women aged 15-44. Deaths

were classified by cause

based on details in the vital

records and, when neces-

sary, on additional informa-

tion provided through in-

terviews with the commu-

nity health workers and

family members. A mater-

nity-related death was de-

## 'You are always with your radio'

by Fayza Haq

valve of public protest against

Achin Roy

Sanat Mukherjee

the ruling government. If they

can truly give this verdict they

will be interested in making

changes through elections and

will not take to the street and

Hasina he said, "Hasina talks a

lot. A political leader must be

diplomatic, and choose his or

her words. Political speeches

are not table talk". As a com-

Gandhi who Talked with mea-

sured terms and was a greater

success than her father in

many ways in the political

field. Despite his world stature

Nehru's talks landed him into

a lot of trouble." Mr. Roy be-

tural background himself Mr.

Roy was horrified by the stan-

dard of our naive films but felt

the stage was good. Another

element that annoyed him in

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 22: A BDR

personnel was caught by vil-

lagers Thursday night on

charges of an attempted

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle** 

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lice, reports UNB.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLER** 

Having a considerable cul-

parison he spoke of Indira

Commenting on Sheikh

violence, he believed.

recent elections although he How do I get to recognise you? I asked this PTI journalist pointed out that some voters Achin Roy. "I sport a beard" he could not vote as their names said mischievously over the were not listed or they had been registered in the villages telephone. Meeting him at Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha which they could not reach (News Agency) office in his while attending their job in blue embroidered Hawaii shirt the city, as in the case of rickwas a pleasure, although I shawpullers. "The electoral process will strike deep roots spoke to two other bearded men before landing up in the in Bangladesh. As for the elections people will try to reflect room of the smooth talking their verdict through the elecman. He spoke spontaneously and with subtlety and depth. tions." The election process, he explained, serves as a safety

Talking about the future of Bangladesh Mr. Roy said that it was certainly progressing considering the historical perspectives. But he believed that there were many hitches. "There is a lack of industrial culture as well as lack of literacy. What it is needed most is the social emancipation after which political awareness follows."

Dwelling on the subject of the recent election Mr. Roy felt that the political scenario was very encouraging. "Democracy was stifled all this years. Now it is receiving another try and the ball has been set into motion," he remarked. He believed that after some time politics will take a definite shape of what people want. He felt that the decade will be eventful politically if the democratic process is allowed to function without constitutional interference.

He informed me that there had been tremendous interest with recent elections in Dhaka in India. "Many stories of Dhaka were covered by All India Radio and it was the lead story in many papers. Stringers provided on the spot analytic stories. During Ershad's fall and the formation of the interim government all political activities in Dhaka were widely covered by the Indian press, he informed me.

He himself did not have an easy job sending his stories. He complained that often BSS sources did not work and he had to send the news via telex. He found the work quite frustrating at times.

Why does he prefer to work with PTI rather than with a newspaper? Where I work you don't need to cook up stories and give a required slant of a newspaper. With newspapers. on the other hand, you can rarely be objective," he explained.

Analysing the Bangladeshi newspapers he commented "What had been achieved during the Pakistan days has been lost by negligence, indifference and because of peculiar unhealthy state of affairs. Even under trying conditions a lot

Mr. Roy had praises for the

PROGRAMME

today

An extra ordinary general

meeting of Engineers Service

structure and Welfare Com-

mittee (ESSWC) of Engi-neers'

Institution, Bangladesh will be

held today (Saturday) at 3-15

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p.m. at IEB auditorium.

Dhaka was the pomp, show and the wastage among the middle-classes.

Mr. Roy has a wife who did her thesis on Tagore's contribution to the dance in India. Their son Souparn Roy, 11, is naturally their centre of their attention.

Another Indian journalist due to leave Dhaka shortly is Sanat Mukherjee from All India Radio, whom I met the following day at his house in Dhanmandi. He too was also brimming over with politesse and suavity. Mr. Mukherjee said that he enjoyed being a journalist "As I have access to everybody - from the man on the top to the person on the street. Also, in journalism, there is not too much of 'bossing and bosses'. There is a touch of creativity that is rewarding by itself.

Although he prefers Dhaka to Calcutta in way of cleanliness, he missed the "intellectual vibrations of the West Bengal city." However, he enjoyed his years in Dhaka as there were plenty of servants and life was pleasant enough when you could hop onto a rickshaw and go almost anywhere in the city, as he put it.

He regretted the fact that there was no proper bridge between the rich and poor in Dhaka. In India there is a strong middle class. "Here the bourgeoisie has not come up yet. Where I stay every one has a house and at least one car. My wife and I both work for good salaries but we have no house of our own or even a car in India", Mr. Mukherjee said.

