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## Arsenic contamination in water Urgent mitigation measures urged to improve situation

A two-day media workshop on Arsenic ended yesterday with a call on the authorities to take urgently mitigation measures to the deteriorating water contamination problem across the country, says a press release.

Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed was chief guest at the closing ceremony of the workshop at National Press Club presided over by Chairman of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, general secretary of Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists (NEFEJ) Mangal Man Shakya, FEJB

general secretary Mofizur Rahman and UNICEF's Chinmoy Mutsuddi also addressed the closing session.

Syed Marghub Murshed gave a run down of the activities undertaken by the government in mitigating arsenic and other environmental problems and emphasised the need for raising national, regional and global cooperation in resolving those cross-cutting conservation and environmental problems.

Quamrul Chowdhury informed that FEJB will introduce FEJB Award for Arsenic Reporting and Photography and increase the number of training and fellowship programmes to help raise awareness among the people about the problem.

Mangal said environmental journalists are now working closely in the Asia-Pacific region to improve the quality of reporting.

Chinmoy Mutsuddi said UNICEF will support FEJB efforts in training journalists.

Organised by EFJB with support from UNICEF, the media workshop focused on the arsenic problems, the latest development of arsenic mitigation activities and to promote better coverage of this issue.

Speakers in their presentation also dwell on the national mitigation programme on arsenic, communication campaigns problems and limitations of arsenic reporting and awareness raising. A field trip was also organised on the first day at Sonargaon. Participants visited different UNICEF supported arsenic mitigation projects at Sonargaon.

About 60 journalists from different national dailies and news agencies and regional newspapers took part in the two-day workshop.

### BNP leader's namaj-e-janaza held

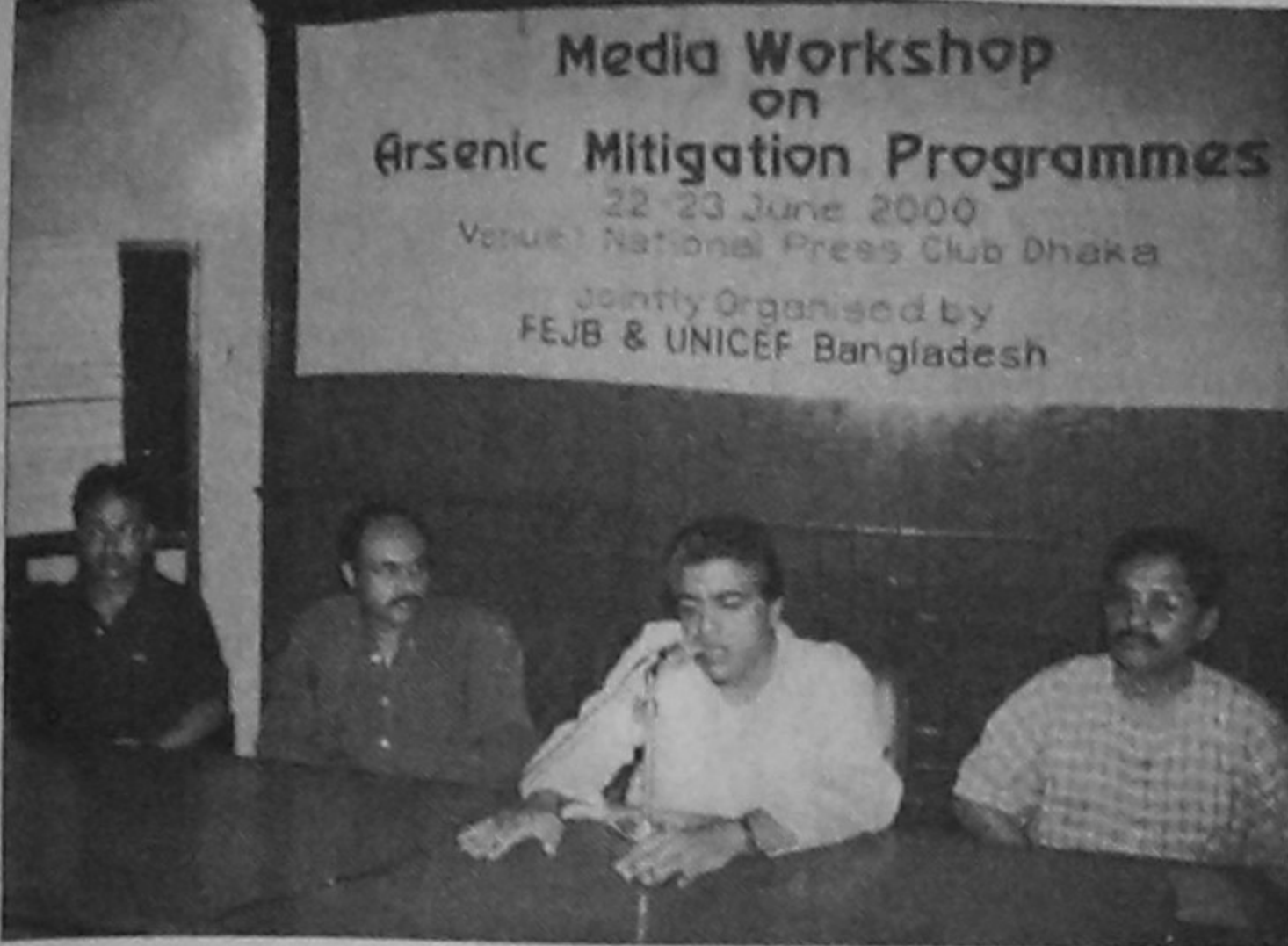
By Staff Correspondent  
The first namaj-e-janaza of late city BNP leader Ismail Hossain Miah was held yesterday in front of BNP central office.

