

## 963 more arrested

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested 963 people, three are identified terrorists, 511 wanted under warrant and 430 are accused in different cases under investigation, a police press release said.

During the drive police also recovered 14 explosives. Of them, DMP recovered nine explosives and arrested 6 persons and filed four cases against them.

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## World Leprosy Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Leprosy Day 2002 will be observed today in the country as elsewhere in the globe.

In a message on the occasion, President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury has suggested all to continue the efforts to maintain the success in anti-Leprosy initiatives.

He said negative attitude about the disease has been removed while the target to eradicate leprosy achieved with the successful application of Multi Drug Therapy.

"This is a great achievement in the country's health sector," the President said wishing success of the World Leprosy Day.

Health and Family Welfare Ministry has undertaken elaborate programme to observe the day.

A colourful procession will be brought out at 8 am from the National Museum. It will terminate at the Jatiya Press Club where an advocacy meeting will be held at 10 am.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrat Hossain will lead the procession and attend the meeting as chief guest.

## Chandpur Social Welfare official suspended

UNB, Dhaka

Deputy Director of Social Welfare in Chandpur Mokhlesur Rahman has been suspended on charges of corruption.

A press release of the Social Welfare ministry yesterday said departmental proceedings against the official has also been ordered over the allegations of taking bribe, misappropriation of funds, nepotism and repression of women.

It is alleged that Mokhlesur Rahman collected Tk 15,000 from his subordinates and local institutions to entertain Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid during his visit to Chandpur on February 1.

But the Minister spent the day on his own arrangement and had the lunch at his house. Besides, serious allegations have been proved against the official for which he is suspended from the service, the press release added.

## 3-day free heart camp opens in city

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day "Free Heart Camp" organised by Rotary Club of Dhaka North West was inaugurated by Rotary district governor Abdul Ahad at the Jatiya Press Club here yesterday.

A three-member team of eminent doctors from Woodland Hospital, Kolkata, India, headed by Dr Asim Bardhan, chief cardiologist is checking up and giving prescriptions to poor and needy patients.

Cardiac Surgeon Dr Tushar Dhruba and Dr Shushant Dutta Roy of internal medicine of the Woodland Hospital are assisting Dr Bardhan.

Nearly 300 patients are expected to be checked by the team during the three days camp.

The required tests and investigations will be done at the Popular Diagnostic at concessional rates, after which the prescription for total treatment will be given by the team of experts. Popular Diagnostic will also provide necessary

instruments and equipment for initial testing at the venue.

The Rotary Club of Dhaka North West has organised the Free Heart Camp as an annual programme since last year. Dr Bardhan and Dr Dhruba also participated in similar programme last year.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Bardhan said he and his colleagues were happy to be associated with a noble work here and thanked the Rotary Club and the

Press Club for the same.

Rotary district governor Abdul Ahad thanked the doctors for their voluntary services, which will help a big number of patients, who are generally needy.

Among others Rtn. R. I. Siddiqui, Rtn. Jalal U. Ahmed, Rtn. Shamsuzzoha Chowdhury, Rtn. I. U. Faruq, Rtn. Shamim Sher, Rtn. Shammi Sher, Rtn. Munira Khan and young Rotaractors of Dhaka Mahanagar North West are assisting the programme.

