

Tokyo to open construction market

US withdraws threat of trade sanctions against Japan

WASHINGTON, Jan 20: The United States withdrew the threat of trade sanctions against Japan on Wednesday after the two countries reached agreement on plans to open Japan's lucrative government construction market to foreign firms, reports AP.

tion agreement, officials said both sides remain far apart in other negotiations over possible expanded American sales in Japan of such items as cars, medical equipment, telecommunications products and insurance services.

and other officials Sunday during an added stop on his current Asian tour. Kantor said he hopes resolving the contentions construction issues without trade sanctions would lead to broader progress.

Washington, had recently been rocked by scandal. Many large Japanese firms are suspected of making huge payoffs to government officials for favourable consideration.

Kantor said that after reviewing a plan by Japan's Cabinet to open up the bidding process for major public works projects, the administration decided to withdraw the threatened trade sanctions. The deadline for reaching agreement was Thursday.

The new bidding procedures, scheduled to take effect April 1, call for open, competitive bidding on the government's biggest public works projects.

But both sides remain far apart on the question of how to monitor compliance? The United States is insisting on numerical benchmarks while the Japanese have rejected the notion of such targets, branding them "managed trade."

While the construction agreement did not contain any targets, Kantor said it did call for annual reviews as way of making sure Japan honors its market-opening commitments.

Iraqi currency falls to all time low

BAGHDAD, Jan 20: The Iraqi currency fell to an all-time low yesterday and consumer prices soared, amid growing discontent over the UN's decision to maintain sanctions, reports AFP.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA), however, predicted that the embargo would be lifted in March, when the United Nations Security Council holds its next review of the measures imposed after the invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

Kantor refused to confirm reports that the administration is seeking a pledge by Japan to increase its purchases of US-made auto parts by 20 per cent a year.

March quarter exports, expected to be a record will inject more than one billion dollars (700 million US dollar) into the economy AWB Chairman Clinton Condon said in a statement.

Local government projects will be exempt from the new rules as well as projects that fall beneath the monetary thresholds.

The political situation will have changed by then, it said. An Iraqi official told AFP that Baghdad was not surprised by the UN decision on Tuesday to keep the embargo in place.

Japan's construction sector, which has long been an area of bitter dispute between Tokyo

Australia to export 5m tonnes of wheat by March

SYDNEY, Jan 20: Australia will export a record five million tonnes of wheat in the first three months of 1994 following an aggressive overseas marketing programme the Australian Wheat Board (AWB) said today, reports AFP.

Next month (February) we plan to ship 1.8 million tonnes of wheat in what will be our busiest exporting month ever," he said. The AWB, which handles all Australian wheat exports, had won major contracts including a 700,000 tonnes sale to China and 1.5 million tonnes to Iran.

Singaporean PM to visit India to foster economic relations

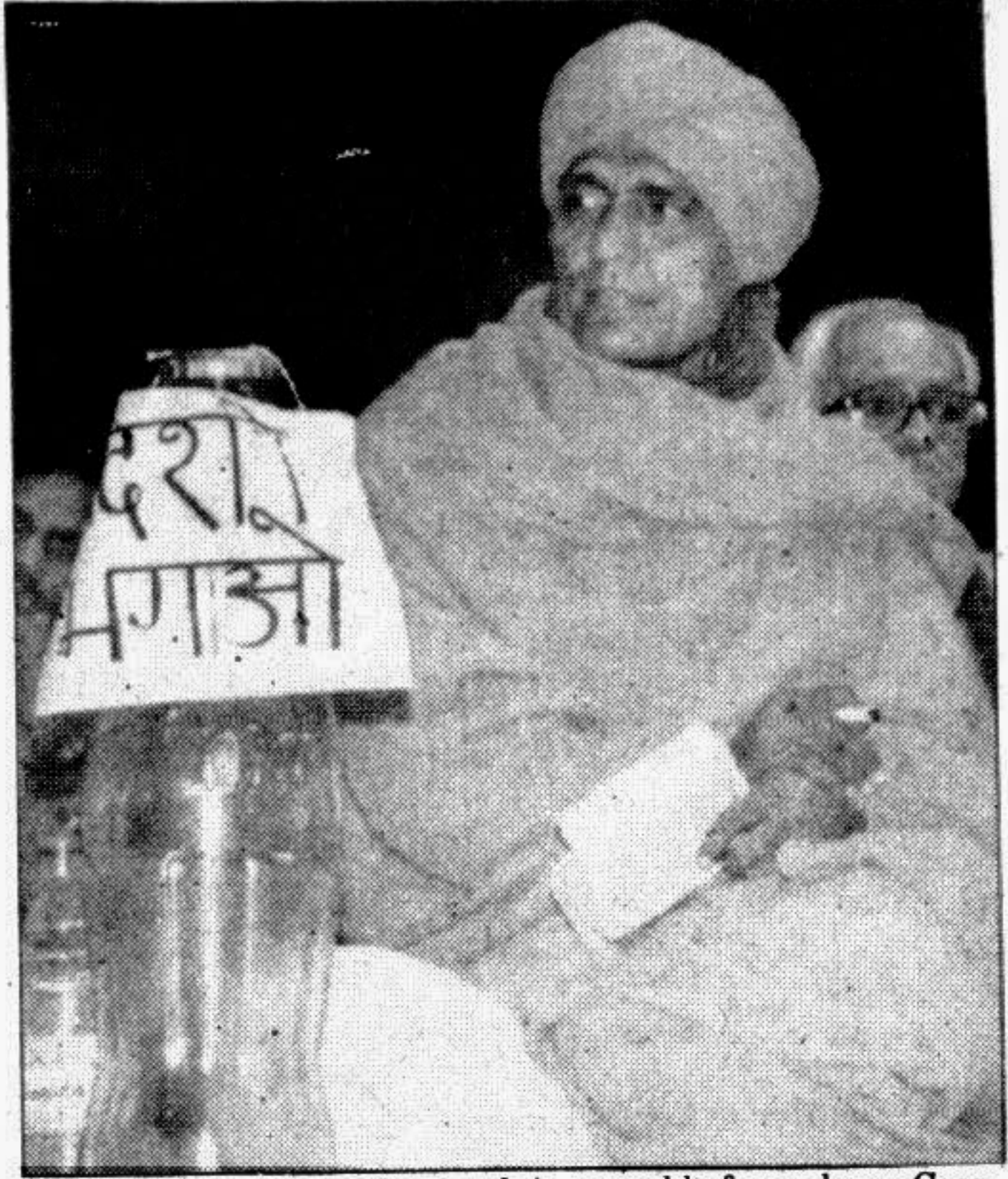
SINGAPORE, Jan 20: Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong will lead a high-powered delegation to India on Sunday for a week-long visit to foster closer economic ties, reports AFP.

