

Shab-e-Barat observed in Chittagong

BSS, Ctg
Holy Shab-e-Barat, the sacred 'night of good fortune' was observed in the port city and elsewhere in the district with due religious fervour and solemnity.

Besides Islamic Foundation, different organisations observed the night through various programmes including discussions, zikir and milad mahfil.

Thousands of devout Muslims congregated at the mosques to offer night-long prayers seeking

Raid on video game shops in Ctg: 10 held

BSS, Ctg
Police yesterday arrested 10 people on charge of running illegal video-game shops in the port city.

The arrested are: Mohammad Zakir Hossain, Shyamol Chakrabarty, Mohammad Tayeb Shah, Khokan Das, Mohammad Azad, Ripon, Nurul Haque, Sukumar Dhar and Parvez.

The Kotwali police conducted the raids on different video-game shops at Sirajuddowla Road, Dewan Bazar and Patharghata areas in the city and arrested them for running illegal video business.

In separate raid, Khulshi police Sunday night arrested one fugitive Phool Miah, son of Abdul Baten of village Azampur under Swandip from Tiger Pass area.

Phool Miah was sentenced to four years' imprisonment recently by the court here in a case under Narcotics Control Act.

divine blessings of the almighty Allah for peace, progress and prosperity of the nation as well as greater solidarity of the Muslim Ummah.

Special Munajats were offered in all mosques including Andarkilla Shahee-Jam-e-Mosque, Jamiatul Falah Complex, Masjid-e-Baitus Saraf seeking 'Rahmat' from almighty Allah.

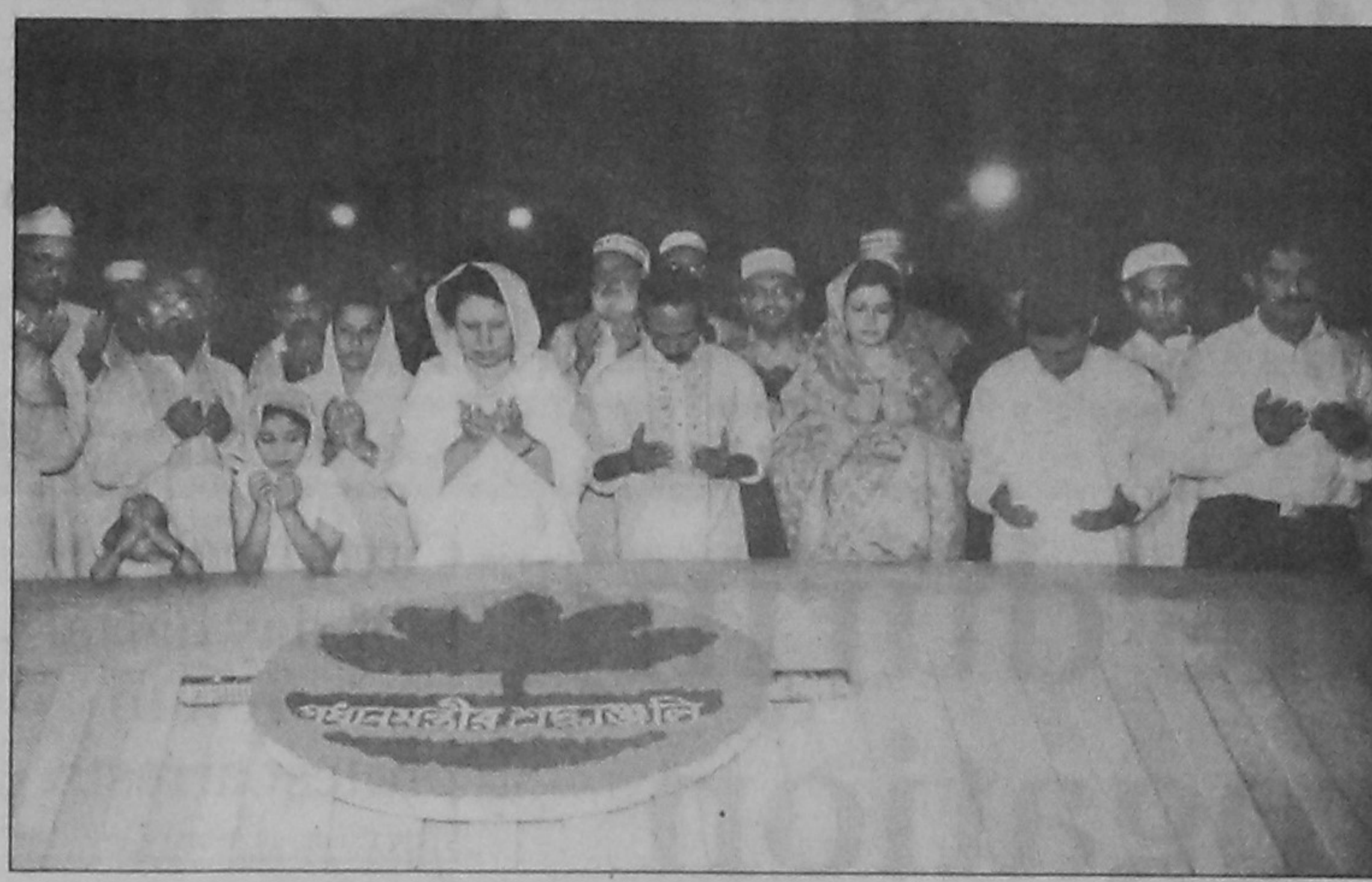
Many Muslim devotees observed fasting before and during the day of Shab-e-Barat while well-to-do people fed the destitute. Improved diets were served in jails, hospitals, orphanages and juvenile centres.

