

China strikes WTO entry agreement with US

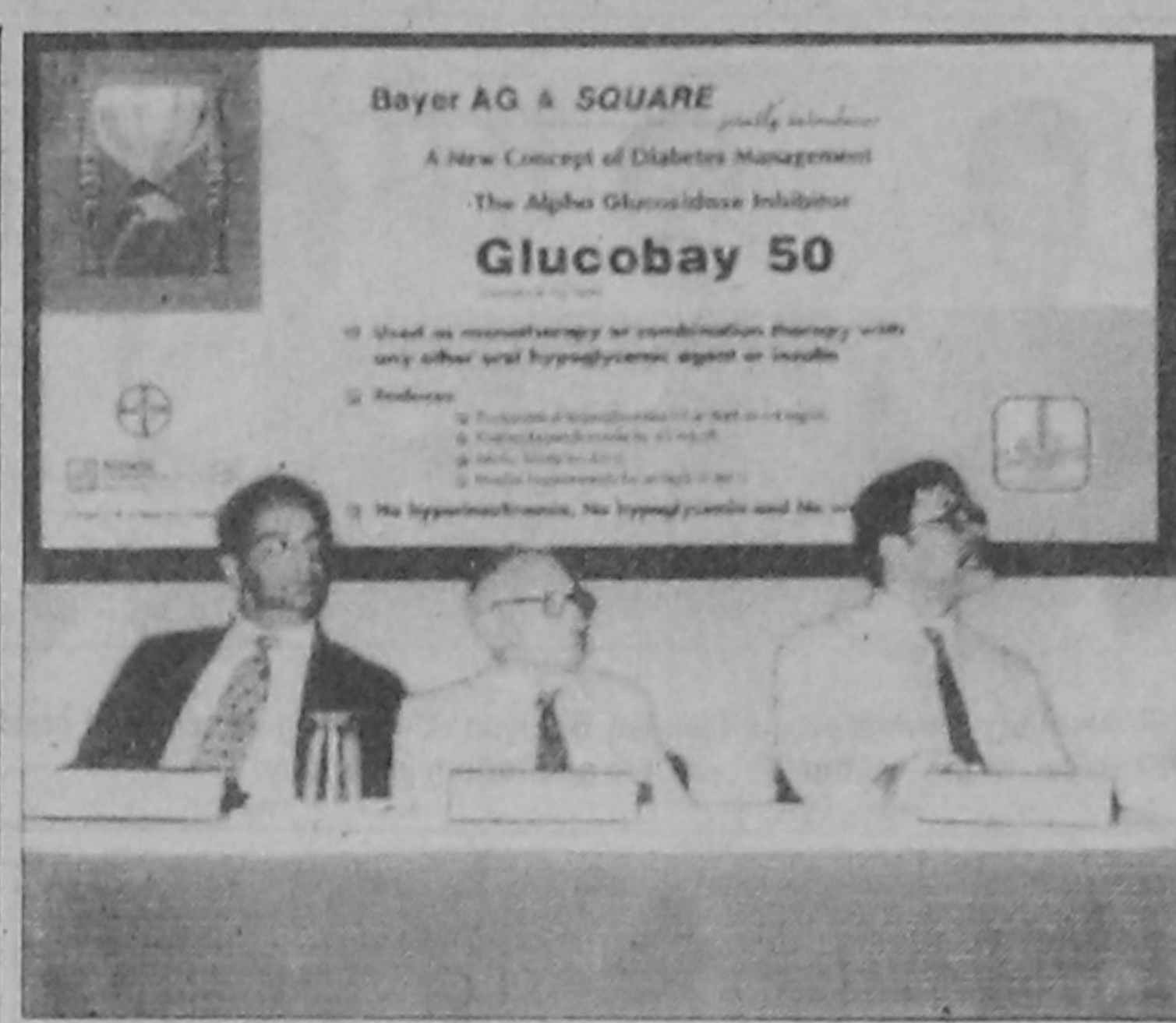
AFP, Berlin The United States and China have reached agreement on Beijing's admission to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)...

between 7.0 and 8.0 per cent. Until now, Handelsblatt reported, China has demanded to be considered a developing country...

entry. "When Vice Minister Long was here about three weeks ago I think he and Mr. Zoellick came to an agreement, after a couple of weeks of negotiations here in Washington...

Square Pharma holds 2 seminars on Glucobay at BIRDEM

Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd organised two scientific seminars on Glucobay - a new concept of diabetes management at BIRDEM auditorium recently...