The janaza was attended, among others, by BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, standing committee members Khandakar Delwar Hossain, Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Khandakar Mahbub Uddin Ahmed, Jatiya Party leader Saifur Rahman, Islami Oikya Jote leader A R M Abdul Matin and Abdur Rob Yusuf.

Munajat was offered after janaza for the peace of the departed soul.

### Media Workshop on Arsenic Mitigation Programmes

22-23 June 2000  
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Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed addressing the Media Workshop on Arsenic Mitigation Programme organised by FEJB and UNICEF in the city yesterday.

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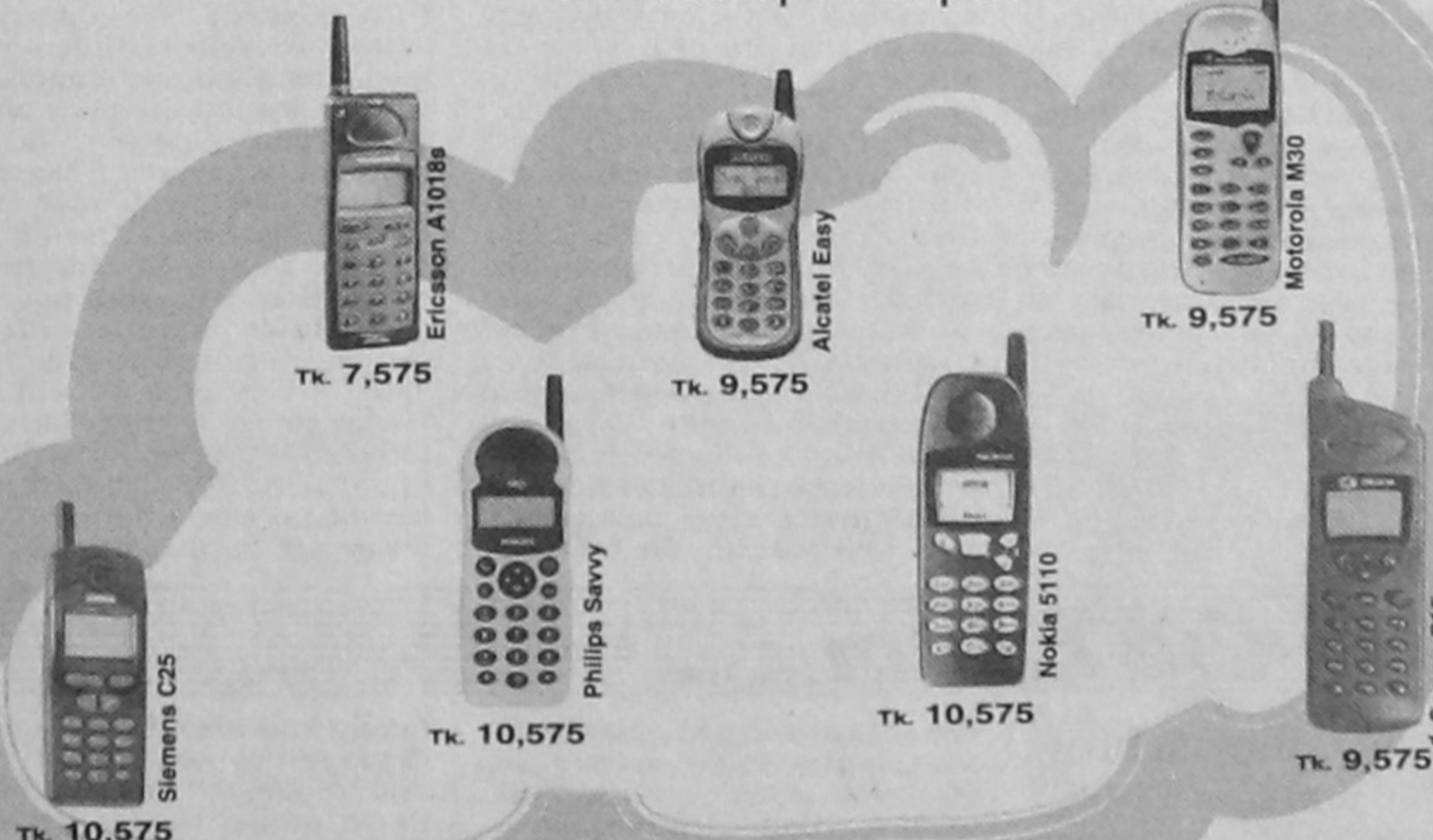
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