Dhaka Day by Day

From Mini-Skirts to Saris

by Fayza Haq

When you sometimes meet a foreign lady in a" sari "or "shalwar-kameez"in public and suspeet she has a local husband, you often wonder how she gets along in her private life.

Kazuko Bhuiyan met her husband Mumtazuddin in '70, when she was studying B.Sc in Nutrition, and he was a student of Naval Architecture at the Tokyo University. "Mumtaz was then working for the relief activities of '70 cyclone in Bangladesh and I was helping from the Japanese side and that is how I got to know him," she recounted.

Kazuko got married in '73 and six months later came to live in Bangladesh. Her in-laws hardly stayed with her as they were away at Mymensingh and only visited her occasionally. Thus there were few occasions for possible rifts with her in-laws . But she had her own measure of difficulty in adjusting to married life. Wherever she went out she had to don a "sari". Her husband insisted on this. This was a strife for Kazuko who was used to mini-skirts

the consequential changes. I had shaggy cropped hair and wore boots and skirts. Today my hair is well below my waist and I wear a 'sari' at every formal occasion. Even in the house I always have my 'dupatta' on", she commented on her married life.

While Iqbal was studying at Madras for two years. Renu stayed with her in-laws. "I was very lonely as everyone else in the family was away studying or working. Fortunately, I had my baby to keep me occupied and my novels were at hand. Otherwise I would surely have gone round the bend," she narrated.

While married to her husband and living in Madras for a year, before coming to Dhaka, Renu learnt to cook from her neighbours. She had learnt needlework at school. She is still taking tips and is learning skills from her mother in-law, Rowshan ,who loves housework despite her own office schedule. She has also to improve on her Bangla, even though she knew Hindi before coming to Bangladesh.



Kazuko Bhuiyan

of the seventies.

Nusrat Hassan



Orașa Ali

Another matter that upset her was the custom of having to eat sweet-meats whenever they went visiting."I find them overwhelmingly sweet and can't take to them even to please my husband, "Kazuko confided.

She also missed Japanese food "Especially when I was expecting, she recounted.

She would dearly love to go to Japan every year but that is an expensive proposition, as she would have to take her three children with her too. She would like to speak more often on the telephone to her parents than the once a year call on the New Year. But if wishes were horses...

Kazuko, however .does not have a dull and insipid existence in Dhaka . She teaches Japanese at schools at Dhanmandi and Gulshan for 15 hours a week. This keeps her occupied gives her pocket money as well as inroads to friendship outside the associations of only her husband.

For her hobby she listens to Japanese and western music. When there are visitors she does the cooking. Looking after her children also keeps her occupied. Now that she is well accepted in the Bangla-

deshi society she is back to her skirts_ though not mini ones this time.

Nusrat Hassan was 16 and a school-going student when she met and fell head over heels in love with Iqbal, a student of engineering at Madras."I was impressed by his sobriety and his straight talk. I was apprehensive of marrying a boy from another country but every girl is a bit hesitant about plunging into a marriage," said Nusrat or Renu, as she is called at home.

Despite her six years of marriage, Renu, who is also known as Angle back at her parents' home in Madras, is not all that relaxed at her in-laws' place. She lives in a joint family system. "After marriage your in-law's house becomes your only home and you have to accept

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Chinese copters end relief operation

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copter crew, farewell at the

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Chinese helicopters crew Brig

Bhuiyan Sino-Bangladesh

friendship, is a historic event.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Expressing gratitude to the

Dhaka Sunday.

"Yes, I miss home, specially at Christmas and Easter .But I have a devoted husband and a child .My in-laws also permit me to study. I'm grateful for all that."

"I miss home sometimes when I think o the modern amenities and facilities of Bangkok. I long for the movie halls, the departmental stores, the dressing up and the parties" says Orasa Ali." But here the people have more time for you. "Orasa is married to her Bangladeshi husband Masud for nearly six years now and has been living in Bangladesh for 18 months.

Orașa or Sara as she is better known in Dhaka, was working in the same travel agency as her husband Masud. In fact, she was the personal secretary and chief accountant for his father. What did she find so wonderful about him that she refused all her Thai suitors? " found other boys selfish and obsessed with materialistic ideas. Masud took me for what I was and didn't care about what money I had or didn't have. My friends did not take easily to my marrying him but my own family approved of him. He was so patient and gentle with my then ailing father. This too was a factor that went to his favour." Sara recounted.

