

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Towards More Honour and Dignity

by Fayza Haq



Photograph by Altaf Hossain Nov.1990- Repression.

DRIK had put up a thought provoking exhibition called "Struggle for Democracy '87-'90" at the La Galerie at Banant. The work was not art for art's sake, as was stressed by Andre Raynouard, Director of the Alliance Francaise, who had inaugurated the exhibition. The selection of the pictures had not been so much on artistic merit as on the basis of the content.

The three photographers who took part in the exhibition, Dr. Shahidul Alam, Altaf Hossain and Shafiqul Alam, were inspired, responsible and committed. "Drik" is a word in Bangla which means, an inner vision. The photographers are deeply aware of their responsibilities to their fellow citizens and are establishing their role as artists, through whose work others could see. It took courage and skill to do the work that these young men have done. Thus these collections of photos, in their own way, record history.

Dr. Shahidul Alam, 35, who has a Ph.D in Organic Chemistry and taught Chemistry founded the DRIK picture library in '88. Dr. Alam who is a self-taught photographer, won the "Norval Shield" in '83, and was awarded the "Harvey Harris Trophy" the same year.

Shafiqul Alam, 28, has been a photographer since '81, has done several photographic assignments for numerous international organisations.

Altaf Hossain, the third photographer, 27, belongs to the "Khabor" group of publications.

The exhibition traced the movement towards democracy from the day Nur Hussain died, as the first martyr of democracy, in December '90. The streets of Dhaka had become the focal point where the struggling groups had welded together. There was the dissatisfaction of the people, scattered acts of oppositions, police action, arrests and repressions. This had originally started from the military coup of '82 and had culminated in the uprising in '90, with the national struggle for honour and dignity. All this is recorded with accuracy in the exhibition of the three photographers.

Among the remarkable pieces in the exhibit was the picture of how in October '90 teachers and students protested at the Shahid Minar against the closure of the education institutions. This too was recorded with accuracy.

There was a splendid picture showing the students of Shahidullah Hall being beaten by the police. Along with it was a picture that depicted how Hindus were tortured and looted.

There was the photo of 27th November, showing the place where Dr. Milton had been killed by a bullet. It was a few hours after this that a state of emergency was declared. This was followed by a picture showing girls from the halls rushing off for shelter, when there had been the order of the evacuation of the halls. The sense of panic and urgency was well recorded.

Since the beginning, women's groups have resisted autocracy. The "United Women's Front" protested against the establishment of Islam as state religion in '88. This was openly violating section 144. This incident was recorded with marvellous accuracy.

The painter Qamrul Hasan's cartoon of Yahya as the demon and the caricature of Ershad, made minutes before his death, were kept in mind in a rally of the students of the Arts College. The students of the Institute of Fine Arts were shown as continuing the tradition of the great artist by carrying cartoons of Ershad in public.

The opposition protests led by "Tokats" running at the police guns at the Shapla Chattar at Motijheel was also carefully recorded for all posterity.

There were scenes from the elections of 27th February '91, in accordance with the recommendations of the three party alliance — a rare example of fair and free elections in modern times — did not go unmarked.

The photo display — each shot being accompanied by a comment — was a marvellous record of a nation's struggle for dignity and pride.

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By Staff Correspondent

Joint Secretary of Cabinet Division Ayub Quadri has been appointed Joint Secretary of Home Ministry.

Mohiuddin Azad, Joint Secretary of Relief Ministry has been appointed Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.

Joint Secretary of Finance Division M. M. Reza has been appointed Joint Secretary of Cabinet Division.

Mohammed Abul Mohsin, Joint Secretary of Home Ministry has been appointed Joint Secretary of Relief Minister.

Plan to abolish post of Upazila Chairman protested

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) on Thursday demanded withdrawal of the government decision for abolishing the post of Upazila Chairman.

In a statement issued on Thursday Nur Alam Jiku and Prof. Humayun Kabir, President and General Secretary respectively of JSD, said the post of Upazila Chairman is essential for maintaining the democratising administrative system. They also urged the people to resist the alleged conspiracy against upazila administrative system.

