

DHAKA SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2001

British HC to open office in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
An office of the British High Commission will be opened in Sylhet on November 27 to offer information and advice to visa applicants.

Rouful Hasan buried

UNB, Dhaka
Rouful Hasan, president of Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) and special correspondent of The Bangladesh Observer, was buried at Azimpur graveyard yesterday.

The first namaj-e-janaza of Rouful, also correspondent of Dubai based Khaleej Times, was held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Juma prayers.

LGRD Minister and BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain Khoka and State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman Patal attended the janaza.

His body was later taken to the BSJA office where BSJA leaders placed wreaths to show their last respect to freedom fighter Rouful.

His second namaj-e-janaza was held at the National Press Club.

President, general secretary and other leaders of the Press Club and his colleagues took part in the janaza.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, former President of BCB and political secretary to the Awami League president, also attended.

His qulhwani will be held after Asr prayers on Monday at his residence "Modhumati," Road No 12, Baitul Aman Housing Society, Shaymoli.

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina expressed her deep shock at the death of journalist Rouful Hasan.

In a condolence message yesterday, she conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved family of late Hasan and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.



The Bangladesh Theatre brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of its 15th founding anniversary.



Namaj-e-janaza of Rouful Hasan, a renowned sports writer and journalist, was held at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Excesses of stenographer at police HQs Villagers lodge complaint

Following the petition, Additional Superintendent of Police in Saikhira Faruq Hossain went to the Shyamnagar Police Station and talked to the victims and local leaders. The official was informed about the excesses of the stenographer. The official also submitted a report to the Establishment Department, but it did not include the victims' plight.

Asked about the allegation, Assistant Inspector General of Police Delwar Hossain said a three-member committee was formed following the complaint, but the committee did not find any misdeed by the accused.

Later, Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs Ruhul Amin Siddiqi issued a letter to the inspector general of police asking him to submit a report after investigation into the matter on September 12, the sources added.

Even two months after the directive from the ministry, no action was taken against the stenographer. Nor the victims were informed about any finding of the investigation.

Jiang greets Badruddoza

BSS, Dhaka
Chinese President Jiang Zemin yesterday warmly greeted President Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury and expressed the hope that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be strengthened in future.

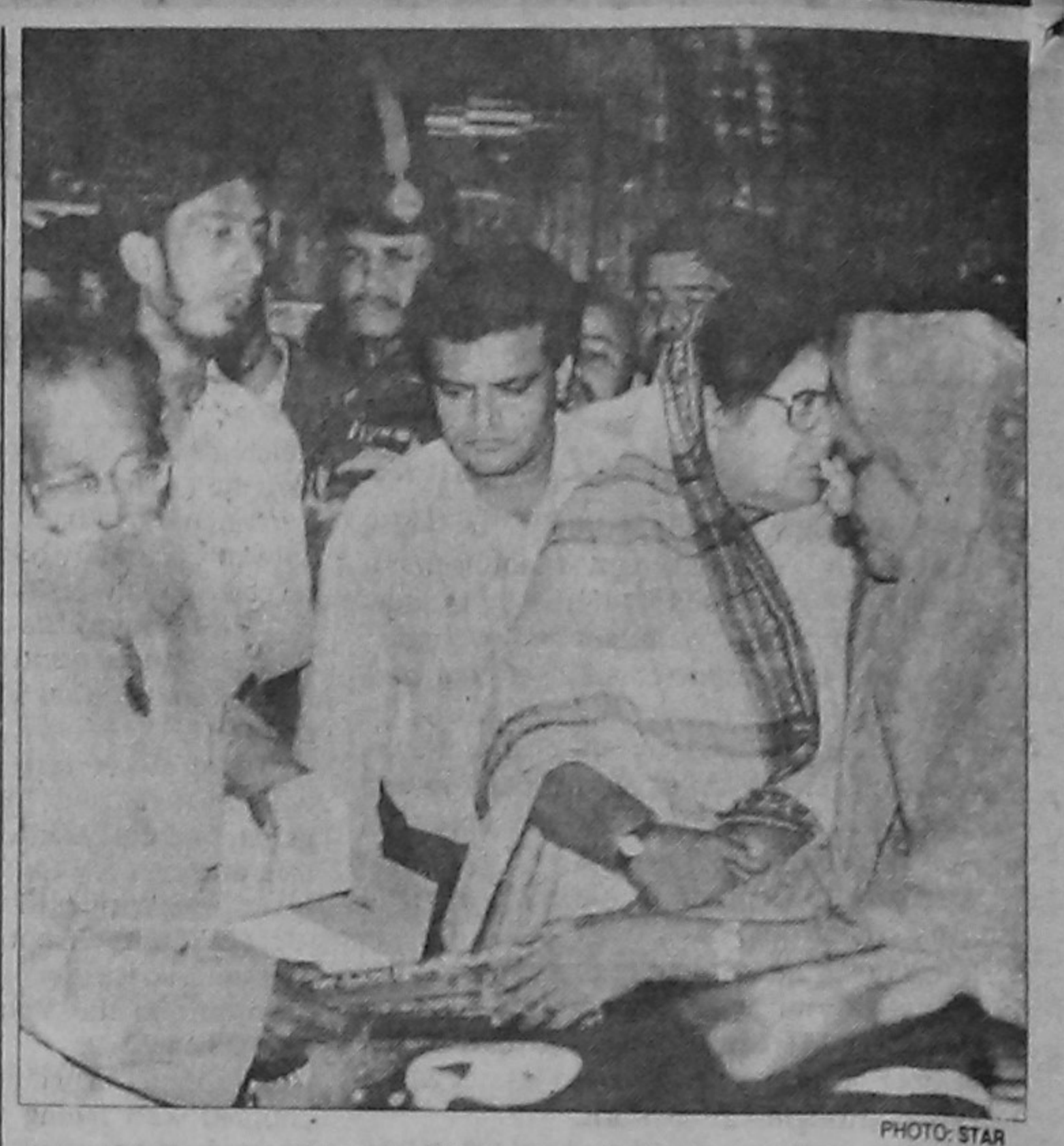
In a message to President Badruddoza Chowdhury, the Chinese leader said, "China and Bangladesh are friendly close neighbours with a long traditional friendship between the two peoples. The friendly relations in all fields of our two countries have been developing smoothly in the past years, he said.

The friendly relations and co-operation of mutual benefit between the two countries and two peoples would certainly be strengthened and promoted with joint efforts, he added.

BFUJ, DUJ protest 'misbehaviour' of officials

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have protested and condemned the 'misbehaviour' of a section of officials with the journalists at the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban on November 14.

In a joint statement yesterday, BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, secretary general Aktar Ahmed Khan, and DUJ president Altab Mahmud and general secretary Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan said that by forcing the journalists to enter the Darbar Hall through kitchen door, security personnel of Bangabhaban undermined the journalist community.



Awami League president Sheikh Hasina distributes clothes among the victims of post-political violence at the party's central office in the city yesterday.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry in the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, MetOffice predicted.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Sitakundi and the lowest of 16.3 degree Celsius at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:12 pm today and rises at 6:15 am tomorrow. Temperature and humidity recorded in major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

STOCK

Large financial table containing 'TRADED ISSUES IN THE WEEK', 'Weekly Market - Nov. 10 - Nov. 15, 2001', and 'DSE: One Year Index Turnover Graph'. Includes various stock market data and performance metrics.