

National

Mass telegram programme for Sylhet division

From Our Correspondent
SYLHET, Feb 15: The Mass Telegram Sending Programme pressing for immediate formation of Sylhet division, begins here today.

More than 50 telegrams have been sent to the Prime Minister today demanding a new administrative infrastructure in Sylhet — comprising the four districts of the region.

The programme was earlier announced by the Division Implementation and Greater Sylhet Development Action Council.

Sending of telegrams to the PM will continue till March 10.

Meanwhile, the Greater Sylhet Gonodab Parishad has called upon the government to declare Sylhet a division by March 31. Otherwise, the parishad will go for a fresh agitation programme, it said.

Case against Suranjit dismissed

From Our Correspondent
SYLHET, Feb 15: Sylhet Sadar Thana Magistrate today dismissed a case filed against the Ganotantri Party leader Suranji Sengupta, MP.

The case was filed on January 25 by Abdul Matin of village Barolkandi accusing the leader of provoking Muslim religious sentiment at a public meeting.

The court dismissed the case after hearing today.

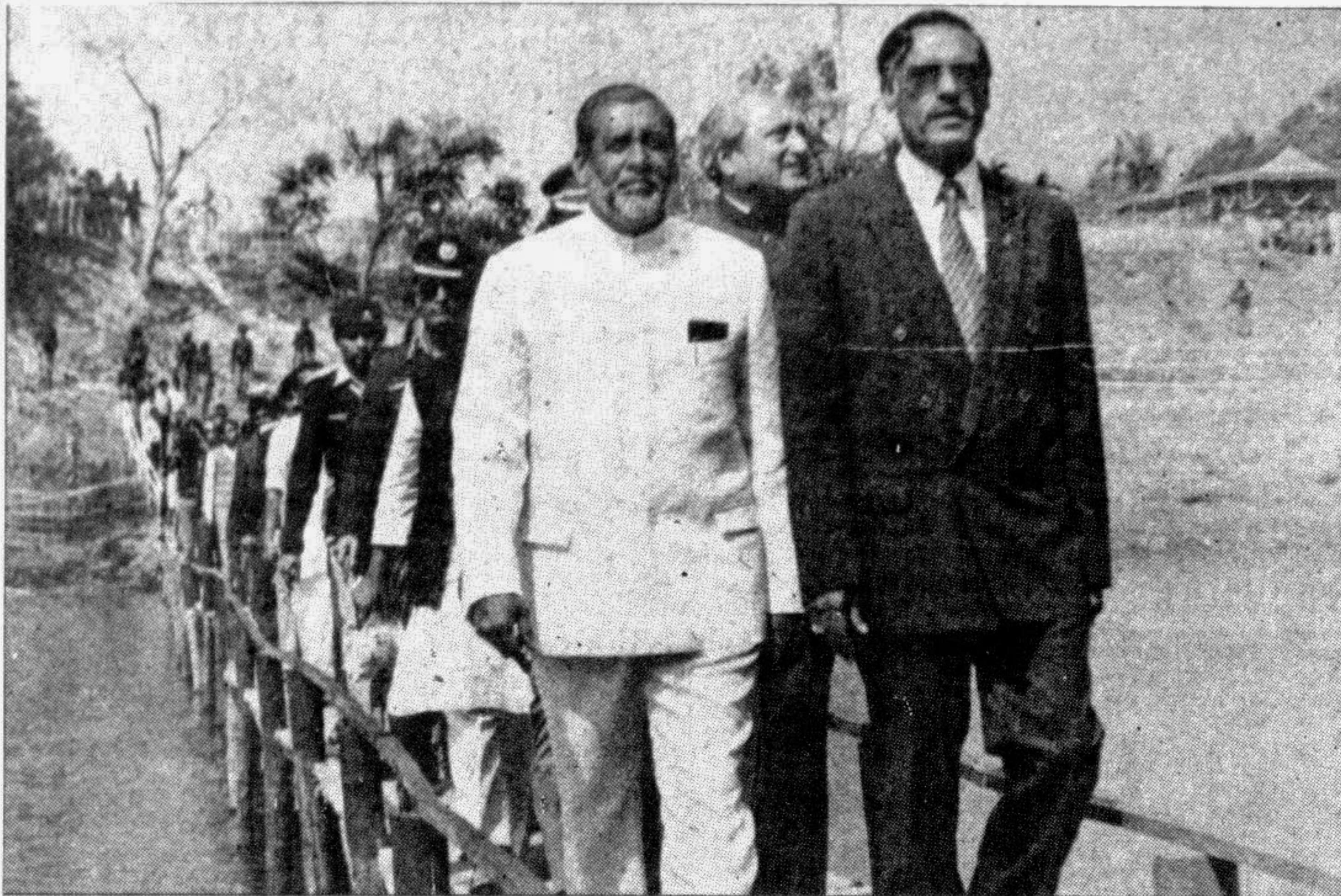
Advocate Giasuddin moved for the complainant while Advocate Mofur Ali and others stood for the defence.

