

Mir Quasem Ali Executed

Another convicted war criminal, Mir Quasem Ali, the fourth top al-Badr commander, has been executed for crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War, on Saturday night, September 3, after deciding not to seek presidential clemency, the last option for a death row convict to avoid the gallows. He was hanged at around 10:30 pm at the Kashimpur jail in Gazipur district, near Dhaka. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal confirmed the execution. Quasem became the sixth individual to be executed for crimes against humanity during the liberation war. Before the high-profile execution, jail authorities allowed 22 of Quasem's family members to meet him. Jamaat-e-Islam declared hartal on the following Monday in protest of the execution.

Projonmo Shahbag
Yesterday at 12:56am · Dhaka ·

A Bangladeshi 1971 Freedom Fighter started dancing after the execution of war criminal Mir Quasem Ali under the Bangladesh National flag at Shahbag Projonmo Chattar where Bangladeshis people gathered in 2013 for a month long protest for the brutal deeds of war criminals of Bangladesh Liberation War in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 03 September 2016. Mir Quasem Ali was a Bangladeshi tycoon, the former director of Islami Bank, and chairman of the Diganta Media Corporation, which owns Diganta TV. He founded the Ibn Sina Trust and was a key figure in the establishment of the NGO Rabita al-Alam al-Islami. He was considered to be the wealthiest person of the Bangladeshi political party Jamaat-e-Islami. Photo by Anik Rahman



The Daily Star
September 3 at 11:15pm ·

#BREAKING: Jamaat calls an eight-hour-long hartal (shutdown) across the country on Monday, protesting Mir Quasem's execution.

BREAKING NEWS

Jamaat calls hartal for Monday
Jamaat-e-Islami calls an eight-hour-long hartal (shutdown) across the country on Monday, protesting the execution of its leader Mir Quasem Ali.

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Chanchal Chanchal and 1 other

Bondhu Tui Local Bus!

The newest song on the block is here and it has created quite a hype in a matter of 3 days. Yes, Local Bus- a collaboration between Pritom Hasan, rapper Shafayat Hossain, and our folk queen Momotaz- has taken the city by storm. The song is an excellent fusion of hip-hop and Bengali folk music, and has had over 5 lakh hits in just 3 days! The song also features a dance by Mumtaheena Chowdhury Toya. While the whole video offers a lot of comedy and rhythmic beats as a whole, one thing that this song reminded us is- Momotaz can do just about anything! On another note, Pritom, who has fused genres before with hit songs like Hey Mama Hey, and Kuddus Boyati, has successfully charmed his audience once again with a song that we just cannot get out of our heads. To listen to Local Bus, tune into YouTube right now.

Warning: the line 'Bondhu tui local bus' is bound to play in your head over and over again, for the rest of the day.

Local Bus | Official Music Video | Pritom feat. Momotaz And Shafayat | Bangla New Song | 2016
Label : Gaanchill Music Song Name : "বন্ধু তুই লোকাল বাস" Singer: Momotaz Begum Co-Singer : Pritom Hasan Rapper...
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বন্ধু তুই লোকাল বাস।
অপর কেউ ছাড়া কুয়েদ, মাদ খেয়া নামদ।
It's none other than our fab Momotaz Apa who took this song into different height! Shafayet was too good! creative Rap and lyrics!
Love it!
Eid Mubarak!

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September 3 at 12:53pm · Dhaka ·

After kuddus Boyati | Followed by Momta (on fire)!

TRENDING THIS WEEK



Walsh aims to find a new Ambrose
Bangladesh's new bowling coach Courtney Walsh has said he wants to help his charges hunt in pairs much like he and Curtly Ambrose had done for West Indies...
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Lucky are the fast bowlers who will learn from Walsh what he taught Ambrose and learned from Holding, Garner and Marshall.

Walsh Comes to Dhaka

Living legend of cricket, bowler Courtney Walsh from the West Indies has been selected as the official bowling coach for our Tigers, on September 1, 2016. After arriving in Dhaka this week, 53-year old Walsh, said he was eagerly awaiting the exciting challenge ahead: "I am thrilled to be joining the BCB as their Specialist Bowling Coach. I am really looking forward to getting started with the group" according to Bangladesh Cricket Board's media release. He also mentioned that he will be looking for 'an Ambrose' in our team, and with that attitude, we know how much Walsh can bring out of our boys! Walsh has reached an agreement with the BCB which is effective from 1 September 2016, and runs up to the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup in England.