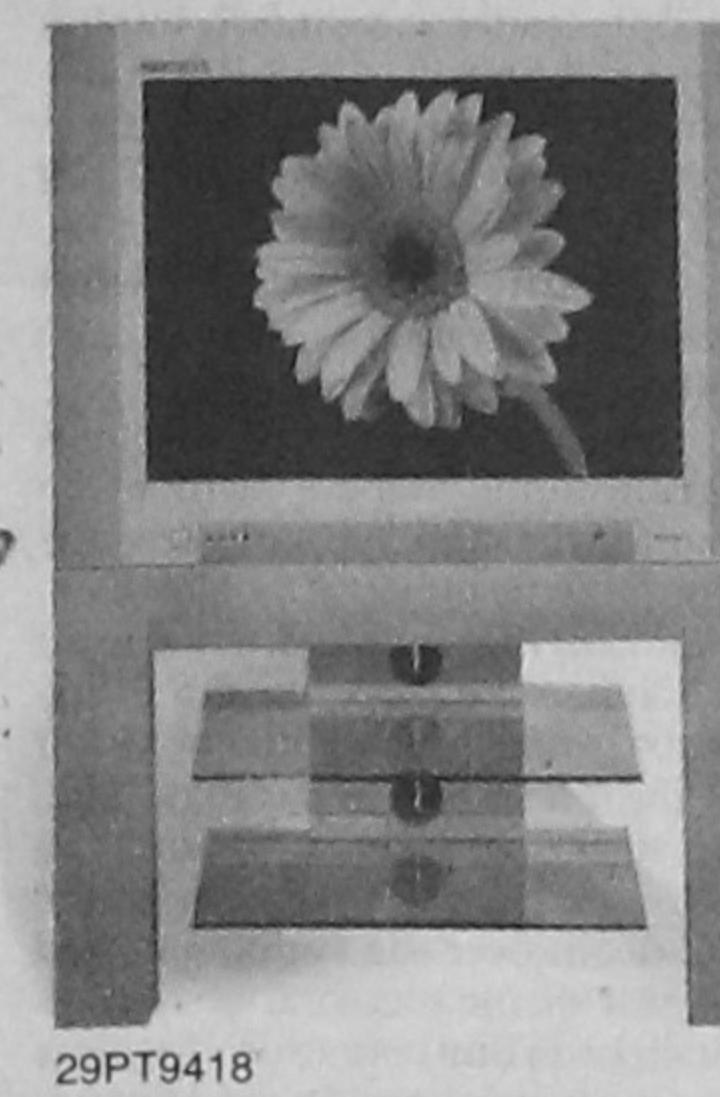
## Naval chief leaves for Sri Lanka

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher left Dhaka yesterday on an official visit to Sri Lanka and Qatar, says a press release.

Admiral Taher is accompanied by his wife Begum Dipika Qumruneesa and a two-member delegation of the Bangladesh Navy.

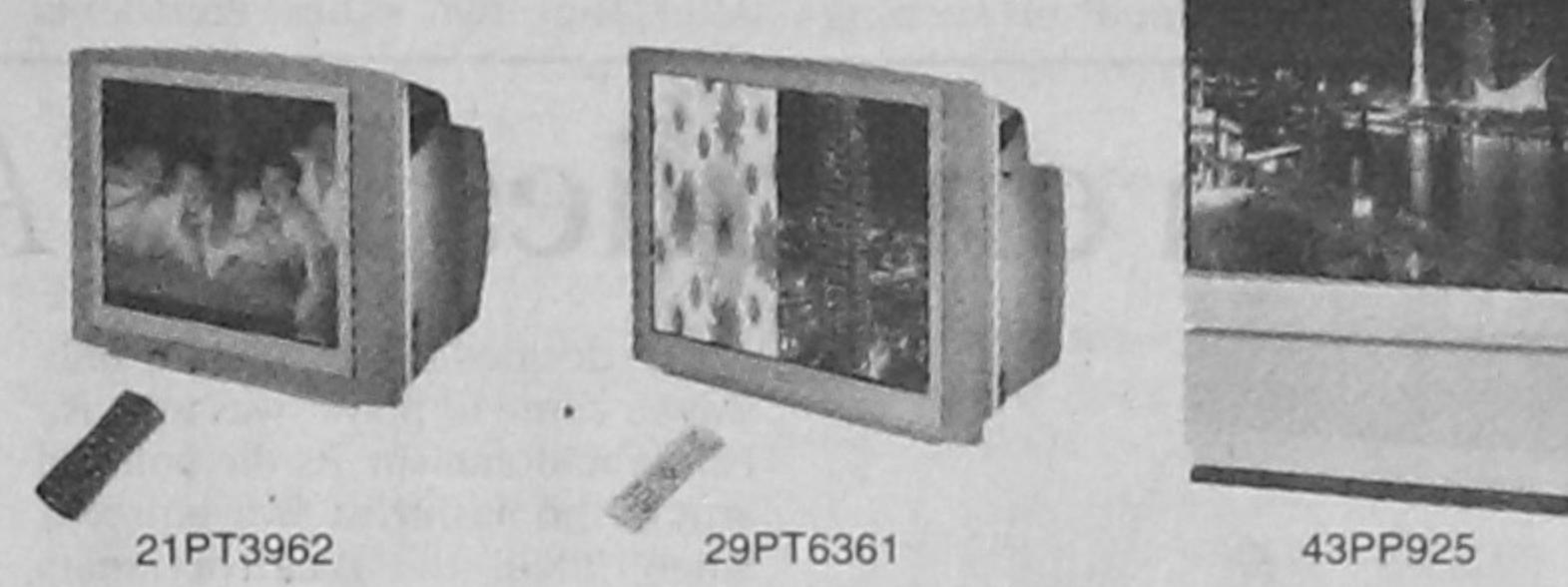
During his stay in Sri Lanka, Taher is expected to pay a courtesy call on President Chandrika Kumaratunga Bandarnaike. He will also call on Prime Minister and senior military officers of the Sri Lanka Armed Forces. He will have similar programme in Qatar.

