Dhaka Day by Day

'I'll only shoot ducks sporting red ties.'

by Fayza Huq

been a Grand Duke or a Prince of Tartary. H. E. anywhere. Mr. Smirnov replied confidently. Vitali Smirnov, as he served us home-made cream surrounded by this comfort and bonhomic.

Smirnov recounts, with a twinkle in his eye. "The resources are vast." first case was to be recalled by my own government.

third chance was to be eaten by a Royal Bengal

There were difficulties in our relations with the joint venture of the Rupsha bridge. In the following months I was informed that Bangladesh was not interested in building the bridge with Soviet aid. I began packing my bags. However, I was not recalled. That was a great face-saver," the Ambassador said gently, patiently and with concern. There was a

situation in which I could have been expelled. I was invited to speak at a meeting by the Society for Human Rights. I spoke on

Perestroika. After this meeting I was called up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and reprimanded because I had inadvertently participated in an event where

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Vitaly Smirnov discussing the three occasions on which he might have had to pack his bags - Star photo

the government of Bangladesh and its President Bangladesh, he added with enthusiasm. had been criticised. The other speeches were in Touching on cultural relations he spoke of his Bangla and I was naturally unaware of their con- great admiration for poetess Sufia Kamal and also tents. Here was a chance for the country to expel an , of course, for Tagore, whom he has been trying to

"There was yet another incident that embar- of the regular exchanges during the Tashkent Film rassed me," he continued about his stay in Bangla- Festivals, and informed of the Bangladesh-USSR desh, I am a professional hunter and I want to shoot Friendship Societies in places like Moscow and Siberian ducks. But I was told that was not possi- Central Russia. The Ambassador himself has visble. I assured that I would shoot only the Soviet ited many mosques and participated in the "ljtems ducks. The authorities then asked perplexed as to "in Tongi. He permitted a Bangladesh delegation to how one can differentiate between local ducks and the Soviet breed. I answered without hesitation that all Siberian ducks sport red ties. *Frankly speaking, * he added with genuine amusement, "I enjoyed hunting in Bangladesh."

"I could have easily have been eaten by a Royal Bengal tiger. It was always been my dream to shoot such a tiger and I read about one in the newspapers. But I was refused permission from the Ministry of Forestry. So this dream of killing the rampaging tiger goes unfulfilled, * he continued.

Did he find similarities in the democratisation and liberalisation in Bangladesh and the Soviet Union? *People like democracy and development. These two words are close. The changes that are going on in the Soviet Union, Perestroika, this is the necessity of the time and it touches other people. It travelled to about 50 different cities in his career. He began in the Soviet Union and has an effect on East democratic changes in your country. While the Minsk, Byclorussia, shortly.

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The imposing man in "kurta-payjama", with this USSR does not interfere in the internal affairs of any grey-blue eyes and brown hair, could easily have country we sympathise with democratic changes

Will USSR's status as world power be in the cakes decorated in the Pavlova style, and showed us decline as there are internal problems in his counaround his residence with its carpets, chandeliers, try? To this the veteran diplomat admitted without cut glass vases, oil paintings and miniature plants hesitation. The situation of economy is difficult in , was gracious and full of humorous anecdotes. The the USSR, I must confess. You need money, means great grey stolid walls of Soviet Russia could only of transport even to change the furniture in your have been a far away passing thought for me flat. There is the problem of selling the old furniture too. To change everything in such a country as huge There were three possibilities for the Soviet as ours in not casy. This year will be difficult for us Ambassador to be ousted from Bangladesh," Mr. but we shall survive. Our natural and human

Dwelling on the trade prospects between Soviet The second instance was to be expelled and the Union and Bangladesh Mr. Smirnov insisted that

they were better than before. "In the power the sector Ghorasal electric power station that we helped construct is one of the biggest electrical stations in South Asia. We are ready to cooperate in another such station. I suggested the construction of a nuclear power

station in Bangladesh. You can produce ample cement from the Jaipurhat project. You have the possibilities to extract coal. The USSR has the technology of how to use this forelectropower stations, he informed me ."

