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 neuro-surgeon by profession.

Inspite of his extremely busy schedule Professor Dr. Rashiduddin Ahmad, Head of the Department of Neurological Science at the Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine and Research. maintains a keen and active interest in sports. both as a competitive player and an able orga-

His first love in sports is perhaps tennis. At 52. Dr. Ahmad along with his tennis partner. Shamsur Rahman, won the national doubles championship trophy in the 45 and over age group last year. And, remarkably, they also

reached the quarter-finals in the doubles of the national open championship the same year. He has also won tennis championships at the Officers' Club a number times.

takes sports as a form of relaxation and also to stay physically fit. He says, "At this age some physical exercise is a must to protect you from heart diseases, which is the commonest cause of death in the middle age." adding. helps to keep better respirafunctions to keep your weigh

Some sort of physical exer

down."

cise 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. "But interest in sporting activities gives a lot of mental pleasure," he points out.

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 organiser in recent years. He was the team manager of the Bangladesh Davis Cup team which beat Bahrain in a first round tie recently. The local team is scheduled to play Sri Lanka in the next round in Dhaka next month. As Sri Lanka has a good team, he feels that the Bangladesh team will face a pretty stiff competition.

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. The team lost to Pakistan in the semi-finals, who eventually went on to beat Thailand in the finals.

Prof Ahmad is a member of the executive body of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation and also the convenor of its selection committee. But tennis is not the only sport he is involved in as an organiser. He is also the president of the National Basketball Federation and the Bangladesh Medical Sports Association.

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 was selected to play for the national team at the try.

The government has taken

up a project called "Family

Planning Insurance" under the

innovative programme of the

concerned sector, reports

Asian Games in Tokyo in 1960. "But, I had to decline the invitation as I would have lost one year academically," he recalls. He was also the

table tennis and chess champion while at DMC. He went to the United Kingdom in 1963 for his post-graduate studies. He completed his higher training in neuro-surgery from the Edinburgh University Department of Surgical Neurology and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1967. During his stay, he also worked at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary the Edinburgh General Hospital, the University Hospital of Wales at Cardiff and the Bristol Neurological Centre.

He came back to Dhaka in 1970 and helped

establish the first neurosurgical unit here. 'It was a small nucleus to start with, but since then this been esta-

subject has now blished as a super speciality of surgery as a. gladesh." he notes.

Recalling his sporting activities in Dhaka in the early 70s. he says that while jogging regularly the around

Dhanmondi area he used to curious looks from peoin the streets. "Even the dogs used to bark at me, he says smiling-

But people 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. "These days, if you go to the Suhrawardy Uddyan or to Sher-e-Bangla Nagar early in the morning you will find hundreds of people jogging or doing other types of physical exercises."

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. " used to play tennis almost everyday, but lately. have cut it down to about four or five days a week," says he.

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

He notes the increasing rate of traffic accidents in the country in which majority of the victims die of head or spinal injuries. And in the older age group, the major cause of death after heart disease is cerebrovascular diseases strokes of the brain. A recent study at DMCH show that head injuries and diseases of the brain and the nervous system was the second biggest cause of death in all age groups in the

"Therefore, if there has to be only one other institute to be built in the country after the institute of cardiology, which is already there, then it should be the institute of neurological sciences," he emphasises. He also feels that a neuro-surgery centre each should be set up in all eight medical college hospitals in the coun-

sources said.

occasion.

Parties shocked over Rajiv's death

Different political and social organisations expressed their deep sorrow at the tragic death of former Indian Prime Minister and Congress (I) President Rajiv Gandhi on Wednesday.

Jamaat

Jamaat leaders expressed their deep shock and grief at the tragic death of former Indian Prime Minister and Congress(I) President Rajiv Ghandi Wednesday.

In a condolence message. Abbas Ali Khan, Acting Ameer of Jamaat and Mattur Rahman Nizami, 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

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

Golam Hafiz

Mirja Golam Hafiz, Minister for Law and Justice has condoled the death of Rajiv 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 "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

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) expressed its deep shock at the assassination of Rajiv Garidhi. The party condemned this

dastardly killing and said it is a cruel blow to democracy, secularism and stability in India. In a message of condolence.

The BNP government of late

The LGRD Minister said

President Ziaur Rahman intro-

duced the Gram Sarkar sys-

tem, later abandoned by the

main objective of the Gram

Sarkar system at the village

level was to ensure increased

production and development

based on self-reliance, involv-

ing greater segment of people

in the country's development

creased efficiency at local

level, proper evaluation of the

local problems and pragmatic

A total of 57 union parishad

secretaries participated in the

course, organised jointly by the

National Institute of Local

Government and the district

PROGRAMME

Rotary Club meet

ing Seminar (PETS) 1991-92

of the Rotary District 328

Bangladesh will be held today

(Thursday) at Hotel Purbani In-

ternational from 8.30 am to

5.30 pm. Hosted by Rotary

Club of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar,

Dhaka, the PETS will be at-

tended by the District Gover-

nor. District Governor Nomi-

nees. PDGs. Presidents of all

clubs of Bangladesh and other

The 15th regular weekly

meeting of the Rotary Club of

Uttara will be held to-

day(Thursday) at 5-15 pm at

"Hotel Chiling" Sector-04,

Uttara. Today's discussion will

be held on "Charter Presenta-

tion Ceremony and Club Af-

Corrigendum

Sangheet Shilpi Gosthi, who

rendered songs in aid of cy-

clone victims on Tuesday were

wrongly mentioned as mem-

bers of Nazrul Academy in the

photo published in The Daily

Star on Wednesday. The inad-

vertent mistake is regretted.