Many devotees went to the Mazars of some celebrated saints including Hazrat Shah Amanat, Hazrat Baizeed Bostami in the city and visited the graveyards to offer fateha for the salvation of the departed souls of their dear and near ones.

CAT executive committee

UNB, Dhaka
UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan and LIFE Chairman Kamrul Islam Sony were elected president and secretary general respectively of the 21-member executive committee of the Coalition Against Tobacco (CAT), a networking organisation of NGOs.

The other office bearers are vice-presidents - Engineer AKM Iftekhar Hossain, Prof. DR Hasina Banu and Prof. Dr Abdul Wadud; joint secretary - SA Mahmudi; treasurer - Abdul Jabbar; and organising secretary - Ibnul Sayeed Rana.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offers munajat at the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat on Monday night.

City dwellers hail army crackdown on crime

BSS, Dhaka
City dwellers on Monday welcomed the on-going countrywide joint drive by Army and law enforcing agencies against violence, extortion and other crimes.

People representing different classes and professions told BSS separately that this drive was "a positive and timely step" of the government to improve the overall law and order throughout the country.

They said the joint drive to establish peace and order would, in fact, enhance people's confidence on the government and improve country's image abroad to help increase investment in different sectors from both domestic and overseas sources.

Member of the Supreme Court Bar Association Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokon said the people had long been expecting an effective step of the government against all crimes including violence and extortion in the country.

He said the past government had failed to fulfill this expectation of the people while the present government upheld it by conducting a joint drive.

"Time has not yet come to make any comment over success or failure of this joint drive to improve law and order. If this drive brings any success, then people's confidence in the government will increase," he said.

Prof Asadullah and Prof Ashraf Jahan of two different private colleges of the city welcomed the joint drive against crimes and criminals, describing it a timely step of the government to improve the country's law and order.

"Crime has gone intolerably high over the last few years, making the city nearly unbecoming for normal living," Prof Ashraf Jahan said adding that such a deteriorating situation started from the past regime.

Both the educationists said the situation improved a lot over the past few days due to the drive against and extortion, leading to a drastic low in the rates of crimes and offences over the past few days. The city now seems to be safer for living, they said wishing a total success of the current drive against crimes and criminals.

Mosharrif Hossain, an officer of a private insurance company living in the city's Mohammadpur

area, said people were now moving safe and secured after the joint drive launched against crimes and criminals.

"Have a look on newspapers of last few days and assess the amount of success this joint drive has scored in its mission against crimes and criminals," he said adding that very few news about murder, killing, hijacking and abduction were published in last few days' newspapers.

Roushan Ali, a rickshawpuller from Gaibandha district, said he was facing no trouble or difficulty while paddling his rickshaw day and night on the city streets. "In fact there is no snatcher in the city now," he said.

A good number of people doing both government and non-government jobs, small and medium scale businesses and also individuals representing middle-class and lower class extended their total support to the present step of the government to improve law and order.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Rupa Chowdhury, mother of freedom fighter Abdul Malek Chowdhury, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at her village home at Golabari under sadar thana of Comilla district.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

RU admission test from Dec 26

BSS, Rajshahi
Admission test for the first year honours classes in 2002-2003 academic session of Rajshahi University (RU) will start on December 26 and continue up to January 8.

Official said there are 3250 seats in 44 departments under eight faculties of the university. Distribution of admission forms (preliminary) will begin on November 2 at Agrani Bank RU Branch and will continue until November 24.

Body of teenage girl found in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong
Sitakunda police recovered a luggage containing a decomposed body of an unidentified teenage girl from Magpukuria area yesterday.

On receiving information, police recovered the luggage from Magpukuria area beside Dhaka-Chittagong highway, some eight km off Sitakunda Upazila.

