

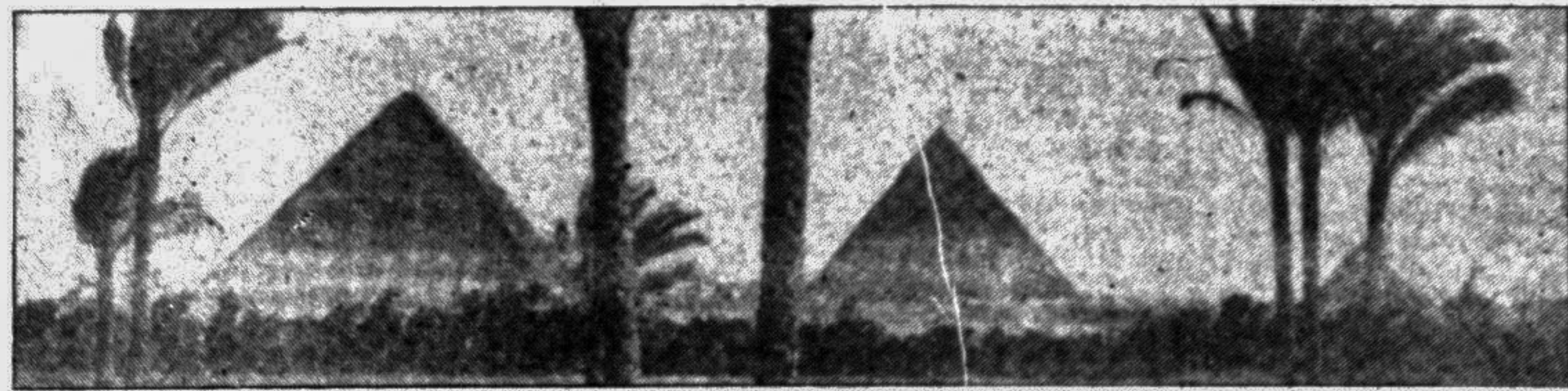
NATIONAL DAY OF EGYPT



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MESSAGE

Today the 23rd of July, 1996, Egypt celebrates the 44th anniversary of glorious Egyptian revolution which took place in 1952.

As a peace loving country, Egypt continues to play a pivotal role to establish just and comprehensive peace in the middle east, and therefore it hosted the peace makers summit in March 1966 in order to rescue and save the middle east peace process and deter the rising violence in the region, and also called and hosted in June '96 the first Arab summit since six years to demonstrate the commitment of all Arab countries to peace in the region.

Egypt is keen to strengthen its relation with brotherly Muslim Countries, and Bangladesh is on top, both bilaterally and through the Organisation of Islamic Conference, and has actively participated in all meetings of OIC to serve the interests of Islamic Ummah.

In the African circle, Egypt exerted tremendous efforts to maintain peace and stability in Africa, which lead to setting up a new machinery for the peaceful settlement of disputes and the signing of African Nuclear Weapons free Zone treaty in Cairo in April, 1996.

It is worth mentioning that the election of Egypt as a member of the Security Council (1996-97) for the 5th times since the establishment of UN (1946, 1949/50, 1961/62 and 1984/85) stands as testimony to Egypt's significant role, serving the cause of peace and interest of developing countries.