The artistes of Nazrul

district officials.

fairs".

The President Elect Train-

administration of Dhaka.

steps to resolve them.

He also stressed on in-

Ershad regime.

By Staff Correspondent

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.

BML (Kaderi)

Bangladesh Muslim League condemned the killing of Ratty Gandhi.

Mohammad Fayez Bakhsh Kaderi, Secretary General of the party said with the killing of Rativ the world have lost a bright political figure of international politics.

JSD (Rob)

Nur Alam Jiku and Humayun Kabir Hiru, President and General Secretary respectively of JSD (Rob) condemned

the killing of Rativ 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 Rajtv Gandhi and expressed their condolence. They hoped that the people of India would be able to restore democracy at Sramik Party

ily of Ratty.

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

Hindu Parishad

The President Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad, Sri Prem Ranjan Dev, expressed his shock at the death of Ratty Gandht. 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. - Star photo

'Gram Sarkar' to be reintroduced

Government will soon reintroduce "Gram Sarkar" for boosting production at levels and accelerating the pace of national development, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder said Tuesday, reports

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

Four revolvers recovered, 3 arrested in city

By Staff Correspondent

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

Lalbag 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 ammunitions 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

By Staff Correspondent

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

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan presided over the meet-

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

Case against Naziur for abuse of power The Anti-Corruption Bureau

has filed a case against former LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Naziur Rahman with Ramna Thana for abusing his powers in the construction of a bus terminal at Bhola, reports

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 Naziur 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

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 the Upazila Chairman, as

Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Chairmen Samity has termed the comments of some MPs, in the BNP parliamentary party meeting, regarding the dissolution of the elected posts of

DUJ recalls shocking incident of May 23,'80 The Dhaka Union of Jour-

nalists (DUJ) has recalled the shocking incident of May 23 of 1980, in which a working journalist was killed and nine others received injuries as a bomb exploded at the meeting of Khondakar Moshtaq Ahmed at Baitul Mokarram premises, reports BSS.

The DUJ, in a statement Wednesday marking the incident, regretted that the mystery behind that brutal incident was yet to unfold.

The union paid tribute to the assassinated journalist Mustafizur Rahman and hoped that such incidents would not be occurred further.

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.

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.

Tender form with necessary documents will be available with the office of the Project Director, ADB Aided Flood Rehabilitation Project, 4/5 Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207 and the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Bureau, Bandarbon, Khagrachari and the undersigned on payment of usual charge (non-refundable) during office hours upto 29.5.91. Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the Project Director, ADB Aided Flood Rehabilitation Project, Local Government Engineering Bureau, 4/5, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207 and the Executive Engineer, LGEB, Rangamati/Bandarbon/Khagrachari, on 30.5.91 upto 1 pm and will be opened the same day at 2 pm in presence of tenderers (if any).

Supportive analysis of rate must be submitted along with tender if the tenderer submits his tender quoting less than 5% of the estimated cost and 10% earnest money must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be consider as cancelled.

Tender must be submitted along with earnest money shown against each work in BD/ Pay Order in favour of the undersigned.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any

Other information may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

LIST OF WORK

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1.	HBB work on Ghagra -Kawkhali Road (1.00 KM)	10,000,00/-	20,000/-	1,025/-	105 days
2.	Construction of retentive wall infront of Belaichari High School & Upazila Health Project at	4,71,515/-	9,430/-	625/-	105 days
3.	Belaichari Upazila Head Qua Reconstruction of one pucca bridge on Burirghat- Ghilachari Road (10.00 M) under Baniachar Upazila	2,00,000/-	4,000/-	325/-	60 days
4.	(2nd call). Construction of one bridge (27.40 M) on right to Khagrachari to North Sarwatali Road under Baghaichari Upazila (2nd call).	4,84,696/-	9,694/-	625/-	105 days
5.	Reconstruction of one bridge (13.00 M) near Rakkhabazar under Jorachari Upazila (2nd call).	3,00,000/-	6,000/-	425/-	90 days
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lump 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

Insurance Company Limited in

city on Tuesday, an official

Health and Family Welfare

The government will give

Minister Choudhury Kamal

Ibne Yousuf was present on the

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the beginning of the project.

Later, the government will pay

the premium after every three

months on the basis of the real



Thursday

tion from Al-Quran Programme Summary Recitation from Geeta Esho Gan Shikhi: Musical lessons for Cartoon film: Captain Planet and the Plane-Gáno Shikshar Ashor: Religion, Ethics and

ment National Flag and National Anthem 11-45 Closed Down.

Weather

By Staff Correspondent Light to moderate rain or thunder shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with moderately heavy fall at places likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna division. Day temperature likely to remain nearly unchanged over the

Nor'wester may strike again

country. Nor'wester Warning: Temporary Westerly or northwesterly squall at a speed of 70 to 90 kilometer per hour may hit Rajshahi and Dhaka Division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhali, Comilla, Sylhet today

(Thursday). The temperature and humidity of some of the cities on Wednesday: Humidity Temperature in Celsius

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