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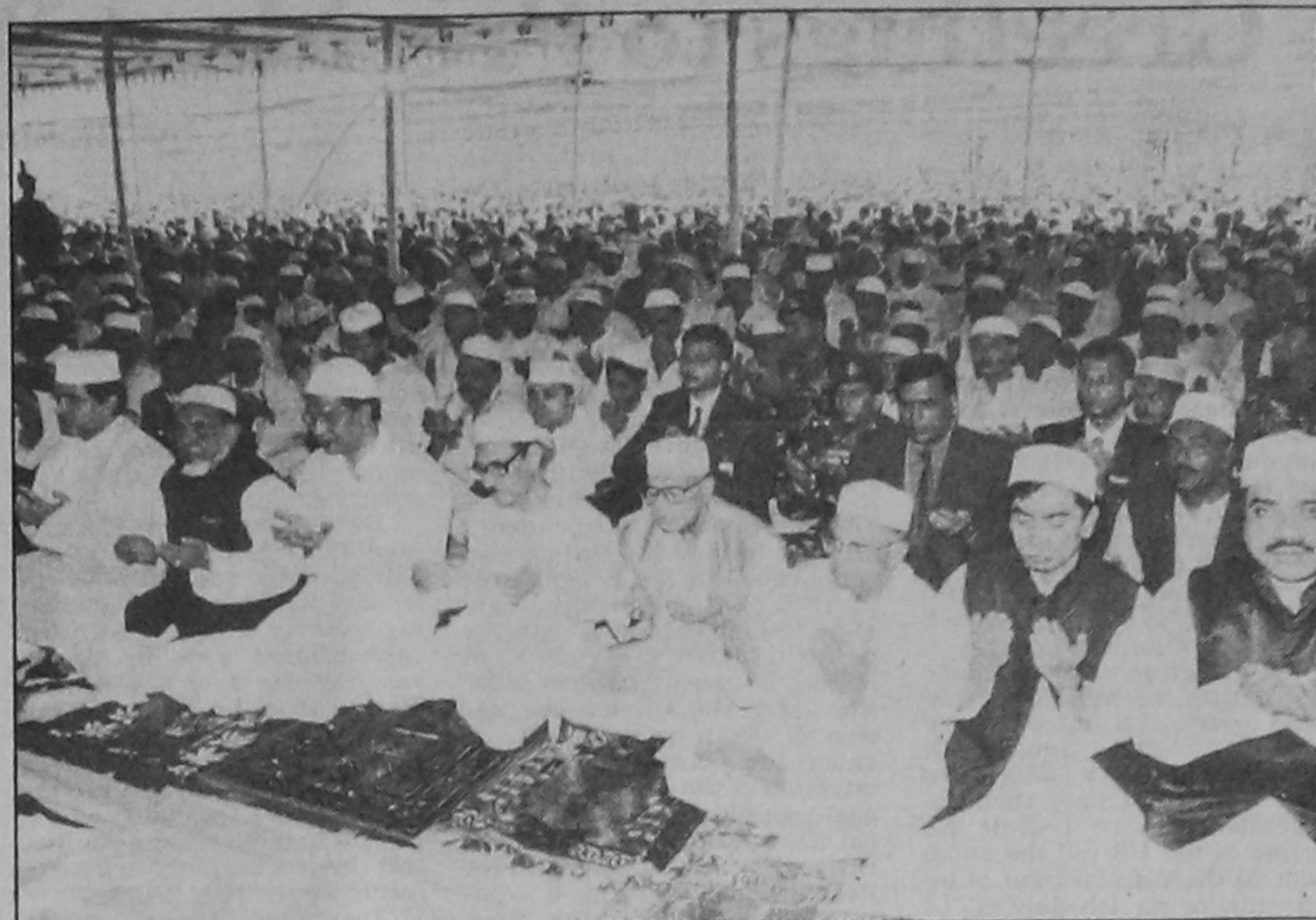
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President Shahabuddin Ahmed offered prayers at the main Eid congregation at the National Eidgah on Friday. — Star photo

Barisal boat capsized Six bodies recovered

BARISAL, Mar 19: Six bodies were recovered today after a boat capsized in the river Sandhya under Babuganj thana on March 15, reports BSS.

The boat carrying about 40 to 50 passengers, including SSC and Dakul examinees, sank in the river Sandhya in the evening due to inclement weather. Fifteen passengers had been missing since then.