Sara finds her father-in-law very warm al though her mother-in -law may be a bit distant. What she cannot accept about the Bangladeshis is "that they are always sucking up to the foreigners. Anything made in Bangladesh must be inferior in their eyes. Another thing that an noys me is the habit of lying among my workers at the beauty parlour that I run. The rickshawalla and shopkeepers' demand for more money from me, just because I'm a foreigner. also annovs me, " as she put it.

But Sara is here for better or for worse as she finds it a much better place for raising a family. "In Bangkok children are adults by the time they are teenagers. They are so exposed to drugs, pornography and sex," she comment-

Help for air

cargo agents

assured

State Minister for Civil

Aviation and Tourism Abdul

Mannan on Saturday assured

the leaders of the Association

of Air Cargo Agents of

Bangladesh to solve their prob-

lems and to provide them all

possible help for smooth run-

ning of their business, reports

The State Minister was

The leaders of the associa-

tion thanked the State

Minister for giving a patient

hearing to their problems and

talking to a delegation of the

association headed by Rezaur

Rahman at his office.

his assurance.

Tk 9 lakh IJO project for quality jute

The International Jute Organisation (IJO) has launched a new project on "Improved Retting and Extraction of Jute". said a IJO press release, reports UNB.

The three-year project which will cost US dollar 895,000 is designed to improve fibre quality and returns to the small jute producers.

The project will function through a regional network under IJO's coordination where six IJO member countries - Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand will take part.

Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) will execute the project.

Bangladesh will act as the host of the project which will also look for developing trained manpower besides the process of retting and extraction of fibre production from jute/kenaf plants.

The project is also expected to increase mutual technical cooperation among the jute producing countries through exchange of information and expertise, for improving productivity and returns to

Children's Art exhibition begins today

Rainbow Film Society in cooperation with cultural section of the Soviet Embassy will hold a four-day Children's Art Exhibition and Film Show from today (Monday) at Soviet Cultural Centre on the occasion of International Children's Day. says a Press release.

Cole P. Dodge, Representative of UNICEF in Bangladesh will inaugurate the exhibition on film show as chief guest. Egar A. Saprein, Charge d' Affaires of the Soviet Embassy, Rokonuzzaman Khan (Dada Bhai), Humayun Zahir, Lions District Governor, Dist. 315A will attend as special guests.

Mahboob Jamil, President, Federation of Film societies on Badal Rahman, Film Director will deliver welcome speech.



Ahsan made envoy to US

Foreign Secretary Abul Ahsan has been appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States, said an official press release, reports UNB.

Additional Foreign Secretary Riaz Rahman who has already been promoted to the work rank of Secretary, is expected to succeed him.

Career diplomat Abul Ahsan joined the Pakistan Foreign Service in 1961 on the basis of a competitive examination securing the first position.

During his long professional career. Ahsan held various important posts in the Foreign service of erstwhile Pakistan and Bangladesh at home and

Before becoming Foreign Secretary in 1989, he served as the first Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

He worked as Bangladesh Ambassador to Pakistan, Italy, the United Nations and Poland

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or shower with moderately heavy falls accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till Tuesday morning, Meteorological Department reports.

