

Dhaka Day by Day

Lick it and Love it

by S. Bari



"Gelateria", the hot new ice-cream parlour opening today, is sure to be a cool place to hang out and beat the heat.

Let's face it, ice-cream in Dhaka has hit rock-bottom. There are two kinds of brands. There are those you cannot consider because eating them would make you the three thousand and fifteenth victim of food poisoning this month; then there are the better-quality names. Luckily these are labelled 'ice-cream', but you would never guess from the way they taste.

Well, good news. A hot new ice-cream parlour is opening in town. Today, right underneath the Italian restaurant Dolce Vita, on Banani's Kemal Ataturk Avenue. The decor is original, the premises spanking clean, and best of all, the ice-cream delicious. The place is called 'Dolce Vita Gelateria', as this is Italian-style ice-cream, known in la bella Italia as 'gelato' (literally, 'frozen').

Flavours include lime, papaya, chocolate, vanilla, and a mouth-watering mocha, made with real coffee. The texture is light, and the fruit flavours made from fresh fruit. Says Akhtar Chowdhury, the man behind Dolce Vita and Creative Centre, "I've been planning this for over a year. There just isn't any good ice-cream here, or a decent enough place to eat it. I went to Milano and learnt the technique. I got the machines on lease. What we're very particular about is the hygiene."

He plans to have outlets, selling his 'Gelato' at different stores, and eventually branches. "One at Dhanmondi, because there's a big clientele. Then someday a cafe-style thing on Bailey Road, for the theatre-goers. You know, the cultural cafe, maybe some live music."

In other words, not just a place to eat but a place to hang out. Something everyone from teenagers to retired couples crave. The Gelateria has good ice-cream, but it also has a welcoming interior. Walls, covered with rainbow colours; colour dripping into pools on the floor (a very effective touch); bright lights in jaunty PVC tubes; snazzy red and black counters; all created in Bangladesh. The interior design is by Akhtar himself, while he enlisted Kalidas Karmakar to splash the paint on the walls, together with Akhtar's four-year old son.

"Eventually, we'll have lots of flavours, like lychee in lychee season, mango during mango season. And I'm making butter brittle to go with the vanilla." The milk they use is fresh, then pasteurized with an Italian machine. The machine works for four hours, with the base of sugar, milk, and water. Temperature goes from 86 to 2 degrees. Then we churn for eight hours. This is where most ice-cream companies skip and save time. The texture depends on the churning. Once it's taken out, we add the flavour. It's still fairly liquid, so it goes in the batch freezer. The quality of an ice-cream is decided by the levels of milk and water, and by the freshness of the ingredients. Which explains why Gelateria ice-cream is so good.

And also explains why it's expensive. Using top-notch ingredients and controlling cleanliness constantly leads to a scoop for Tk. 20 to 25, and a litre pack for 150. So grab your Eid money and head for the Gelateria for the best ice-cream in town.

Mahmudul Hasan's bail petition rejected

The Sessions Judge Dhaka on Sunday rejected the bail petition of former Home Minister Maj Gen (Retd) Mahmudul Hasan, an accused in a corruption case, reports BSS.

Earlier on April 1, the bail petition of Mahmudul Hasan was rejected by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka.

In the corruption case file with Ramna Police, Mahmudul Hasan has been charged with causing financial loss to Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADCO) or government to the tune of Taka 5,41,91,329.

Md. Moazzem Hossain, Deputy Attorney General appeared for the state. He was assisted by Shahjahan, Special PP, Azizul Islam Khan, Special PP, and Sanaullah Mian, Special PP. Senior Advocate Sirajul Haque moved on behalf of Mahmudul Hasan.



Monday

5-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
5-15 Recitation from Geeta
5-20 News in Bengali
5-30 Cartoon
5-55 Mahe Ramzan
6-30 Sports Programme
7-05 TV Debate
8-00 News in Bengali
8-30 Jiboner Janna
9-00 Halkatha : Programme based on Bengali New Year

10-00 News in English
10-30 Series film : Troma Centre
11-15 Khabar / The News
11-30 Closing

Tuesday

5-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
5-15 Recitation from Geeta
5-20 News in Bengali
5-30 Cartoon
5-55 Mahe Ramzan
6-30 Jukt-Tarka
7-05 Nazrul Songs/Documentary function on Ramzan and Eid

8-00 News in Bengali
8-30 Prabaha / Programme based on importance of Eid
8-45 Ayomaya : Drama Series

10-00 News in English
10-30 Film : Daughter of the country / 'Ananda Mela' (Old one)
11-15 Khabar / The news
11-30 Closing

Wednesday

3-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
3-50 Jhilmili : Children's Programme
4-45 Group Songs
5-20 News in Bengali
5-35 "Notun Chader Alo"
6-40 Sornali Shandhai : Programme based on Songs

8-00 News in Bengali
8-30 Special Drama : 'Shoner Shapna'
10-00 News in English
10-30 'Ananda mela'
11-30 Khabar / The news
11-45 Closing

