 10th NAM summit Thursday. — AFP photo

## Rao-Sharif talks: No headway on Kashmir

JAKARTA, Sept 3: India and Pakistan today pledged to reduce tensions and continue talks on contentious issues including the disputed Kashmir state over which they have fought two wars, their officials said, reports AFP.

The undertaking came at a 75-minute meeting here between Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Pakistani Premier Nawaz Sharif.

The two Prime Ministers met along without aides and

Rao emerged from the talks to tell newsmen that despite recent setbacks, the dialogue was well worth the effort although it might not yield immediate results.

Nawaz said he looked forward to continued discussion of all issues affecting bilateral ties.

"As usual we also discussed the Kashmir issue among other issues. Of course there is this urge to resolve the issue," he said.

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## Ratan Sen Murder Khulna BNP man arrested from capital

By Staff Correspondent

Shahruzzaman Mortaza, a Khulna district leader of the BNP, was arrested in the capital Thursday in connection with the murder of Ratan Sen. officials said.

They said that a team of CID police arrested Mortaza, Joint Secretary of the Khulna city unit of the BNP, from Tophkhana Road near the High Court in Dhaka at about 12 noon.

Mortaza was being questioned by the CID in connection with the murder of CPB

leader Ratan Sen, they added.

Sen, a septuagenarian leader of the CPB in Khulna, was stabbed to death in broad daylight by a group of assailants in front of the Khulna Collectorate Building, July 31.

Our Staff Correspondent in Khulna reports: With the arrest of the BNP leader, the total number of arrests in connection with the murder stands at 12.

Those arrested earlier were: Prof Nurul Islam of Sec Page 12 Col 3

## CHT leaders propose representative admn

RANGAMATI, Sept 3: An all-party meeting sponsored by the government made comprehensive recommendations for resolving the longstanding problems of Chittagong Hill Tracts, troubled by tribal insurgency. reports UNB.

The two-day meeting of tribal and local political leaders and elite with a committee constituted by the government and headed by Communications Minister Oli Ahmed ended here today recommending the following measures.

It stressed that representative administration be introduced in all tiers of the local government for fulfilling longfelt demand of the CHT people to ensure their participation in the development process of the rugged region.

The portions of the Hill Tracts Manual 1900 which are applicable for the present situation should be embodied to the Local Government Act. Only a single act should guide the local government system after the modifications, the meeting suggested.

It was also agreed in the meeting that arrangements be made to ensure rehabilitation of the tribal refugees after their return home.

The tribals have taken shelter in camps in India amidst trouble in the three hill districts, tormented by subversive activities by Shantibahini gunmen.

There should be a specific rehabilitation programme on the basis of understanding for resolving the problems arising

out of new settlements in the hill areas, the meeting agreed.

An appropriate survey should be conducted by a high-level committee to resolve land disputes and rehabilitation be arranged for the people affected by construction of the Kaptai dam, considered one of the main factors of insurgency.

The meeting further suggested that plans be formulated to ensure existence and development of all minority nationalities in the region under the greater national integrity. There should be freedom of opinion for all.

It resolved that Hill Tracts quota for government jobs be introduced (for all the CHT inhabitants) alongside the existing tribal quota.

There will be afforestation in the region without affecting human habitats, the meeting agreed.

The steps taken for CHT should be given constitutional recognition to ensure their implementation, according to resolution of the meeting.

The meeting on resolution of the problems of CHT was attended, among others, by Chakma Raja Debashish Roy, former Presidential Adviser BK Dewan, former Chairman of Rangamati Local Government Parishad Gautam Dewan, Chairman and councillors of the Local Government Parishads of three hill districts, the three tribal MPs and district leaders of BNP, Awami League, Jamaat-e-Islami, Juba Union.

## Stop press Thousands killed in Afghan floods

KABUL, Sept 3: At least 3,000 people are feared dead after flash floods caused by heavy rain devastated numerous Afghan villages, mine-clearance workers reported today. reports AFP.

Reuter adds: Flash floods in the Afghan Hindu Kush mountains north of Kabul have killed more than 450 people and at least 500 were missing, government officials and British aid workers said today.

Torrents of mud and boulders swept down two river valleys early today, burying hundreds of houses under a tidal wave up to nine meters (30 feet) high. Britain's Halo Trust said.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said 50 bodies had been found.

