

# Saifur meets Nishimizu WB suggests early finalisation of PRSP

UNB, Dhaka

The World Bank suggests early finalisation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) by the Bangladesh government as it will open an avenue for increased donor assistance in the country's development efforts.

Meiko Nishimizu, vice president (South Asia) of the World Bank, made the suggestion and assurance of enhanced aid flow when Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, on the first day of his visit to Washington, met her at the Bank headquarters on Friday.

The minister sought cooperation of the development partners and requested increased assistance from the Brettonwoods institution to enable the government to continue its development efforts.

Nishimizu said in order to achieve the fruits of development the government must continue to reform its vital sectors like energy, power and social sectors.

The World Bank executive stressed the need of an "action agenda" for revitalising the major economic sectors of the country.

Saifur Rahman is now in Washington, DC, to attend the 2002 annual meetings of the World Bank and IMF ending tomorrow.

After the event, he will have an exclusive meeting with World Bank president James D. Wolfensohn.

While discussing development-cooperation issues between Bangladesh and the World Bank, Nishimizu appreciated the reform initiatives taken by the government and congratulated the Finance Minister on his making endeavors for restoring fiscal discipline in the country.

Highlighting the major achievements of the government, the Finance Minister apprised the Bank team of government's commitment to bring discipline in the financial sector.

He also assured that the government is "pledge-bound to remove the inefficiencies prevailing in some of the major public sectors" like energy and transportation.

The government is taking all possible steps to reinforce employment generation and poverty alleviation, he said.



Students of Narayanganj Fine Arts Institute demonstrated in front of the court in the city yesterday demanding death penalty for those responsible for the death of Simi Banu, a fellow student.

## PM shocked at deaths in Senegal ferry capsiz

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed profound grief at the loss of lives in a tragic ferry capsiz in Senegal.

In a condolence message to the Prime Minister of Senegal Madam Madior Boye, Khaleda Zia conveyed her heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved families.

She also prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls and hoped that the relatives of the victims would be able to cover the losses with courage and fortitude.

## 1235 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,235 people including four listed criminals from across the country in drives during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

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### THE REQUIREMENTS:

- Master's or equivalent qualifications in relevant fields and at least 5 years of international work experience in a development agency or as a consultant
- Exposure to development projects in the Asian and Pacific region or multi-developing countries

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Participates as major contributor in identifying, formulating, and processing a project or as principal with full responsibilities for project implementation in coordination with an assigned project engineer. Undertakes economic analysis of sectors and policies; evaluates economic costs and benefits of projects; and evaluates socio-economic aspects of projects, including assessing employment generation and identifying major beneficiaries.

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Assists in project processing, including project identification, formulation and preparation including the selection and supervision of consultants undertaking project feasibility studies, reviews feasibility studies, and appraises proposed projects with impact on institutional development and policy reform to improve sector performance.

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Responsible for policy analysis and reform in the area of public financial management with particular emphasis on the management of inter-governmental financial relations. Identifies, improves, and develops diagnostic tool kits for analyzing the state or condition of key components of a country's public financial management system. Develops a framework that operations staff can use to prepare loan packages for reform of the public financial management system and prepares and administers training seminars for staff. Work experience in public financial management in a developing country setting required, and in a demanding environment like countries in a conflict situation advantageous.

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3. Academic background: (As of April 1, 2003)  
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At least two (2) years of work experience
5. English proficiency level  
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### Application Form

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- 2) Annex office, Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh  
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- 3) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office  
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- 6) Ministry of Planning, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
- 7) Ministry of Establishment, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
- 8) Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
- 9) Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAB)  
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- 11) DC Offices in Barisal, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet
- 12) Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) JDS Project Office in Bangladesh (please see below)

\* No inquiry through letter or phone will be accepted regarding distribution of Application Form.  
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Deadline for applications: 5:00 p.m., November 14 (Thursday), 2002