Thursday

5-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
5-15 Recitation from Geeta
5-20 News in Bengali
5-30 Special Programme for Children : Eid Eid : Khushi Khushi

5-55 Sports Programme
6-30 Special Dance
7-00 Upoher : Songs Programme
8-00 News in Bengali
8-30 Bengali film : Choto Shaheb

10-00 News in English
10-30 Remaining part of the film
11-20 Khabar / The news
11-45 Closing

Friday

8-00 Morning session
8-10 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
8-15 News in Bengali
8-40 Cartoon : Adventure of the Galaxy Rangers
'Nutoon Kuri' : Children's Programme
9-15 News in English
10-05 Documentary film : Ways of the Planet
11-15 Moner Mukure
11-15 Closing

Eveing session

3-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
3-15 Recitation from Triptok
3-20 Alor Dishari
3-40 Mother and Child : Population Programme
4-10 English film
4-40 Songs Programme
5-20 News in Bengali
5-30 Sports Programme
6-20 Janamat : Population Programme

7-10 Madhu Chanda : Ad-hunik Songs
8-40 News in Bengali
8-40 Drama for Eid
10-00 News in English
10-30 Series film : L. A. Law
11-30 Khabar / The news
11-45 Closing

Bureaucrats extend support to Khaleda

Representatives of BCS (Administration) and BCS (24 cadres) coordination committee Sunday separately called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Secretariat office, reports BSS.

They pledged to extend their all out cooperation to the newly elected democratic government. They also expressed their assurances of doing their best in proper implementation of government programmes and directives.

They apprised the Prime Minister of different aspects of their service. The Prime Minister reminded them of her government's commitment to establish an honest, corruption-free, efficient, dedicated and pro-people administration.

Memorandum to PM

102 CU students seek VC's exit

CHITTAGONG, Apr 14: One hundred and two students of Chittagong University in a memorandum to the Prime Minister have demanded punishment to the persons involved in December 22 incident on the campus and immediate publication of the report of the inquiry commission on the incident, says a press release, reports BSS.

The memorandum was handed over to A. R. Khan, Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong, Sunday to pass it on to the Prime Minister. In the memorandum the students expressed their fear that law

an order situation might deteriorate when the varsity reopens on April 24 and that the varsity administration would not be able to ensure peace and order on the campus.

The Vice-Chancellor, the memorandum alleged, would not be able to maintain neutrality. It pointed out that the students had suffered irreparable loss due to closure of the varsity for four months.

The memorandum said, removal of the Vice-Chancellor was necessary for restoring congenial atmosphere on the campus.

A S M Rezaul Karim, Khale-ud Rahman, Mujibur Rahman, M. Jasim Uddin Talukdar, Shaiful Islam, Abdur Rahim were among the signatories of the memorandum.

Sirajul Alam Khan invited to US

Politician and Chief Adviser of political weekly 'Mashal' Sirajul Alam Khan has been invited by the Wisconsin University, USA, to participate in the Bengal Studies Conference, says a press release, reports UNB.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light of moderate rain/shower with temporary gusty/squally winds is likely to occur at one or two places over the Rajshahi division and the region of Jessore, Kushtia and Sylhet till Tuesday morning, Meteorological Department says.

Weather will remain dry on Monday all over Bangladesh and day temperature may rise further by one to two degree Celsius over the country, according to Met office.

The highest temperature recorded in Rangamati on Sunday was 35.6 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded in Faridpur and Iswardi was 20.5 degree Celsius.

Outlook for subsequent two days: little change. Extended outlook for another five days: the rainfall activities may increase.

Sun sets today (Monday) at 6.20 pm and rises on Tuesday at 5.37 am.

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Maximum	Minimum	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.6	23	50	54
Chittagong	35	24.5	67	Na
Rajshahi	33.5	20.8	82	60
Khulna	34	20.6	73	67
Bogra	34	20.8	66	54
Jessore	35.3	21	Na	55
Comilla	34	22	84	74
Faridpur	33.8	20.5	69	66
Tangail	34.5	21.6	70	54
Barisal	34.2	20.6	70	69
Cox's Bazar	34.5	29.2	71	53
Rangamati	35.6	Na	Na	53
Iswardi	33	20.5	77	71

Maximum temperature of three regional cities on Sunday

Calcutta 35 degree Celsius
Delhi 36
Beijing 20

Tk 2.32 cr forged US currency notes seized

CHITTAGONG, Apr 14: Police has recovered forged US currency notes and non-judicial stamps worth about Tk 2.32 crore and arrested three persons in this connection, reports UNB.

Police raided a residential hotel in Terry Bazar in the city on April 12 and arrested Nazrul Islam and Abul Hussain. Following their statements, a special team was sent to Dhaka which arrested Manjoor Ahmed Manju from a house on Noorjahan Road, Mohammadpur on April 13.

