

Holy Ashura observed

BSS, Dhaka

The holy Ashura, commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA), grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM), was observed in the country on Monday with due religious fervour and grief over the greatest tragedy in the history of Islam.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations held a range of programmes marking the day. The programmes included holding discussions, bringing out Tazia processions, holding milad mahfils and feeding the destitute and offering special prayers in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

On this day in the Hijri year 61, Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA), along with members of his family and close associates, embraced martyrdom at the hands of Yazid's troops in the desert of Karbala to uphold the cause of Islam and the teachings of the Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM).

The day was a public holiday. On the eve of the day, President A Q M Badrudduza Chowdhury, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages, urged the Muslims to learn the spirit of sacrifice for the just cause from Ashura, the 10th day of the Arabic month Muharram.

Our correspondents from different parts of the country reports that the day was observed with due religious solemnity.

In Khulna, a number of Tazia processions were brought out and several congregations were held.

In Narayanganj, Tazia processions were brought out from Rally

Ragan, Khanpur, Netaiganj, Adamjee Nagar and Bandar areas. Besides, milad mahfils, feeding of the destitute and discussions were held in the town.

Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television aired special programmes and the national dailies published special articles highlighting the significance of the day.

Other private television channels also telecast special programmes.

Hearing in gold smuggling case against Ershad on May 28

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former president Hussain Mohammad Ershad, an accused in a gold smuggling case, appeared in the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka on March 24.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam fixed May 28 for next hearing in the case.

It was alleged that Ershad, while in office, made an attempt to smuggle 3000 tolas of gold bars worth about Tk 2.5 crore into Bangladesh.

Later, a smuggling case was filed with Cantonment thana against Ershad and five others.

Earlier, three prosecution witnesses were cross-examined.

Advocate Sheikh Sirajul Islam appeared in the court on behalf of Ershad.



A Tazia procession was brought out in Chittagong on the occasion of the holy Ashura on March 25.



Valiant Freedom Fighter, Taramon Bibi, Bir Protik is being provided medical care at the Intensive Care Unit of the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka.

5 hurt as JCD factions clash at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

At least five Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists of Chittagong University (CU) were injured in clashes with the rival group on the campus during the last two days.

Three of the injured were identified as Atiqur Rahman Bipu, Nasir Uddin and Yousuf. They were the supporters of Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury, sources said.

All the injured have been admitted into Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Campus sources said the clash erupted when supporters of Suja and Sapath, president and general secretary of JCD CU unit respectively with the help of Shibir cadres attacked the activists of a rival group when they tried to place floral wreaths at the altar of the Shaheed Minar of Tuesday and injured three of them.

The activists of Suja and Sapath group again attacked and injured two other activists of the rival group yesterday.

A tense situation is prevailing on the campus over the incidents.

Hasina urges Independence Day rally Free nation from clutches of 'anti-liberation, fascist govt'

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday urged the people to join the movement for freeing the nation from the clutches of the "anti-liberation and fascist government."

She also called for resisting the BNP-Jamaat coalition which "is engaged in distorting independence history, disgracing the Father of the Nation, denying democratic rights and unleashing repression since October 1 election."

She was addressing a discussion organised by Dhaka City Awami League marking the Independence Day in front of the Bangabandhu Bhaban.

She also called upon the people to observe countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal on April 6 to be preceded by demonstration in Dhaka on March 28 and countrywide on March 30.

Castigating the removal of portrait of Bangabandhu, Hasina said the government moved the anti-portrait bill in parliament on March 7 when Bangabandhu

made his historic speech giving directives for the guerrilla warfare. The law was given effect on March 23, when the flag of independent Bangladesh was hoisted in 1971, marking the Republic Day of Pakistan, she added.

Referring to a new controversy over the declaration of independence, she said after assuming power the BNP-Jamaat government is again trying to conceal a truth and resort to a series of lies to cover a "big lie" that General Zia declared independence of Bangladesh.

She said it was Chittagong AL leader M A Hanif who first read out Bangabandhu's message of declaration from Kalurghat radio station on March 26 and many other AL leaders followed suit. General Zia was forced to read out the message from Kalurghat on March 27 on behalf of Bangabandhu, Hasina said.

Refuting BNP's claim, she said Gen. Zia was one of 11 Sector Commanders who was given monthly allowance of Tk 400.

"Let's ask other Sector Commanders who are still alive whether they fought the liberation war at the call of Ziaur Rahman."

Hasina said after declaration of war leading newspapers in London and America ran headline news and BBC and VOA announced that Sheikh Mujib declared a war against Pakistan on March 26.

