



Good News for Builders  
NEWLY IMPORTED  
**SNOWCEM**  
Sole Agent & Distributor  
Ronny International  
• 1, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka  
Phone: 416105, 833617  
• 3, Municipal Shopping Complex,  
Noor Ahmed Road, Chittagong

VOL. IV NO. 316 REGD. NO. DA 781

# The Daily Star

AGRAHAYAN 26, 1401 BS, DHAKA SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 1994 RAJAB 5, 1415 HIJRI

**MARBLE MARBLE MARBLE**  
WE HAVE HUGE READY STOCK OF  
ITALIAN CARRARA, PERLA SICILIA,  
BOTTICINO, INDIAN KESSWARI GREEN,  
MALAYSIAN AND PAKISTANI MARBLE  
OF DIFFERENT TYPES.  
**NIRMAN INTERNATIONAL LTD.**  
199, TEJGAON 1/A, DHAKA  
TEL: 605957, 607363 SHOW ROOM: 861985

16 PAGES : PRICE TAKA 5.00

## Inside Today

### Article

Problems of  
Financial Sector:  
Woes of the  
Goose!

by Abdul Bayes

Page 4

### International

Hezbollahs vow to  
continue anti-Israeli  
attacks

200 Indians die in  
captivity in three  
years

Page 5

### Business

Passenger bus service  
sector needs regulatory  
guidelines

Share prices fell  
last week

Page 6

### Education

Primary Education in  
Bangladesh: Quest for  
Quality; Dual Policy in  
the Arena of Education  
and its Impact

Page 16

### Prospectus

Prospectus on Square  
Pharmaceuticals  
Limited  
Pages 9-14

### Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



### Oddities are Life's Spice

Page 3

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Shitalakhya Bridge foundation stone laid

KAPASIA, Dec 9: Communications Minister Oli Ahmad today laid the foundation stone of the Shitalakhya Bridge here. 60 kilometres north the capital. The 348-metre-long and 10-metre-wide bridge on Shitalakhya river is expected to be completed by June 1997 at a cost of Tk 28 crore, totally from the government's own resources, reports UNB.

#### 2 die in Sunamganj accident

SUNAMGANJ, Dec 9: Two people were killed and eight others injured when a truck fell into a road side ditch on the Sunamganj-Sylhet road near Shatrujanbari. 16 kilometres from here today police and hospital sources said. The dead were identified as Saleh Ahmed, 30 and Nurul Haq, 40. The injured were admitted to Sardar Hospital, reports UNB.

#### One stabbed in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 9: A student of the Balaganj Degree College was stabbed by his college friend yesterday. The victim, Mizanur Rahman, a second year student had an exchange of hot words with his classmate Shahin in the college premises. At one stage, Shahin stabbed him. The victim had been admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital.

#### Saifur leaves for New York

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman left Dhaka last night for New York to attend an investment seminar on Bangladesh Current Economic Scenario and New Horizon for the Investment to be held there on December 13, reports BSS.

## Cinema fire in China claims over 300 lives

give an estimate.

An initial investigation showed the fire may have been caused by a short circuit, Xinhua said.

Rescuers worked through the night to try to save lives, the report said.

The fire broke out at 7:30pm Thursday in the Friendship Theater in Kalamayi, 2,600 kilometres northwest of Beijing in Xinjiang province, the official Xinhua News Agency said in a brief report.

Most of the 300 killed were primary school students from the city, Xinhua said.

An official in the foreign affairs office in Kalamayi, who gave his name only as Sun, said the number of deaths and serious injuries was changing, indicating the death toll was likely to rise. He refused to

In Hong Kong, Gov. Chris Patten said he was shocked by the tragedy and expressed deepest condolences to the parents and friends of those children and to officials in China. Obviously our thoughts and prayers go to all those who have lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy.

China has been plagued by a series of serious fires recently.

Last week, a fire in a dance hall in northeastern Liaoning province killed 233 people and injured 16. The recently renovated building had only a single narrow exit, and most of the victims died of smoke inhalation.

Three days later, 11 people were killed and 38 injured in hotel fire in coastal Shandong province. It took nearly 100 firefighters an hour to bring the blaze under control.

### Cong heading for defeat in state polls

DEW DELHI, Dec 9: Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's Congress party suffered losses in the first counting of ballots in the four Indian states which went to the polls to elect state legislators, reports AP.

Initial results from Karnataka in southern India showed that the Janata Dal, or People's Party, candidates were leading over their Congress candidates in 97 of the 196 seats for which trend was available. Karnataka has 212 seats.