Goh, who will be making his first trip to India as Prime Minister, told visiting Indian journalists last week he wanted to enhance political ties and explore areas where Singapore and New Delhi can complement each other.

US trade deficit shrinks to \$10.2b in Nov '93

WASHINGTON, Jan 20: The US trade deficit shrank to 10.2 billion dollars in November, due largely to declining oil prices and lower car imports, the commerce department said yesterday, reports AFP.

Imports were down by 1.5 per cent, a reflection of the cheapest oil prices in five years, while exports slowed 0.1 per cent during the month. It was the lowest monthly trade deficit since August and a better showing than the 10.5 billion dollar deficit expected by analysts.



Social activist Swami Agnivesh is seated before a large Coca-Cola bottle during a press conference in the Indian capital, New Delhi yesterday. Agnivesh is a prominent figure behind the agitation to rid India of foreign products such as Coca-Cola, which is making its reappearance in the country after an absence of 18 years.

Exchange Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including US Dollar, Pound Sterling, Franc, Dollar, Yen, Rupee, and Iranian Riyal. Columns include Selling and Buying rates.

Table showing US Dollar Spot Buying rates for different terms: 30 Days DA, 60 Days DA, 90 Days DA, 120 Days DA, 180 Days DA.

Table showing Indicative Rates for various currencies like Sri Lanka, UAE Dirham, Kuwait Dinar, Singapore Dollar, and Kroner.

Note: AMU-Asian Monetary Union.

Shipping Intelligence

Table titled 'Chittagong Port' showing berth position and performance of vessels as of 20-01-94. Columns include Berth No, Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, Date of Leaving, and Arrival.

Table titled 'Vessels due at outer Anchorage' showing details of vessels including Name of Vessels, Date of Arrival, Last Port, Local Agent, Cargo, and Loading Port.

Table titled 'Tanker Due' showing details of tankers including Name of Vessels, Date of Arrival, Last Port, Local Agent, Cargo, and Loading Port.

Table titled 'Vessels at Kutubdia' showing details of vessels including Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, and Date of Arrival.

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Table titled 'Vessels not ready' showing details of vessels including Name of Vessels, Cargo, Last Port, Local Agent, and Date of Arrival.

The above were the Thursday's shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on January 20, 1994 Index leaps 5 pc

