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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**BNP public meet on Dec 6**

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Dal (BNP) will hold a public meeting at Manik Mia Avenue instead of Gulistan Square on December 6 at 2 pm on the occasion of Democracy Day. The Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will make an important speech at the meeting, reports BSS.

**ALNC meets Dec 11**

The first meeting of the Awami League National Committee will be held at the party's central office on December 11. General Secretary Zillur Rahman has requested all concerned to attend the meeting, reports UNB.

**Menon returns December 8**

Workers' Party Secretary General Rashed Khan Menon MP will return home on December 8, party sources yesterday said, reports UNB. Menon went to London for treatment after he was shot by miscreants on August 17. From London, he later went to Bangkok for convalescing.

**Foreign cloths seized**

By Staff Correspondent  
 Customs Intelligence and Investigation Department recovered a huge quantity of foreign cloths worth Taka five lakh from the capital Thursday. Officials said that a special squad of the customs assisted by police and BDR raided the Birkampur Market at Simpson road in Dhaka and recovered foreign jeans and flannel cloths from the market.

**Jamaat Working Body meets Dec 6**

A four-day meeting of the central working committee of the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, begins here on December 6 (Sunday) at 10:00 am. Organising secretaries and members of the district committees and MPs of the party have been invited to attend the meeting, reports UNB.

## Jan 15 'deadline' to Security Council OIC urges UN to allow arms supply to Bosnia

JEDDAH, Dec 3: Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) today called on the United Nations to approve military action to end the 'genocide' of Bosnian Muslims. At the end of a stormy two-day meeting here, the ministers, representing 50 Islamic countries as well as the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), also urged the UN Security Council to review the situation in Bosnia by January 15.

held behind closed doors, was marked by 'stormy debates' between hardliners, including Turkey and Iran, and the co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference on the former Yugoslavia, sources close to the talks said. Cyrus Varcoe and Lord Owen warned the ministers during lengthy talks Wednesday that resorting to force would only 'aggravate' the situation in Bosnia. But in their final resolution the ministers called on the United Nations to lift an arms embargo against Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Security Council should

take military action against Serbia and its ally Montenegro under Chapter Seven of the UN Charter, which authorises the use of force against countries which ignore UN resolutions, a final communiqué said. The ministers called on the Security Council to exempt Bosnia from the arms embargo imposed on the former Yugoslav republics and sought approval for the 'immediate delivery of defensive arms' by OIC members to beleaguered Bosnians. Turkey and Iran said the OIC could take military action without UN approval to end the massacre of Muslims in

Bosnia. But Gulf Arab monarchies led by Saudi Arabia, and other pro-Western countries have ruled out by passing the United Nations. In an apparent compromise between hardliners and moderates, the OIC avoided calls for the immediate delivery of arms to Bosnian Muslims but asked its members to assure the Council that they were ready to provide 'finance and personnel' to restore peace to the republic. The conference denounced Serbia's policy of 'ethnic cleansing' against Muslims and Croats as 'intrinsicly genocidal'. See Page 12 Col 7

## 11 killed in Tangail truck plunge

By Staff Correspondent

At least 17 people were killed, 11 of them in Tangail alone, in road accidents in different parts of the country Thursday. More than 67 people were injured in the mishaps which took place in Dhaka, Tangail, Rajbari, Pabna and Manikganj. In the worst highway disaster in recent months, a truck carrying cement and people plunged into a roadside ditch at Shuvala in Mirzapur thana of Tangail district killing 11 and injuring another six. Bangladesh road transport officials said that the accident occurred at about 5:30 am Thursday at Shuvala, on the Dhaka-Tangail highway about 25 kilometers off Tangail town, when the front wheels of the truck got jammed due to the truck's being overloaded and crashed into the wayside ditch.

BRTA Assistant Director M Mustafizur Rahman who ordered an enquiry into the incident, told The Daily Star that the Dhaka-bound truck was carrying 130 bags of cement weighing 50 kgs each and about 25 people, mostly cow traders and vegetable suppliers. They all died on the spot. Carrying of passengers on loaded trucks is illegal, he pointed out. Of the victims, eight were identified as Nazrul Islam, Fazar Ali, Abdul Karim, Korban Ali, Joasher Ali, Shamim and Babul Dewan. Their bodies were kept in the Tangail Hospital while some of the injured were treated at the Mirzapur Hospital. The driver and the helper of the truck managed to get away. A case was lodged with Mirzapur police. See Page 12 Col 1

## Dhaka for UN tribunal to try Serbian killers

JEDDAH, Dec 3: Bangladesh has called upon the United Nations to set up a tribunal to try individuals who have indulged in gross violation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports BSS. Persons involved in killings of innocent civilians, perpetrating torture, atrocities and other forms of abuses in the concentration camps, Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman told the extraordinary session of the Islamic foreign ministers here today.