HERITAGE

Dhaka city has a specific identity of being called 'the City of Mosques'. According to a 2008 survey of Islamic Foundation, there are more than 2.5 million mosques in Bangladesh, whereas around six thousand of them are in Dhaka city alone. But it is a matter of concern that though the amount of mosques in this city is large, it is lagging behind in terms of publicity.

One such fascinating mosque in Dhaka city is Hazrat Haji Khwaja Shahbaz Khan Mosque, a witness to around four hundred years of history. The mosque and the tomb of Shahbaz Khan are situated in the old high court area, on the eastern edge of the mausoleum of three leaders.

According to the book 'Dhaka: Smriti Bismriti Nagari' by the famous Bangladeshi writer, historian and scholar Muntassir Mamoon, Haji Shahbaz Khan was an affluent merchant, who came to Bengal Subah (a subdivision of the Mughal Empire) from Kashmir and settled down in the area of Tongi. During his lifetime in 1679, he built this mosque and his own tomb. At that time, Prince Muhammad Azam was the viceroy of Bengal. (Source: Wikipedia)

SHAHBAZ KHAN'S LEGACY

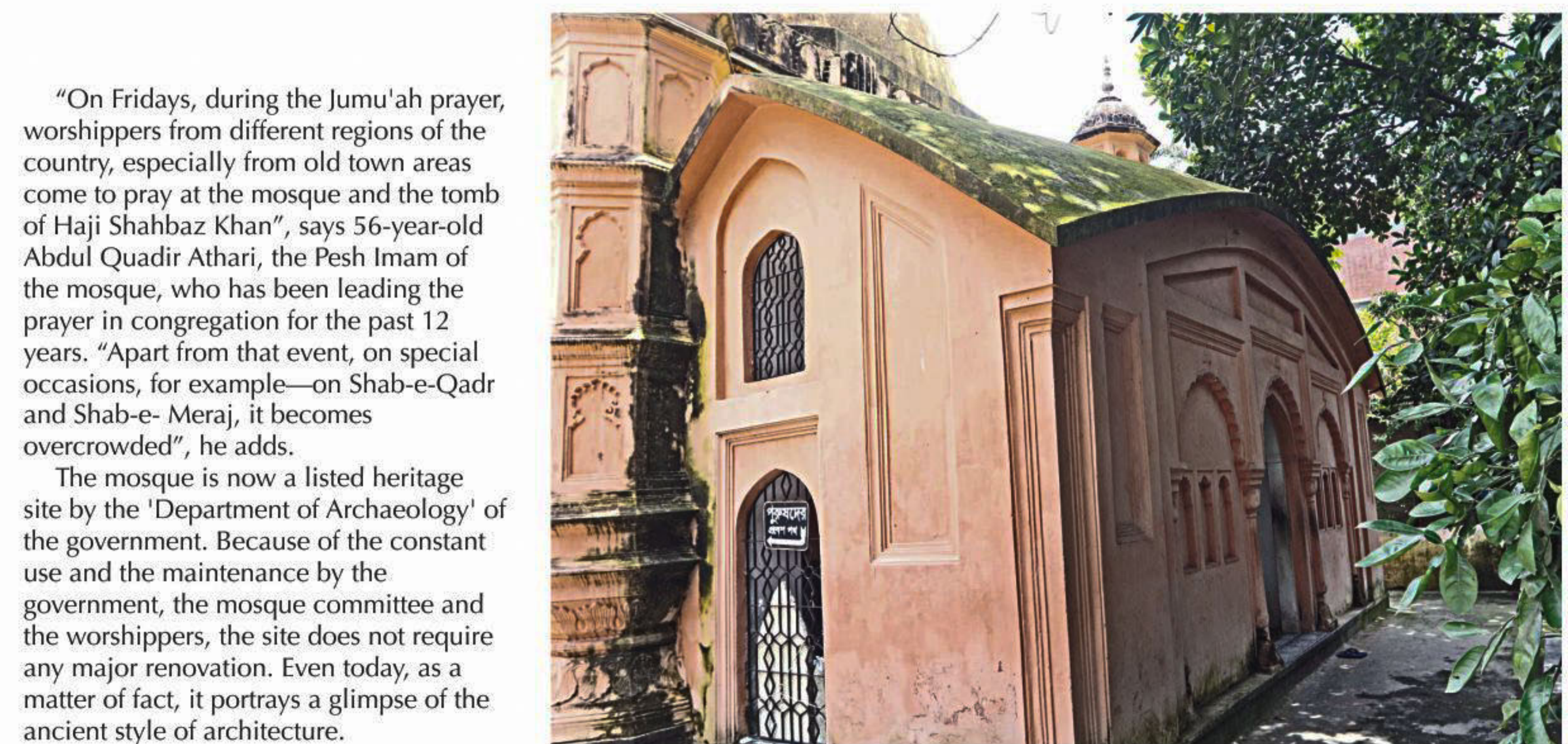
NILIMA JAHAN
PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