Best teacher of Lakshmpur

From A Correspondent

Mohd Abdul Kashem Bhuiyan, MA, B Ed, Senior Teacher of Raipur L M Pilot High School, has been awarded as the best teacher of Lakshmpur district recently.

In a prize-giving ceremony on the occasion of the 'Education Week '94' observed here, the function was presided over by the President of the Education Week Observation Committee and DC of Lakshmpur district Chittaranjan Banu.



Indian Union State Minister P M Syed (bearded), Tripura Governor Ramesh Bhandari and Oli Ahmed, Communications Minister of Bangladesh government are seen crossing the bridge on river Feni to reach Ramgarh during the repatriation of Chakma refugees from India that began on February 15.

— Photo by A K M Mohsin

Grant to 100 institutions stopped for irregularities

From Our Correspondent

S H College.

The high schools are: Modern High School, Islamia High School, Khidir-Sharif Al-Wahedi High School, Khorda Mahalibari High School, Konerpara High School, Kamarjani Boys and Girls High Schools, P K Junior High School, Chapadaha High School, Rahamatpur Girls High School, Ballamjhar Girls High School, Raghunathpur, Bispur, Pearapur, Kholahati High Schools, Dariyapur Boys and Girls High Schools.

The affected madrasas are: Siddiquia, Ghagora, Bithunia, Khidir Sharif, Hat Laxmipur, Kamarjani, Kuptola, Chapadaha Orphanage, Dhutchora madrasas.

Meanwhile education board has issued show cause notices to those institutes for discrepancy.

ancies in school fund, bank security, documentary irregularities and worst academic results.

The banks stopped disbursement of government grant to the schools from December '93.

Another report says: Law and order situation is deteriorating in the district gradually.

This was expressed at the last monthly district conference on law and order situation.

According to report, the criminal cases lying with different police stations stood at 692 during the year 1993.

Of that, nine dacoity, 79 burglary, 53 theft, 35 murder, 112 clash, 9 murder with clash, 7 kidnap and violence, 24 smuggling and 24 other cases were filed with respective police stations.

Sale of wine, narcotics open in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Feb 16: The sale of ganja, wine, rectified spirit, and other narcotics and exhibition of blue films have been causing moral degradation of youths in the district.

It is informed that narcotics and liquor are being sold openly in different shops of Satkhira town and at other thana headquarters.

There is an office for narcotics, and liquor control at the district headquarters with full-fledged staff whose main duty is to check the illegal sale of liquor.

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The district town plunges into darkness just after sunset

9 stabbed in Jessore

JESSORE, Feb 17: Sporadic clashes between two rival student groups here since Wednesday left nine stabbed, reports UNB.

Police said the clash erupted between the activists of the Chhatra League and Chhatra Moity-Juba Moity allegedly over filing of tender at the PWD office on Wednesday.

Juba Moity leader Muna was injured when rival Chhatra League activists stabbed him at the PWD office at about 11 am yesterday.

