

Govt to fill up vacant posts under Shipping Ministry

All vacant posts under the Shipping Ministry will be filled up soon, Shipping Minister M K Anwar said here yesterday, reports UNB.

Nestle Nespray display contest held

The prize-giving ceremony of the Nespray Display Contest was held yesterday in the city with enthusiastic participation by the local retailers.

As many as 450 participants received various prizes. Also present at the ceremony were Saifur Rahman and Nazimuddin Ahmed, Directors, Nestle (BD) Ltd and CF Pereira, Marketing Manager, Nestle (BD) Ltd.

The prize-giving ceremony was followed by a dinner.

Annual report says GATT accord to boost global dairy products

GENEVA, Dec 6: The new world trade pact that goes into force next month will provide more export opportunities for dairy farmers around the globe, a GATT reports said today, reports Reuter.

GATT report said. The treaty — which slashes tariffs on industrial goods by an average of over one-third and opens markets for services and textiles — cleared its major barrier when it was ratified by the US Congress last week.

World production of skimmed milk powder decreased by 1.5 per cent in 1993 and was expected to drop another four per cent in 1994, while exports returned to a declining trend.

Agrani Bank introduces auto cash machine at Press Club branch

Agrani Bank commissioned a round-the-clock Quick Cash Dispenser (QCD) machine at its Jatiya Press Club branch yesterday, reports UNB.

Referring to the successes achieved by the bank in last two years, he said it has started competitive interest rate banking scrapping the controlled interest rate system.



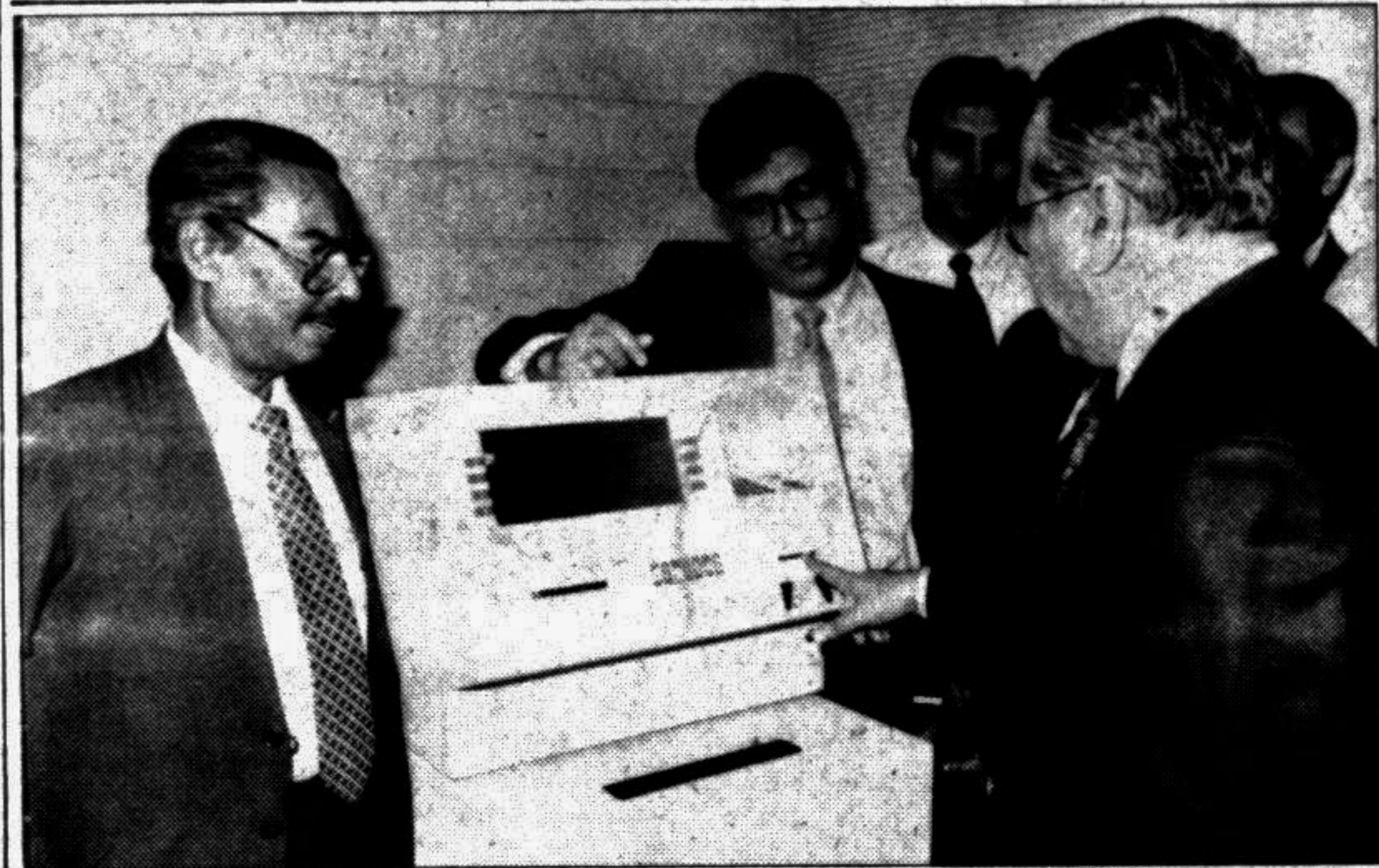
Finance Minister Saifur Rahman opening the Masters Leg of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit '94, at Ramna Tennis Complex on Monday. Also seen in the picture, among others, are Raymond Acorda (2nd-L) Managing Director, and Francois Gillet (4th-L), Marketing Manager of Bangladesh Tobacco Co, the sponsors of this tennis tournament.