The body was found inside the foreign-made thick plastic luggage. There were several injuries in different parts of the body.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

Physician honoured



Noted Bangladeshi physician and scientist Dr M A Hasan has invented a preventive drug and treatment system for recurrent herpes simplex (HSV),

ano-genital herpes (HSV) and papilloma virus infection, says a press release.

The scientific committee of International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) has accepted his research paper recently and decided to publish and present it in the 12th IUSTI Congress to be held in Beijing on October 24.

On this occasion, the Chinese Medical Association has invited Dr Hasan to chair the plenary session III on October 26 to honour his achievement.

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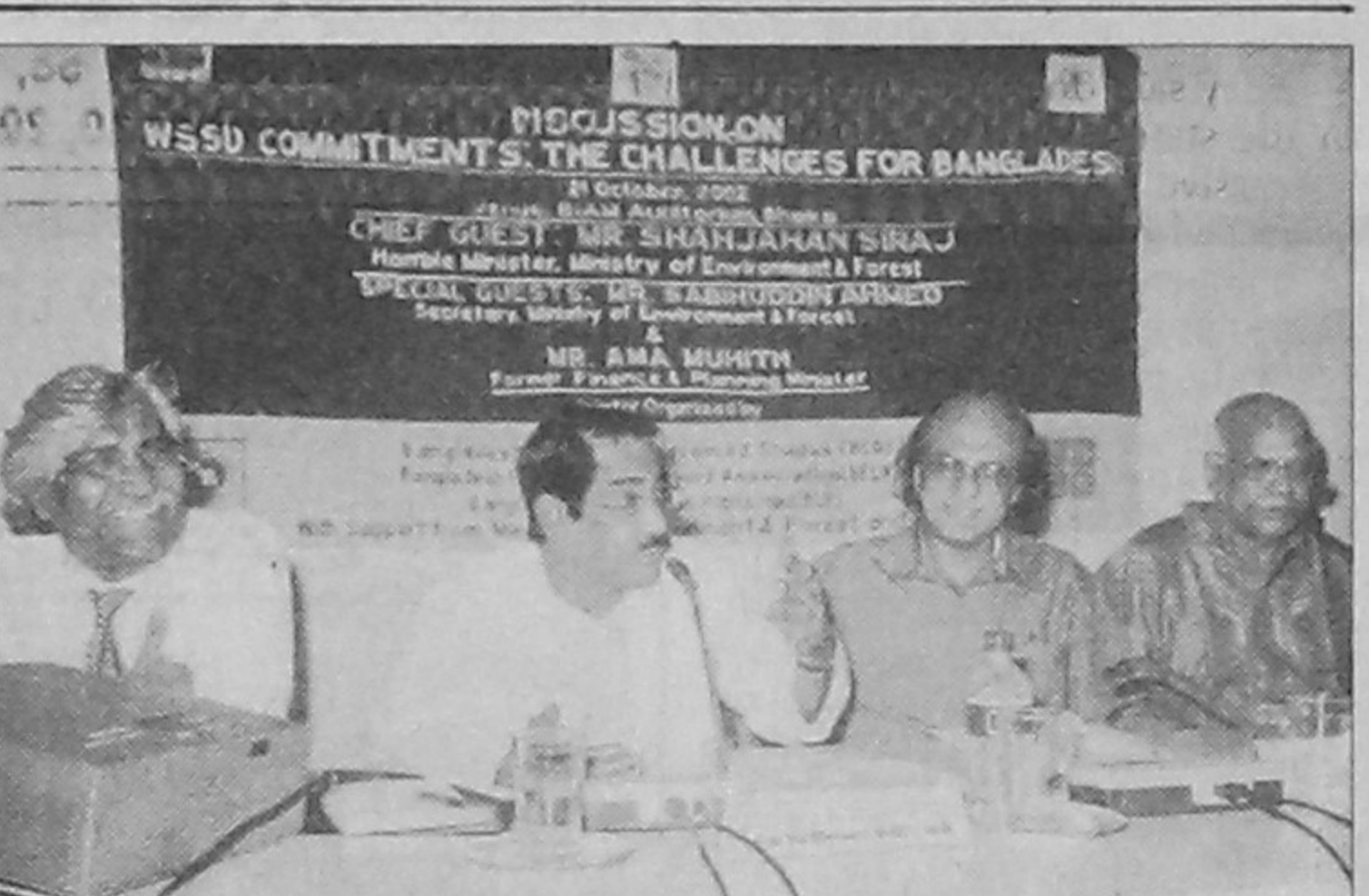
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Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj speaks at a discussion on 'WSSD commitments: The Challenges for Bangladesh' in the city on Monday. The Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association, the Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad and the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies organised the discussion.

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