He also called upon the United Nations Security Council to arrange immediate cessation of the hostilities in the Bosnia-Herzegovina and put an end to the killing of innocent civilians through whatever measures necessary. The Foreign Minister is leading a three-member delegation to the two-day conference.

Recalling the grim situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, he said the Security Council must be urged to consider lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnia and ensure supply of all materials assistance to the Bosnian government. The Foreign Minister called upon all countries of the region to exercise an open door policy in admitting Bosnian refugees into their respective countries as a humanitarian gesture. In this context, he expressed Bangladesh's readiness to receive refugees from Bosnia though the country is presently housing more than 2,50,000 Muslim refugees from Myanmar. Rahman thanked Saudi Arabian King Fahd for hosting the Islamic Foreign Minister Conference and expressed the hope that the meeting would help evolve concerted Islamic response to meet the Bosnian situation.

## Fighting stops food relief to Sarajevo

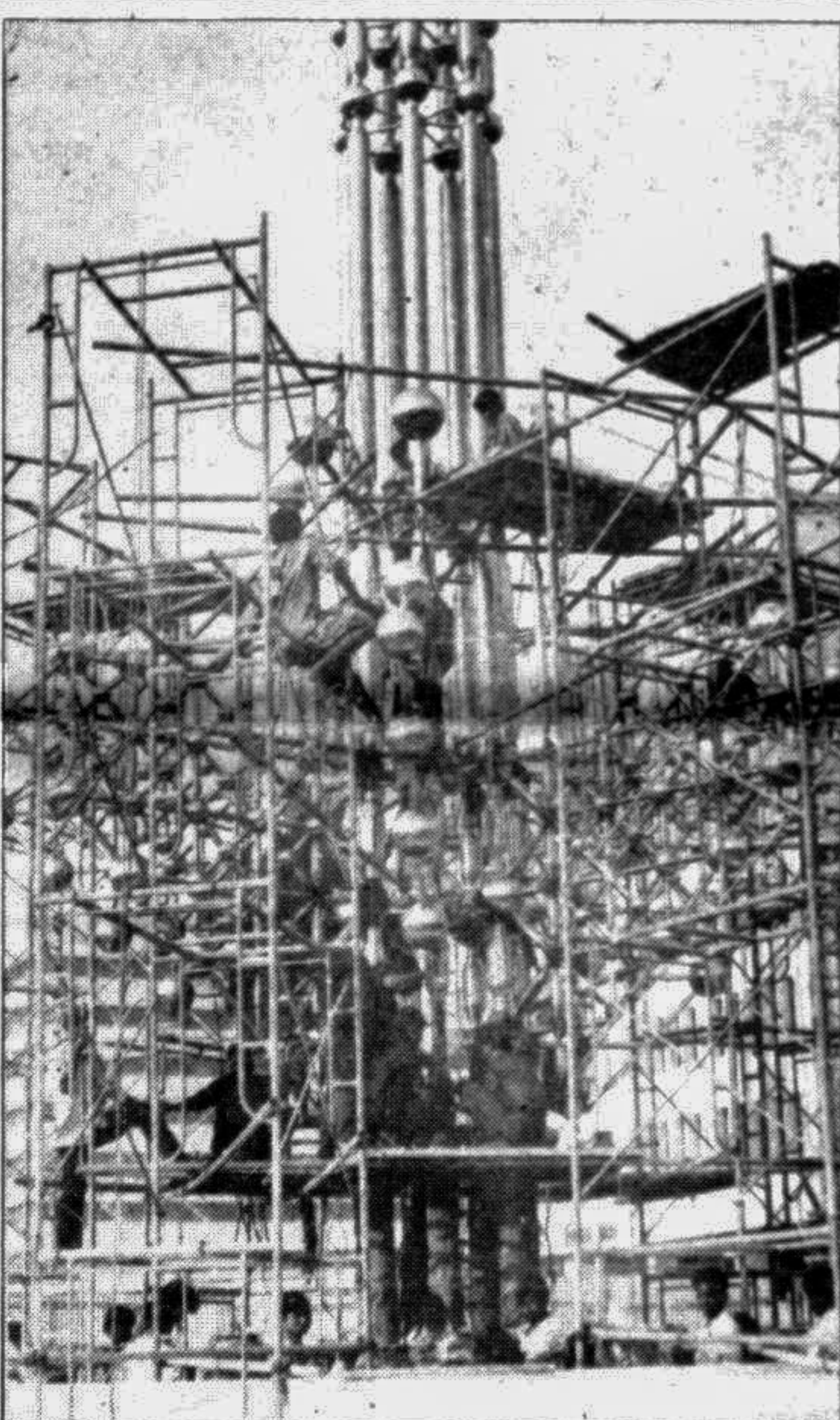
SARAJEVO, Dec 2: No food relief reached Sarajevo on Wednesday as fighting raged in the city's western outskirts. Bosnian defenders battled what they said was one of the heaviest Serb tank offensives so far, reports AP. The relief airlift was suspended Tuesday after a US Air Force transport plane was hit by small-arms fire while approaching the airport. A truck convoy due in the city Wednesday was held up in Vitez to the northwest, because of fears of fighting near the western entry into Sarajevo.