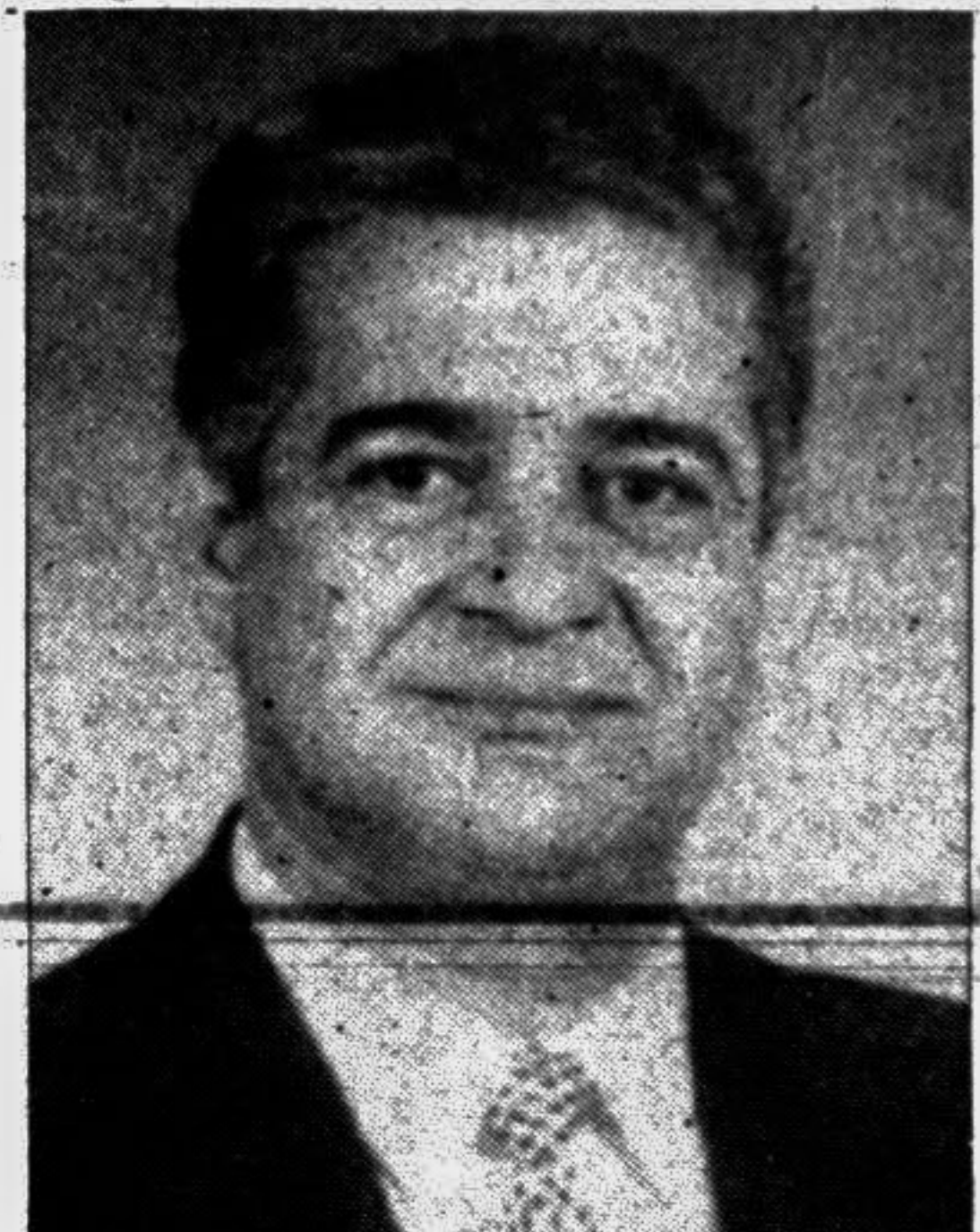
Internally the successful Egyptian Economic Reform Programme was able to reduce the inflation rate from 17% in 1991 to 10.5% in 1995-96, reduce the budget deficit, and increase the Egyptian exports.

The Government has taken recently measures to continue the above mentioned economic reform programme

which will lead to increase the GNP three times the increase of population rate, and sets several objectives to fulfill including the increase of exports liberalisation of trade, encouragement of the private sector, removal of obstacle hindering business in Egypt and improvement of the investment atmosphere.

The different ties between Egypt and Bangladesh that bind our two brotherly countries are strong and deeply rooted in the history and Egypt looks forward to continue strengthening this warm and brotherly relationship, and I am sure that our two countries can achieve by working closely together even more in all the different fields in the years ahead.