Two of the bodies were identified as Sattar Master and Jahangir Hossain. The identity of others could not be known till filing of this report.

No loadshedding in country yesterday

By Staff Correspondent

There was no loadshedding in the country yesterday though there were some interruptions in some areas due to disturbances in the lines.

Sources at the Power Development Board (PDB) claimed that there was no deficit in power supply and they could meet the total demand in the country.

The requirement and generation of power in the country was 2452 Megawatt last night, the source said.

"We could meet the requirement of power because the mills and factories are yet to open following the Eid vacation," the source added.

Bombs recovered, one arrested in Magura

MAGURA, Mar 19: Police arrested one person and recovered some 2880 Indian chocolate bombs from a house on JTC road in the town on Saturday, reports UNB.

The arrested was identified as Nazrul Islam, son of Abdur Razzak of village Baghat in Faridpur district.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Asia Khatun and recovered the bombs, wrapped in 20 cartons.

Nazrul smuggled in the bombs from India and he was staying in the house, police said.

A case was filed in this connection.

The Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority (DESA) sources also claimed that they did not ask any sub-station to maintain loadshedding yesterday as they had adequate supply from PDB.

The requirement for the DESA areas was 809 MW yesterday. But power supply to the Daily Star office at Kauran Bazar was interrupted several times in the evening which the DESA authority said were due to 'internal problems'.

"There might be some problems in the 11 KV line which was responsible for disturbances," said a DESA source.

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Different bodies hail Clinton's visit

Different socio-cultural organisations yesterday hailed the visit of US President Bill Clinton, who arrives in the city this morning, reports BSS.

The organisations include voice of America Fan Clubs, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Samiti, Sangrakshak Sangsad, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Bangladeshi American Democratic Party and Kabi Chandraboti Gabeshana Parishad.

Members of Rupsha (Khulna) VOA Fan Club formed a human chain in front of National Press Club last afternoon welcoming the US President.

Bangladeshi American Democratic Party has hailed 'the historic visit' of the US President and expressed hope that President Clinton will direct his administration to naturalise over 200,000 Bangladeshis staying in the USA.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote paraded the city streets welcoming the US leader. The Jote leaders said President Clinton's visit bears political and economic significance. They urged the US President to expel killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the US soil and hand them over to Interpol.

Biman flights rescheduled

All flights at Zia International Airport have been suspended from 10 pm yesterday to 11.45 am today for security reasons in connection with the arrival of US President Bill Clinton, reports UNB.

The flights will also be suspended from 10:15 pm to 11:15 pm today.

Bangladesh Biman in a press release yesterday said it has rescheduled its flights due to 'unavoidable reasons'. The new schedule of its flights is as follows:

BG055 will depart from ZIA at 12 noon today.

BG056 will arrive at ZIA at 6:35 pm tomorrow.

BG084/085 will depart from ZIA at 12 noon today.

BG078/079 will depart from ZIA at 12:15 pm today.

BG042 will arrive at ZIA at 12 noon today.

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BG094 will arrive at ZIA at 7 pm today.

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BG0702 will arrive at ZIA at 7:35 pm today.

BG095 will depart from ZIA at 9:50 pm today.

BG096 will arrive at ZIA at 11:50 pm today.

BG633 will depart from ZIA at 11:55 am today.

BG634 will arrive at ZIA at 3:25 pm today.

BG661 will depart from ZIA at 11:50 pm today.

BG662 will arrive at ZIA at 1:20 pm today.

BG601/602 will depart from ZIA at 2:45 pm and arrive at ZIA at 4:15 pm.

BG693/694 will depart from ZIA at 2:15 pm and arrive at ZIA at 4:55 pm.

BG615/616 will depart from ZIA at 5:40 pm and arrive at ZIA at 7:20 pm today.

BG603/604 will depart from ZIA at 7:40 pm and arrive at ZIA at 9:10 pm.

BG617/618 will depart from ZIA at 8 pm and arrive at ZIA at 9:40 pm.

BG607/608 will depart from ZIA at 8:15 pm and arrive at ZIA at 9:45 pm today.

One shot dead in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Mar 19: Abdul Karim, 35, an activist of the outlawed Sramajibi Mukti Andolon was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Friday night at village Kashimpur in Jhenidah thana, police said.

Abdul Karim was at a grocery shop at about 8 pm, when three gunmen appeared there. They took him to a nearby banana field and shot him.