tion for the admission of that country to the United Nations, he said. He also mentioned Dhaka's support to the efforts by international forums including the OIC, the NAM and the EC for a political settlement of the problem. Despite resource constraints, Bangladesh has sent relief materials worth Taka 2 million to the Bosnia-Herzegovina through the UNHCR, Rahman said.

## Fountain: only addition to city for SAARC Summit

By Asiuzzaman

The only addition the Seventh SAARC Summit will give the capital is the SAARC Fountain built in combination of seven. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (RAJUK) financed the project, completed in 42 days by a private firm owned by sculptor Nitun Kundu who in consultation with RAJUK planners designed the fountain at the five-road crossing near Sonargaon Hotel. The fountain will be inaugurated today (Friday). The 42-foot, seven stainless steel pillared fountain represents the seven members of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC). The pillars carry seven 'wings of butterflies' made of molecular-like silver balls to add to their beauty. It is different from the other fountains in the city considering its structure, Humayun Khadim, member, Planning of RAJUK, said. The fountain has a diameter of 105 feet in three sections. Seven colours are being used on it. There are 14 lights on its periphery. Seven big nozzles will push out water seven feet high while 21 small nozzles, 7 inches high. Seven RAJUK engineers supervised the work that cost Taka one crore and 15 lakh. See Page 12 Col 8



SAARC fountain under construction in the city. — Star photo

## Minister alleges mismanagement, dishonesty Sector corporations incur Tk 2000 cr loss a year

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, yesterday said government is losing Tk 2,000 crore every year in sector corporations due to lack of professionalism and proper management, reports UNB. Mismanagement, callousness and dishonesty are hindering economic development of the country, the minister said inaugurating a two-day national conference of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB). The conference was addressed among others by Muzaffar Ahmed, president ICMAB, Habibur Rahman, chairman of the conference committee and Md Ishaque, vice president of ICMAB. Md Nurul Hasan, member finance, Bangladesh Handloom

Board, presented the keynote paper on 'Economic Liberalisation and Accountability' at the conference held at Hotel Purbani this afternoon. The two-day moot is being attended by about 80 representatives from various government bodies, public and private enterprises, NGOs and financial institutions. Describing the country's staggering economic situation, the minister said international communities are very concerned about the country's economy. However, he said the government is committed to change the situation by making every sector of government accountable and urged all concerned to help the government in this regard. 'Unless we have an ac-

countable management and appropriate professionalism, we can not lead people ahead,' he said. The minister said non-professionalism is still haunting the country's economic sector creating hindrances to development activities. But this should not be continued, he said adding, 'Ours is an accountable government, either we will break or this will go.' The privileged section are doing the misdeeds, but the poor are carrying the burdens, he said referring to heavy losses incurred by the sector corporations. 'Unless we are being able to create confidence in people and make an accountable and transparent administration, no

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## SAARC summit advances few DCC development

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has completed Tk 2.5-crore development projects on an emergency basis to tidy the city for the next week's SAARC summit, city Mayor Mirza Abbas said Thursday. The development works were included in our annual programme but we undertook it ahead of the schedule because of the summit,' Abbas told a press conference at Gulshan Mayor House adding that 'there is no additional budget for the project.' He said that the City Corporation undertook a total of 739 projects with a budget of Taka 41 crore 85 lakh for the year 1992-93. Thirty per cent of the projects have already been completed, he added. The Mayor said that there was a misgiving among the people that DCC was spending

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## Ministers rescue JU Syndicate members