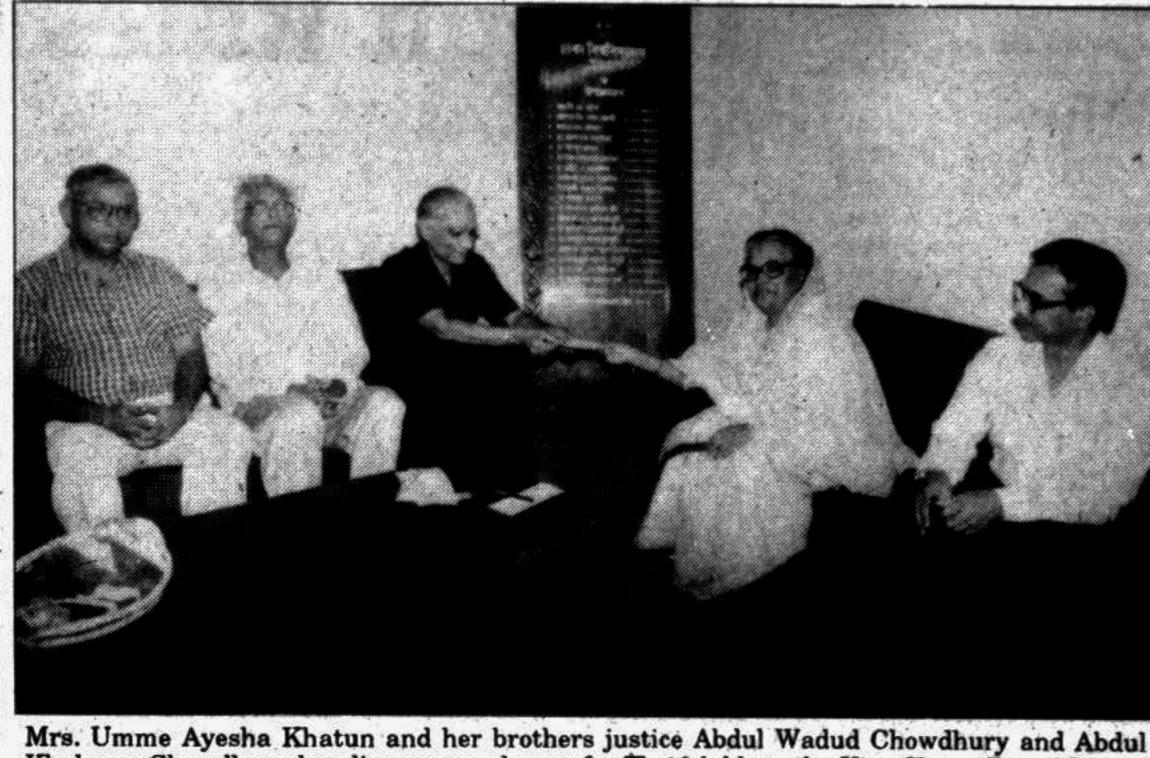
On Sunday, the highest temperature recorded in Jessore was 34.5 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Srimongal was 22.2 degree Celsius. The day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country till Tuesday morning.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weather may improve. Extended outlook for another five days: Rainfall activity may increase.

The Sun sets today (Monday) at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.11 am.

Temperature and humidity of some cities and towns of the

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage			
	Maximum	Minimum	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28	23	95	90
Chittagong	28.5	23.6	90	78
Khulna	32	23	97	83
Rajshahi .	32.8	25	74	68
Jessore	34.5	24.2	27.8	х
Cox's Bazar	29.8	29	92	80
Rangamati	26.6	24	98	89
Comilia	27	22.6	100	92
Bartsal	28.7	22.6	100	85
Sylhet	25.8	22	x	X
Srimangal	25-	22	98	98
Ishurdi	32.5	24.8	73	66
Mymensingh	x	21	x	95
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Khaleque Chowdhury handing over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof M. Maniruzzaman Miah Sunday on behalf of their brother Prof. A. Latif Chowdhury to institute a professorial chair in the Department of Physics, Dhaka University in the memory of his father late Abdur Rob Chowdhury. Pro-VC Dr. Wakil Ahmed is also seen in the picture.

Call to arrest terrorist from campuses

Free students from influence of political parties

Speakers at a seminar in Dhaka Sunday strongly advocated for freeing the student community from the influence of political citizens for taking up the future leadership of the country, reports BSS.

They also called upon the concerned authorities to arrest the "identified terrorists" from the educational arena, particularly from the universities, to free these sacred places from violence and nightmare.

They were taking part at a seminar organised in connec-

Probe into problems of Islamic Varsity urged

The Islamic University Implementation Council Sunday demanded immediate re-opening of the university and shifting the campus to Shani-Danga Dulalpur, reports

The council also demanded constitution of a judicial enquiry commission to probe into the causes of the existing. problems in the university. Speaking on behalf of the

council at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, Abdul Awal Mia, an Awami League, MP, from Kushtia, alleged that a particular quarter had been trying to hinder the process of making the Islamic University a modern university like the Al-Azhar University of Egypt, Aligarh Islamic University of India and Islamic University of Malaysia.

