

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Fascination for Tinsels and Bangles

by ASM Nurunnabi

It is perhaps in human nature that the fair sex have more than a fair share of weakness or rather attraction for some things not very consequential in male eyes. This is because they tend to embellish or add to their grace and beauty. Such things are not necessarily costly, they may even appear trivial in the prosaic eyes of males.

This refers to bits of tinsel worn on the forehead (called 'teeps' in Bangla) and glass bangles — things that may not be a source of permanent joy but are widely adorned in female circles. Their appeal can only be appreciated in aesthetic terms, as for monetary terms they count for very little. The attraction for them develops in females from an early stage, even when they are little children. The appeal



knows no geographical barriers: women both in rural and urban areas are equally enamoured with it.

When village fairs are held, the rural womenfolk as well as their small girls who accompany them are irresistibly drawn to the stalls selling bangles and 'teeps'. They enjoy themselves immensely as they make their choice among the various assortments of these items in colour and design. Other things of attraction at the fairs may wait until they have selected the desired ones from these two items. The process of selection is usually a lengthy one as they try one pair of glass bangles after another from the wide array on display. Their male companions wait patiently as the process of selection goes on. Even when men go to such fairs without their womenfolk, they do not forget these items in course of their purchase.

Such scenes in rural areas are almost similar to urban ones. In urban settings, however, the picture is more varied, colourful and wide ranging. In certain shopping areas of the city, there is a long chain of shops dealing exclusively

craze for these trinkets soars to extraordinary heights when big festivals or marriage ceremonies in their families are in the offing.

Even as students attending schools and colleges, their fascination for these things is quite strong. During breaks in their class schedules, they find opportunities to shop for them. Some vendors open up their business of selling glass bangles on roadsides near the educational institutions. From the time classes start, these vendors spread out their wares on sheets of plastic and wait for their customers. There are some specific spots where such scenes can be seen. For example, they can be located in front of the Eden College and the Home Economics College at Azimpur. Occasionally, such vendors can also be seen in front of the women's hostels of the university. Though the range of these items is limited at these places, the curiosity of the girl students remains as steady as ever. They do not even hesitate to squat on the roadside beside the displayed wares and get busy with the unremitting task of selection. As they do so, they present a picturesque street scene.

Student shot dead in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A student was shot to death and a woman beaten to death in the capital yesterday.

Mozammel, 18, a college student, suffered a bullet wound in his chest when two groups of armed men clashed at Khilgaon Sunday night. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries early in the morning yesterday.

Subujbagh police arrested two youngsters for their alleged involvement in the violence that led to the killing of Mozammel.

They were detained in the police custody for questioning.

Mozammel was a student of Khilgaon Model College.