The states of Goa, Sikkim, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh went to the polls on different dates early December and late October. The results will have no impact on the status of Rao's government in New Delhi, but it is seen as a bellwether for the 1996 general elections for the Parliament in

See Page 8 Col 3

## UN convoy with food reaches Bihac

SARAJEVO, Dec 9: A UN humanitarian aid convoy reached the poorly supplied civilians of Bihac today for the first time in over two months, and Bosnian Serbs released another 67 peacekeepers from detention, reports AP.

But the United Nations demanded full freedom of movement for its personnel, warning that further restrictions could result in a humanitarian crisis. More than 200 UN soldiers, including 187 at weapons collection sites around Sarajevo, continue to be detained by the Serbs as insurance against NATO airstrikes.

A nine-truck convoy carrying 90 tons of food arrived today afternoon in Cazin, north of Bihac town in northwestern Bosnia. Earlier on Thursday, a UN resupply convoy arrived.

Head of Myanmar's exiled govt tells Daily Star

## Ball is now in SLORC's court

By Chapal Bashar back from Seoul

Philippines President Corazon Aquino and South Korea's prominent human rights activist Kim Dae-jung, discussed the state of democracy in Asia,

ember 1990 in rebel-held territory near Thai border by a core of elected MPs belonging to Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy (NLD).

The NLD won 392 of the 485 parliament seats in the general elections held in May 1990. But the SLORC refused to recognise people's verdict, cracked down on the pro-democracy forces and arrested hundreds of NLD leaders including scores of elected MPs. Suu Kyi was earlier placed under house arrest in July 1989 and still remains in prison.

Dr Sein referred to recent meetings of the SLORC leaders with Suu Kyi which was also shown on television. He expressed doubts whether there was any dialogue in those two meetings held in September and October as no public announcement was made in this regard.

Given the way the meetings were handled and timed, it is clear that the SLORC intended to use them to influence the US government and the United Nations General Assembly, he added.

Expressing full confidence in Suu Kyi's leadership, Dr Sein demanded that she

See Page 8 Col 1

especially the situation in Burma, now known as Myanmar.

The FDL-AP conference

demanded immediate and un-

conditional release of Myan-

mar's opposition leader Aung

Suu Kyi, restoration of

democracy and formed a

commission to help national

reconciliation in that country

through peaceful means.

The National Coalition Gov-

ernment was formed in De-

See Page 8 Col 1

rebel-held territory by a core of elected MPs belonging to Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy (NLD).

These people were diagnosed HIV positive through blood tests of 60,765 men and women in the high risk zone — prostitutes, their clients, truck drivers and sailors.

According to government officials, most of those diagnosed HIV positive came from middle-class farming background, who are believed to have contracted the disease

The young Bangladeshi died with his disbelief.

Deported from a Middle

East sheikhdom last year, the

33-year-old man returned home with AIDS and shattered hopes for a better life.

The man from Chittagong

district, whose identity cannot

be revealed for privacy, did not

accept till his death the fact

that he had the killer virus

within himself.

So was his wife who did not

like the government doctors to

test her and others of the

family who might have been

infected.

The victim, believed to have

been infected due to blood

transfusion died of malaria nine months after his return

See Page 8 Col 7

## AIDS in Bangladesh-I

## No 'full-blown' picture yet

By Masud Hasan Khan

home doctors said.

The Bangladeshi, in the most productive years of his life, was one among many victims of a virus that gradually destroys the body's resistance against any disease. This is AIDS.

The price for his ignorance or the price of an improper system was his life. Besides, there were many who would have to suffer the consequences directly or indirectly.

AIDS, or the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, now ravaging many countries of the world, has begun to show its teeth in Bangladesh, though quite recently.

In the country, officially

there are 36 victims of HIV

and AIDS.

The young Bangladeshi died with his disbelief.

Deported from a Middle

East sheikhdom last year, the

33-year-old man returned home with AIDS and shattered hopes for a better life.

The man from Chittagong

district, whose identity cannot

be revealed for privacy, did not

accept till his death the fact

that he had the killer virus

within himself.