A case was lodged with Jhenidah thana. But no one has been arrested so far. The motive behind the killing could not be known.

Fire at match factory in Khulna

KHULNA, Mar 19: Properties worth Tk 3.26 lakh were gutted in fire incidents in three factories including a match factory in the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

A devastating fire broke out at Khulna Dada Match Factory when the explosives of matchsticks caught fire from the drying machine at 4:55 pm on Thursday.

The explosives were kept beside the machine during the production, the factory sources said.

On the same day, another fire at Munna Bakery in Khalishpur gutted furniture and bakery materials worth Tk 25,000. The fire was originated from electric short-circuit.

The third fire incidents took place at Daulatpur Rice Mills which gutted gunny bags and timber.

Obituary

RANGPUR, Mar 19: Nawazesh Hossain, a journalist, died on Saturday night at his local residence at New Shalbon. He was 68, reports BSS.

He was suffering from paralysis for the last four years. He had been district correspondent of the Daily Ittefaq since 1964. He also worked with the Daily New Nation and Cine Weekly the Purbani.

Discussion on Bangabandhu's birth anniversary

State Minister for Information Professor Abu Sayeed has called for unity of all pro-liberation forces and taking fresh vow to protect the hard-earned independence, reports BSS.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman spent his whole life for the cause of people and gave leadership in all democratic movements against the Pakistani autocratic rulers that led to the country's War of Liberation," he said while addressing a discussion on 80th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu on Friday.

Organised by Bangladesh Betar, the function was addressed, among others, by Professor Mustafa Nurul Islam, DG of BTV, Syed Salahuddin Zaki, DG of Bangladesh Betar, M T Chowdhury presided over the function which was also attended by Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain.

Recalling the contributions of Father of the Nation in achieving independence, Prof Sayeed said it is a rare example in history that Bangabandhu turned the non-cooperation movement into an armed struggle.

It was Bangabandhu who took the strategy to turn the non-cooperation movement into the armed struggle that resulted in the country's independence, he added.

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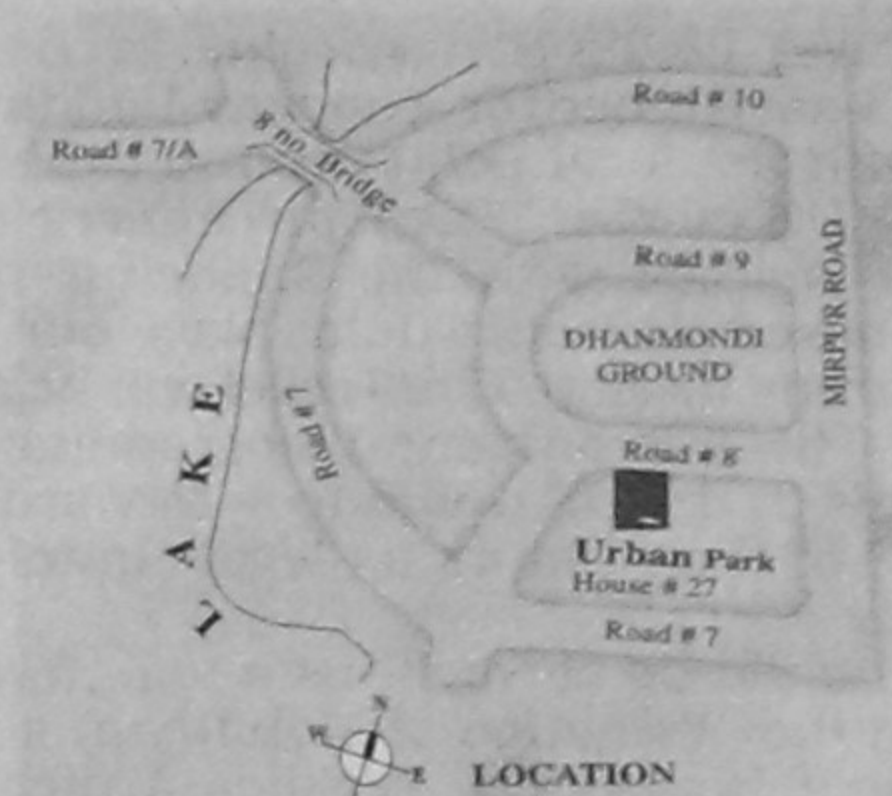
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