The Juba Moity and Chhatra Moity activists stabbed a Chhatra League leader, Aslam Hossain, at noon.

Chhatra League activists stabbed two Juba Moity workers in the same evening.

In the sequel, six other Chhatra League leaders and workers were stabbed in different parts of the town today. They are Tapash, Mahmud, Asaduzzaman, Zahidul Islam, Kishore and Saiful.

All the injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

A meeting between the Awami League, Workers' Party and their front organisations at the Police Super office agreed to take necessary steps to avert further violence.

District roundup

BARISAL

Massive road development project

Feb 18: Government has sanctioned 1,816 metric tons of wheat for the implementation of 97 projects in Barisal district under Food-for-Work Programme (WFP) during current season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, projects include the construction of 90 roads, re-excavation of three ponds and levelling of four playgrounds.

Of the total, 179 metric tons of wheat will be spent for the construction of 11 roads in Barisal sadar thana, 262 metric tons for 15 roads in Bakerganj, 233 metric tons for 14 roads in Meherdiganj, 212 metric tons for 11 roads and for re-excavation of one pond in Wazirpur, 157 metric tons for seven roads and for re-excavation of one pond in Muladi, 147 metric tons for three roads and levelling of one playground in Hizla, 167 metric tons for six roads and levelling of one ground in Agailjhara, 140 metric tons for eight roads in Banaripara, about 176 metric tons for nine roads, re-excavation of one pond and levelling of one playground in Gournadi and 148 metric tons for six roads and levelling of one playground in Babuganj thana.

Work on these projects has already started and will be completed within April next, the source added.

JHENIDAH

One killed, 4 injured in road accident

Feb 18: One person was killed and four others were injured critically in a road accident near Jhenidah Cadet College on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway Tuesday, reports UNB.

The victim, passenger of a Jhenidah-bound bus, was identified as Bulbul, 20, who succumbed to injuries at Jhenidah sadar hospital.

The injured are undergoing treatment at the same hospital.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when the passenger bus hit a standing truck loaded with paddy near Jhenidah Cadet College.

PABNA

Journalist assaulted

Feb 18: The District Correspondent of Dainik Dinkal Abdul Hamid Khan was assaulted by a group of persons at the Judge Court premises on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Journalists of the Pabna Press Club at an emergency meeting, with club president Yasin Ali Mridha in the chair condemned the assault and demanded punishment of those responsible.

The speakers held the local BNP leader Md Abdul Mannan Master and his supporters responsible for the attack.

TANGAIL

Inter-district gang members arrested

Feb 18: Police arrested sixteen persons including two women from different places of Tangail on Monday and recovered two pipe guns and a machete from them, reports BSS.

Police said, they were looking for these people in connection with a dacoity case that was committed recently in village Bangshinagar under Mirzapur thana. During the dacoity two persons were killed in gunfire. Police said, these persons belong to inter-district gang.

Hundreds of people visited Tangail thana Tuesday to see these people.

SIRAJGANJ

Three killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

Feb 18: Three persons were killed and eight were injured in a road accident of Newargachha in Ullapara thana recently.

It is gathered that a Dhaka bound bus from Bogra collided head-on with a truck on North Bengal highway. Shs dead were identified as Wazeedur Rahman, 40, of Akkelpur, Abul Hossain, 55, and Jainal Abedin, 45, of Kahalu in Bogra district. Condition of six injured persons was stated to be critical.

