

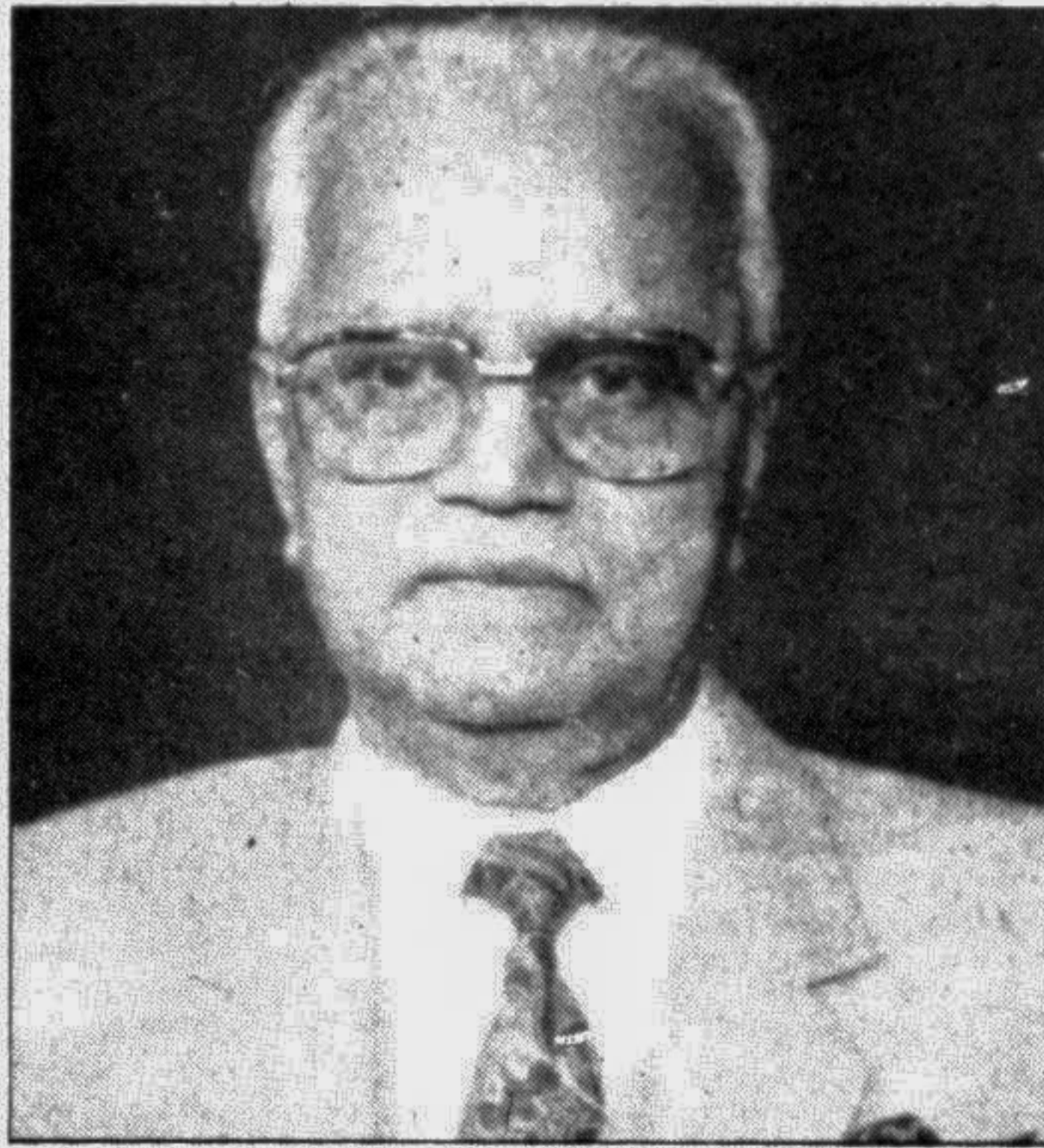


11TH ASIAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 1994

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 VENUE: DHAKA SHERATON HOTEL

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MESSAGE

I am very happy to learn that the Eleventh Asian Snooker Championship will be held in Dhaka soon. I felicitate all the participants from home and abroad to this international sports meet.

Snooker competition is relatively new in our country and many of our players have keen interest in this game. I am sure, this sports meet will provide new impetus to the development of the country's games and sports.

It is a privilege for Bangladesh to host such a prestigious event, which also indicates the confidence of the Asian Billiards and Snooker Federation in our National Association.

I express my hearty thanks to the Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation in hosting this important Asian tournament in the country.

I wish the tournament all success.

Abdur Rahman Biswas
 President
 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

ASIAN SNOOKER COMES TO TOWN

Star Report

The eleventh Asian Snooker Championship begins in the city today.

Industries Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan will formally inaugurate the 12-nation, nine-day meet at seven this evening.

Competition proper, however, will commence from tomorrow morning. Play will be held in four three-hour sessions daily until July 6, starting at ten every morning. The closing ceremony is billed for July 7.

The participating countries are China, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Pakistan Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The ballroom of the Dhaka Sheraton has been converted into a fitting venue for this premier continental snooker meet. Four tables have been set up and a gallery to accommodate nearly a hundred spectators.

The champion will collect a purse of 1250 dollars out of the total prize money of 2750 dollars. The runner-up will get 700 dollars, the third finisher 500 dollars and the other losing semifinalist 250 dollars.

Most of the participating teams and officials are already in the capital.

Sindhu Pulsivirong, the Thai president of the Asian Billiards and Snooker Federation (ABSF) under whose auspices the meet is being conducted by the Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation, is expected to arrive this afternoon.