Speaking about the radio broadcast, he stressed on the fact that it was easily available, cheap and direct. There were seven special correspondents like him employed by All India Radio. He denied that he enjoyed diplomatic privileges. "I have only a white passport," he said in an innocent wide-eyed

manner. Mr. Mukherjee, who en joyed his work as a liaison officer in Agartala before 71, said that he worked from five in the morning till midnight in those days. Between the army and the refugee department he hardly caught enough sleep. During normal days he works from 6.30 in the morning till 11.30 TV news. His wife complains regularly "You are always with your radio."

Commenting on his work in Dhaka he said that he resented the fact that there was no briefing system and that a lot of information was confused with rumours. He hopes to be posted to Delhi rather than Calcutta for the future of his

Police and villagers said

Shahidul Islam, a BDR person-

nel of Rajshahi sector and in-

habitant of village Dhukuria in

Kamarkhand upazila here,was

nabbed from a house at village

Villagers alleged Shahidul,

who came home Thursday

night on a two-day leave,

alongwith five other people at-

tacked the house of Hanif at

about 8 pm and claimed Tk

for help, which brought hun-

dreds of people around his

residence. They caught Shahid

and handed him over to police.

Shahid was wanted by Sirajganj

sadar police in two other kid-

napping cases. Police con-

police custody, denied the al-

legations brought by the vil-

with Sirajganj Sadar police in

connection with last night's

The villagers also said

However, Shahid, now in

A dacoity case was filed

Hanif refused and shouted

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firmed it.

BDR personnel

held for dacoity

study to determine the extent of maternal mortality in rural Bangladesh has found a maternal mortality rate of 101 deaths per 100,000 women, or 5.5 deaths per 1,000 live births. Deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth constitute 37 per cent of all deaths among women of reproductive age. Maternal mortality is lower in areas with a moderately high contraceptive prevalence rate than in areas with a low prevalence rate, but the difference is not pronounced.

The study covered a 10-year period beginning in 1976 in Matlab, where the Interna tional Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research has established a vital registration system for the 149 villages with a total population of about 188,000. Researchers searched the recordswhich are maintained by community health workers, who visit every household in their area weekly or biweekly - for deaths among

### BCS (Ansar) Assoc Secretary stabbed

Dilip Kumar Biswas, acting General Secretary of BCS (Ansar) Association, was stabbed in old part of the city Wednesday night, reports

Family sources said on Friday that Biswas was admitted to a private clinic in a critical condition.

Two youngmen stopped Dilip's rickshaw at about 11 pm in Wrishikesh Das road and stabbed him, inflicting severe

Association sources said the attack might be linked to internal feud between cadre service and non-cadre officials of the ansar department.

### Khaleda to take salute of Mar 26 juvenile rally

A colourful and attractive juventle rally will be held on March 26 at 8 a.m. at the Dhaka National Stadium on the occasion of the Independence and National Day, reports BSS.

About one hundred juvenile organisations including Dhaka District, will participate in the march past, waving and physical exercise.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will take salute in the march past.

### **27,000** rural doctors in country now

By Staff Correspondent

The Palli Chikitshhak Samity has offered its contribution to formulation of a village-based medical policy under the leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

In a statement to the press on Friday, the Samity President and convenor of the Preparatory Committee of Grand National Conference Dr. Nazim Uddin Ahmed and a member Dr. Enayetuddin extended greetings to Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office and her cabinet saying under the dynamic leadership of her husband President Ziaur Rahman, the cadre of rural doctors was created. The statement disclosed there are 27,000 trained doctors in the country

They also congratulated the Chief Patron of the Samity Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury and Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf for being appointed as the members of the cabinet.

Weather

Celsius at most places over the country.

gal and adjoining Bangladesh.

and towns on Friday were:

Cities/Towns Temperature in Celsius

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32.6

Sunday at 5.59 am.

Dhaka

Delhi

Colombo

Chittagong

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

wind likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi

and Khulna divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet.

Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change

Rain thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty

Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degrees

Westerly low persists over Bihar plain, Orrissa, West Ben-

Extended outlook for another five days: Weather may

The sun sets Today (Saturday) at 6.11 pm and rises on

Temperature and humidity recorded in the main cities

23.5

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## creates inequity'

Water melons in abundance in city markets but their prices are prohibitive.

By Staff Correspondent

The problem of population explosion should be solved by told a seminar in Dhaka on

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar titled "Illiteracy is one of the major causes of population explosion" organised jointly by Lions Club of Dhaka Golden

Humidity in Percentage

9 am

6 pm

33

78

37

Golden at the Jatiya Press Club

Contradicting with the keynote paper Professor Salch Ahmed said our main problem was social inequality, not illit-

Referring to the recent Parliament elections he said even a Vice Chancellor of a university can not run for membership of the Parliament as the expenses in such elec-

Dr. Akhter in her key-note paper said the rapid growth of population has been creating disparity between the developed and underdeveloped

What percentage of a population is educated rather than years of schooling affects the rate of fertility more, Dr. Hanum said. President Lions Club of Dhaka Golden Lion Lailun Nahar Ershad presided over the seminar and lion M.A. Malek, Governor, Lions District 315B was the special

reproductive age. The proportion ranged from 40 per cent to 43 per cent across five-year age-groups however, maternal deaths accounted for only 12 per cent of deaths among women aged 40-44.