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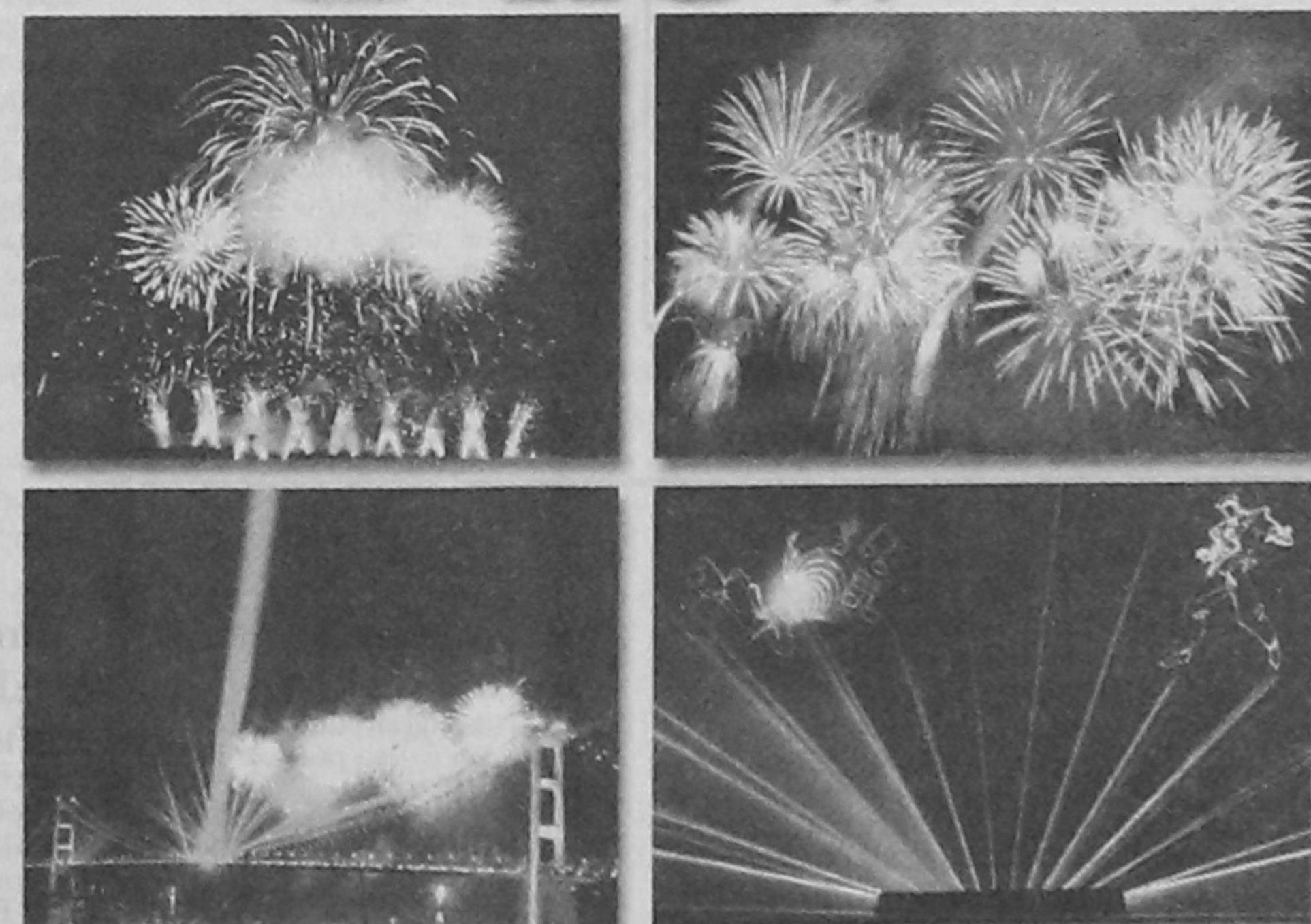
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