Dr A R Khan, Chief Consultant of BIRDEM, presides over a scientific seminar on Glucobay organised by Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd at BIRDEM auditorium recently...



Latifur Rahman, President of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI), delivers the inaugural address at the four-day training course on "Marketing Management and Selling Process"...

Research lowers Malaysian growth prospects by 1pc

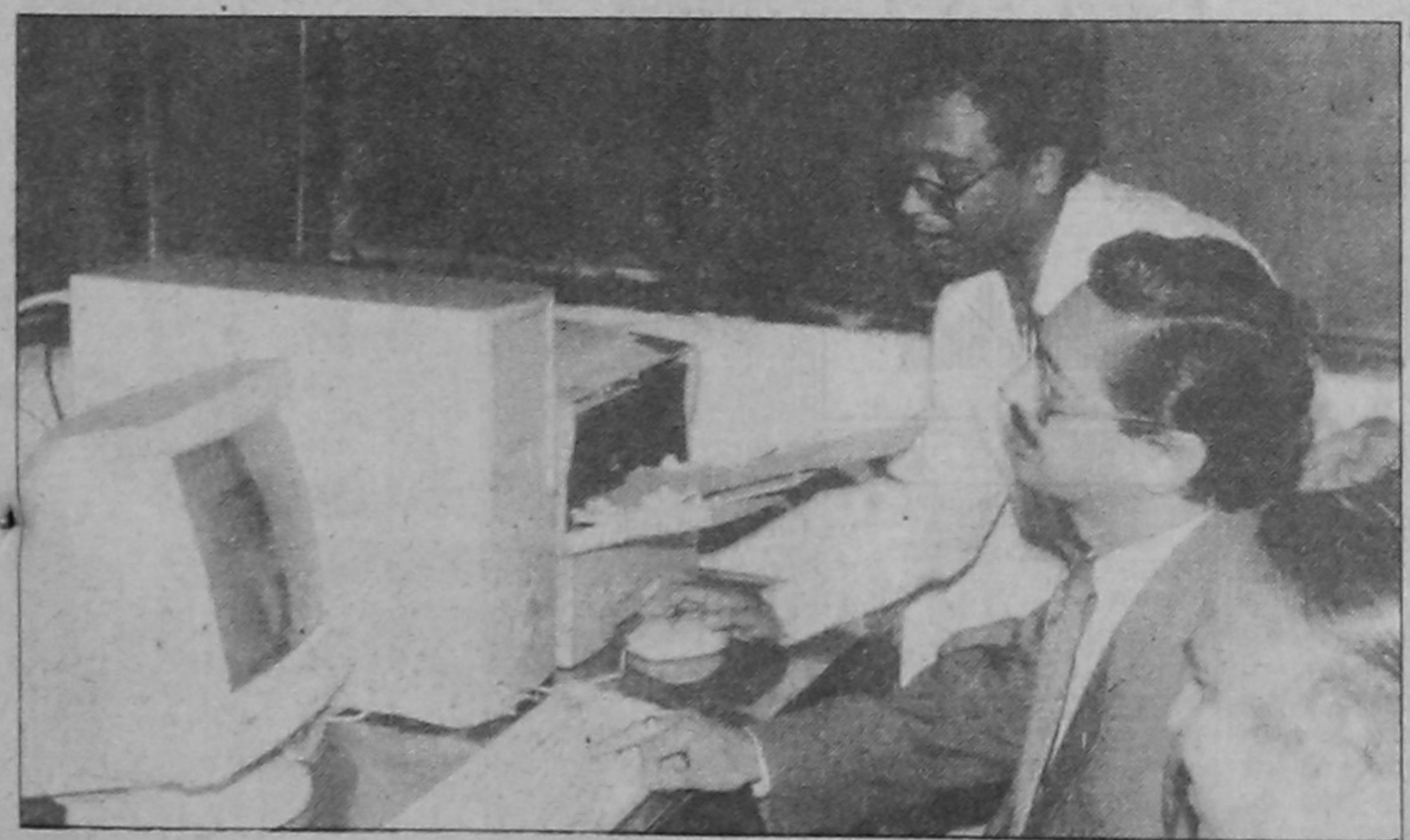
AP, Kuala Lumpur New economic research released Tuesday lowered Malaysia's economic growth prospects this year from 5 per cent to 4 per cent and showed that consumer confidence was slumping...