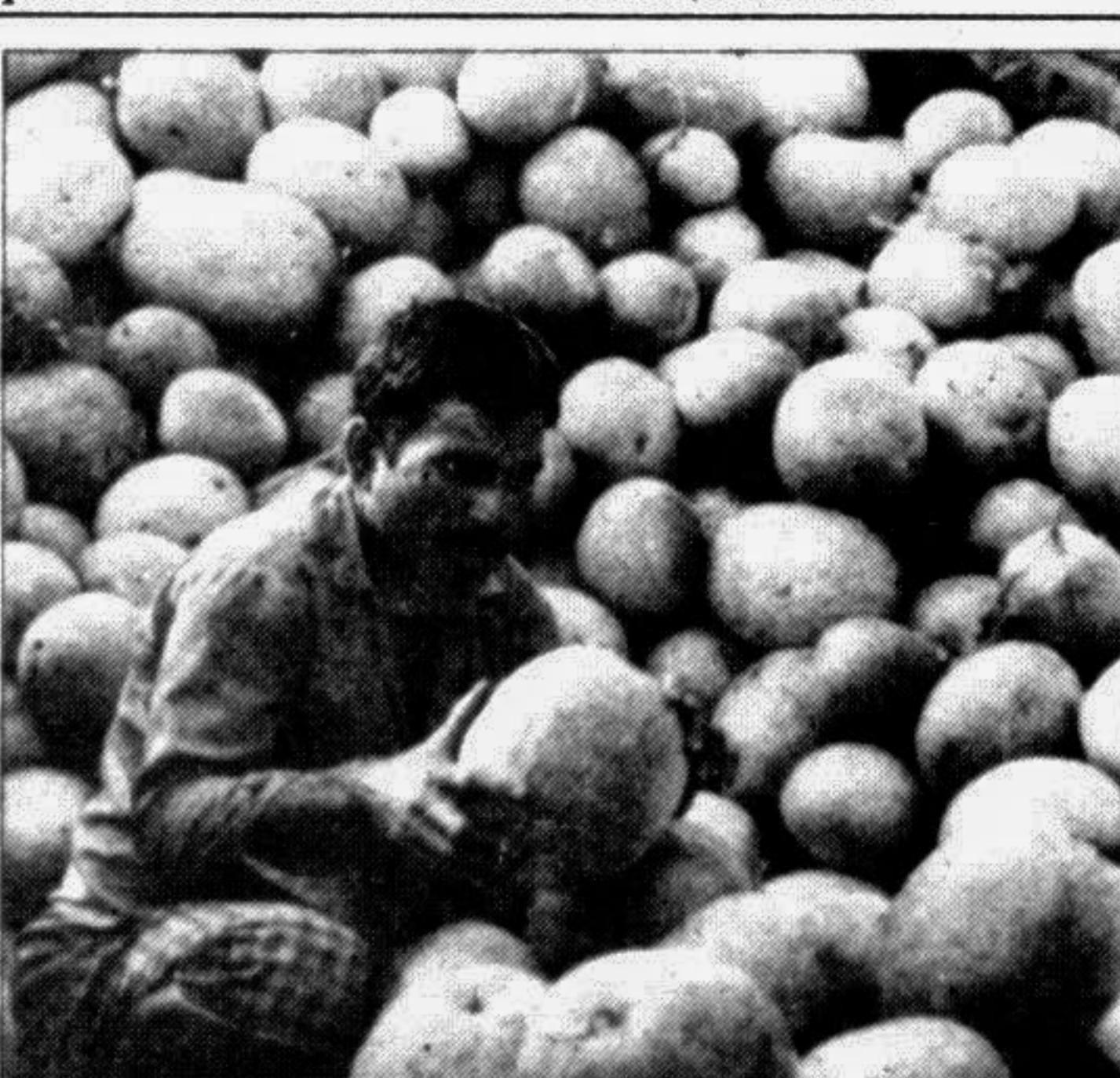
Photo report

Fruits in the city markets

From this week, we launch another new feature for our readers' pleasure. Every Saturday, on this page, we will publish a photo report on a subject that touches our daily life. What could be a better subject to start with than the variety of fruits that are now delighting the hearts, and not to mention, the palate, of our fruit lovers all over the country. Winter's special fruits, coupled with several imported ones, brought especially for the holy month of Ramadan make the Dhaka markets a shoppers' paradise. In the photos, The Daily Star's chief photographer AKM Mohsin catches in his camera frames, a few of the more popular varieties now available in the market.



