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SAARC Foreign Secys continue discussions

The SAARC "standing committee" comprising the foreign secretaries of the member states on Thursday continued their discussions for the second day on Thursday in preparation for the council of ministers meeting beginning Saturday next, reports BSS.

Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman, who is also the Chairman of the SAARC standing committee, presided.

All the foreign secretaries of the member states are taking part in the meeting.

The Foreign Secretaries will continue their discussions today (Friday). The Council of Ministers will begin their two-day session tomorrow (Saturday).

Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives will arrive today (Friday).

The standing committee on Thursday picked up the thread of discussions from where it left on Wednesday. The 22 items in the agenda are being covered.

Mr. Reaz Rahman said that the talks are progressing well.

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and the ground is being prepared for the meeting of the ministers. The standing committee is also considering the recommendations of the programming committee, which earlier met for a day and made proposals for the SAARC activities for 1994 in addition to other relevant matters.

The programming committee composed of the senior officials also reviewed the calendar activities and prepared a report for the consideration of the standing committee.