Long Live Egypt and Long Live Bangladesh.



Ossama Mohamed Taufik
Ambassador of Egypt to Bangladesh



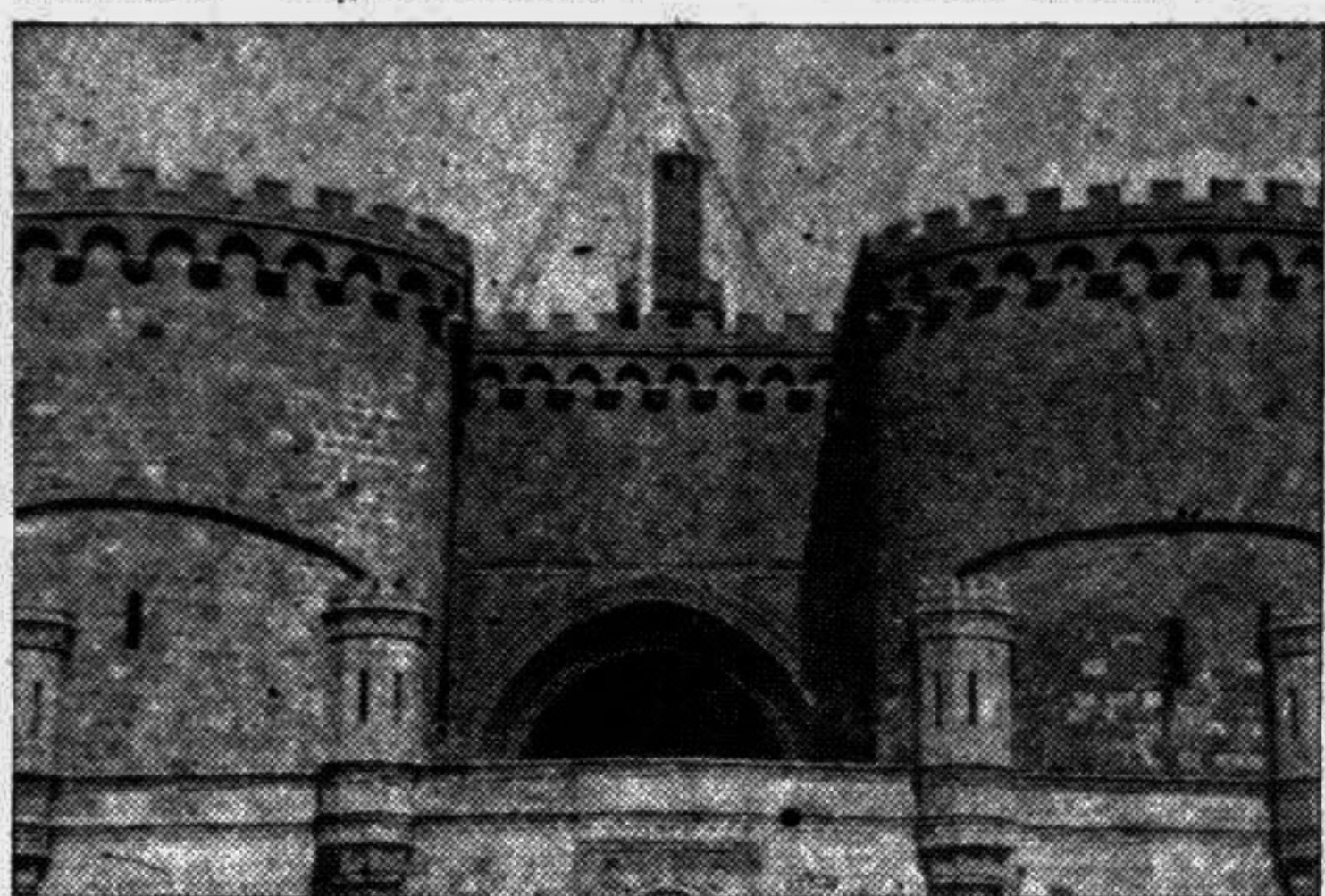
President Hosni Mubarak

TOURISM

EGYPT is the cradle of civilization, the beacon of religion and the gateway to Africa. Cairo is the foremost capital on the African Continent and lies at the centre of all routes leading to, and from the capitals of the three continents; Asia, Africa and Europe. Consequently,