profession of Haji Shahbaz Khan, as many believe that he was a mason in profession. Other than that it was obvious that he was a very pious man and familiar as a 'Haji' (successfully completed the Hajj to Mecca). He used to live in Tongi, but often came to the mosque that he built himself, to preach Islam, as well as pray.

Both the mosque and the tomb of Shahbaz Khan is a symbol of Shaista Khan Style of architecture. The three-dome mosque has four octagonal minarets at each corner and three entrances in the east, which have successfully, beautified its structure. The minbar (a platform for a priest in a mosque) and the threshold are made of black stones. In prior times, the weather of that area was humid; the walls have been covered with stones, to extend the permanence of the mosque. The mosque is often called 'Laal Masjid', for its red coloured walls.

Haji Shahbaz Khan is resting in peace next to the mosque, which is known as the 'Dargah Sharif of Shahbaz Khan'. The architectural design of the single dome tomb is almost the same as the mosque.

There are many fascinating facts about this old mosque. According to many, Haji Shahbaz used to come to this mosque with a large number of jinns and pray with them.



"On Fridays, during the Jumu'ah prayer, worshippers from different regions of the country, especially from old town areas come to pray at the mosque and the tomb of Haji Shahbaz Khan", says 56-year-old Abdul Quadir Athari, the Pesh Imam of the mosque, who has been leading the prayer in congregation for the past 12 years. "Apart from that event, on special occasions, for example—on Shab-e-Qadr and Shab-e-Meraj, it becomes overcrowded", he adds.

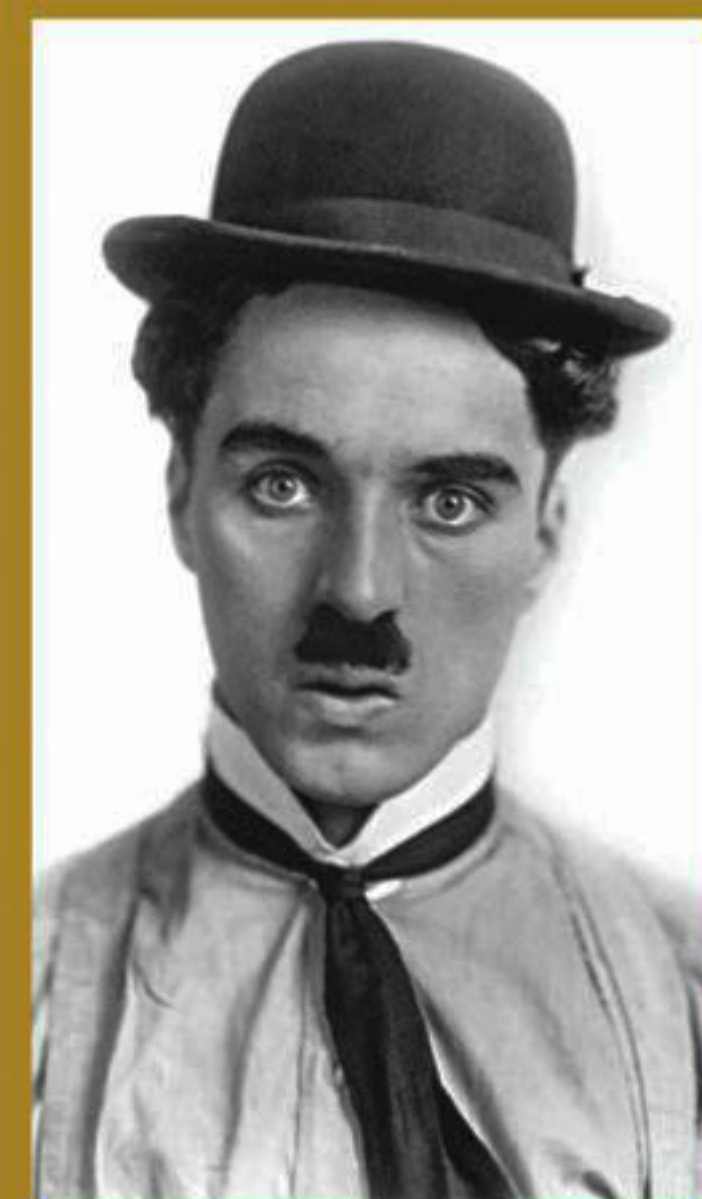
The mosque is now a listed heritage site by the 'Department of Archaeology' of the government. Because of the constant use and the maintenance by the government, the mosque committee and the worshippers, the site does not require any major renovation. Even today, as a matter of fact, it portrays a glimpse of the ancient style of architecture.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