disproportionate number of

lated causes, for a maternal

mortality rate of 101 per

100,000 women. There

were 70,286 live births

during the study period,

resulting in a maternal

mortality ratio of 5.5

maternal deaths per 1,000

live births . Maternal deaths

were 37 per cent of all

maternal deaths occurred among women who were early in their reproductive careers. Twenty-four per cent of all maternal deaths occurred among women aged 15-19, 34 per cent occurred among women having a first pregnancy and 36 per cent occurred among women who had no children. The maternal death rate per 1,000 live births among women aged 15-19 was 7.4, compared with 4.1-4.6 among women aged 20-34. Women having a first pregnancy experienced 9.7 deaths and women with no children had 9.5 deaths per 1,000 live births; women who had 1-6 previdus pregnancles and women with 1-6 children had 3.1-5.9 deaths and 3.1-5.2 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively Among women aged 35 and older, women with seven or more previous pregnancies more live births, the ratio of deaths to live births rose to levels similar to those experienced by younger women; these women accounted for 22 per cent, 17 per cent and 15 per cent of maternal deaths, respectively. about one-third of cases,

maternal death occurred before labor and delivery Three per cent of deaths occurred in relation to a miscarriage, 15 per cent accompanied an induced abortion and 17 per cent happened with the pregnancy intact. Another third occurred during labor (15 per cent) or following a stillbirth (18 per cent), and one-third of the deaths occurred after a live birth. Most of the deaths following delivery of a stillborn or live infant took place either on the day of or within one week of delivery. Only five per cent of all maternal deaths took place more than six weeks postpartum. The babies born alive to mothers who died had a high infant death rate; 35 per cent died within one month of delivery, and 74 per cent within one year of

counted for 77 per cent of maternal deaths; in the order of their frequency. these were postpartum hemorrhage, induced and spontaneous abortion, toxemia and eclampsia, postpartum sepsis and obstructed labor. Other causes that were exacerbated by or precipitated by the

Direct obstetrie causes ac-

pregnancy (mainly violent death, suicide, respiratory discases and diarrhoea) were responsible for the remaining 23 per cent of

Star photo

# **Population explosion**

turning the people into a workforce. Professor Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University

and Lioness Club of Dhaka

FP methods help reduce

maternal mortality

fined as one that occurred

while the woman was preg-

nant or within 90 days of

the termination of preg-

total of 1,037 deaths oc-

curred among women aged

15-44 between 1976 and

1985. Of these, 387 were

attributed to maternity-re-

By Staff Correspondent

auditorium.

tions were huge.

Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter, Director of Bangladesh Fertility Research Programme presented the key-note paper while Md. Scrajuddin, Member of the Planning Commission, Dr. A.K. Azad Chowdhury, astrologer Muhammed Anisul Hug and lion Khondaker Habibur Rahman participated in the discussion.

countries.

guest.

### Call to ensure health for all

Health and Family Planning Minister, Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf on Thursday called for solving the problems of the health sector in the light of national objectives and realistic situation obtaining in the country, reports BSS.



### **BJMC TENDER** NOTICE

Man-made fibre pollutes environment: Use natural fibre—Jute

Sealed tenders are invited by Karim Jute Mills Ltd., Demra, Dhaka from the bonafide Manufacturers/Stockists/Suppliers for supply of (1) Hardware & Misc Stores, (2) Spare Parts, (3) Size Garjon and Sundari Wood, (4) Electrical goods, (5) Printing Stationeries, (6) Fire equipments & (7) Sanitary items & Pipe Fittings on the basis of delivery at Mill Stores.

All tenders will have to deposit with earnest money of Tk. 1% but not less than Tk. 1000/- of quoted value. No tender deposited without earnest money will be accepted. The tender will be received upto 11-00 a. m. on 31-3-91 and will be opened on the said day at 11-30 a. m. in presence of the tenderers if any.

Tender documents will be available on all working days except on the date of opening of tender against payment of Tk. 40.00 per set of each group from the Controller (A&F), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka and Deputy General Manager (A&F), Karim Jute Mills Ltd., Demra, Dhaka. The Management reserve the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. It is pointed out the above tenders will be opened at BJMC Zone Office (Karim Chamber), 99, Motijheel C/A., Dhaka and Mill Office, Demra, Dhaka at the same time & date.

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incident. Saturday

Opening and Recitation from Al Quran News in Bengali Esho Gaan Shikhi (Music lessons for children)

Mahe Ramzan Programme Pakistan's National Day: Ambassador's speech and documentary film 7. 00 Banshori (Programme

of folk songs) 8. 00 News in Bengali 8. 30 Special Programme on World Meteorology Day 9. 05 Shiropa (Programme of General Knowledge)

10.00 News in English 10.30 Drama Series : Return

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