"With the floods striking at 3 am most people were swept away or trapped in the mud," the Halo Trust said.

## Menon undergoes second surgery

Rashed Khan Menon was last night taken into operation theatre at London King's College Hospital for opening his body after detection of pus. reports UNB.

A message received by his Workers' Party said Menon was taken into OT at around 10 pm (BST). It will take about four hours to complete the second operation on the wounded MP.

Earlier on Wednesday doctors feared that his liver might again need operation if haematoma is detected in it.

He was first operated upon at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka after he was shot and injured critically by unknown gunmen August 17 evening in front of his party office.

His liver and lungs needed repair.

Then Menon was flown to London for better treatment.

## People's aspiration shattered by BNP misrule, says Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought all-out cooperation from people of all sections and professions to establish democracy as an institution and improve the economic condition of the common man. reports UNB.

"We want to make the hard won democracy meaningful for the vast majority of the people," she said adding "Implementation of democratic norms in all spheres of national life can ensure a developed society".

The Awami League President was addressing the leaders of the Titas Gas Employees' Union at her parliament office Thursday morning.

Hasina criticised what she called, policy of politicisation and occupation of the ruling BNP and called for giving up this policy and mentality in the interest of true functioning of democracy.

She observed that petty party interest in running the government and politicisation of important sectors starting

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## Bank lending still low

By Inam Ahmed

The lending activities of the country's banks have not shown much improvement in the last four months despite formulation of different strategies by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) to encourage loans and advances.

The BB reduced the liquidity ratio of the banks to the central bank by one per cent in May this year in the hope that this would increase the lending capacity of the banks.

The liquidity ratio of the banks was 21 per cent before

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## 6 killed in Bogra road mishaps

From Our Correspondent

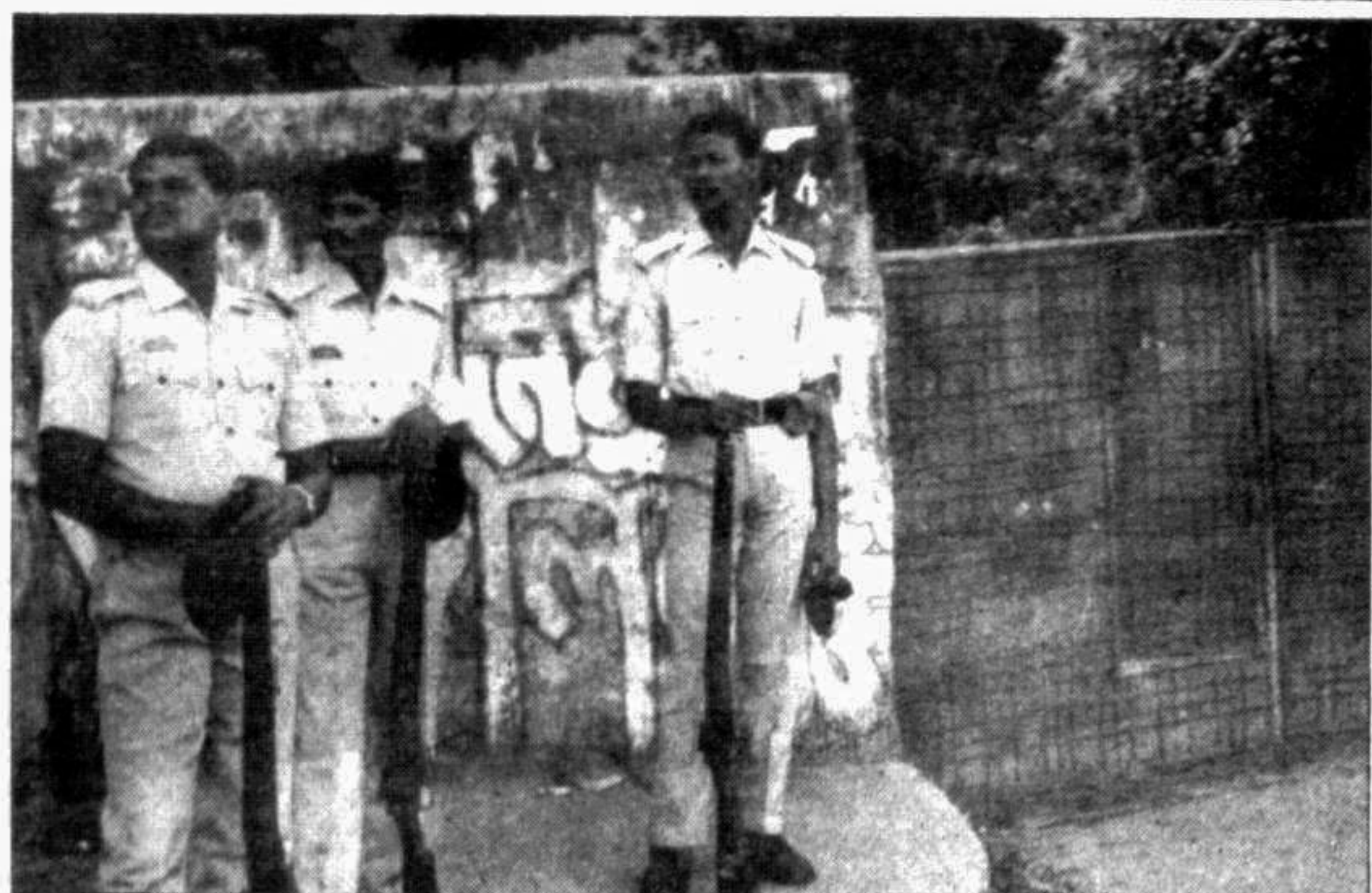
BOGRA, Sept 3: Five persons were killed and 30 others injured when a bus skidded off the road into a road side ditch at Ranirhat here today at 4 pm.