By JU Correspondent

Two ministers had to intervene yesterday to bail out the Jahangirnagar University Vice Chancellor and his Syndicate colleagues after a 16-hour captivity at the hands of the defiant JCD activists. The Education Ministers, Jamiruddin Sircar, and the Minister for Information, Nazmul Huda, went to the University campus at 10:30 in the morning and brokered their release after a four-hour negotiations with both the Syndicate and the agitating JCD workers. The nine members of the Syndicate came out of the administrative building at 2:30 pm yesterday, spending 19 hours in all inside. The Syndicate, chaired by the Vice Chancellor, went into an emergency session at 7:30 Wednesday evening to punish two JCD leaders accused of



## Bangladesh off to flying start

Sports Reporter  
 Hosts Bangladesh started the first-ever SAARC cricket tournament with a bang beating Sri Lanka by seven wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Sent in to bat, Sri Lanka, one of the three visiting sides apart from India and Pakistan, were skittled out for 85 in 35.4 overs. Four batsmen top-scored with 12 each while Saiful and Dulu of Bangladesh bagged three wickets each. Bangladesh began disastrously, losing two wickets in the first over, but a sensible innings of 32 by skipper Nannu saw Bangladesh home and dry in 19.3 overs. Nannu was named the man-of-the-match and won a cash award of Taka 5,000. Arch rivals India and Pakistan meet today in the second match of the four-nation tournament. The game begins at 9.30 am. Detailed reports on Page Eight

## 17 women held while being smuggled out

By Staff Correspondent  
 Immigration Department officials Thursday arrested 17 Bangladeshi women with false travel documents from the Zia International Airport before they boarded an aircraft for Dubai. Two agents of a city recruiting agency were also arrested in this connection, officials said. Immigration officials said that the women of different ages and from districts were being smuggled out of the country with forged documents on promises of jobs in the Middle East. The women were scheduled to fly at 2 pm Thursday for Dubai by a PIA flight via Karachi. Cantonment police, who took custody of the rescued women, said that they arrested Nizamuddin and Harun. See Page 12 Col 3

## JP mahila body dissolved to oust Nila Chowdhury

By Asiuzzaman  
 The Central Committee of Jatiya Mahila Party was dissolved to oust one of its four organising secretaries Nila Chowdhury from the committee, reliable party sources said Thursday. The president and general secretary of the committee dissolved Wednesday may retain their posts. There may also be minor changes in some other posts in the 101-member committee, the source said requesting anonymity. The source said that 77 posts were filled with Nila Chowdhury as Organising Secretary. See Page 12 Col 1

## NSI Deputy Director dismissed

Deputy Director of National Security Intelligence (NSI) directorate Golam Samdani has been dismissed from service, reports BSS. This order will be effective from the date of his unauthorised absence on June 2, 1992. Samdani went to Canada and the United States on a month's leave abroad with permission from the authorities on May 2, 1992, but he did not join his duties till date. The government has taken this action as Samdani refrained from showing any cause or taking any step despite repeated show-cause notices served on him in this regard. See Page 12 Col 3

## Bangladesh on 'very fringe of emerging markets'

By SY Bakht

Bangladesh is on the very fringe of emerging markets' with a per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 220 US dollars and the recent IMF-inspired reforms to adopt more free-market policies (as opposed to Fabian economic policies) are in their 'infancy'. This is how Smith New Court Securities, an international investment company, begins its analytical report on the investment opportunities

in Bangladesh. In the 'Bangladesh market focus' published in October and entitled 'Basket case or bargain basement?', the report goes on to list the merits and demerits of the economy after making detailed observations on the country's historical, political and economic background. The London-based Smith New Court goes on to list 11

as 'our blue chip buy recommendations.' However, the report notes that as stocks are in short supply and 'all' publicly listed companies are 'closely held' by their original promoters, the foreign investor, at the moment, can only stand in the sidelines and observe the stock market. 'The foreign investor can, at best, closely observe the market for opportunities of

'big lines when they surface ... any indiscreet attention on a particular counter will cause its share price to rocket upwards as the locals would attempt to offer at the highest possible prices,' the report cautions. But the report does provide a glimmer of hope saying that a few selected well-managed companies which exploit the 'structural advantages' in leather, textiles and pharma-

ceuticals with 'low price-earnings multiples' make these stocks 'worth buying.' It also notes that comprehensive steps are being taken to reactivate the stock market and new buying opportunities will arise from the privatisation programme and new equity issues. 'We expect foreign interest in the Dhaka Stock Exchange to continue despite its illiquidity and size.' The report lists the

demerits as the 'over-reliance' on jute as the nation's cash crop, large population and high growth rate, prolonged reliance on foreign aid and a 'legacy of poor labour relations, an inefficient public sector, and bureaucratic red tape.' On the other hand, the 'immense' gas and possible oil reserves, competitive edge in the garment sector for quota

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