

Dhaka Day by Day

A Neuro-Surgeon with a Racquet in Hand

by S. Y. Bakht

His sporting achievements and activities are overshadowed only by the fact that he is a neurosurgeon by profession.



Some sort of physical exercise is very much needed to lead a healthy life says he and suggests that slow jogging, if considered physically fit by a doctor, is one of the best exercises and even walking is also a good exercise.

Prof. Ahmad's interest in sports does not end with playing only a few games of tennis. He has also proved himself to be an extremely able organizer in recent years.

He was also the non-playing captain and manager of the Davis Cup team for a number of years. In 1989, the tennis team under his guidance reached the semi-final stage of the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group-2 by beating Iraq and Singapore.

Prof. Ahmad is a member of the executive body of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation and also the convenor of its selection committee.

He was the athletic champion at DMC for two consecutive years in the late 50s. He was also the captain of the first East Pakistan basketball team and competed at the All-Pakistan National Olympic Games in Peshawar in 1958.

He came back to Dhaka in 1970 and helped establish the first neuro-surgical unit here. It was a small nucleus to start with, but since then this subject has now been established as a super speciality of surgery as a whole in Bangladesh.

Recalling his sporting activities in Dhaka in the early 70s, he says that while jogging regularly around the Dhanmondi area he used to get curious looks from people in the streets. "Even the dogs used to bark at me," he says smilingly.

But people are becoming more health conscious these days. They have become more aware and are gradually getting involved in physical fitness activities over the last decade or so, he observes.

About his daily activities, he says that he works almost regularly for 12 to 14 hours a day, six days a week. Yet he tries to squeeze in some time for a few games of tennis in between.

Soft-spoken and precise, Prof. Ahmad appears quite contented. "The only desire I have at this moment, for my posterity, is to establish an institute of neurological sciences in the country."

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In a condolence message, Abbas Ali Khan, Acting Ameer of Jamaat and Muttur Rahman Nizam, Secretary General of the party, said in the death of Rajiv the people of India not only lost a politician but it might destroy the balance of power in Indian politics.

They said killing and terrorism can never bring welfare rather it disrupts peace.

Earlier, in the morning Abbas Ali Khan signed the condolence book at the Indian High Commission.

Golam Hafiz Mirza Golam Hafiz, Minister for Law and Justice has condoled the death of Rajiv Gandhi.

In a condolence message, the Minister expressed shock and said in his death India and her people has suffered an irreparable loss.

Rajiv Gandhi was a great personality and political leader in Indian politics, he said.

Jatiya Party BSS adds: Acting Chairman of Jatiya Party Moudud Ahmed, MP, has expressed his shock at the killing of Rajiv Gandhi. In a condolence message,

Moudud Ahmed described the killing of Gandhi as "barbarous" he said he deeply shocked at the death of a great leader of India and Third World countries.

The former Vice-President said this would undoubtedly sadden the people of the SAARC nations in particular and the world as a whole.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) expressed its deep shock at the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi.

The party expressed sympathy with the people and democratic forces of India at this hour of crisis.

The CPB hoped that people of India would be able to uphold the principles of democracy, secularism and maintain stability by overcoming this crisis.

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'Gram Sarkar' to be reintroduced

Government will soon reintroduce 'Gram Sarkar' to boost production at all levels and accelerating the pace of national development.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder said Tuesday, reports UNB.

He was addressing the concluding session of the three-day management training course of Union Parishad secretaries of Dhaka district.

Four revolvers recovered, 3 arrested in city

Police recovered two revolvers and eight rounds of ammunition from different parts of the city during two days. Police also arrested one Mizanur Rahman Babul in this connection.

Laibag police on Wednesday recovered one .38 revolver and five rounds of .22 ammunition from Borhanuddin College compound. None was arrested in this connection.

In another incident, Metropolitan Detective Branch arrested Mizanur Rahman Babul, an alleged terrorist of old city. Police recovered one .38 revolver and three rounds of ammunition according to his statement.

Gulshan police also Wednesday arrested one Jahangir and recovered a deck set and a VCP which he robbed from a house in Gulshan.