Bangi, a kind of melon



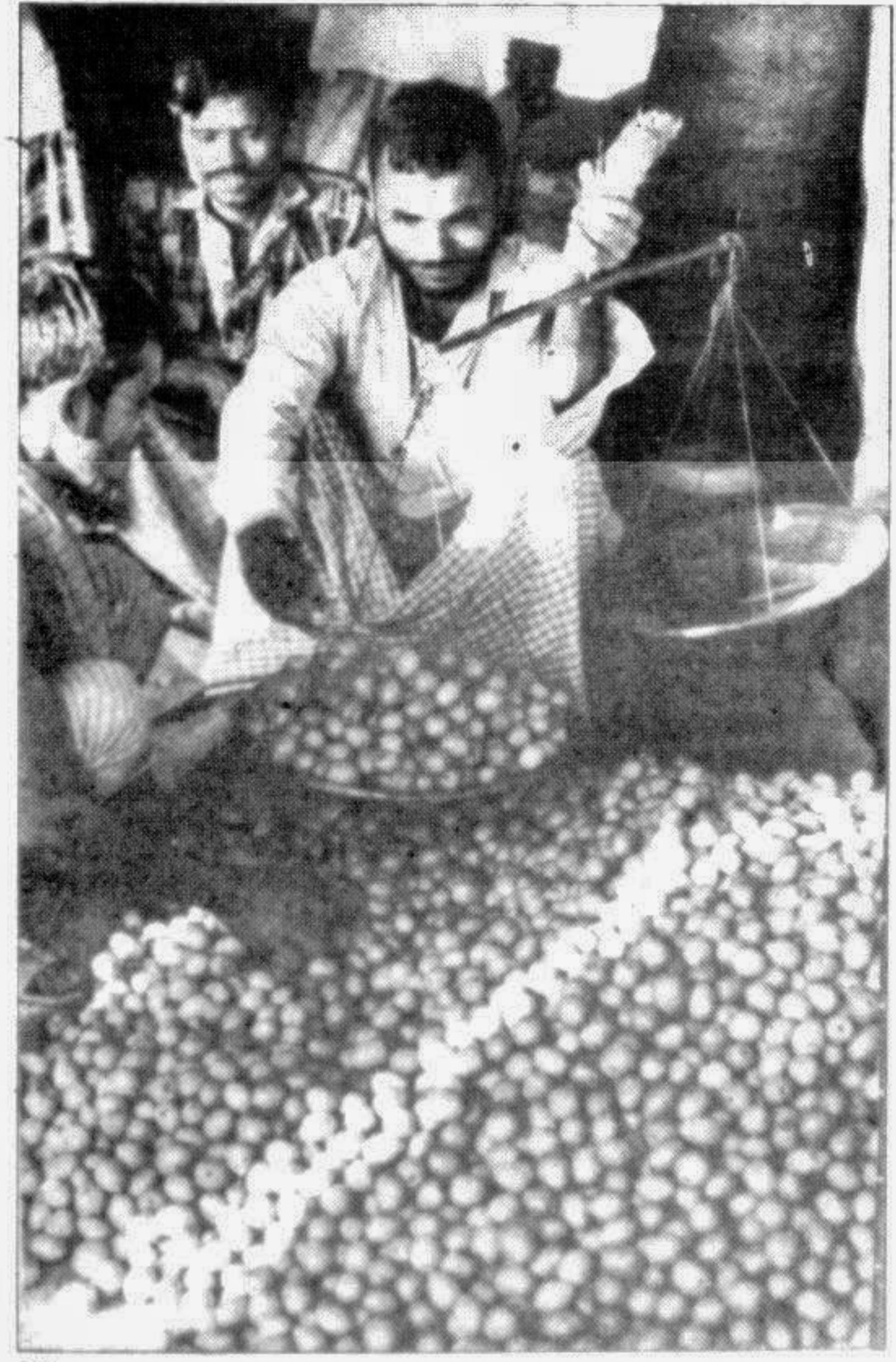
Water melon



Woodapple (Bell in Bangla)



