

President at commissioning ceremony Navymen urged to develop mentality of serving people

CHITTAGONG, Dec 14: President Shahabuddin Ahmed today urged the members of the country's naval force to develop the mentality of serving people with professional skills, reported BSS.

"You have to develop yourself as an ideal man with high morale for professional interests as well as your personal life," he told the commissioning ceremony of the 96-B Batch of Midshipmen at the Bangladesh Naval Academy at Patenga here.

President Shahabuddin also called upon the new officers to follow the religious teachings for their moral development. Earlier the President reviewed a smartly turned out parade and took salute marking the ceremony.

President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh Navy has developed proficiency in missile technology with continued efforts of the present government to equip its members with modern weapons to increase their surveillance capacity and turn the navy into a self-dependent force.

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Weather

Night temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected across the country during the period, according to Met Office forecast.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest of 13.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:14 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:34 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage

Max Min Morning Evening

Dhaka 29.2 15.3 67 70

Chittagong 31.2 18.3 82 70

Khulna 30.0 16.9 87 87

Flute and keyboard concert delights audience

By Staff Correspondent

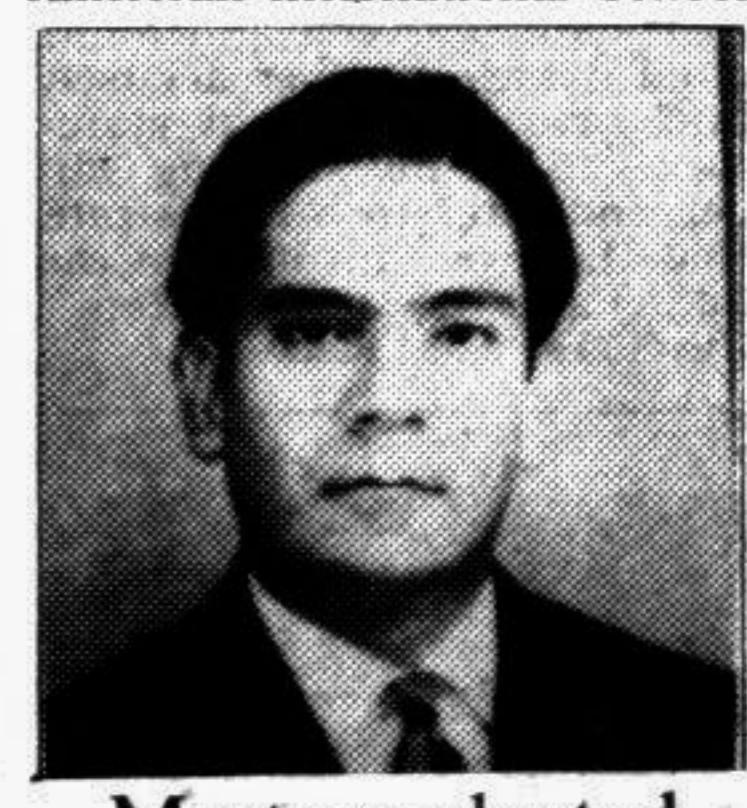
Mandoline Wittlesey on the flute and Alain Delaune on the electrical keyboard delighted the rapt audience at Alliance Francaise last evening.

The duo played "Sicilienne and Allegro" la sonata in F Major" by George Frederick Haendel; "Minuet and dance of the Spirits," by Christopher Gluck; "Sonata in F Minor TWV 41 f1" and "Sonata in F Major TWV 41 f2" by George Philip Telemann; Serenade opus 41 (extracts) by Ludwig Van Beethoven; "Entr'acte" by George Bizet and "Bereuse" and "Sicilienne" of Pelleas and Melisande" by Gabriel Faure.

Alain, who played the electrical piano said that the music appeared a little flat at the beginning because the pieces were turned to the harpsichord of the 18th century, when the piano did not exist. He added that a harpsichord would be too expensive and too fragile an instrument for Dhaka's humidity.

Alain has been playing the piano for 27 years and chooses to teach French, as he feels he is not gifted enough to play in big French cities. At present, he is the Deputy Director of Alliance Francaise. He says he has given 10 formal performances as a vocalist and pianist in Dhaka since he came here. He says he loves Bach, Haendel, and Baroque musicians in general. He also loves to play Shubert, Shumann and Debussy.

Mandoline, who is of American-French origin, taking a year off before college, is teaching flute to students at the American International School.



Death anniversary of Dr Rabbee today

Today is the 27th death anniversary of Dr. Md. Fazle Rabbee, Professor of Cardiology and Professor of Medicine of the Dhaka Medical College, says a press release.

Dr Rabbee was picked up by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators — Rajakar, Al-Badar and Al-Shams — from his Siddheshwari Residence on this day in 1971 and was brutally killed the following night.

A meritorious scholar all along his student life, Dr. Rabbee had honours in all the three MBBS examinations. He received the Gold Medal from the Dhaka University in 1955. He got his MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh in Cardiology in 1961. He got his second MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians at London in Internal Medicine in 1962.

In observance of his death anniversary, wreaths will be placed at his grave and *fateha* will be offered this morning. *Qurankhwan* and *milad mahfil* will be held at his wife's residence after Magreb prayers. Friends, admirers and relatives have been requested to attend the *milad*.

