

Confrontation over Hong Kong

A combination of suspicion, rigidity and arrogance has turned the mood in Beijing towards the administration in Hong Kong into one of confrontation...

This assurance is something of a trump card in Beijing's hand. In challenging the proposal made by the Governor, a British politician who enjoys confidence of Prime Minister John Major...

Heart Hospital with a Difference

With the setting up of the National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh, the country's first non-profit heart hospital, a long-felt demand has been fulfilled...

SOME news stories on the Middle East in recent months expose how the US news industry operates, especially its willingness to follow the administration's cues on major issues...

by John R MacArthur in the New York Times, revealed that the mysterious Nayirah is the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador to the US...

The writer relates a few incidents which prove how subservient the US news industry is to the government.

programme which reported the scandal. The court, generally not seen as liberal on issues of press freedom, did not grant the PR firm the retraction it wanted...

claimed that Deponte had not followed its peer review process; she insisted that her figures underwent the same review as all other Bureau data...

TURKEY'S leaders are engaged in a whirlwind of international diplomacy, still hoping and pushing to be accepted as a full member of the European Community (EC)...

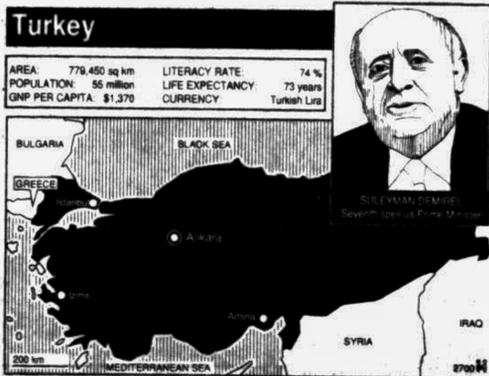
A West-weary Turkey Looks to the East

by Hazhir Teimourian

Turkey's application to join the European Community continues to be stalled by the West. But with the fastest-growing economy in Europe, Turkey is poised for great strides...

He said that the EC was "a Christian community," and that the admission of a Muslim state, particularly one as large as Turkey, would change its character and affect progress towards greater internal cohesion...

Turkish membership would also mean the free movement of labour in a continent already facing social problems from large-scale emigration...



Around 400,000 asylum seekers want to settle in Germany alone each year. German Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters calls emigration "the most urgent political problem facing Germans."

Painful though it is, the Lisbon declaration does not come as a surprise to most Turks. Two years ago, an official in the foreign ministry in Ankara told reporters that the government "had better look east, rather than west" for the time being...

rich club of the EC. In the words of a diplomat at the Turkish embassy in Tehran, the new Muslim states are "completely unpredictable," needing huge amounts of money without being able to offer stability to foreign investors...

To the Editor...

The spirit of VAT Sir, VAT or value added tax is said to be a modern concept of taxation and highly scientific. Also it was recently announced that tax realization increased because of the introduction of this system...

Women's university Sir, Once Central Women's College was established in 1956 by some very well-known educationists and teachers who gave voluntary services for quite a number of years to build it up following the example, already set up by Delhi's Jamia Millia...

Intellectual gap in the country, already set in. Many well-reputed scholars have already offered their services to serve the university on a token honorarium, gratefully accepted by the governing body of the college...

Housey Sir, Housey, a sort of gambling, arranged by a club, has been going on for a long time on Munsif Meherullah Sarak, in the heart of Stragjan town, virtually causing moral degradation of the young people...

OPINION Sick Industry

Of late we have been talking about refinancing of sick industries. There are thousands of sick industries in different sectors. Very often we single out shortage of capital as main reason for industries becoming sick. But actually the shortage of capital is not the only one...

The man behind the machine should look into the costing aspect, availability of raw materials, related capacity of the project, transportability of the products and raw materials. The marketability of products may go down due to change of consumer behaviour...