Role of Dr Ahmed Sharif in eye donation lauded

A discussion meeting on the life and contribution of late Prof Ahmed Sharif, an eminent eye specialist was held under the auspices of Swandhani, National Eye Donation Society at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Thursday, reports BSS.

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury spoke on the occasion as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion Education and Cultural Affairs Minister said Prof Ahmed Sharif played a pioneering role in eye donation and cornea transplantation movement in Bangladesh. He said we may feel proud of his contribution to the society.

He also called upon the doctors to put in their best efforts for making eye donation movement a success.

Presided over by Mr RA Majumder, Vice-President of Swandhani Eye Donation Society the meeting was addressed, among others, by Gazi Shamsur Rahman, an eminent jurist, Mr. Gias Kamal Chowdhury, a renowned journalist, Prof MA Majed, ex-Adviser to the Acting President Prof Anwarul Hoq, Dr Hasan Shahid, Prof Moniruddin Ahmed and Prof Jahurul Mowla Chowdhury, Principal of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

BAEC Employees Union executives

By Staff Correspondent

Md. Azizul Huq and A T M Shamul Amin have been elected President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Employees Union.

The other office bearers: Harun Mia — Vice President, Anisur Rahman — Assistant Secretary General, A K Altaf Hossain Mondal — Treasurer, Md. Abdul Latif Mia — Organising Secretary, Rafiqul Islam Khan — Cultural Secretary, Jainul Abedin — Publicity Secretary, ANM Wahid Majumder, Abul Kalam Azad and Shah Alam — Members.

PROGRAMME

Discussion meet

By Staff Correspondent

On the occasion of the 8th death anniversary of Barrister Sayed Kamrul Islam Muhammad Salauddin, the progressive Nationalist Party (PNP) will hold a discussion meeting today (Friday) at 4 pm at its office. Party Chairman Sheikh Sawkat Hossain Nilu will preside over the meeting, a press release said.

Mymensingh Samity

A discussion meeting of the Mymensingh Zilla Samity, Dhaka will be held today (Friday) at 5.00 pm in the office of the Samity at 384, Mogh Bazar in the city, says a press release.

The members of the executive committee have been requested to attend the meeting.

Friday

8-00 Morning Session

8-10 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran

8-15 Programme Summary

8-15 News in Bangla

8-15 Cartoon: The Yearly/Short Film

8-40 Natun Kuri

10-00 News in English

10-05 Documentary: Voice of the Planet Film: Animation Special

11-15 Moner Mukurey: Drama serial

12-30 Closing

Evening Session

3-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran

3-15 Recitation from the Tripitaka

3-20 Alor Deshant

3-40 Education programme

Haj flights from June 1

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will start operating Haj flights for ballotee from June 1, a Biman press release said in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

Biman will carry all 1,286 ballotee pilgrims to Jeddah in four flights. The inaugural Haj flight (BG 0119) will depart for Jeddah at 7-00 pm June 1.

The ballotee Hajis will report at the Haj camp set up at former Islamic University campus, Gazipur from May 27 and all formalities concerning their pilgrimage will be completed there according.

Biman will also operate flights on Dhaka-Jeddah route for non-ballotee Hajis to facilitate their pilgrimage from May 29.

Non-ballotee pilgrim have been advised to contact the nearest Biman office or Biman-approved travel agents with necessary documents and Biman tickets for arrangement of their visa, the press release said.

The post-Haj return flights carrying the ballotee Hajis are scheduled to operate from the June 27.