Grapes, dry dates, apples and oranges



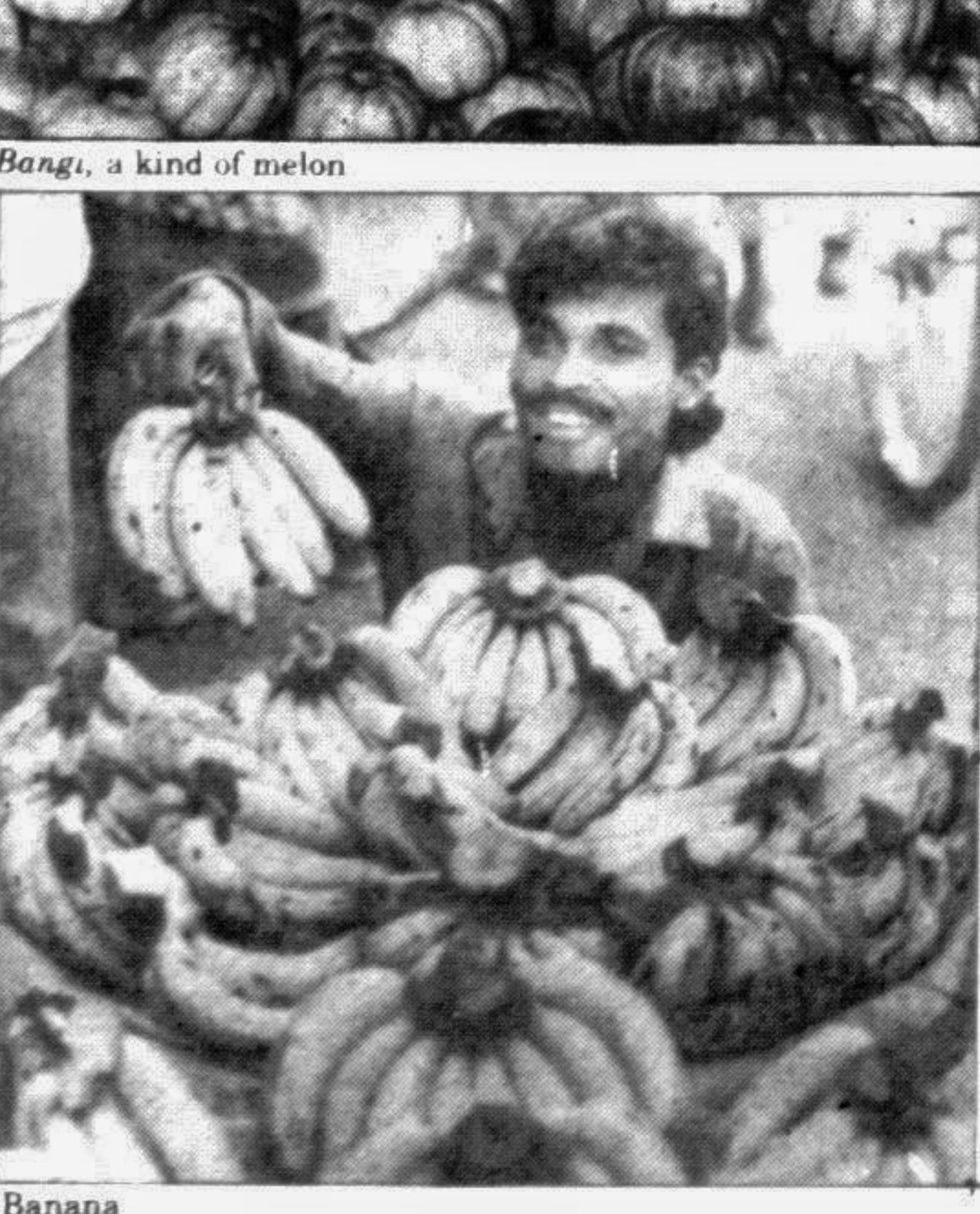
Plum



Green coconut



Orange



Banana