Asghar Ali Vallika, the Pakistani executive vice president of the ABSF, is also due today.

Narayan Chandra Ghosh of Narayanganj will lead the local challenge featuring three cueists.

Adrian Gonsalves of Chittagong who, along with Ghosh took part in the last championship in Beijing last year and Mofazzal Hossain complete the hosts' trio.

However, each foreign team will be represented by two players only.

According to the seedings of the Asian Billiards and Snooker Federation, the stars of the show should be David Yond (Hong Kong), Erika (Sri Lanka), Engkin Foot (Malaysia), Alok Kumar (India), Marlon Manalo (Philippines), Farhan Mirza (Pakistan), Shushanta Botez (Sri Lanka) and Kanta Wong (Thailand).

Several foreign referees will conduct the meet. Daily tickets priced at Taka 50 for each session of play will be available at the venue.



MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that Bangladesh is hosting the 11th Asian Snooker Championship 1994.

I hope the officials and players will ensure that every match is played in the true spirit of sportsmanship. I congratulate the Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation for organising the tournament for the first time in Bangladesh.

I wish the championship all success.

Khaleda Zia
 Prime Minister
 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

MESSAGE



On behalf of the Bangladesh Government I would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants, officials and visitors attending the 11th Asian Snooker Championship 1994. It is a great honour for Bangladesh to host such a prestigious

event. I commend the organisers of this international event, which should further help to promote snooker in Bangladesh.

By participating in this championship, I do expect that all participants would be able not only to use the opportunity to upgrade their skills and talents but also to broaden and deepen their friendly relationships.

I wish all competitors every success and hope the visitors will enjoy their stay in Dhaka.

A M Mostafizur Rahman, MP
 Foreign Minister
 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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The 11th Asian Snooker Championship 1994, scheduled to be held in Dhaka, is going to be a milestone in the arena of snooker in this country. Sports and games have always been a source of enjoyment as well as recreation for people of all ages. Fellow-feeling, discipline and healthy competition have been instrumental in strengthening ties among nations of the world.

I am confident this championship will provide the participants a unique opportunity to display their skills and produce a very high level of snooker and the snooker players of the country will also have an opportunity for the first time to see some international standard snooker being played in the country.

The Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation deserves appreciation for organising this tournament. I wish the championship a success and the foreign participants and delegates a very pleasant stay in Dhaka.

A M Zahiruddin Khan
 Minister
 Ministry of Industries
 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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both amateur and professional levels, particularly with the help of the WPBSA. I would like to see a professional circuit established in our region.

We anticipate a first-rate tournament, throughout which we hope to see the continued growth of our Asian talent. May I wish all participants the very best of luck and may each of you not only give of your best, but also enjoy the challenges ahead.

As a farewell message I welcome the opportunity to remind all our members that we have a common interest and a common goal—snooker and its growth in Asia. I hope that the ABSF will elect a president who will not only strive for this goal, but who will also foster unity and goodwill amongst our members. Recent developments within the IBSF have highlighted problems which have been a direct result of losing sight of such aims. We can learn from their experience. I am sure that if we put our sport first, we will succeed in all that we set out to do.

Again, my thanks to our host nation, my wishes to all for an enjoyable event and my congratulations to the successful players.

Sindhu Pulsivirong
 President
 ASIAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION

MESSAGE



I am profoundly pleased that the 11th Asian Snooker Championship 1994 is going to be held in the historic city of Dhaka from June 30th to July 7th, 1994.

I would like to extend warm welcome to the distinguished guests from various Asian countries and hope they would feel at home during their stay with us.

By participating in this prestigious championship I do hope that all participants would be able not only to use the opportunity to upgrade their skills and talents but also to broaden and deepen their friendly relationship as this would certainly contribute to the enhancement of good relations among the peoples of the Asian region.

Last but not least, I expect this event will prove to be an arena for achieving higher prestige for its participants and as an occasion to uphold and maintain the sporting spirit among the players.

SADEQUE HOSSAIN
 State Minister
 Ministry of Youth and Sports
 GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

MESSAGE

BANGLADESH has been privileged this year to hold the 11th Asian Snooker Championship. It is unique in being the first interna-



tional sports event with participation of as many as twelve countries.

Snooker is yet to become a widely played game in Bangladesh, playing facilities being extremely limited; but it is gradually gaining ground. This champi-

onship will, therefore, provide great impetus to the popularity of the game resulting in increase of both in the number of players as well as playing facilities.

I am positive the standard of snooker in this competition will be very high and those who are interested, particularly up-and-coming players, will learn much by witnessing it.

Lastly, I welcome the delegates, referees and players of the participating countries. The Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation will do its utmost to make the stay of our guests in Dhaka as comfortable and enjoyable as possible, and conduct the tournament in keeping with international standards.

Azimuddin Ahmed
 Chairman, ORGANISING COMMITTEE and President, BANGLADESH BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION

ASIAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions
1984	Thailand
1985	Hong Kong
1986	Thailand
1987	Thailand
1988	Thailand
1989	India
1990	Malaysia
1991	Thailand
1992	Thailand
1993	Thailand

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

BRUNEI, CHINA, CHINESE TAIPEI, HONGKONG, INDIA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, THAILAND AND BANGLADESH.

FIRST SESSION AT 10:00 AM
 SECOND SESSION AT 1:00 PM
 THIRD SESSION AT 4:00 PM
 FOURTH SESSION AT 7:00 PM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT VENUE (TAKA 50.00 FOR EACH SESSION)

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