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A *milad mahfil* and *Qurankhwan* will be held at the residence of Shaheed Azad's brother Habibul Bashar. Editor, Daily Morning Post at House No. 35/B, Road No. 7, Block-G, Banani at 2 pm on December 16.

Another *milad mahfil* will also be held today after *Asr* prayers at the office of the Daily Morning Post.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the *milad mahfil*. Shaheed Azad was born in Kushtia on February 1, 1933.

Murtaza elected RAOWA chairman

Flying Officer (Retd) Mdoh Gholam Murtaza, has been elected Chairman of Retired Armed Forces Officers Welfare Association (RAOWA) at the AGM held at Raowa Complex, in the city on December 12, says a press release.

The other office-bearers are: Sr vice chairman & president, Raowa Club-Brigadier Musifur Rahman Chowdhury; vice chairman (Dev) & vice president, Raowa Club-Major Khandker Badrul Hasan; vice chairman org & welfare-Lt Col M Rezaul Karim Khan; secy & secy, Raowa Club-capt Md Mahbubul Matin; treasurer-Major A K M Fazil Bari; Jt secy & welfare secretary-Capt Jamilur Rahman Khan; ass't secy dev & coordination-Maj M Abul Bashar; ass't secy, Raowa Club and ass't secy, Raowa Club-Major Md Afiazuzzaman Joarder; ass't treasurer & treasurer, Raowa Club-Lt Col S M Amin.

The members of the executive committee are: Maj Khandker Abdur Rahman; Maj Kh A Alam; Major S Chaklader; Capt Q K Z Utpal; Capt A B M Nowshir Alam; Lt Col Masoudul Hossain Khan; Maj Syed Ashfaque Ahmed; Capt (BN) M Badrul Amin; Capt (BN) M A Baset; and Group Capt A K M Khalilur Rahman.

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News Martyred Intellectuals Day in picture



Awami League leaders led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placing wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in Mirpur yesterday.



BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia along with party leaders placing wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial in Mirpur yesterday.