So was his wife who did not

like the government doctors to

test her and others of the

family who might have been

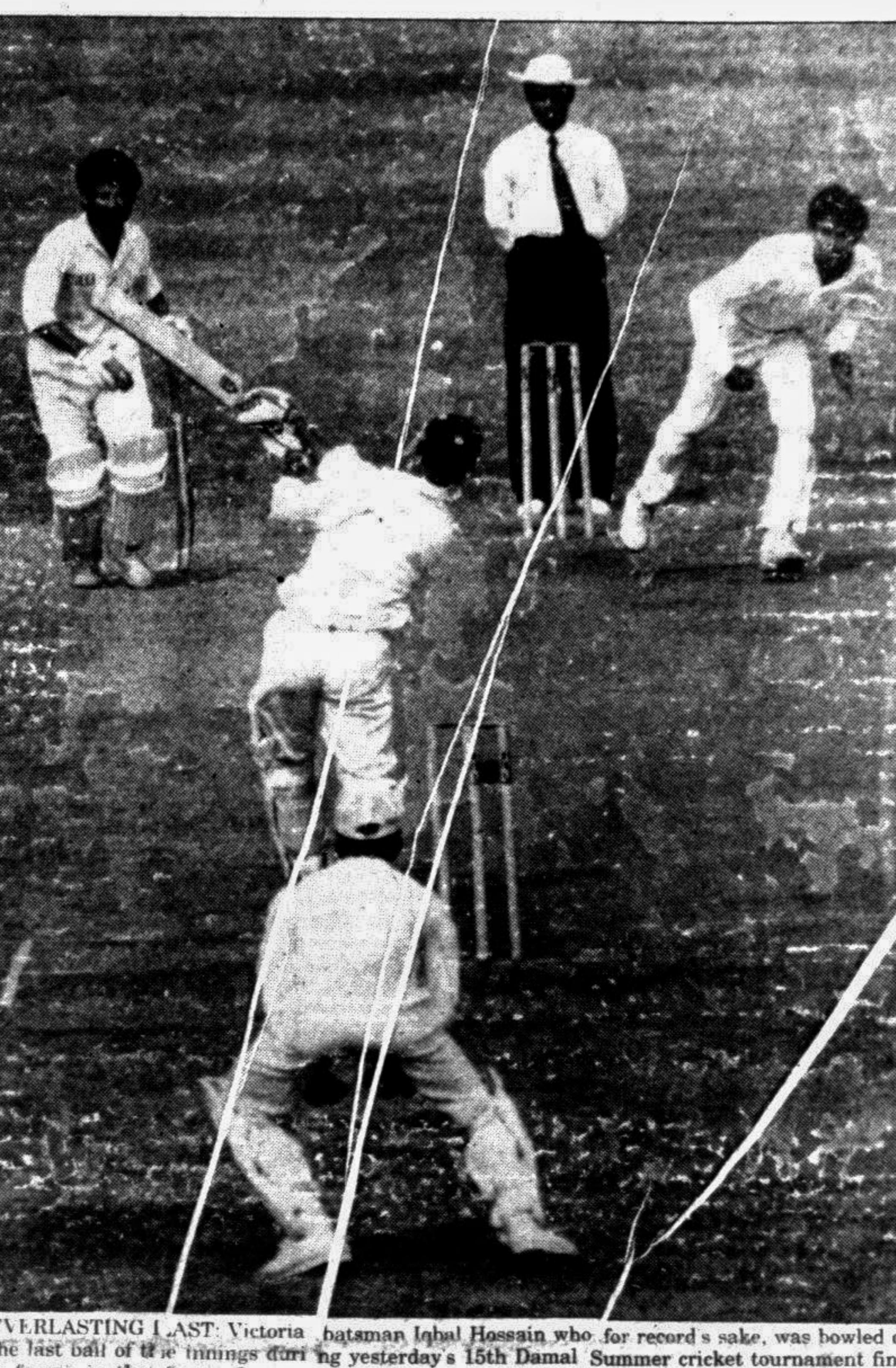
infected.

The victim, believed to have

been infected due to blood

transfusion died of malaria nine months after his return

See Page 8 Col 7



EVERLASTING LAST: Victoria the last ball of the Innings during yesterday's 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament final

batsman Iqbal Hossain who for record's sake, was bowled off yesterday's 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament final along with non-striker Chetan Sharma, bowler Zakir and wicketkeeper Khaled. Abahani

— Star photo by A K M Mohsin

### PM leaves for Morocco tomorrow

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will leave Dhaka tomorrow morning to attend the Seventh CAC Summit due in the Moroccan city from December 13-14, reports UNB.

King and heads of state or government of the OIC countries are expected to work out combined action at the Summit to face the political, economic and social problems confronting the Muslim Ummah.

Begum Zia will lead the Bangladeshi delegation to the summit which will be preceded by a two-day Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) beginning today.

The 32-member delegation will include Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Firdaus Hasan MP and Foreign Secretary MR Osmani.

At Casablanca, the Bangladeshi Prime Minister is expected to seize the opportunity of meeting some heads of delegations to discuss with them matters of bilateral interest.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman is already in the Atlantic coast city of Morocco to attend the 22nd ICFM which will finalise the agenda of the summit taking

place on December 13-14.

</