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## King Hassan buried

RABAT, July 25: The remains of Morocco's King Hassan II were buried at King Mohamed V mausoleum today after being transported in state through the centre of the capital Rabat, reports AFP.

US President Bill Clinton, French President Jacques Chirac, Spain's King Juan Carlos and Jordan's King Abdullah II walked the full three kilometres behind the coffin.

Others, like Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, joined the procession when it arrived at the mausoleum.

The closest male members of Hassan's family, dressed in white gowns and red fez hats, were seen kneeling to pray at the side of the coffin outside the mausoleum. Chief among them was Hassan's eldest son, the new King Mohamed VI.

The coffin was then carried inside, where only the closest male kin lowered it -- to the sound of mournful recitations from the holy Quran -- into the northeast corner of the mosaic-walled chamber in which Mohamed V, who died in 1961, also lies.

State television broadcast the ceremony live to the nation. Hassan, Morocco's leader for 35 years, died Friday of a heart attack after coming down with an acute lung infection. He was 70.

### Hasina attends funeral

BSB adds: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was among the heads of state and government, kings and princes, who attended the funeral of King Hassan II.

Sheikh Hasina took part in the funeral procession from the royal palace to the mausoleum, some 2 km away, which took place after afternoon prayers.

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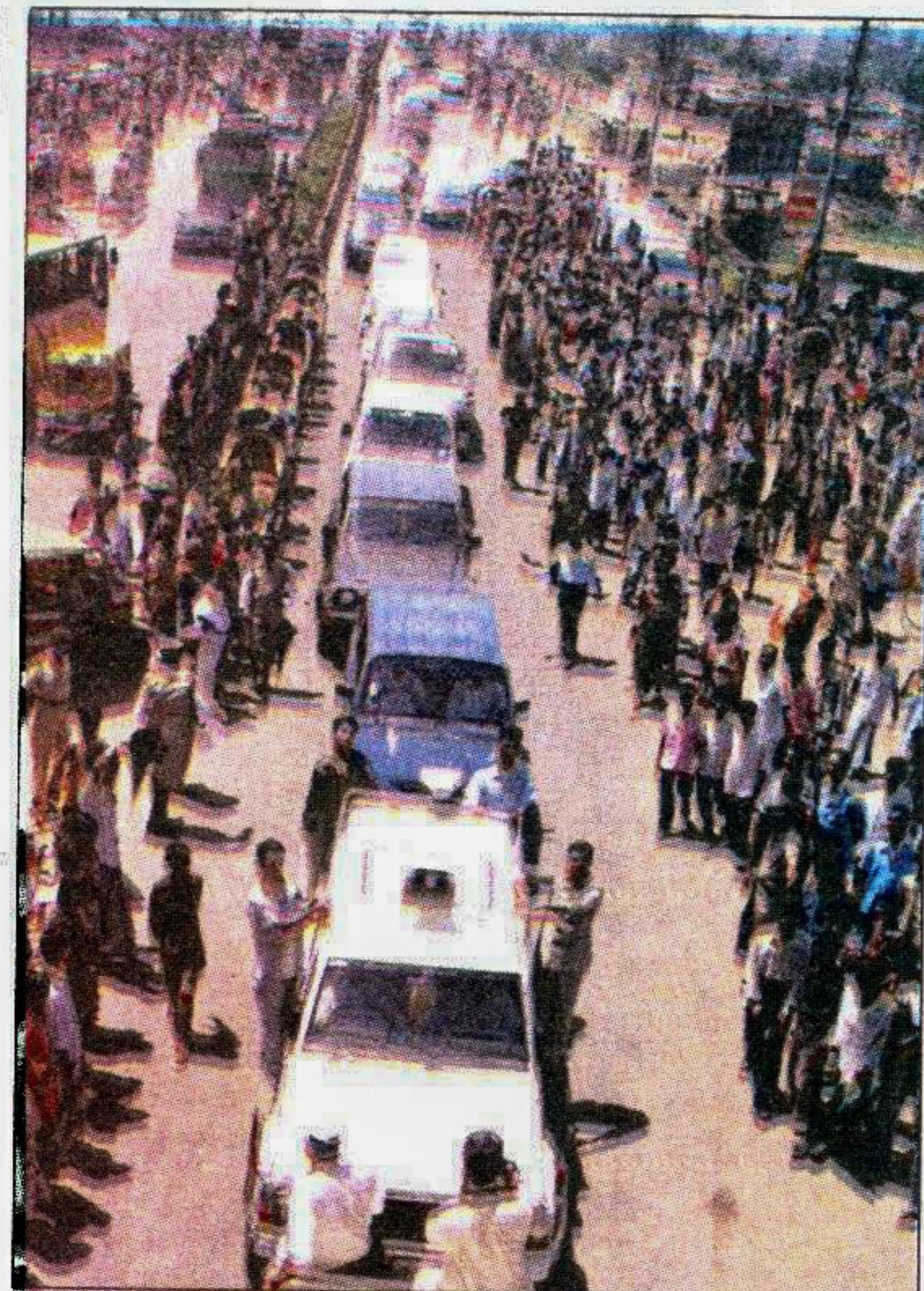
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#### Prayer Timings

July 26

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:10	4:15
John	12:50	1:25
Asr	4:55	5:05
Maghrib	6:55	7:00
Esha	7:55	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation



Led by Khaleda Zia, inside the white jeep with loudspeakers, BNP's "road march" is in progress yesterday.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## BNP demands snap polls 'immediately'

By Nurul Kabir in Mymensingh and Rezaul Karim in Dhaka

Begum Khaleda Zia has claimed that the government of Sheikh Hasina has already failed in all fronts of governance and demanded immediate general elections.

If the government fails to announce national polls immediately, it has to face a mass-uprise," the BNP chairperson and leader of the opposition threatened. "I shall lead two other road-marches to other parts of the country. Then I will call upon people to sieze Dhaka."

Begum Zia made her demand and threatened the government while addressing public rallies on the first day of her three-day road march across greater Mymensingh region today. She is sched-

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