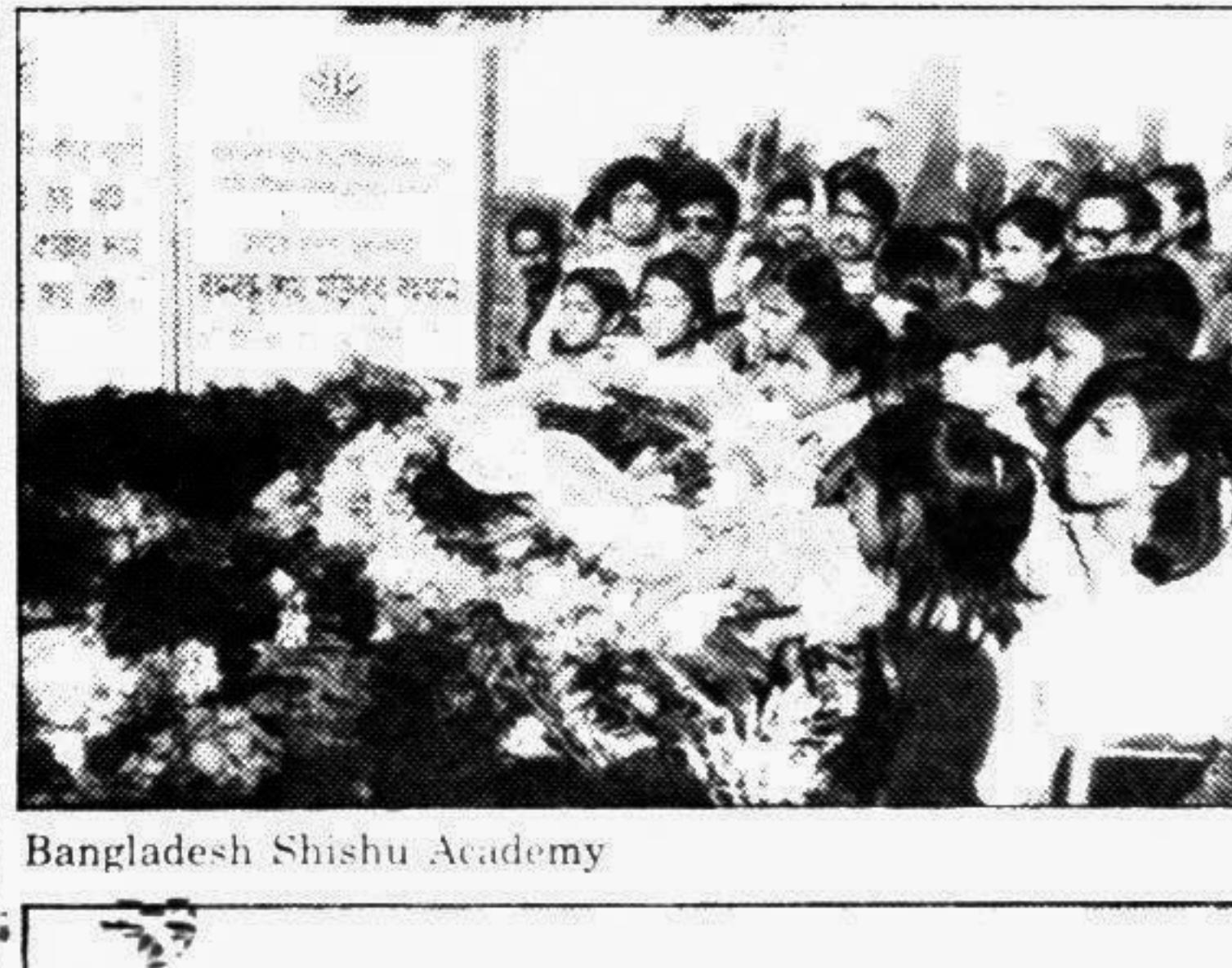
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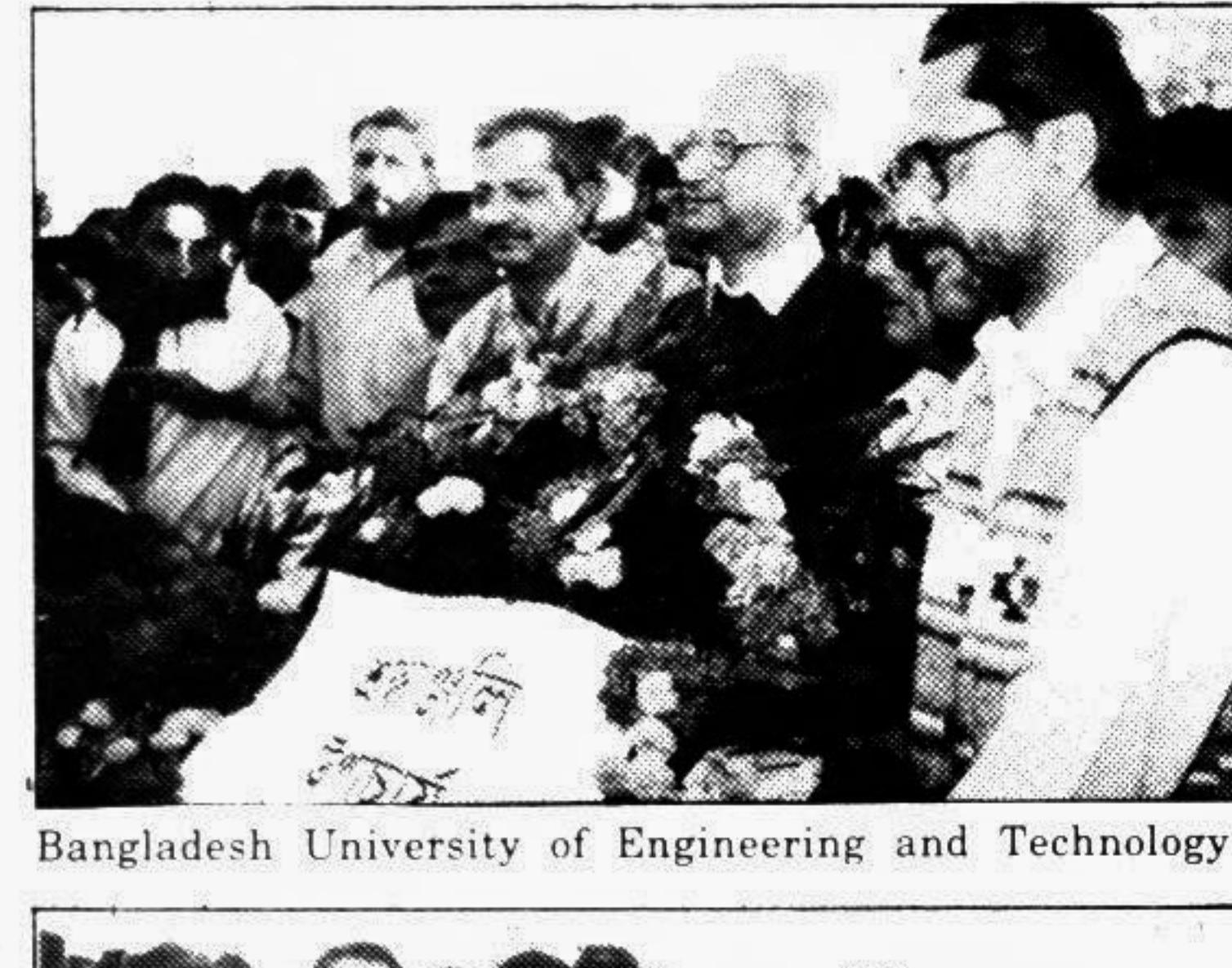