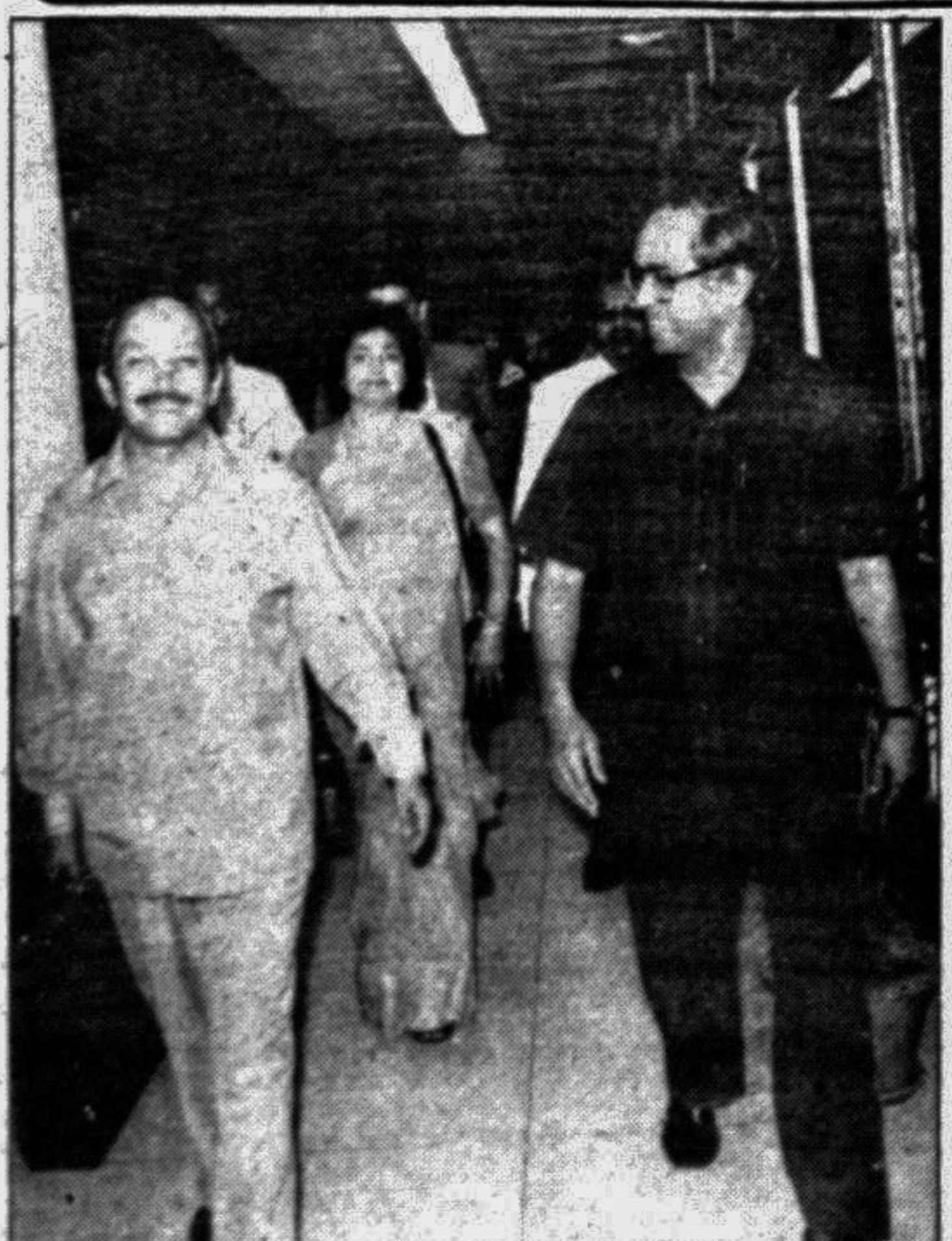
A 42-year-old woman, Jahera Begum, was beaten to death by a group of women at a slum at Nilkhet under the city's Dhanmondi police station yesterday morning.

Witnesses said, Jahera, also a slum dweller, was attacked by some women during a quarrel with them.

Fatally wounded Jahera was rushed to the DMCH where doctors declared her dead.

No arrest was made in connection with the murder, Dhanmondi police said.

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Director General of SAARC in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ashfaqur Rahman (right) received the SAARC Secretary General K Y Srilal on his arrival for attending the 14th SAARC Council of Ministers' meeting in Dhaka at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