when in Egypt, the land of love, friendship and hospitality, the traveller will never feel lonely or bored. In fact he will enjoy travelling through time. In Egypt the country of 7000 years of civilization, where past and present meet, the traveller will enjoy its all

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The Citadel of Salah al-Din

Al-Azhar : a Lighthouse of Knowledge :

• Al-Azhar Mosque acquired a distinguished academic and religious status after being changed into a popular university during Al-Aziz era where different disciplines were taught and the Fatimid doctrines were propagated. The first lecture was delivered in Safar 365H-975AD.

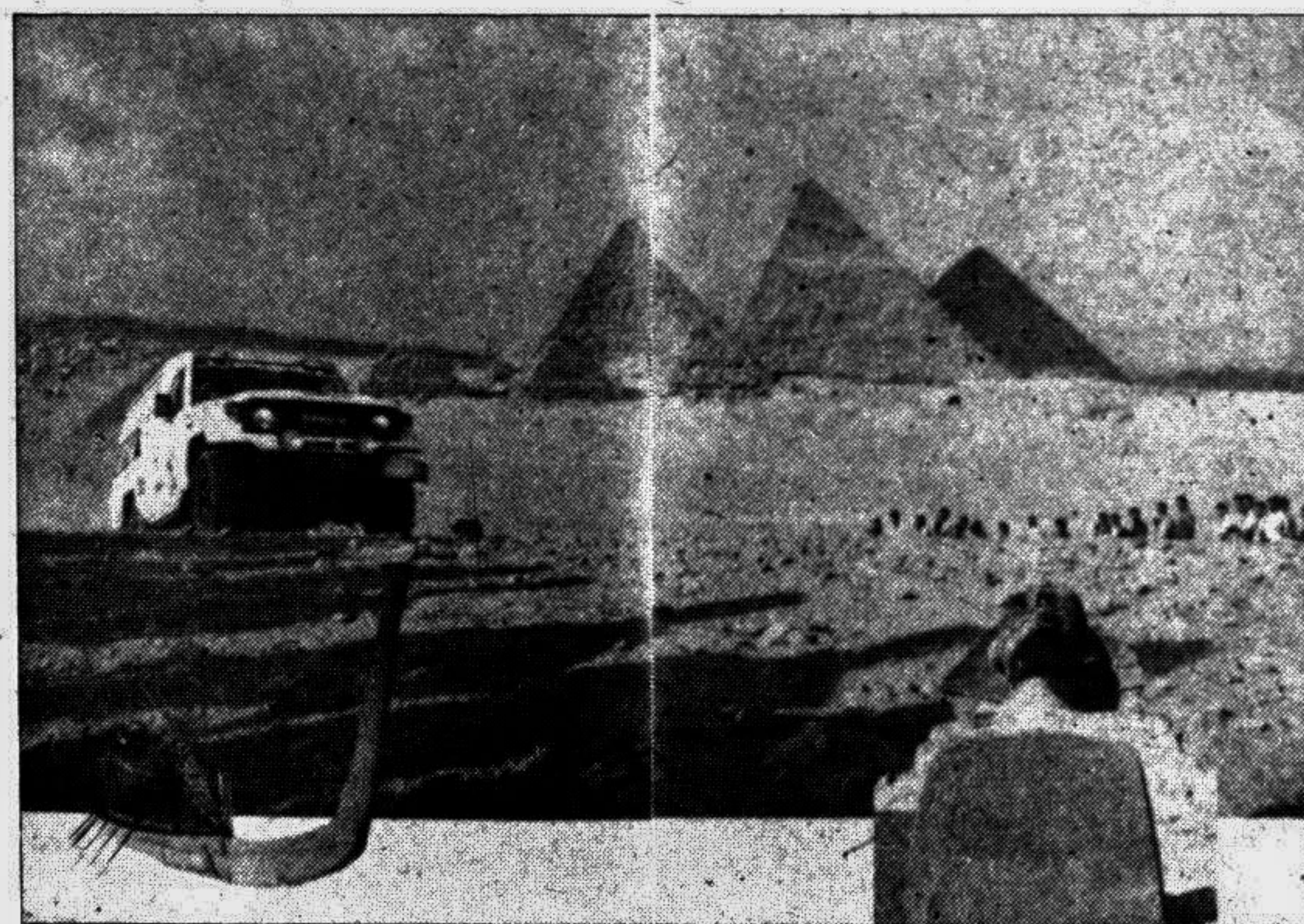
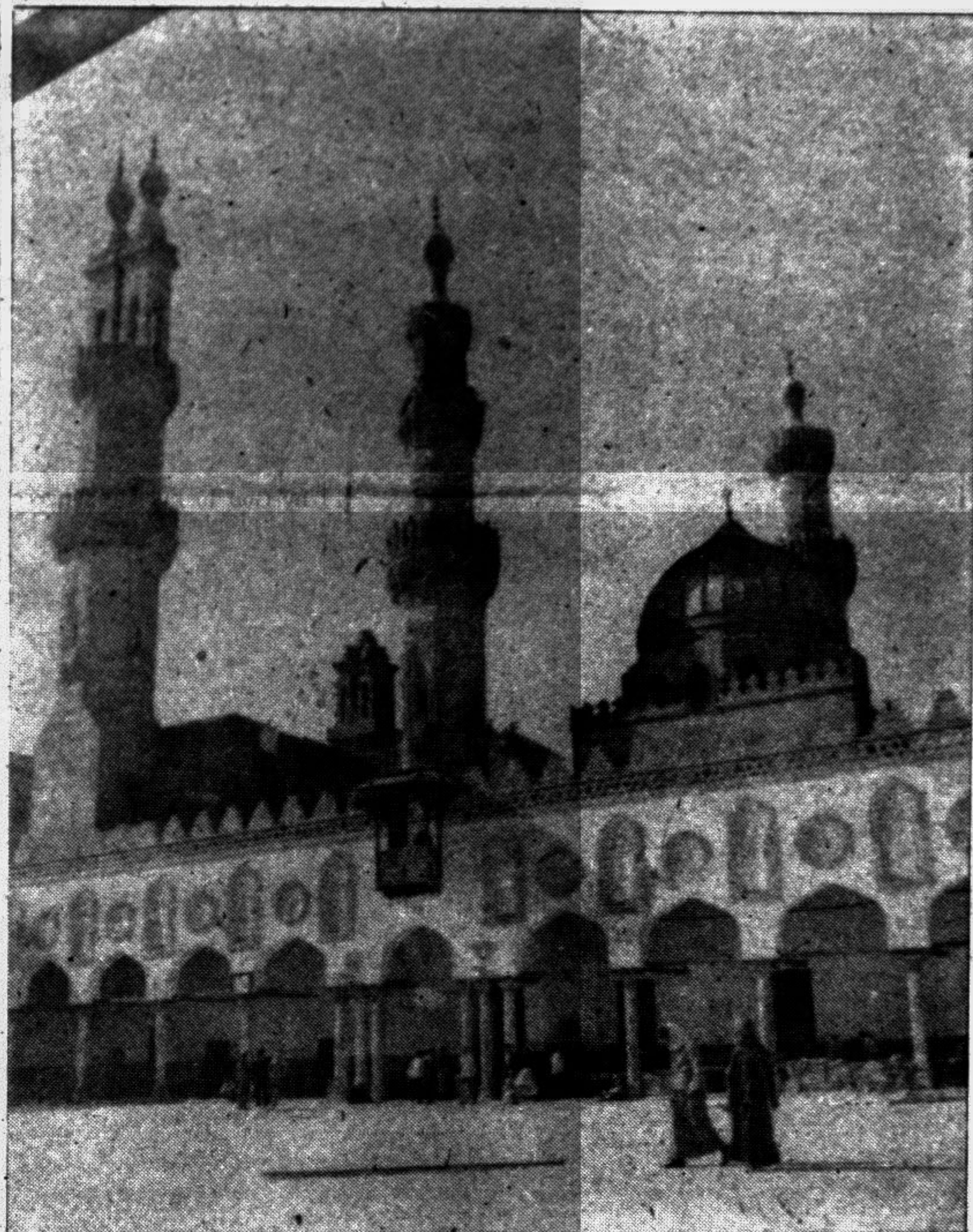
• It received students from all over the Islamic world, thus Moroccans, Chinese, Tunisians and others met within its colonnades and stalls, and Africans and Asians were brought together in its courtyard by the bond of Islam. Students and professors got material as well as financial stipends dedicated by the Caliphs.