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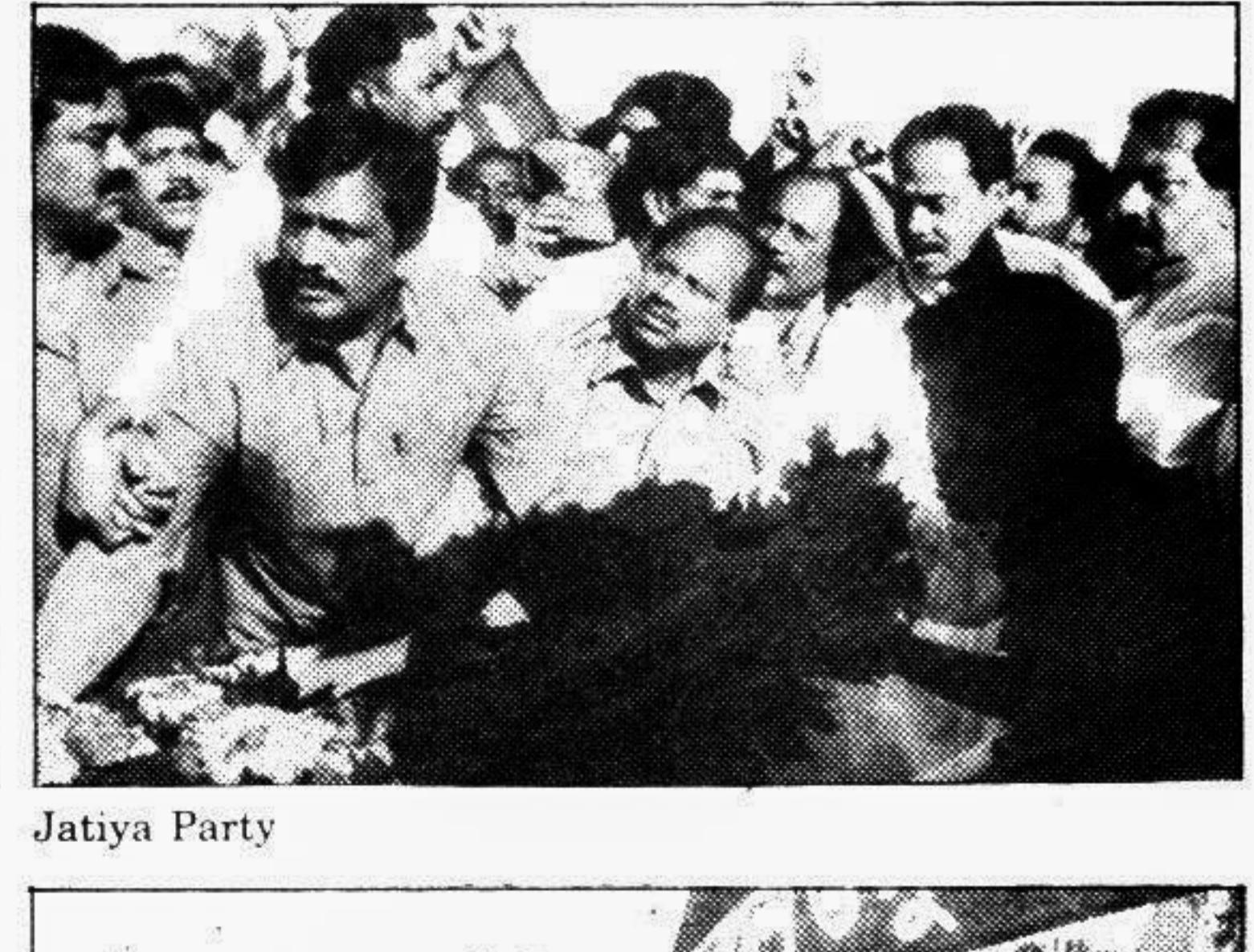
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