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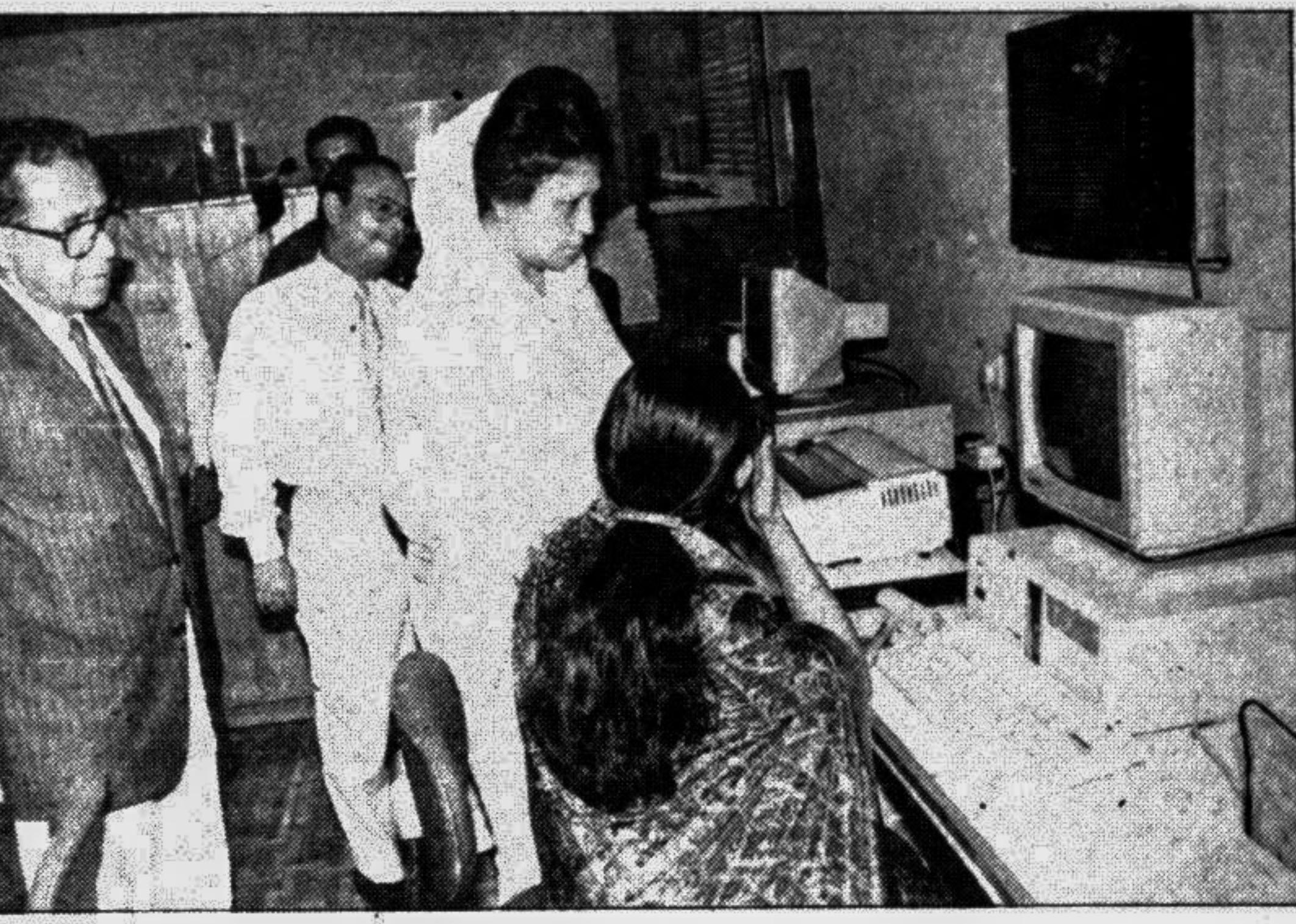
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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited the Public Administration Computer Centre at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

PM greets Gayoom

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on the occasion of National Day of Maldives today, reports UNB.

In a message, Begum Zia hoped "the existing cordial relations between our two brotherly countries will be further strengthened in the years to come to the mutual benefit of our two peoples."

The Prime Minister conveyed her greetings to President Gayoom and wished long life, good health and happiness, and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Maldives", said a PID handout yesterday.

Snakes create panic at JU

Panic spread through the Jahangirnagar University campus after three poisonous snakes were caught from the third floor of Mir Mosharraf Hosain Hall of the university yesterday prompting many students to leave the dormitory, reports UNB.

The students of the hall submitted a memorandum to the provost seeking immediate steps to protect them from snake, according to campus sources.

They said few months back a student of the university was bitten by a snake but survived due to timely medical attention. However, the authorities did not take any step to free the campus from the scourge of poisonous snakes.

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JP office case

Trial adjourned till today

The trial of deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and two others, including a former minister in the "Jatiya Party office" case was adjourned till today without transacting any business yesterday, reports BSS.

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Bangladesh apparel fair in Moscow tomorrow

also be attended by the Russian high officials.

After attending the Moscow fair, the BGMEA President is expected to inaugurate the Cologne fair. He will also meet with different trade bodies representing textile sector, said a press release.

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