

LETTER FROM HARVARD

Race in America



REFLECTIONS

by Dr Omar Rahman

In a multi-ethnic and multi-racial society like the United States, the issue of race is always simmering under the surface...

the above minority groups in every facet of American society. Much of this increase has been brought about in the aftermath of strong legal sanctions...

backlash of majority (white) reaction which now sees Affirmative Action as racially divisive, and punitive to whites.

minorities in medical school or wall street is because minorities are either not smart enough intrinsically, or too lazy and shiftless and perhaps both.

Recalling Sher-e-Bangla

by Prof Roushan Ara Hoque

TODAY (April 26, 1996) is the 34th anniversary of death of Sher-e-Bangla Abul Kashem Fazul Haque...



ple of Lucknow honoured him with the title of Sher-e-Bangla. Fazul Haque became the Chief Minister of Bengal in 1937...

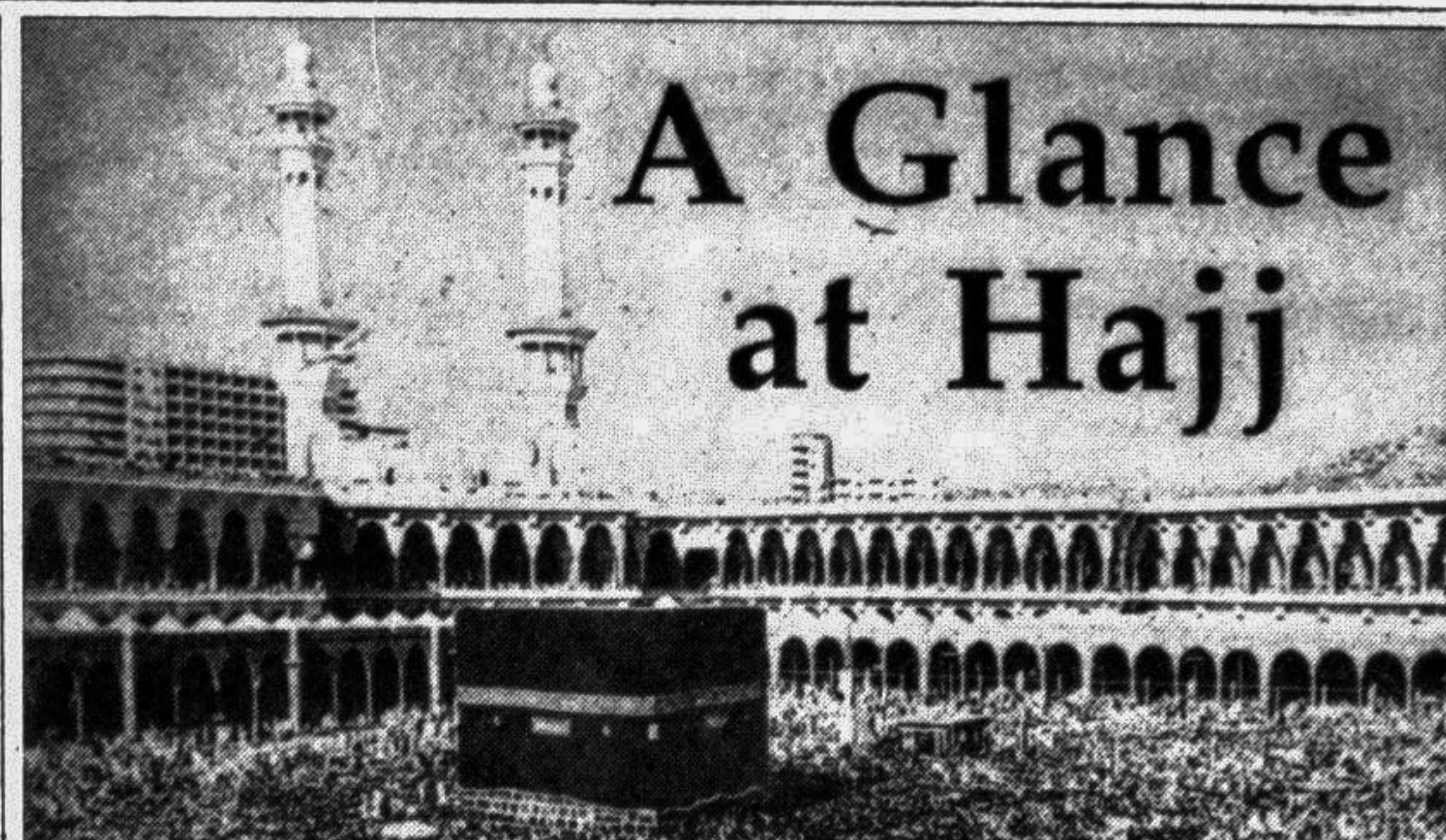
Movement of 1952 and while leading a procession he was seriously injured in the leg by baton charge of police.

Balshakh, the first day of the Bengali year, was declared a holiday. He opened Bangla Academy in the then Burdwan House...

longer can proponents of Affirmative Action dismiss those who oppose it as shoring up entrenched majority rights.

The language of Hajj is symbolic one, and its activities when expressed in a more down to earth way, are similar to a "pantomime" which reenacts the history of the Prophet (SM) and is reminder to us of the life in both this world and the next.

Each of the rituals of Hajj depict the various states of the God-seeking, infatuated and restless human beings who search for Him in every corner.



A Glance at Hajj

THE word 'Hajj' and names of the rituals thereof, are of themselves expressions of the exalted content of this Divine symbolic obligation.

here and there through day and night, longing for a reunion with his beloved.

Ummah — the Jews, Christians and the Muslims, it is only Islam that commemorates this leader of monotheism as befitting his esteemed and exalted rank.

The short and harmonious word 'Hajj' means to arrive at a decision it has a meaning, as expansive as man's spiritual history.

This inspiring ritual has been analyzed by different people throughout the world, some of whom were fair and others biased.

Hajj is a display of behaviour and deeds whose foundations — according to the Holy Quran and the books of traditions — is laid at the time of Adam.

There are many different forms of global and international congresses and gatherings which deal with a multitude of topics.

It is an act which needs solitude and isolation from the masses. The individuality of each person is removed at every stage of Hajj.

Hajj is particularly indicative of the reconstruction of the shattered system of monotheism by Prophet Abraham who, according to the Holy Quran, raised the four corners of the House and made it pure and sacrosanct for the pilgrims.

Another facet of Hajj is the all encompassing drill, or comprehensive political-ideological and military manoeuvre for rousing and reviving the spirit of Islamism and religious fervour and zeal in the Islamic society.

Thus this is the role which Hajj plays in outlining the manner of living and the individual and social trends of a human being who is filled with hope, struggle, striving and assiduousness.

During the month of Hajj, these stages and passages are a reminder to the pilgrims of their duties as Muslims and should continue to be an example for them during their lifetime.

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