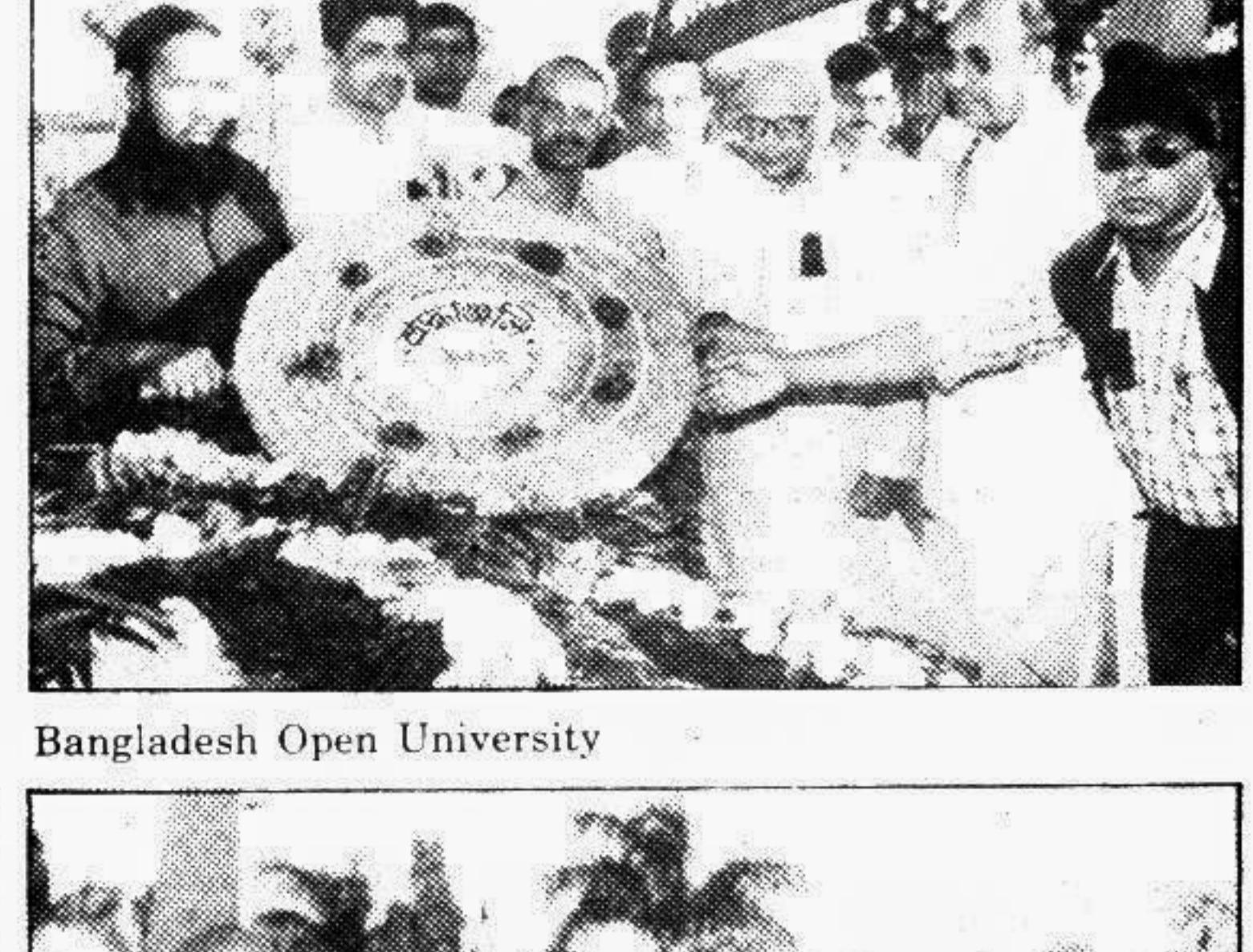
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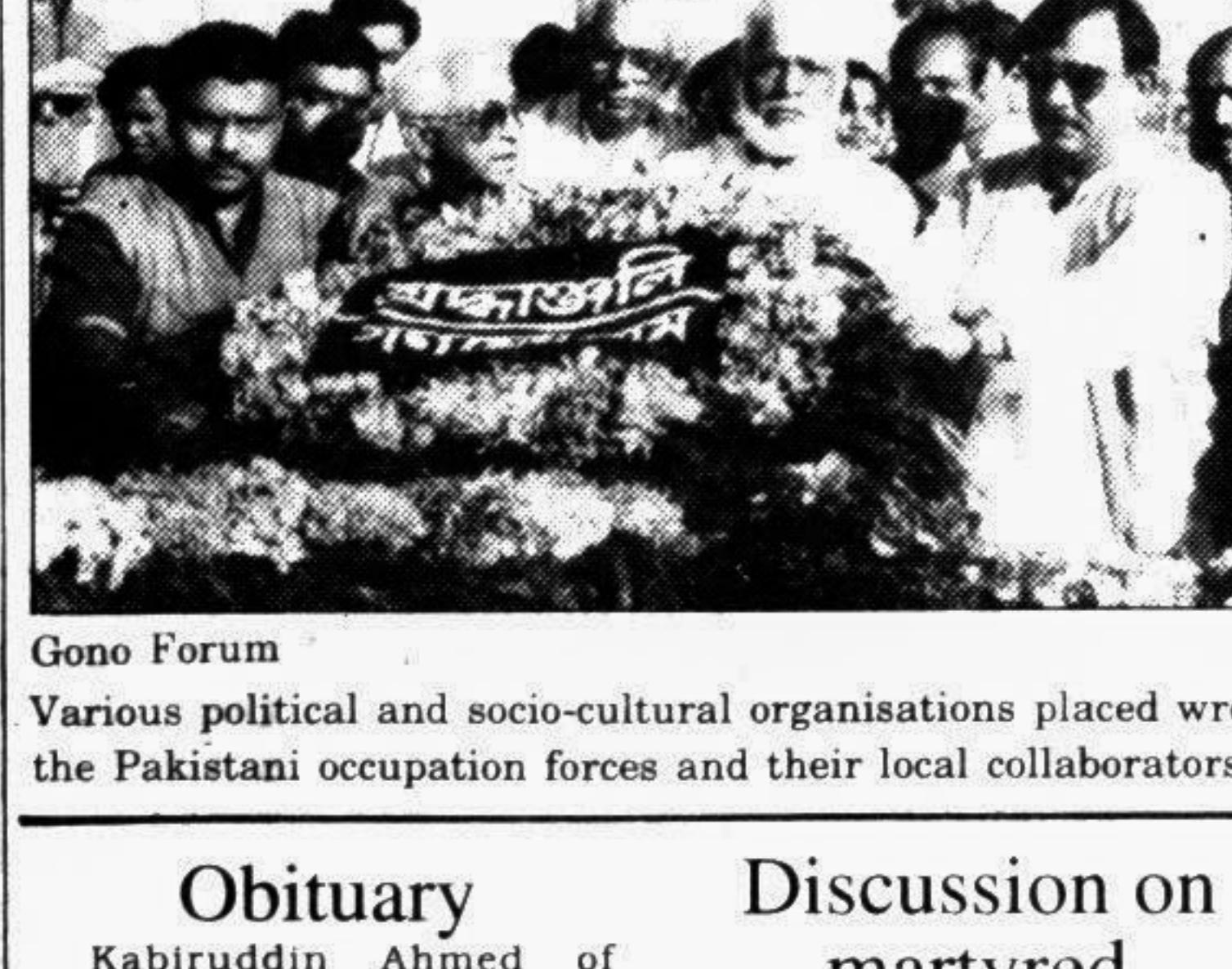