Biman's board meet held

The 136th meeting of Board of Directors of Bangladesh Biman was held on Tuesday.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Manan presided over the meeting.

The meeting reviewed in details the airline's functioning and to certain decision for its improvement.

Weather

Table with columns: City, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity (9am, 6pm). Rows: Dhaka, Chittagong, Rangpur, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar, Khulna, Rajshahi.

Parties shocked over Rajiv's death

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JSD (Rob) Nur Alam Jiku and Humayun Kabir Huru, President and General Secretary respectively of JSD (Rob) condemned the killing of Rajiv Gandhi.

In a statement they said that the killing of Rajiv Gandhi would create obstacle to the process of democracy and stability in this sub-continent.

BML (Ayen) President of Bangladesh Muslim League Muhammad Ayenuddin and Secretary General MA Salam in a statement condemned the killing of Rajiv Gandhi and expressed their condolence.

They hoped that the people of India would be able to restore democracy at any cost.

Sramik Party The Central Committee President of Jatiya Sramik Party Shah Md Abu Zafar and General Secretary M A Oshur in a statement said the death of Rajiv Gandhi is a loss for the Third World. They expressed sympathy to the bereaved family of Rajiv.

Hindu Parishad The President of Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad, Sri Prem Ranjan Dev, expressed his shock at the death of Rajiv Gandhi. He said that political questions could not be solved through such cowardly killings.



Abbas Ali Khan (Left), Acting Ameer of Jamaat and Dr. Kamal Hossain (Right), Member of Awami League Presidium, signing condolence book at Indian High Commission on Wednesday to record sympathy at the assassination of former Prime Minister of India and Congress (I) President Rajiv Gandhi.

Case against Nazir for abuse of power

The Anti-Corruption Bureau has filed a case against former LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Nazir Rahman with Ramna Thana for abusing his powers in the construction of a bus terminal at Bhola, reports BSS.

According to an official handout, under the assurance of the former President, the President's Secretariat requested the Roads and Highways Division for the construction of a bus terminal at Bhola. But former minister Nazir Rahman implemented this project of the Roads and Highways Division through his own ministry at a cost of Taka 9 crore 19 lakh 61 thousand 645.

The minister got the project completed through a project committee constituted by the Deputy Commissioner of Bhola instead of tender as required by rules. The project was not even approved by competent authorities such as the President's Secretariat, Roads and Highways Division or Local Government Division.

Dissolution of post of UZ Chairman opposed

Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Chairman Samity has termed the comments of some MPs, in the BNP parliamentary party meeting, regarding the dissolution of the elected posts of the UZ Chairman as "contrary to democratic norms", reports BSS.

The samity, in a meeting held recently, said that such comments to relieve the Chairman before the expiry of normal five-year tenure by a democratic government, which came to power after the collapse of nine years of autocratic government was against the spirit of democracy.

It noted that the Upazila Chairmen were elected in March, 1990, in an election participated directly or indirectly by all political parties.

The samity said its members were committed to the people for implementing development works in their respective areas.

It expected that the present government would continue the democratic process by strengthening and activating local government bodies staying above all sorts of party narrowness in this critical juncture.

FP insurance covers 5,000 poor couples

The government has taken up a project called "Family Planning Insurance" under the innovative programme of the concerned sector, reports BSS.

An agreement in this respect was signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Delta Life Insurance Company Limited in city on Tuesday, an official sources said.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Choudhury Kamal Ube Yousuf was present on the occasion.

The government will give the company Taka 25 lakh at the beginning of the project. Later, the government will pay the premium after every three months on the basis of the real number of the insured.

The government will give a lump sum premium of Taka 3800 for each insured family subject to the registration of the company. Five thousand couples who are poor, less educated, just married, or have one child without adopting prior family planning.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and an answer key for the previous puzzle.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Bureau, Rangamati Hill Tracts TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from pre-qualified contractors/contractory firms of all districts with ADB Aided Flood Rehabilitation Project of the Local Government Engineering Bureau for implementation of the following projects under Rangamati Hill Tracts under ADB Aided Project.

Table with columns: Sl No., Name of work, Estimated cost (Tk), Earnest money (Tk), Price of schedule (Tk), Time limit for work.

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