"We are the biggest buyers of your jute and tea. We even buy your toothpaste, cigarettes and readymade garments. We have entered

into joint venture for shrimps in Chittagong. We have been sending lorries and cars to

ambassador for his faux pas," he said with a smile. get published in Bangla in the USSR. He reminded

participate in the 1001 year of introduction of Islam

in Russia and spoke of how he had granted visas for "ulema" in Kakrail to visit USSR for Ramzan. The reason we do not see ballet performances or witness piano concerts from USSR is due to financial constraint. He regretted that the Government used so little of the scholarship facilities offered to students for higher education.

As for his wearing of 'kurta" he reminds me that it is worn in the USSR too. He finds it most comfortable in the heat. A lover of lichis, mangoes and papayas, he found no time to learn Bangla. He said that Bengali eyes are so expressive that there was no need for language.

Mr. Smirnov has a Ph. D in history. He has has a son and a daughter, one a lawyer and the European countries. At the same time, there were other a computer engineer. He expects to return to

1989 and 1990.

social welfare).

(teaching).

Kendra.

Sher-e-Bangla

award for 8

By Staff Correspondent

Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti

Sangsad has named the win-

ners of its 'Sher-e-Bangla na-

tional gold award for the years

According to a press release

issued Saturday, the winners of

the 1989 award are: Prof.

Kabir Choudhury (education

and literacy), Abdul Gaffar

Choudhury (lyrics on the his-

toric Language Movement and

essays on Sher-e-Bangla), Ataur

Rahman (poem) and Alhaj

Taher Sobhan (industry and

Those won the award for

1990 are: Prof Syed Maksud

Ali (education and writing

books on political science).

Alhai Md Makbul Hossen

(industry and social welfare).

Khandaker Khaleq (life-sketch

of Sher-e-Bangla) and

Mohammad Yaqub Alt

The award includes a gold

medal and a certificate which

will be delivered at a function

to be held on April 27 at 4 pm

at the premises of Sher-e-

Meanwhile, Sher e-Bangla

Bangladesh

Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Sher-e-

Bangla Jatiya Gabeshana

Manobadhikar Sangathan and

Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya

Foundation have taken up a

joint programme to observe

the 28th anniversary of death

of Sher-e-Bangla on April 27.

Bangla's mazar in the city.

HE IS BEATING THE HEAT: At a time when the Dhakaites are smarting under a severe hot spell, a day labourer finds comfort inside a thick concrete pipe. And he is having a nap quite happily. But then, such pipes are quite rare in the city for others like him to follow. - Star photo

Weather

Heat wave to continue

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid till 6 pm of Sunday says weather is likely to remain dry and hot over the country except Chittagong Division where rain or thundershower with gusty wind may occur at one or two places. Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree celsius over the country. Moderate heat wave may continue.

Weather remained dry over the country on Saturday. Day temperature remained nearly unchanged except in Faridpur. Comilla, Rangpur, Bogra where it rose by two degree celsius. The highest temperature of 39 degree celsius was reported from Rajshahi.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall likely to increase. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The temperature and humidity of some cities on Saturday:

City	Temperature in celsius		Humidity	
	max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	37.8	25.5	56	28
Chittagong	34.4	27	79	72
Rangpur	36	16.2	48	34
Sylhet	34.3	21.6	56	40
Comilla	34.5	24.8	86	74
Rajshahi	39	17.2	42	X
Khulna	36.5	26	79	61
Dinajpur	37	17.4	43	26
Temperature	of some interr	national cities on	Saturday:	
Singapore	*	30	*** **********************************	
Beijing	920	22		

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Biman fare for Haj reduced by Tk 8,147

The Government has refixed the Biman fare of balottee Haj pilgrims this year at Taka 40,000 to attract more people. according to an official handout, reports BSS.

Colombo

Bangkok

The decision was taken at a meeting, held recently.

Previously the total cost for balottee Haj pilgrims was fixed at Taka 84, 147, including Taka 48,147 as Biman fare.

Banks, which have already taken Biman fare at earlier rate, would adjust it with the refixed fare and refund the balanced amount to the Haj pilgrims at an appropriate time and place, the handout added.

The meeting was attended among others by the Religious Affairs Secretary AZM Shamsul

Tourism Secretary Mohammad Ali and Managing Director of Bangladesh Biman Mofazzal Karim.

Alam, Civil Aviation and

Anniversary of Modabber's death today

The seventh death anniversary of renowned journalist, litterateur and social worker Mohammad Modabber will be observed today, reports BSS.