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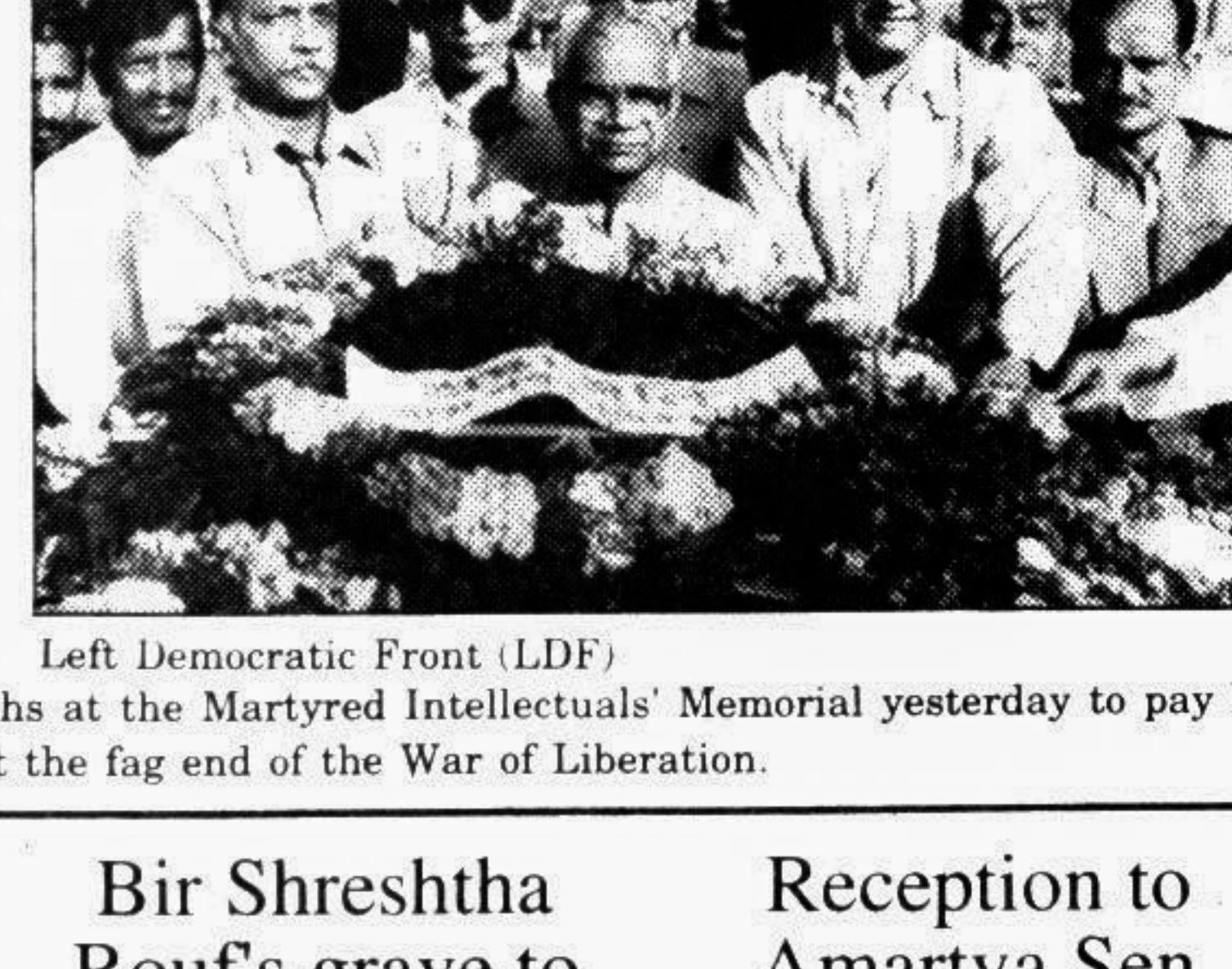
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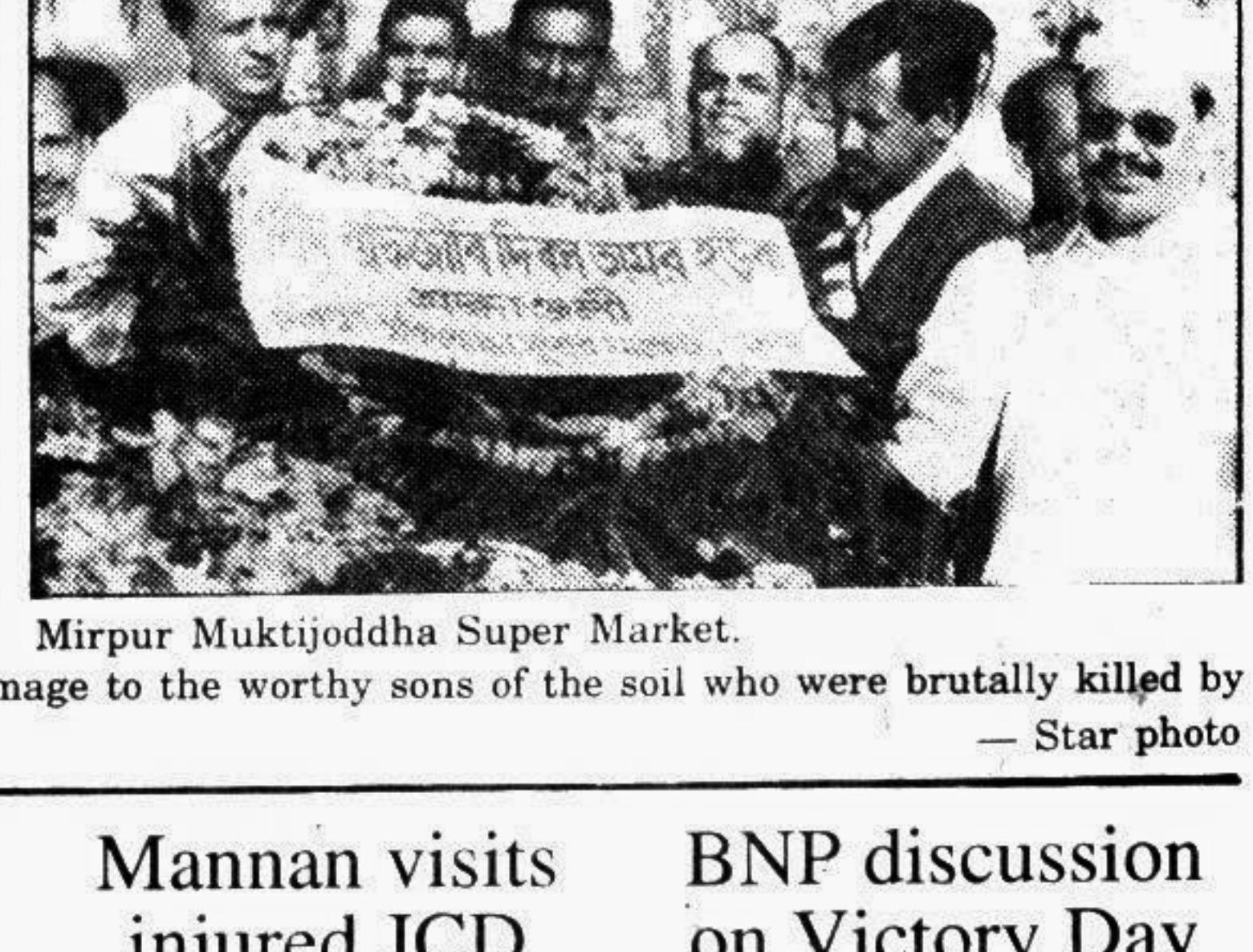