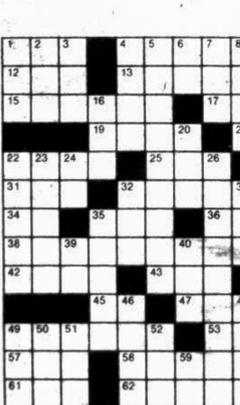
Detailed information regarding Haj may be obtained from the nearest Biman office or Biman approved travel agents, the press added.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rear of ship
 - 2 Turn aside
 - 3 Tennis stroke
 - 12 Key lime
 - 13 Choir voice
 - 14 Exist
 - 15 Picks up dinner tab
 - 17 Married
 - 19 Golf shot
 - 21 Teutonic deity
 - 22 Monster
 - 25 Deface
 - 27 Assistant
 - 31 Vase
 - 32 Profited
 - 34 Tellurium symbol
 - 35 Transgress
 - 36 Press for payment
 - 37 Note of scale
 - 38 Memory
 - 41 King
 - 42 Short jacket

Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 43 The sun
- 44 Ventilates
- 45 Fuffit
- 47 "Empty"
- 49 Scuffle
- 53 Sewing implement
- 57 Sudsy brew
- 58 Spear
- 60 Vast age
- 61 Oolong
- 62 The Ram
- 63 Sorrow



More leaders shocked at Rajiv's death

By Staff Correspondent

More political leaders and organisations Thursday expressed their deep shock and sorrow at the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Biswas signs condolence book

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Abdur Rahman Biswas, visited the Indian High Commission in Dhaka Thursday afternoon and signed the condolence book opened by the High Commission on the tragic death of Rajiv Gandhi.

The Speaker conveyed to the High Commissioner, K. Srinivasan, his profound grief at the tragic death and his deep sympathy for the members of his bereaved family.

Anwar Zahid

Leader of National Democratic Party (NDP) Anwar Zahid on Thursday expressed his condolence at the brutal killing of former Indian Prime Minister and Congress(I) President Rajiv Gandhi.

Mahbubul Haque

Condemning the killing of Rajiv Gandhi, Convener of the central Five-party AFM Mahbubul Haque said such terrorist act would retard democratic progressive politics and en-

courage fundamentalism, communalism and anti-people political forces.

Salahuddin

The Secretary General of National Democratic Party Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, MP, termed the killing of Rajiv Gandhi as a severe blow not to India alone but to democracy of the whole-sub-continent.

The role of Rajiv Gandhi in establishing a friendly atmosphere in South-East Asian region would be written in letters of gold in history, he added.

BSEHR

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Right (BSEHR) on Thursday expressed deep shock at the premature death of Rajiv Gandhi.

BSEHR President former Chief Justice Kamaluddin Hossain and Secretary General Advocate Sigma Huda said the untimely death of Rajiv will hamper the progress of democracy and human rights in SAARC countries.

Ganatantra Parishad

President of the "Sangsadyo Ganatantra Parishad" Justice KM Sobhan said, the death of Rajiv Gandhi

was a great blow to parliamentary democracy. Rajiv's assassination would disrupt stability in the region, he added.

Hindu-Buddha-Christian Parishad

Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad termed the killing of Rajiv Gandhi and irreparable loss to democracy and secularism.

Islami Biplabi Parishad

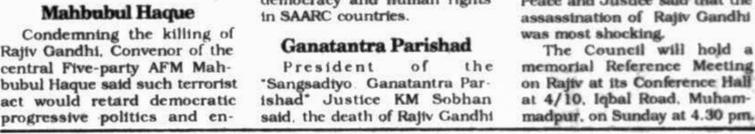
Bangladesh Islami Biplabi Parishad (Revolutionary Council) condoled the death of former Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi.

In a press release issued by the party's President Mawlana Seikh Obaidullah Bin-Syed Jalalabadi and Secretary General Syed Ashraf Ahmed, they said that the Indians have lost a great leader at his tragic death.

Inter-Religious Council

Advocate ABM Shamsud Doulah, Chairman, Bangladesh Inter-Religious Council for Peace and Justice said that the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi was most shocking.

The Council will hold a memorial Reference Meeting on Rajiv at its Conference Hall at 4/10, Iqbal Road, Muhammadpur, on Sunday at 4.30 pm.