In this, connection, a milad mahfil and Quran khwani has been arranged in the afternoon at his 5/3. Gajnavi Road. Mohammadpur residence under the auspices of Muhammad Modabber Smriti Sangsad.

Crime on rise in Dhanmondi area

Criminal activities, including mugging, are on the increase in Dhanmondi residential area, which was declared a crime free zone by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, reports Some 20 petty but daring

crimes were committed in the area over the Eid holidays. Most of the cases were not

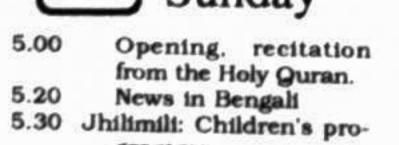
reported to the police for what the victims described as "obvious reasons". A pedestrian was robbed of

hts cash and a wrist watch in broad daylight on Road No. 8 on Tuesday. On Thursday, two thugs,

both in their teens, snatched a gold chain from the neck of Dr. Naseem Akhtar Begum from near her house in West Dhanmondi at about 9 pm.

Residents complained that the criminals were becoming more daring day by day and

Sunday



gramme Cartoon film: Abbot and Coastalo Sports programme. Rabindra sangeet. 7.50 8.00 News in Bengali. Probaho: Documentary 8.30 English film: Ossin

News in English. 10.25 Parliamentary round Rag Rong : Classical music News 11.45 Closing down

their activities were no longer limited to the well-known spots like Road No.27, west part of Satmastid Road.

Tagore songs festival begins April 26

By Staff Correspondent

The three-day 10th national l'agore songs' festival will begin on April 26 at the Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka, says a press release. A Tagore songs' competi-

tion will be participated by the district level candidates, and it will be held at the Shishu Academy, the day before the festival begins. The candidates have been

requested to reach the Shishu Academy premises by 8.30 am on the day (April 25).

The competition by the Dhaka district contestants will take place at the institute of Education and Research (IER) of the Dhaka University on April 23.

The participants have been asked to be present at IER auditorium at 9 am.

Houses, shops gutted at Tongi Bazar

Three dwelling houses and eight shops of old articles were gutted in a fire incident at a place adjacent to Tongi Bazar Saturday afternoon, Fire Service source said, reports

The fire was brought under control by two fire brigade units which rushed to the spot from Tongi and Kurmitola.

He said a Presidential election keeping the existing form of government intact might plunge the country into another political uncertainty.

Talking to newsmen at the

Menon tells Ctg press conference

'A Presidential poll to plunge

Bouddha Mandir Road office of the party here he said that only a parliamentary form of government could help give an institutional shape to democracy, provide security to and check wresting of power from and elected government. He pointed out that the demand for introduction of parliamentary form of government was not the demand of any political party. Rather, he said it was the hopes and aspirations of the mass movement. BNP as a component of three mainstream political alliances was pledge-bound to introduce parliamentary form of government in the country, he

handed over the amount to the He termed the present govinjured persons now undergoernment as a government of dual power saying such a sysing treatment at the Railway and the Chittagong Medical tem could not linger for long and as such there was need for

country into uncertainty ' a clear-cut decision about the form of government. In this connection, he said the Acting President had also expressed his desire for immediate handing over power to the

elected government. Menon expressed resentment over the reported dismissal of five leaders of Chittagong Port Agents. Stevedores and Contractors Employees' Union and nonpayment of their salary and

Tk 10 lakh cigarettes seized

CHITTAGONG, Apr 20 : A squad of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) setzed 1740 cartons of contraband cigarettes worth Taka ten lakh from Sandip para of Bandar thana here recently, a CMP Press release said today, reports BSS.

Video-cassettes harming our film industry'

State Minister for Information Mohammad Nurul Huda on Saturday said the filmmakers of Bangladesh could enrich their creativity and craftsmanship by acquiring knowledge from French and other film-makers of the modern world, reports BSS.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 20: Five-

Party leader and Bangladesher

Workers' Party General

Secretary Rashed Khan

Menon, MP today called upon

the Prime Minister and

Sangsad Leader Begum

Khaleda Zia to arrive at a con-

clusion on the form of gov-

ernment through discussions

with concerned parties, re-

Tk 5,000 for each

injured railway

passenger

CHITTAGONG, Apr 20

Bangladesh Railway (East

Zone) today paid Taka 5,000

each to 12 injured persons of

April 16 rail accident at

Kadamtali here, a Railway

Press release said today, re-

Railway, Lutfar Rahman,

General Manager of the

ports BSS.