They also recovered from there 4,632 forged US 100 Dollar notes and a huge quantity of fake non-judicial stamps and some equipment for making forged notes and stamps.

Construction of Khulna Medical College soon

KHULNA, Apr 14: Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Razzak Ali said, here today the construction work of Khulna Medical College would start soon and arrangement had also been made for placing necessary fund in the Annual Development Plan for this purpose, reports BSS.

The Deputy Speaker said this while addressing the members of Khulna Bar Association at the Bar auditorium.

Presided over by Association President Sheikh Mohammad Ali, the function was also addressed, among others, by Ashraf Hossain, local MP.

Describing anarchy-free atmosphere as the pre-condition for stability, peace and prosperity, Sheikh Razzak Ali reiterated the stand of three political alliances and All-Party Students Unity to arrest all armed terrorists for this purpose.

Hijackers on rampage in city, abandon car

A group of four youths hijacked a car on Sunday from Mirpur area, committed a number of snatchings and abandoned it at Shaymoli, reports UNB.

Police said the youths at arms-point hijacked a car (Dhaka-Metro-VHA-7221) parked at Road-3, Block-B of Mirpur Section-2 along with its driver in the morning.

Children's team for Ankara

A 22-member children's delegation from Kachi Kanther Anar leaves Dhaka for Ankara today (Monday) to participate in the 13th International Children's Festival, says a press release.

They snatched handbags from a number of women blocking their rickshaws and robbed belongings of passengers and pedestrians in different parts of Mirpur area and left the car near Shaymoli cinema hall at around 4 pm.

The driver of the car, who drove the car as dictated by the miscreants at dagger point, rushed to the Mirpur thana after they had escaped with the booty.

Sadekul Islam an executive of Setu Kitnashak Limited, who was in charge of the company's car, was learnt to have gone to see a relative at Mirpur from where the car was hijacked.

State Minister to receive Zakat Money today

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof. M.A. Mannan will receive Zakat money from interested payees at the office of the Director of the Islamic Foundation at 4 pm today (Monday), reports BSS.

The Zakat money may be paid either in cash or in account payee cheque, in official handout said on Sunday. The decision to his effect was taken at a meeting of the Zakat Board held at the secretariat with Prof Mannan in the chair.

Besides, Zakat money will also be accepted by any branch of Sonali Bank under Zakat Fund Collection Account.

All interested Zakat payees been requested to be present at the above venue and handover the Zakat, the handout added.

DMC's plea to remove wall writings

Dhaka Municipal Corporation has requested the persons concerned to remove the wall writings from different offices, educational institutions, residential houses and adjoining walls by April 30 under their own arrangements, according to a corporation press release on Sunday, reports BSS.

Shishu Park

The Central Shishu Park will remain open to public on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr and the subsequent two days from 10 am to 9 pm, according to a DMC press release on Sunday.

Clarification on pollution of Sitalakhya

The Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation in a clarification on a story about pollution of Sitalakhya river by effluents, published on April 11, said on Sunday that the report by UNDP, TEC and BUET as mentioned in the story actually dated years back and since then UPFL introduced the non-chrome treatment for cooling water about six years ago. The recent BMRE work in UPFL has replaced the GV process with BENEIELD process, a non-arsenic system, for recovery of carbon dioxide, says a press release.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Helps
5 On the — (steering)
6 Shopping area
12 — au Prince
13 Greek letter
14 Lamb's pen name
15 Record player
17 Hold back
19 Artist's stand
20 Challenges
21 Quarrel
22 Tiler
24 " — City Blues"
26 Candy flavor
28 The sun
31 Above
32 Fruit seed
33 Concerning
34 Still
36 Heaps
38 Kimono sash

39 " — of the Class"
41 "Blasde" producer
43 Unit of electrical capacity
45 Weary
48 Drizzling (to)
50 "Candid"
51 Groan
52 The self
54 Man's name
55 Finishes
56 Base
57 Unit of physical force

DOWN

1 Church part
2 Jot
3 Stylish;
4 — throat smart; colloq.
5 — Durocher
6 Near
7 Deface

8 "Full — Jacket"
9 Warning devices
10 Money, in Italy
11 Young boys
16 Israeli airline
18 Paradise
22 Lukewarm
23 Salsiccia/
Sardin series
24 Purchase
25 Initiate
27 Wire measure
29 The eye:
30 Hawaiian wash
35 String together
36 Cushions
37 Strife-like part
38 Solar-system model
40 Merits
42 Directed toward
43 Fresh-water fish
45 Fine Cars film
44 River in England
46 Emerald Isle
47 Fresh-water fish
48 Lamprey
49 Farm animal
50 Proceed

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S O P S I S L E S E A
T R U E T A E L T A D
Y O D E L M A L L A R D
D R O O P S O L L A
P A L S I L O R E
U L E S L E D G E A M
L A S P E O E P R O
L I M I D D L E R A T
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