The Kuwaiti returnees holding a rally in city on Thursday calling upon Prime Minister Khaleida Zia, scheduled to leave for S Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE on Saturday, to arrange their, early return to Kuwait. —Star photo

Plea to sink differences among SAARC states

By DU Correspondent

Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University stressed the need for avoiding suspicion among the SAARC countries and minimising differences on contentious issues for the sake of cooperation.

He expressed frustrations over the failure of SAARC in expanding the areas of cooperation, specially in areas such as resource exploitation.

Prof Maniruzzaman was inaugurating the seminar on "Wither away the white elephant called SAARC" organised by the Centre for Advanced Research in Social Sciences of Dhaka University Sunday at the Lecture Theatre Building, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Emajuddin Ahmed presided over the seminar.

He said that SAARC's gestation period may not yet be over. Moreover, there has been more political convergence in the region in recent years than over before, he felt.

M A Halim read out the keynote paper in the seminar while it was addressed, among others, by M Shahiduzzaman, Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Mrs. Amena Mohsin, Dr. Kamaluddin Ahmed and Dr Abul Kalam.

Halim in his key-note paper attributed SAARC's failure to the limitations imposed by the charter, which seeks to avoid "bilateral and contentious issues".

He was also critical about SAARC's failure in promoting concrete activities like joint venture and socio-economic cooperation.



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HOUSE TO-LET

A TWO STORIED ONE UNIT CERAMIC BRICKED HOUSE WITH 4 BED ATTACHED BATHS, HUGE DRAWING, SEPARATE DINING, BIG KITCHEN, LONG HALLWAY, SERVANT QUARTERS & BATH, GARAGE, WITH VERY BIG LAWN ON ONE BIGHA LAND IN GULSHAN FOR RENT FROM JUNE '91.

CONTACTS: 329121 EVENING OR 329650 (ZAMAN) 601474 (ISLAM) OR AT SITE SW 6-7 RD-2 GULSHAN.

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha, Dhaka Tender Notice No. 44/90-91

Scaled tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from the contractors of following categories for the undermentioned works.

Tenders will be received by the respective officer upto 12 noon of the date of receiving the tender mentioned against the work and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of tenderers who may like to remain present. Other necessary information may be obtained from the office of the tender receiving officers, Rajuk during office hours.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Officer who will sell and receive tender	Date of receiving tender	Time for completion of work	Eligibility for submitting tender
1.	Cleaning the posters on lobby stair hall of Rajuk main building & painting i/c necessary repairing.	75,218/-	1,510/-	EE/D, EE/SD.	6.6.91	30 days	All classes enlisted (civil) contractors of Rajuk.
2.	Denting, Painting of whole body of vehicle No-Jha-3428 (Human hauler) i/c making new hood & seat.	To be quoted by the tenderer	2% of the quoted amount	EE/D, EE/M.	-do-	25 days	Firm/Party experienced in such works.

Tender schedule may be obtained from the office of the tender receiving officers on payment of Tk. 400/- for each set of schedule (non-refundable) to the Cashier, Rajuk/or to the office of the tender receiving officers.

No tender form will be sold on the date of receiving the tender.

Chairman, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha, Dhaka.

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Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or thunder shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with moderately heavy fall likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Rajshahi Divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna Divisions. Day temperature likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change. The sun sets today (Friday) at 6.38 pm and rises on Saturday at 5.13 am.

Highest maximum temperature of 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Satkhira. Lowest minimum temperature of 20.6 degree was at Rajshahi. Temperature and humidity of some important towns and cities on Thursday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percent
Dhaka	Max 33.0, Min 22.6	9 am 83, 6 pm 68
Chittagong	32.0, 25.0	82, 72
Rajshahi	34.6, 20.6	84, 67
Khulna	35.0, 23.7	85, 76
Cox's Bazar	32.4, 24.0	85, 81
Rangpur	30.0, 22.2	97, 82
Dinajpur	31.4, 21.4	97, 80
Sylhet	29.0, X	X, 85

Temperature of some regional cities on Thursday were:

City	Temperature in degree Celsius
Beijing	17
Karachi	34
Delhi	39
Bangkok	32
Rangoon	37