Of the dead, one was identified as Mobarak. The driver and helper of the bus are also suspected to be among the dead.

The injured, three of them seriously, have been admitted to Mohammad Ali Hospital at Bogra.

Witnesses said the bus (Bogra Ba 5005) coming from Natore to Bogra skidded off the road as the breaks failed. The bus was overspeeding at that time, they said.

UNB adds: In another incident one woman was killed and a minor girl received serious injury when a speedy truck knocked them in a rickshaw at Sherpur bus stand.



Police guarding the residence of Attorney General Aminul Huq following a death threat. — Star photo

## Uruguay Round: Dhaka's move to secure interest of LDCs

The 47 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) have renewed their political lobbying to secure the special and differential treatment for all the LDCs in the final act of Uruguay Round as the draft act does not adequately address the principal concerns and vital interests of the LDCs, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Commerce Minister M K Anwar as spokesman of the LDCs has written letters to the Commerce Ministers of 24 industrialised countries seeking their support in securing general exemption and market access for the LDCs in

the final act.

Anwar sought "all concessions on tariff and non-tariff measures agreed in the Uruguay Round on products originating from the LDCs shall be implemented for these countries in advance and without staging, and in textiles and clothing trade, all restraints on the LDCs shall be exempted from the application of transitional safeguard measures."

He said the final act, embodying the results of the Uruguay Round should provide a specific and concrete decision as per the LDCs, shall not

be required to make concessions or contributions and undertake any additional or new commitments and obligations which are inconsistent with their individual development, financial and trade needs, or beyond their administrative and institutional capabilities.

Prompted by Anwar, the Commerce Ministers of the LDCs have sent letters to their counterparts in the industrialised countries stressing the urgent need for making special concessions for the LDCs in the final act of the Uruguay Round.

The 47 LDCs, with half a billion people or 20 per cent of humanity, generate hardly 0.4 per cent of global trade in goods, which clearly testifies to the extremely marginal status of these countries.

If the global trading community does not allow a fair opportunity to the LDCs, further marginalisation of the economies of these countries would be inevitable with all the calamitous consequences. Anwar said adding Bangladesh as a member of the LDC groups seeking a freer and fairer opportunity for participating in

global trade.

Trade is increasingly being recognised as a more potent instrument of economic growth than aid and a freer trade, on fairer terms would generate more resources for development in the LDCs than official development assistance can provide. The LDC Commerce Ministers observed.

Bangladesh believes that in view of her trade, finance and development needs as well as inadequate institutional capability, and in order not to be left outside the arrangements and agreements now being fi-

nalized, the final act of Uruguay Round should incorporate a general exemption. Anwar said.

Bangladesh and all other LDCs genuinely deserve special and differential treatments, particularly in view of the fact that almost all the GATT contracting parties are negotiating or it in one area of the other and the LDCs are seeking an across the board special and differential treatment, till such time they are able to guarantee out of the LDC status, the Commerce Minister said.

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