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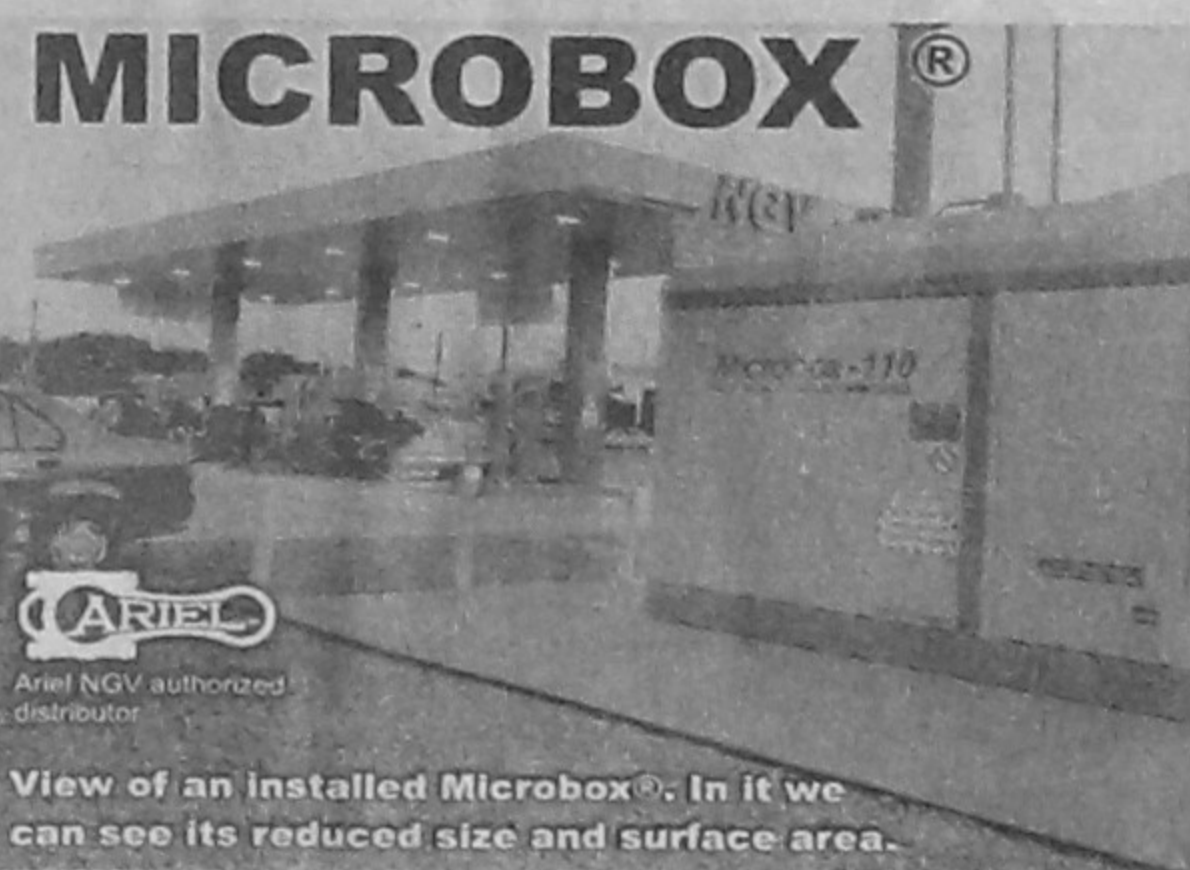
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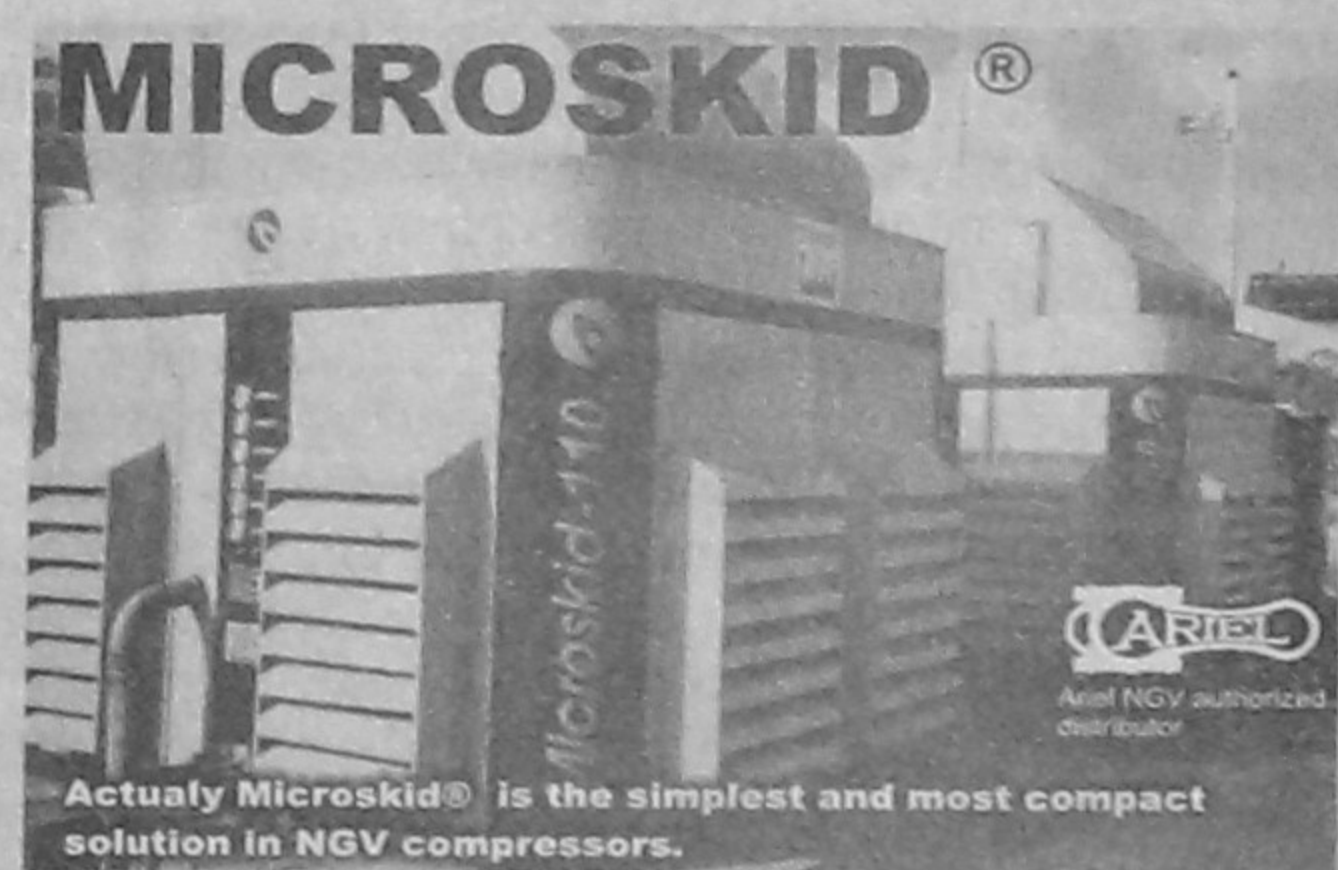
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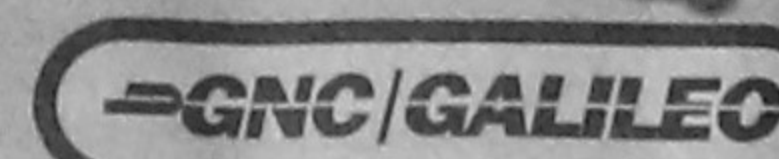
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