A messenger of Chittagong Awami League office -- Nurul Islam -- who circulated Bangabandhu's message through mike in Chittagong town on March 26 was present at the podium. Hasina introduced Islam now undergoing treatment in hospital and presented a bouquet to him.

Presided over by City AL president and Dhaka Mayor Mohammad Hanif, the discussion was also addressed by Abdus Samad Azad, Zillur Rahman, Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Anu, Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed, Ahelul Jalil, Suranjit Sengupta, S A M S Kibria and A S H K Sadeq.

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COMPANY MATTER NO. 23 OF 2002

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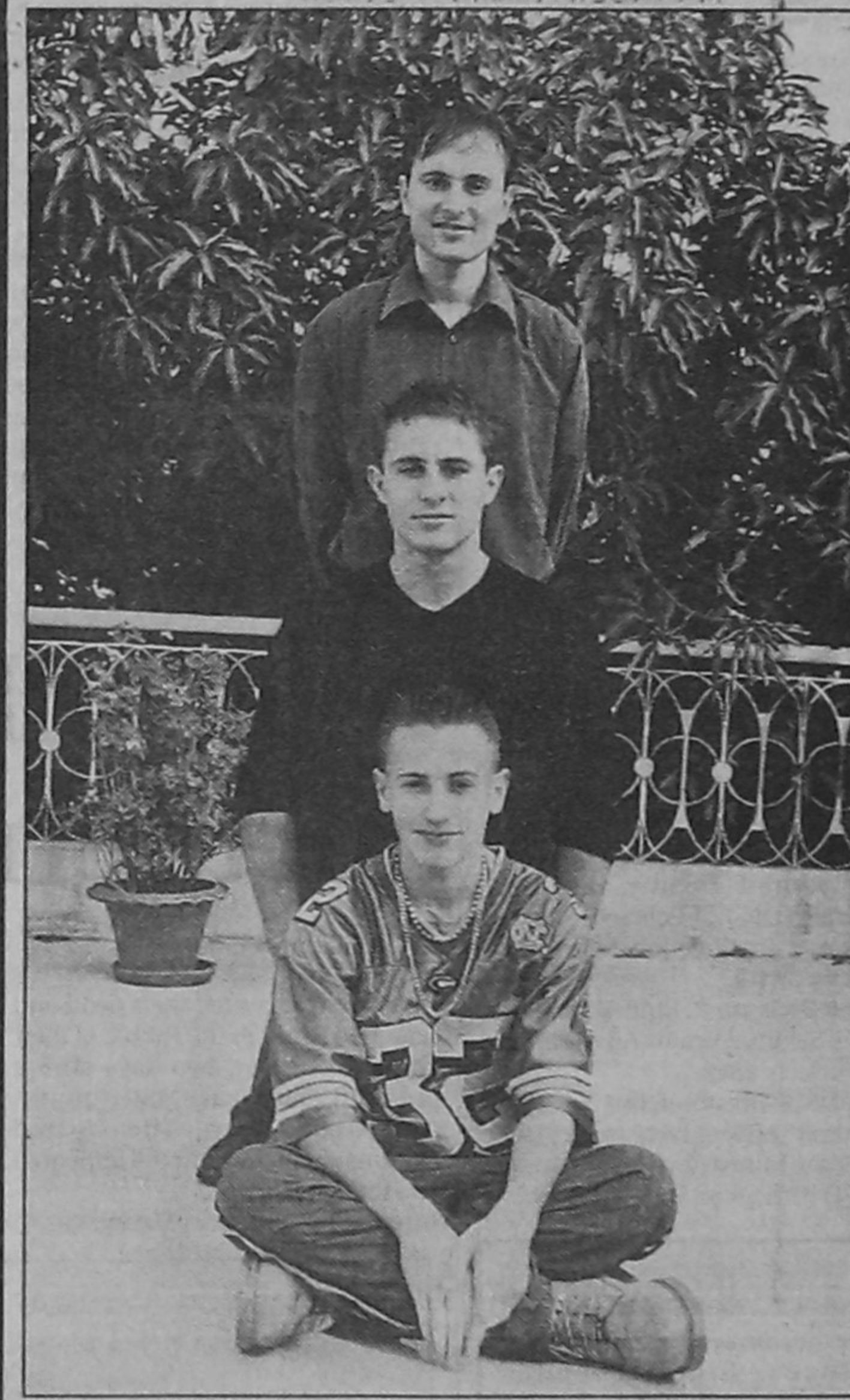
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