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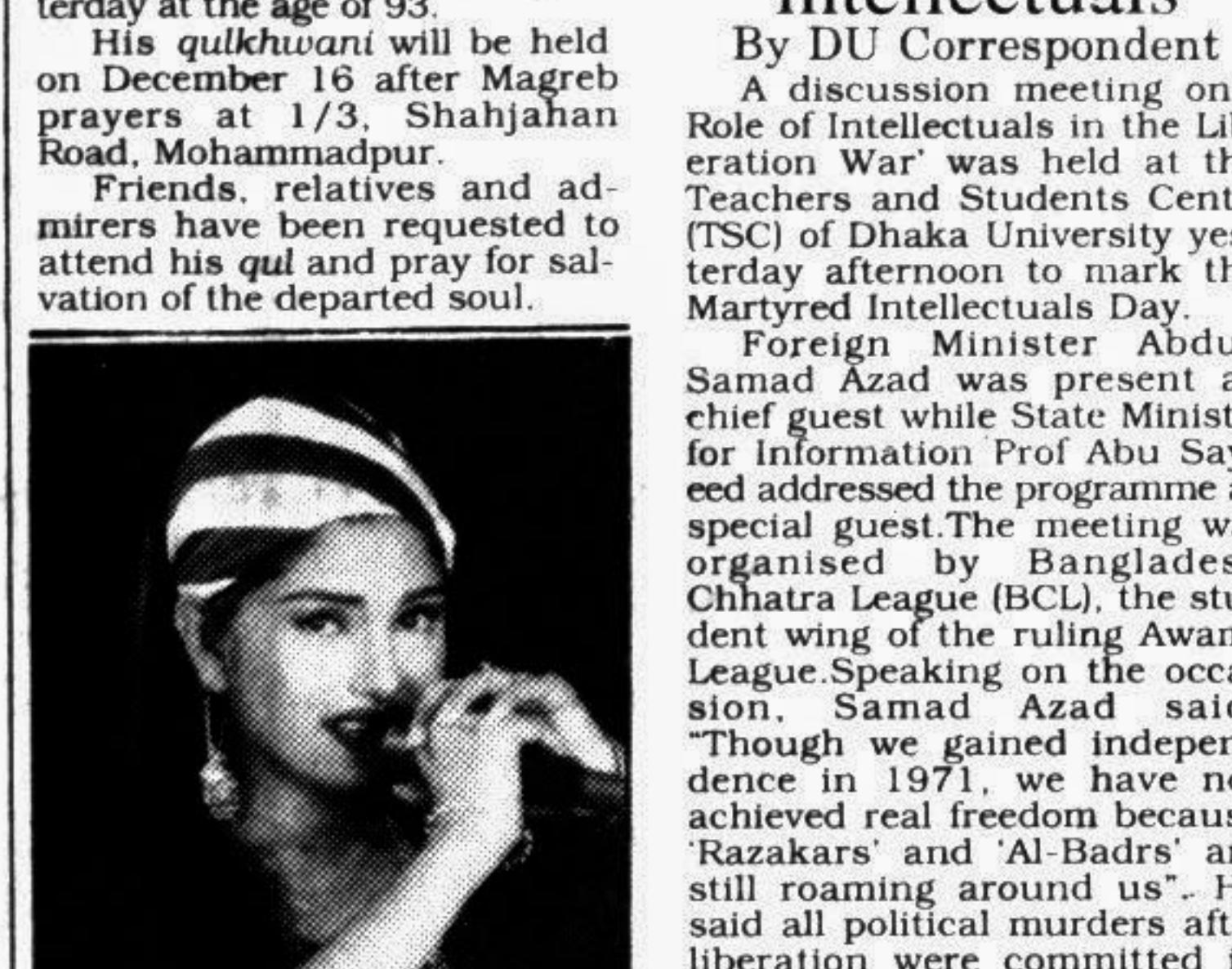
Left Democratic Front (LDF)