• Al-Azhar Mosque had another official role to play. It was the place where senior judges used to sit and pass judgments, so did the accountants general, in addition to a considerable number of Caliphate and judicial assemblies.

• It is note-worthy that among the unforgettable stands taken by Al-Azhar is that adopted in the national movement led by Al-Azhar men in the face of the French Expedition to Egypt in 1798, which finally concluded with evacuating the French from Egypt.

• More than 1000 years elapsed and Al-Azhar Mosque has been cared for a given prominent attention by rulers and people alike, being the oldest mosque in Cairo and the oldest university in the Islamic world.

• It comprises a library abounding in valuable books, manuscripts and printed matter. Volumes number some 70,000; 11,000 of which are manuscripts.



Trade Centre of Egypt

THE Trade Centre of Egypt (TCE) in Dhaka is one of several overseas branches of Misr Import & Export Company (IMPEXMISR) which is considered as the most reputable public sector company, with field of foreign trade. Throughout 35 years, the Trade Centre of Egypt (TCE) in Dhaka has done its best to enhance, diversify and strengthen the mutual trade between the two brotherly countries.

During this financial year, ending June 96, the Trade Centre of Egypt in Dhaka (TCE) could conclude and execute successfully several contracts of raw jute and jute products. This target has been achieved through the help and assistance of local government organizations BJMC and TCB and several well-known private sector suppliers in Bangladesh.

TCE also have been able to successfully enter the fertilizers market and has already supplied several shipments of granular & powder single super phosphate. Currently TCE is engaged in introducing Egyptian made railway coaches and carriages in Bangladesh.



Magdi Riad Ibrahim
Trade Representative
Trade Centre of Egypt

We are currently doing all our efforts to promote the steady flow of rock phosphate with BCIC and raw Egyptian cotton with prospective mills as well as entering the construction market. Still there are a number of items that can be exported to the brotherly country Bangladesh. We can list here a few like tyres, aluminium wire & alum. foils, tiles, electrical and engineering products such as air conditions, ovens, refrigerators and electronics.

TCE take this glorious occasion of the National Day of Egypt to express sincere congratulations to the Bangladeshi and the Egyptian entrepreneurs, extending cooperation, experience, consultation to help enhance mutual trade and economic relation.

