

Sufia Kamal's anniversary of birth June 24

The 89th birth anniversary of poet Begum Sufia Kamal will be observed on June 24, a press release of the Sufia Kamal Birth Anniversary Observance National Committee said yesterday, reports BSS.

A 155-member national committee for the observance of the birth anniversary of Sufia Kamal has been formed with editor of the weekly 'Begum' Nurjahan Begum, has its convenor. The committee comprises noted poets, artists and writers.

The committee will organise different programmes at the National Museum in observance of the day.

Master plan taken to raise per capita forest range

CHITTAGONG, June 17: Minister for forest and environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury has said the government has undertaken a master plan for raising per capita forest from the existing 10 per cent to 12 per cent in order to maintain a balanced bio-diversity in the country, reports BSS.

"The government has taken extensive steps to boost per capita forest coverage for a sustainable environment in the country," the minister said.

She said that in line with the government plan, six environment courts have been constituted and provisions have been made for stiff actions against

violation of environmental rules. "Keeping this in view a botanical garden cum eco-park will be developed on 2000 acres of hilly protected forest regions of Sitakunda with an estimated cost of Taka three crore under a five years plan." Sajeda Chowdhury told a discussion meeting held at MA Aziz stadium gymnasium premises last night on the 16th day of a month-long tree fair, a city corporation press release said today.

Held under the auspices of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), the discussion was presided over by chief executive of the CCC Abdul Wahab.

APSU anti-budget rally today

By DU Correspondent
All Party Students Unity (APSU), a platform of opposition parties' backed student organisations, will bring out a procession and hold a rally in the city today in protest of 'anti-people' budget. The procession will be brought out from Mukhtang at 3.00 pm.

This was decided at meeting of APSU held at the office of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj in the city.

The meeting also decided to observe June 23 as 'black day' throughout the country to mark 'four years of Awami League's rule'.

The APSU will also bring out black flag procession at 3.00 pm on June 23 from the BNP office in the city.

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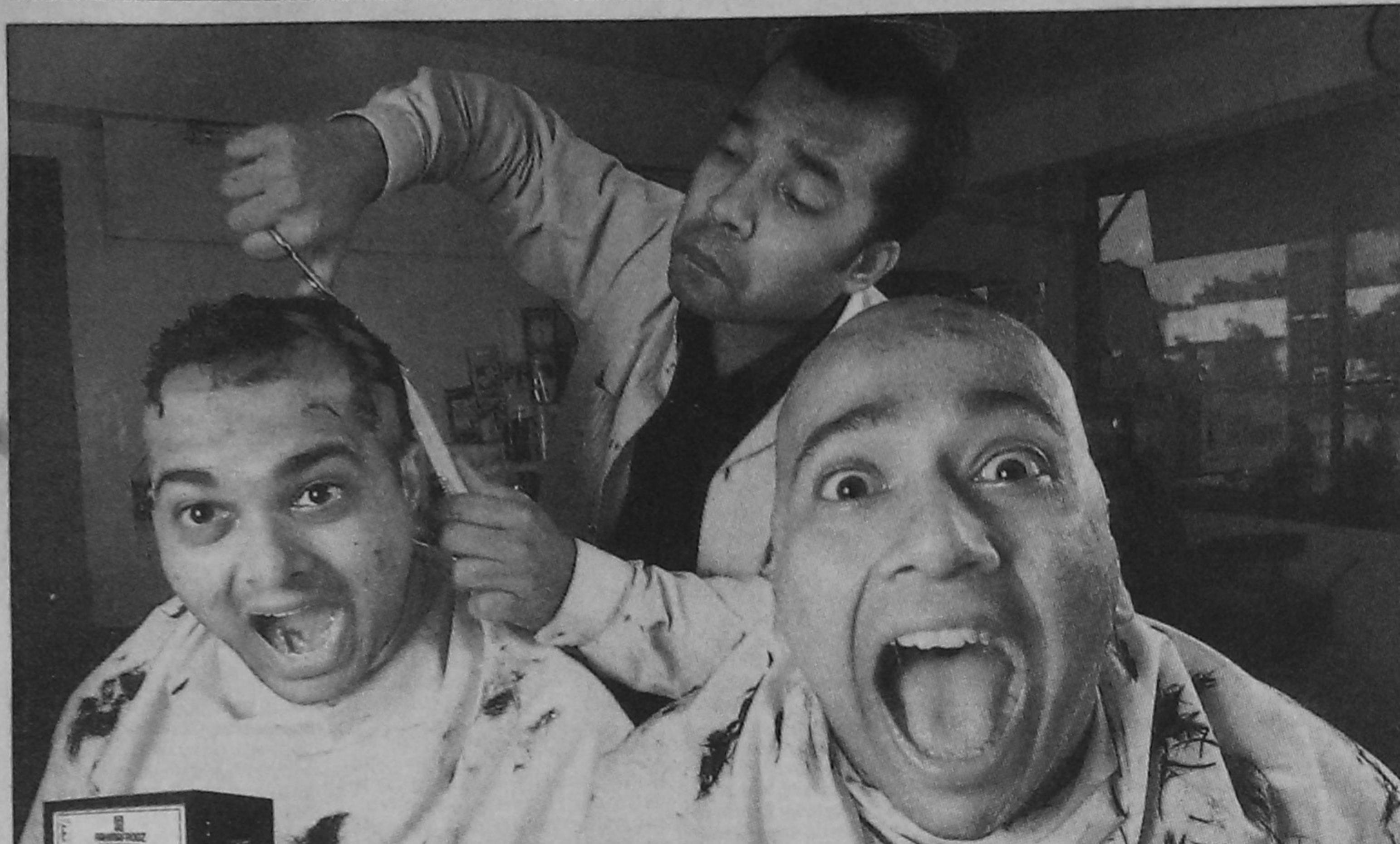
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