Mirpur Muktijoddha Super Market

Various political and socio-cultural organisations placed wreaths at the Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial yesterday to pay homage to the worthy sons of the soil who were brutally killed by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators at the fag end of the War of Liberation.

— Star photo

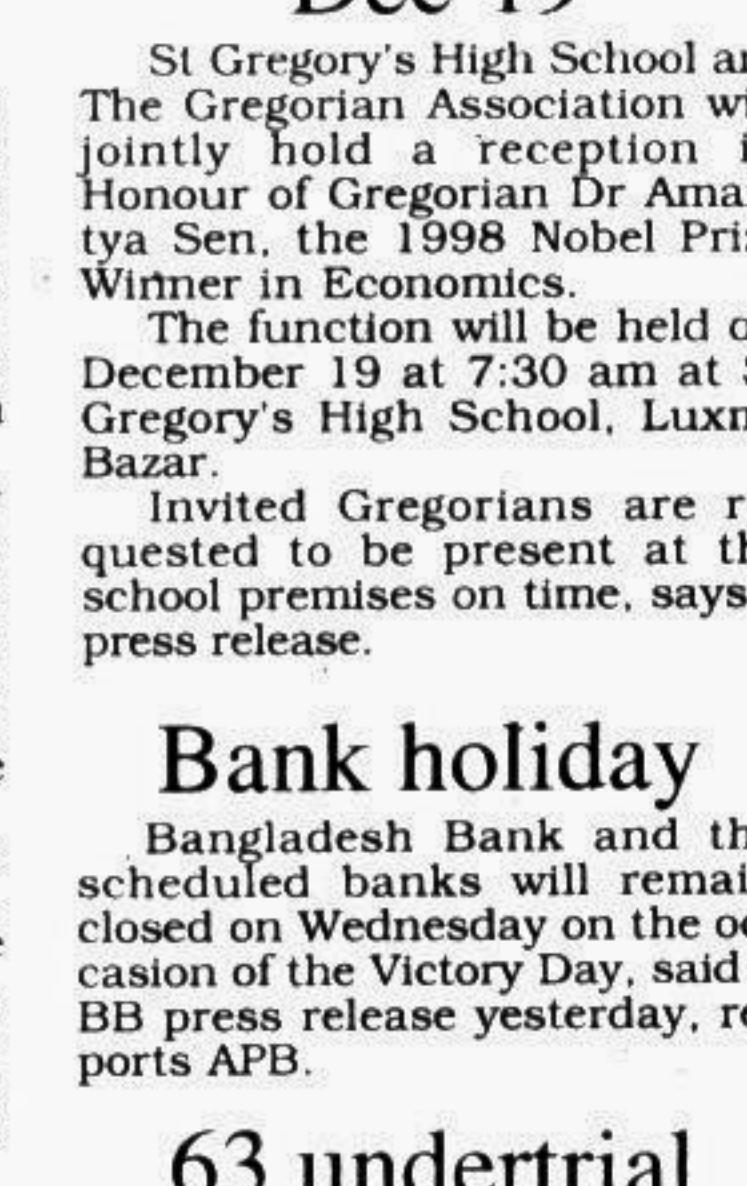


Chamak, a socio-cultural organisation, arranged a cultural evening in the city on the occasion of the Victory Day, where promising singer Mukta gave a solo performance.



Bir Shreshtha Rouf's grave to be renovated

RANGAMATI, Dec 14: Rangamati Hill Local Government Council today announced its decision to renovate the grave of one of the country's highest gallantry award recipients which was traced 25 years after his death in the Liberation War, says a press release.



Reception to Amartya Sen Dec 19

St Gregory's High School and The Gregorian Association will jointly hold a reception in Honour of Gregorian Dr Amartya Sen, the 1998 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics.

The function will be held on December 19 at 7:30 am at St Gregory's High School, Luxmi Bazar.

Invited Gregorians are requested to be present at the school premises on time, says a press release.

Mannan sustained injuries as he was beaten up allegedly by some activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League at the school premises on Sunday.

Mannan stayed for some time with the JCD leader and inquired about his treatment.

Party leaders Abdulla Al Maman, Mirza Abbas, Sadek Hossain Khoka, Amanullah Aman, Nazimuddin Alam, Khairul Kabir Khokon, Abdus Salam, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Pintu and Mosharrif Hossain accompanied him.

Meanwhile, in a statement Bhaiyan strongly condemned the attack on Saidul Islam, a leader of Kamarkhand, leader of the party.

Jatiyatobadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas), the cultural wing of BNP, will present a cultural function after the discussion meeting, said a press release.

Meanwhile, a joint meeting of Dhaka city BNP and its different front organisations will be held at 4 pm today at the party's central office. City convener Sadek Hossain Khaka will preside.

City unit joint convenors, thana units presidents and general secretaries, BNP commissioners at DCC and presidents and general secretaries of all front organisations have been asked to attend the