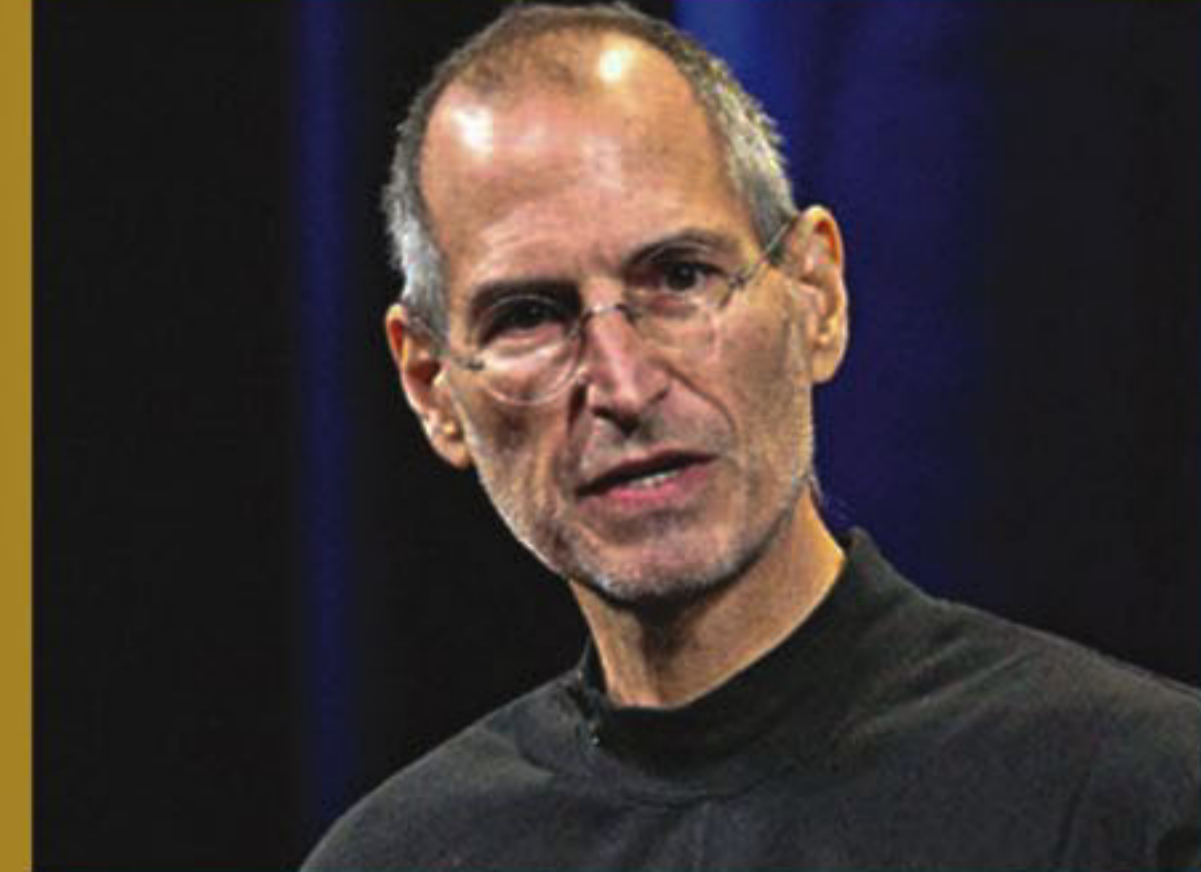


"I SEE MOST OF MY MOVIES AT FESTIVALS."

JEAN RENO
French actor



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English comic actor, filmmaker, and composer



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