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Armed forces won't be used as political weapon: PM

Rangamati JP leader dead

RANGAMATI, July 5: Vice-president of Rangamati district unit of Jatiya Party (Ershad-Manju), Belal Chowdhury died of viral fever in early hours today. He was 60, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated

that armed forces would be kept above politics and they would not be used as political weapon, reports BSS.

"Nobody will be able to use the armed forces to gain personal interest, nor they will be used as political weapon," she said while addressing a Darbar at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the President's Guard Regiment (PGR) at the PGR Headquarters in the city last afternoon.

Sheikh Hasina said the armed forces are the symbol of country's independence and sovereignty and they will be kept above all sort of debates. She said her government would extend all possible support to increase efficiency, dignity and institutional prestige of the armed forces.

She said her government had been making relentless efforts in the past four years to turn the armed forces into a modern and professionally efficient force. She said the armed forces have already enhanced the image of the country by their services in various peacekeeping missions. She said the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan also personally praised the role of the Bangladeshi soldiers in the

peacekeeping missions.

The prime minister pointed out that the government has introduced 25 per cent of the basic salary as Guard Allowance for all members of the regiment. She said a grant of Taka six lakh had already been allocated for the welfare fund of the PGR.

She also praised the services of the regiment in providing personal security to the visiting heads of government and state to Bangladesh and also to the head of state and government of the country with utmost sincerity and efficiency.

The prime minister also praised the role of the armed forces in building houses for the homeless under Ashrayan Project. She referred to the concept of "one house one farm" and urged members of the armed forces to utilise all the fallow lands for this purpose. She said her government wanted to increase the standard of living of the people by making them economically solvent.

Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

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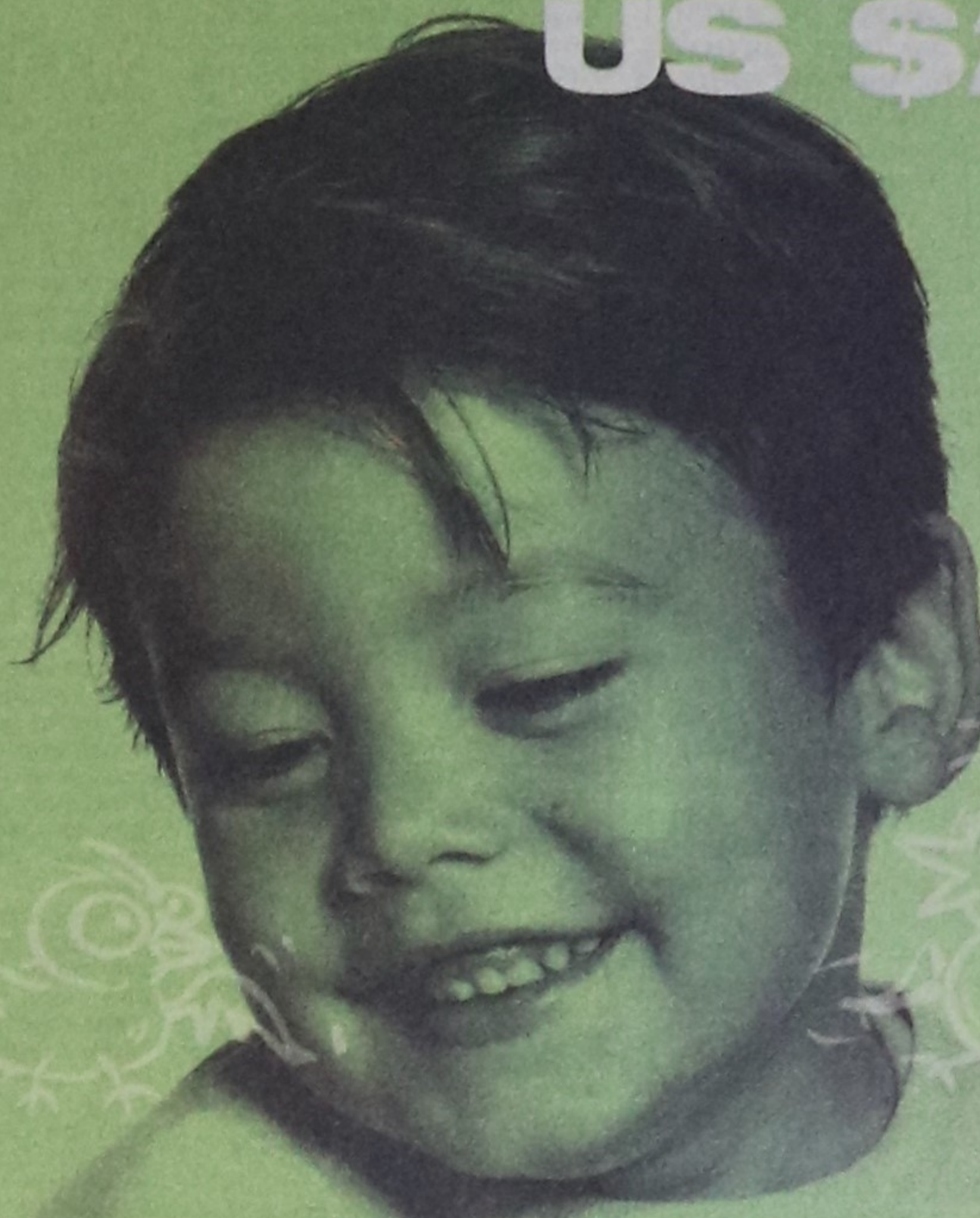
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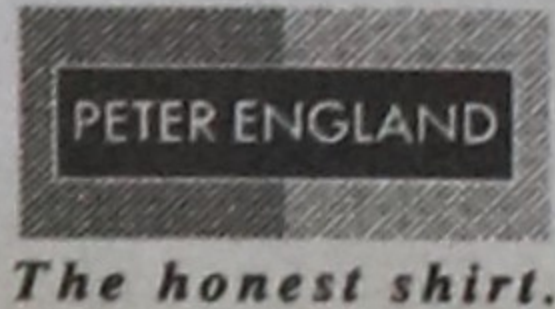
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