Egyptian Civilization and Culture

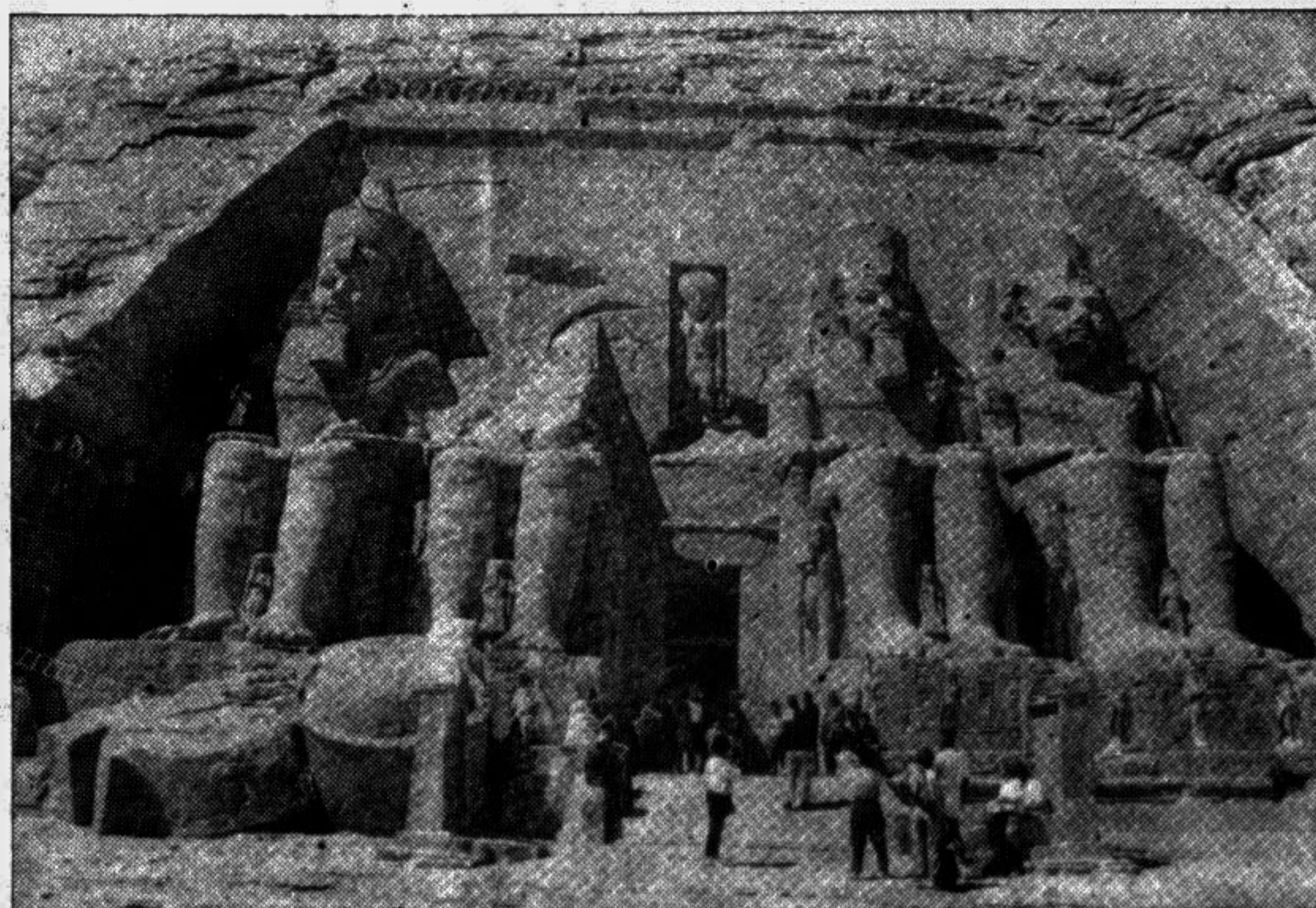
THE Egyptian civilization is characterised by two main phenomena, ancientness and continuity. The Egyptian civilization is one of the

oldest in human history (more than seven thousand years).

As for continuity it was due to the distinguished geographical location.

Egypt lies at the northeast of Africa, in the heart of the Arab World, bordered by the Mediterranean to the north, the Sudan to the

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The Temple of Abou-Simbel

Our Warmest Felicitations on
The National Day of Egypt

The Golden Enterprise & Associates
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