Mohamed Ariff said that the central bank's revision last month of its forecast for annual GDP growth, from 7 per cent down to between 5 per cent and 6 per cent...

implications for exports, long-term investment and growth. But separately, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad dismissed suggestions that the ringgit is overvalued...

Singer opens its 74th sales centre at Sherpur

Singer has expanded its sales activities by opening its 74th Showroom-cum-Sales Centre at Sherpur recently, says a press release. Singer Bangladesh Limited is committed to offer quality products...



Picture shows the launching of the computerised system at Sadharan Bima Corporation's Local Office in the city yesterday.

Star Computer wins ISO 9001 certificate

Star Computer Systems Ltd has received ISO 9001 certificate from United Registrar of Systems Ltd of United Kingdom recently, says a press statement. URS is authorised to issue UKAS Quality Management Certificates...

Alternative 'people's summit' to shadow Americas Summit

AFP, Quebec City Labour union officials and grassroots activists from across North, Central and South America are planning an alternative meeting here this week to the pomp-filled official intergovernmental Summit of the Americas...

in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) being extended to other countries in the Americas. The People's Summit aims to promote "more democratic" alternatives to what they detect as an official scheme for "neo-liberal continental integration"...

conomic integration, access to education, poverty alleviation and democratic change. The Cuban government has been left out in the cold by organisers of the official summit which is reserved for the region's "democratically elected heads of state and government"...

Oil strengthens after UK refinery fire

Oil prices strengthened yesterday as refinery glitches bolstered concerns of a gasoline supply crunch in the peak United States this summer. An explosion at Conoco's Killingham refinery in Britain on Monday compounded fears of a supply shortfall of motor fuel...

Syria okays pvt banks law

40 yrs of state control goes

BSS, Damascus Syrian President Bashar al-Assad issued a law Monday allowing private banks to be set up and ending nearly four decades of socialist-inspired state control over the banking sector...

Over 50 banks interested

Officials said that more than 50 foreign banks, mainly from neighbouring Lebanon and Gulf Arab countries, had contacted the authorities to get information about opening up business in the banking sector in Syria. Economy and Foreign Trade Minister, Mohammed Imadi, told parliament while discussing the draft law...

HK, NZ to start free trade negotiations

AFP, Hong Kong New Zealand will begin talks with Hong Kong to establish a free-trade agreement to secure a "comprehensive economic partnership". New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said Tuesday. The moves, to be formally announced later Tuesday, will seek to "reaffirm New Zealand's commitment to close ties with Hong Kong"...

Ad expenditure in Asia Pacific nears \$30b

AFP, Hong Kong South Korea came next rising 24 per cent to 5.15 billion dollars, followed by Hong Kong, up 17 per cent to 3.539 billion dollars, and Australia, up 18 per cent to 3.37 billion dollars. India was fifth with 1.651 billion dollars, and then the Philippines with 1.234 billion dollars and Thailand with 1.151 billion dollars...

CURRENCY

Table showing American Express Bank Ltd foreign exchange rates (indicative) against Taka to clients. Columns include Currency, Selling TT & OD, Selling BC, Buying TT Clean, Buying OD Sight Export Bill, and Buying OD Transfer.

Bill buying rates

Table showing Bill buying rates for TT Doc, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days, 120 Days, and 180 Days.

US dollar London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR)

Table showing US dollar London Inter Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR) for Buying (\$), Selling (\$), Currency, 1 Month, 3 Months, 6 Months, 9 Months, and 12 Months.

Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollar

Table showing Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollar for Indian Rupee, Pak Rupee, Thai Baht, Malaysian Ringgit, Indonesian Rupiah, and Korean Won.

Amex notes on Tuesday's market

The high demand for dollar persisted in the interbank USD/BDT market yesterday. The USD/BDT rate ranged between 54.24 and 54.28. The average call rate fell slightly as the liquidity for Taka improved...

SHIPPING

Chittagong port

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 17.4.2001

Table showing Berth position and performance of vessels at Chittagong port as of 17.4.2001. Columns include Berth No, Name of vessels, Cargo, L/Port call, Local agent, Date of arrival, and Leaving.

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Table showing Vessels due at outer anchorage. Columns include Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L/Port call, Local agent, Cargo, and Loading port.

Tanker due

Table showing Tanker due. Columns include Name of vessels, Date of arrival, L/Port call, Local agent, and Cargo.

Table showing Name of vessels, Cargo, Last Port call, Local agent, and Date of arrival.

Vessels at Kutubdia

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The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.