College Hospitals.

The State Minister was addressing the inauguration cer emony of a week-long French film festival at L'Alliance Française in Dhaka.

Seven French films will be exhibited in the festival organised by the Sundarban Film Society under the joint venture with the French Embassy in Bangladesh. State Minister for Edu-

cation Principal Mohammad Yenus Khan also spoke on the occasion.

Principal Khan said the great French Revolution created renaissance in the film arena of the world. Since then French film had been playing a significant role in film industry of the world.

Presided over by the Vice President of the Sundarban

10-Taka prize bonds draw results

The 97th draw of 10-Taka Bangladesh Prize Bond was held Saturday at the Conference room of the Commissioner Dhaka Division, Dhaka. The Commissioner, Dhaka Division presided over, says a PID handout.

The following is the detail of prizes drawn on 10-Taka prize Bonds: 64 prizes of Tk. 50,000 each

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Film Society, Mrs. Dilara Zaman, the function was addressed, among others, by M. Serge Degallaix, Ambassador of France in Bangladesh and M. Andri Raynouard, Director of L'Alliance Française. Nurul Huda said most of the

film makers in the country were making their film only to have their investments returned with some profits. As a

decade, he added. He pointed out the colossal damage of our film industry through infiltration of video cassettes with fantasy films. In the context, the State

result, the quality of films had

reduced sharply in the last

Minister called upon all concerned to gather knowledge from the quality foreign films including the french films.

Executive Engineer (Public

Health Engineering), the

District Information Officer.

Senior Health Education

Officer, the local elite and the

head of the local private organ-

isations. The task force will

send daily report to the Health

sures to be taken to cope with

force will take decision and ac-

tion to ensure adequate supply

and distribution of emergency

medicines in the affected ar

eas, identify exact problems.

install required number of

tubewells and slab latrines.

Besides, the task force will

organise proper publicity in

villages and hats and bazars to

create awareness and educate

people about various aspects of

the disease through miking.

Nezam-e-Islam

protests BSF

firing

Party Saturday strongly

protested against the killing of

Bangladeshi nationals at the

bullets fired by Indian Border

Security Forces (BSF) at

Kazipur near Meharpur border

In a statement the Acting

President of Nezam-e-Islam.

Waliullah and Assistant

Secretary General Maulana

Abdul Latif said: "It has be-

come a routine affairs by the

BSF and Indian armed miscre-

ants to enter Bangladesh terri-

tory and attack innocent civil-

ians and harass, kidnap and

loot their properties and

recently, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Nezam-e-Islam

postering and field publicity.

Among others, the task

Ministry regarding the mea-

the situation.

Task force to combat diarrhoeal diseases

An emergency review meeting on diarrhoea, which broke out in an epidemic form in six southern districts, held at the Health Ministry's Conference Room Saturday. decided to form a task force in each affected district under the overall supervision of the local MPs, reports BSS.

The meeting, held with Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Eusuf in the chair. worked out detailed measures to be taken to contain the dis-

According to the decisions, the respective Deputy Commissioner will work as coordinator of the task force. The other members of the tasks force will be the Civil Surgeon, the Superintendent of Police, the Deputy Director (Family Planning), the Deputy Director (Ansar and VDP), the

Shopowner shot at in city

By Staff Correspondent A Shopowner was wounded by gun shot on Saturday noon at Stadium market in the city in a clush with another shopowner.

The victim Mohammad Ali was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The reason of the incident could not be known.

When contacted Motifheel police could not say anything in this regard.

Ibrahim Memorial Lectures begin April 28 The second Justice Ibrahim

Memorial Lecture Series will be held on April 28 and 29 at 10 am at the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) auditorium. National Professor Abdur

Razzak will inaugurate the lecture series, orgainsed by Justice Ibrahim Memorial Foundation.

Professor Muhammad Afsar Uddin of Dhaka University Sociology Department will give lecture "Individual, Society and State".

Supermarket's godown gutted By Staff Correspondent A godown of the under-con-

struction building of AB Super Market at Azimpur was gutted in fire on Saturday, police said. The fire originated when the guard of the godown was cooking inside the building.



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