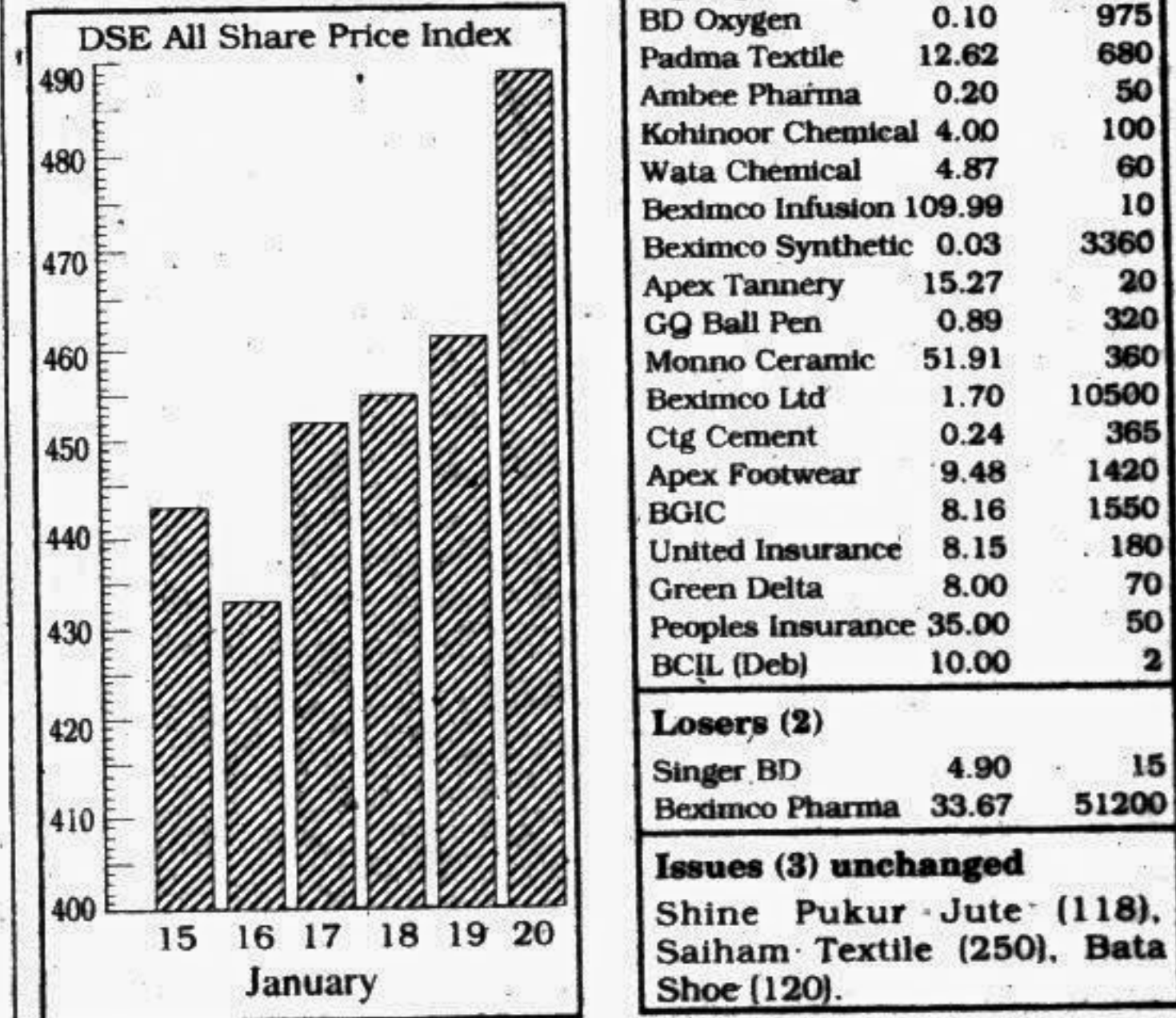
The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) All Share Price Index leapt to 487,262.45 from 462,725.51 with a record increase of 5.3027 per cent on Thursday, the closing day of the week.

The turnover in volume term on the DSE incurred a loss of 37.796 per cent while the turnover in value rose by over 34 per cent. A total of 82682 shares worth Taka 64978357.50 changed hands as against Wednesday's 132921 shares valued at Taka 48318438.25.

The gainers, led by the Beximco Infusion, heavily dominated the floor. They outnumbered the losers by 38 to only two while three others remained unchanged.

The Beximco Infusion experienced a rise of Taka 109.99 per share increasing from Taka 450.00 to Taka 560.00. The 1st ICB M Fund, Bengal Carbide, Monno Jute, Monno Jute Stafflers, Peoples Insurance, Aftab Automobiles and the BTC also experienced gains of Taka 85.00, 85.50, 50.00, 40.00, 23.83 and 21.51 per share respectively.

The Beximco Pharma, the leading loser with Taka 33.67 per share, became the top contributor to the total volume with 51200 shares.



DSE Shares and Debentures

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Note: FV = Face Value ML = Market Lot NT = Not Traded AL = Allotment Letter

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় ঢাকা বন বিভাগ, বন ভবন, গুলশান সড়ক মহাখালী, ঢাকা-১২

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১৯৯৩-৯৪ সনের উডলট ও কৃষি বন বাগান সৃজন কর্মে নার্সারী উত্তোলনে কাজের দ্রব্য সামগ্রীর বিবরণ।

Large table containing bid details for various items. Columns include ক্রমিক নং (Serial No), কেন্দ্রের নাম (Center Name), উপকরণের নাম (Item Name), মোট প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য (Total Estimated Value), and মন্তব্য (Remarks). It lists items like 'চাঙ্গা বিট', 'কশিমপুর বিট', etc., with their respective values and quantities.

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