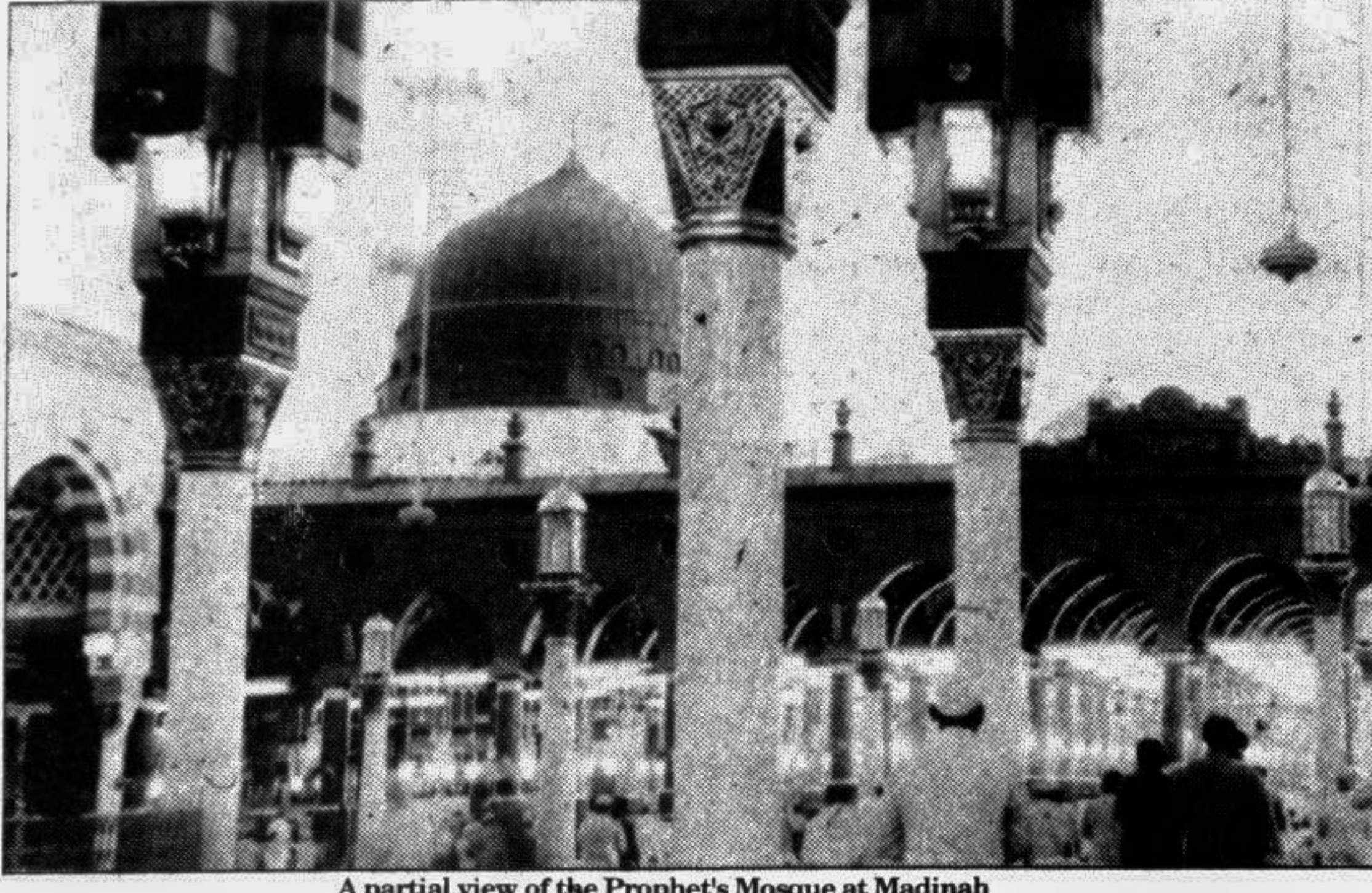


Life and Teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

by Abu Imran



A partial view of the Prophet's Mosque at Madinah

EVERY year the Muslims, almost the world over, celebrate 12th Rabiul Awwal (Muslim calendar month) as anniversary of birth of holy prophet Muhammad (PBUH) with due religious solemnity.

trustworthiness and purity of character almost became a fable so much so that a rich lady named Khadija proposed him for marriage. This was accepted by him.

Hira and meditated. When he became forty, at one point of time, he felt something strange within himself.

happening it is said, he went home shivering and asked his wife Khadija to wrap him with a blanket and narrated to her the incident.

Islam Calls for Unity of the Muslim World

THE Holy Quran calls not only the followers of Islam to unity and brotherhood but also the followers of other great religions, such as Christianity and Judaism.

He vigorously tried to unite all the believers under the banner of Islam, the Quran and his Prophecy. Also on numerous occasions, when there was an eminent danger of a conflict between the so-called Muhajir and Ansar, the Prophet (SAW) personally intervened in order to cease the hostilities.

The same tradition was preserved by the Holy Imams. For example, Imam Khomeni most addressed the problems of the whole Muslim community stressed on Islamic unity.

Shrimp-farming: A Tale of Money and Miseries

by Shahiduzzaman

ON every November 7, since 1990, hundreds of people pour into this remote coastal village of Harinkhola in Khulna stand in silence before a monument.

The mourning embodies a losing battle thousands of poor farmers in this coastal area along the Sundarbans are fighting in recent years.

It needs saline water to grow shrimp. The saline water destroys the fertility of the croplands.

Her crime was that she led a demonstration of local farmers to protest the invasion of saline water into the fertile croplands due to shrimp-farming.

tors from grabbing the croplands and evicting the poor farmers. If offer to buy the croplands is turned down, reportedly, the shrimp cultivators resort to coercion.

Canals are being dug and embankments cut to channel sea water into the fields, as shrimp culture requires a steady supply of saline water.

Take Deluti union, for example, which is a Hindu majority area where many of the Hindus migrated to India over the past 10 years to escape intimidation of gher owners.

Admitted UP chairman of Kapilmuni, Rashiduzzaman: "Many Hindu families have left. Many poor Muslims also migrated to near-by towns."

Domestic animals like cows and buffaloes which the farmers largely depend on for cultivation, milk and meat are on the verge of extinction due to dearth of fresh water and green grass.

alarming proportion. Villagers in the area are no longer interested in cattle-farming".

Besides causing havoc on cattleheads, rising salinity is assumed to have been causing diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery, typhoid and jaundice.

Local people had once fought to save their land from salinity. As a result, Water Development Board (WDB) constructed about 1000 hydraulic structures and 4,800 kilometres of embankment along the coastal belt of Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat.

Amal Halder of Pankhali village recalled how happy they were when a polder was constructed outside his village.

There is no denying that shrimp farming has become a boon to the country's economy. Shrimp export fetches more than Tk 2,000 crore a year.

Few will want an end to shrimp business. But authorities must ensure that it becomes friendly to the local people's ecology.

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