Japan's vehicle import up by 67pc

TOKYO, Dec 6: Imports of foreign-made vehicles into Japan surged by 67.1 per cent in November for the 13th consecutive monthly increase, an industry association said Tuesday, reports AP.

Cost-cutting of retail prices due to the yen's appreciation against the dollar, low-interest loan campaigns and the popularity of Japanese cars produced overseas were among other factors for the continued sales, the officials said.

Of the total imports, 24,930 passenger cars were sold in November up 66.4 per cent from a year earlier.



Nasimuddin Ahmed, Finance Secretary, inaugurated round the clock Quick Cash Dispenser (QCD) machine service at Agrani Bank's Press Club branch yesterday. Mostafa Aminur Rashid, Managing director of the bank is also seen.

Tourism month observed in Barisal

In observance of the Tourism Month '94, a handicraft exhibition and a cultural show were held at Barisal District High School on Monday, reports UNB.



BARLAW Commercial Complex (Pvt) Ltd organised a fashion show in observance of the Tourism Month '94 at Dhaka Sheraton Winter Garden in the city yesterday.

EU single currency likely by '97

BRUSSELS, Dec 6: EU Finance Ministers yesterday cleared the way for creation of European currency as early as 1997 when they agreed on a common stance that will enable member states to comfortably meet currency — stability conditions laid down in the Maastricht treaty, reports AFP.

A statement by the meeting chairman, German Finance Minister Theo Waigel, said the ministers endorsed the opinion of the European Monetary Institute that it is "advisable to maintain the present arrangements" regarding the degree

of fluctuation (currently 15 per cent on either side of a central rate) allowed between currencies within the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System.

Bangladesh power sector: Time for reforms - Part 1

The following article is part of two write-ups on the country's power sector. The first article delineates the prevailing structure of the power sector and compares the development of the sector with that of other countries. The second article, to be published tomorrow, deals with the government's power sector reform initiative.

generation and transmission capacity. Lack of investment has already contributed to power shortages and disruptions and continued neglect will definitely lead to acute, almost unsustainable, shortages in the next 3-5 years.

in no position to replace conventional energy sources like oil, gas, coal or nuclear energy. So for the foreseeable future, in any case, fossil fuels will continue to dominate the global energy mix.

generation economies. This investment is necessary to support the world's fastest economic growth rates in Asian countries over the next decade.

into BPDB and BWDB (Bangladesh Water Development Board).

District (except the rural areas under REB) including the metropolitan city of Dhaka. DESA purchases power from BPDB at 132 KV. Approximately 427,000 consumers are served by DESA through a 6,264 km distribution network.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর. দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি. মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর পরিচালিত 'মহিলা সহায়তা কেন্দ্র' প্রকল্পে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে প্রকল্পে খাদ্যদ্রব্য জন্মের জন্য প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা হইতেছে।

বাংলাদেশ ডাক বিভাগ ডাক অধিদপ্তর ঢাকা-১০০০. ২টি জীপ গাড়ি ক্রয়ের জন্য দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ১। আইটেম : ২টি জীপ গাড়ি (১টি ৩ দরজা ও অপর ১টি ৫ দরজা বিশিষ্ট)।