PROGRAMME

Discussion on Zia

Jatiyatabadi Sechchhasebak Sangathan will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of the 10th death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman today (Monday) at 4 pm at the ICMA auditorium. Nilkhet.

Education and Cultural

Affairs Minister Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will attend the meeting as the chief guest while Irrigation Minister Majid-ul-Huq. LORD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondakar Mosharraf Hossatn and former Pro Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed will be present as the special guests.

Seminar on Khomeni

Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Bangladesh, on the occasion of second death anniversary of Hazrat Imam Khoment, will hold a seminar on 'thoughts and life of Iman Khoment' on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4 pm at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution. State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof Abdul Mannan will attend the seminar as chief guest.



5-00 Opening announcement recitation from Al-Quran Recitation from Gita 5-30 Cartoon film : Clutch

Cargo 5-55 Programme from SAARC countries : Bangladesh Education programme 7-05 TV debate

News in Bengali

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10-00 News in English 10-30 Serial: Man from U.N.C.L.E. 11-30 Khabar/The news 11-45 Closing down

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tion with the inauguration of Hossain, Ruhul Quddus Kajal, the Education Week '91 by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium Sunday. Prof M Shamsul Haq, Chairman of the University Grant Commission presented the key-note paper at the seminar on "education and democracy".

Education Secretary A N M Eusuf chaired the morning session of the seminar while the afternoon session was chaired by Dr. Abdullah Almuti Sharfuddin, Adviser of the Science Education Project.

The discussion on the keynote paper in both the session was participated, among others by Jahanara Begum, MP, Rashida Khatun, MP, eminent journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Prof. M A Bari, Begum Khursida Khatun, Jasimuddin Ahmed, Sayeeda Shams-e-Ara

Prof Saiful Islam, Dr Mozammel Haq. Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Dr. Khandker Bazlul Haq. Dean of the Faculty of Commerce of Dhaka University, Prof. Abul Hossain, Director General of Primary Education and Prof Abdul Matin Mia.

Prof. Shamsul Haq in his paper said tolerance, patriotism and broad-mindedness were the basic elements for the flourishment of democracy which could ensure proper education of a nation. "A proper education can only ensure the success of a democratic process," he said.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury said "the muscle games in Universities cast us in doubts how the future leaders will run the country. [Related story on page 1]

246 BRTC buses, 25 trucks condemned pare and submit a report im-

Communications Minister Oli Ahmad Sunday directed the officials of BRTC to improve their performances for making the organisation profitable one. reports BSS.

He was addressing the BRTC officials in Dhaka Sunday.

The Minister was informed that at present BRTC has in its fleet 472 buses and 247 trucks out of which 246 buses and 25 trucks are condemned.

The Communications Minister stressed the need for immediate repair and rehabilitation of the repairable buses and trucks.

He directed them to pre-

mediately on all BRTC properties and lands with their present status.

Secretary of the Road and Road Transport Division was present on the occasion. Later the Minister visited

Kamlapur Railway Station and directed the railway officials and employees to ensure punctual operation of trains.

He also visited container depot and railway hospital and expressed his dissatisfaction for poor maintenance and directed the concerned officials for proper maintenance immediately.

Tk 2,130 cr overdue among 223 persons

The government is committed to restore financial discipline in banking sector by removing all sorts of corruptions, reports BSS.

This was stated by State Minister for Finance Mazibor Rahman while paying a surprise visit to Janata Bank head office Sunday.

The State Minister said, total overdue of all the financial institutions now stood at Taka 2,130 crore which was distributed among 223 individuals. The financial institutions which play a very vital role in the economy can not remain hostage to some individuals, he observed.

The minister was informed that some dismissed employces of the bank were disturbing the day to day banking activities in the name of trade unionism. The Minister assured that legal actions would be taken against their malpractices. None would be allowed to disturb the banking activities by exploiting political affiliation, he said.

The Janata Bank had disbursed loans amounting to Taka 2,972.97 crore till December, 1990, out of which an amount of Taka 718.27 crore is still overdue.

FAO projects discussed

The various aspects of on going development projects and technical assistance provided by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) to Bangladesh were reviewed at a meeting between the State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda and FAO representative in Bangladesh Peter John Meyer on Saturday, reports BSS.

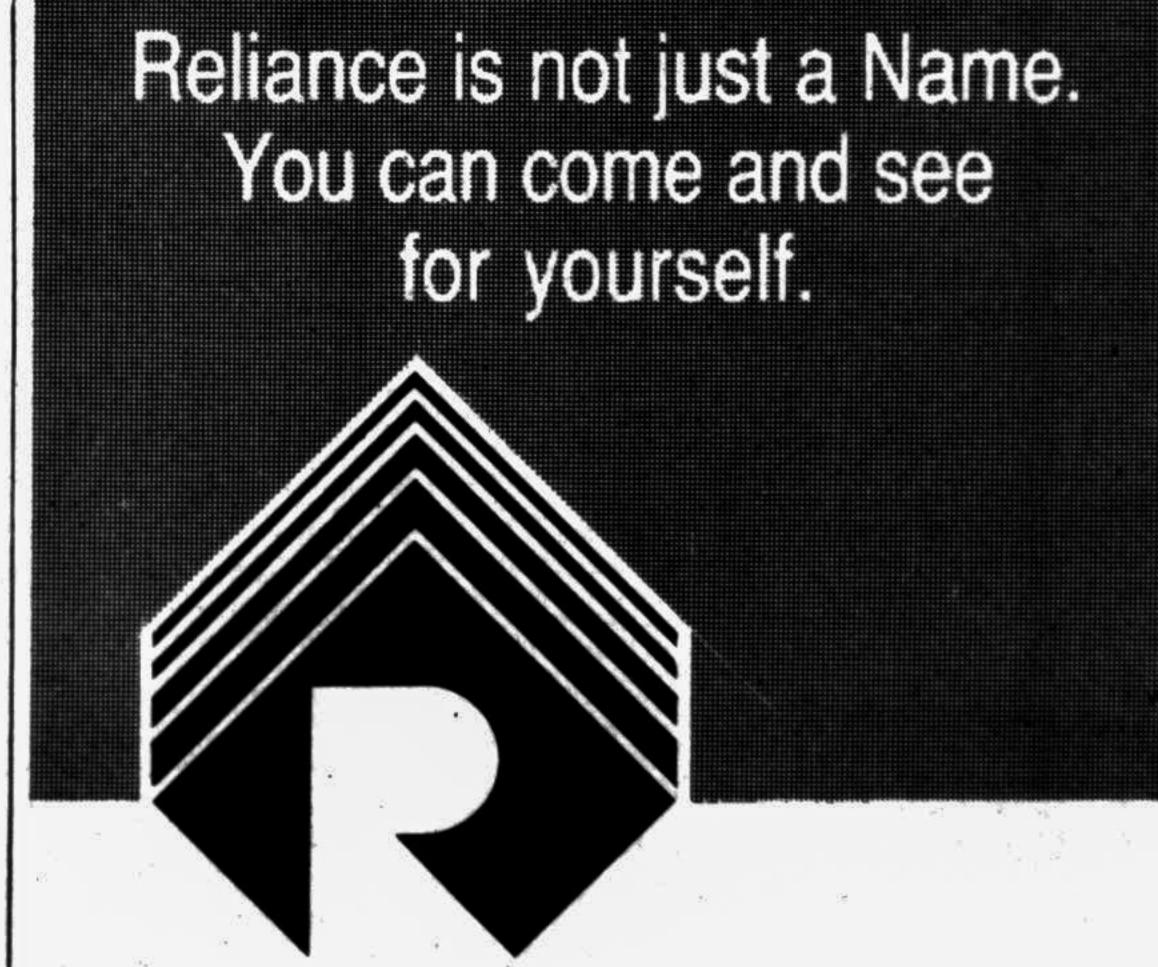
The meeting also discussed the food movement management to ensure food supply at the different parts of the country including the remote areas.

Seminar on engineering edn June 6

The Teachers Association of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will hold two-day seminar on "Engineering Education for Technology Development" from June 6, says a Press release.

Besides topics like curricula, teaching methods and examination system, the seminar will cover other themes such as the application of engineering education in practice and its evaluation, role of engineering education in industrial development and the future of engineering education in the 21st century.

The seminar will be held at the seminar hall of the Civil Engineering Faculty at 9 am. The Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof Dr. Md. Shajahan will be the chief guest at seminar.



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