Dhaka Day by Day

The Sparking Wheel

by Sabah Chowdhury

The roving vendor, who sharpens kitchen knives, scissors and other such objects with a strange machine, is just like any other street crier of modern day.

But there is one interesting difference. While he works, he also provides entertainment to children, who are absolutely enchanted by the sparks that fly off his wheel, when he is operating it.

To the children it is like their own private Shab-e-Barat, a festival of fireworks as far as they are concerned. But this one is to be watched only and not to be played with.

Those in this trade station themselves both at a particular point in a busy marketplace where it is easy to attract customers when they come to do their shopping and at the same time also roam about in various neighbourhoods for the benefit of housewives.

The machine used for the purpose is a very interesting contraption. It has a wheel and a seat attached to it, so that it is easier for the person who uses it.

This machine, if we may call it so, is actually a concoction of a cycle-frame and some spare parts, like a chain, which helps the wheel to move.

Jabbar Miah at work

Jabbar Miah, one such trader, had come to Dhaka six years back from his village home of Chandpur in search of a livelihood. He was only 18 years old then. He spent about two years doing odd jobs like working in a wayside hotel.

One day his owner asked him to sharpen some knives. It was this incident, he recalls, which gave him break, and was also a turning point in his life. While talking to the man, he learnt about this trade, and was intrigued. It obviously seemed economically much better than being a hotel boy.

Within a couple of years he had enough money to contact a local mechanic or as it is popularly called 'mistry' to build him his sharpening machine. It cost him about Taka five hundred.

Jabbar Miah, says the average rate for sharpening varies between Taka 2 to 5, depending upon the size of the object and the kind of labour required. He earns about Taka 100 a day.

The solitary trader, seems quite happy with his income. For, besides being employed in a city famous for unemployment, he feels great as he is his own boss.

With his earnings, he maintains his family, which includes his wife and four children. He stays in a one-room shanty at a Mirpur slum.

Life may be hard, but Jabbar Miah is ambitious about the future of his children. "I would like to send the two sons of mine to school, something which I missed in my own life."

Govt firm to root out corruption from edn sector

State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan on Tuesday said the present government was determined to root out all sorts of corruption and irregularities from the education sector, reports BSS.

He said this while paying a surprise visit to the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education in Dhaka.

Yunus Khan said pre-condition for overall improvement of education sector was existence of a hygienic atmosphere. He said we have to achieve this goal through concerted efforts.

Referring to the commitment of the Prime Minister for creation of a corruption free administration, the State Minister sought cooperation of all concerned for implementing this cherished goal.

Delowar joins BNP

By Staff Correspondent

Delowar Hossain, former Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) leader, Senate Member of Jahangirnagar University and a reputed businessman joined Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) by being imbued with ideals of former President Ziaur Rahman.

PROGRAMME

BNP city unit meet

An emergency meeting of the Dhaka City BNP will be held today (Wednesday) at Newab Yousuf Market office of the party.

President of city unit President Lt Col (Retd) Mir Shawkat Ali, MP, and General Secretary Salauddin Ahmed, MP, requested all the Presidents and Secretaries of different thana units to attend the meeting.

Rotary Club meet

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West and Rotaract Club of Mohanagar North West will jointly hold a meeting today (Wednesday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

Seminar

A two-day seminar on "Engineering Education in the Development of Technology" will begin tomorrow at 9 am at the seminar room of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Organised by the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association (BUETTA), the seminar will be inaugurated by Prof M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor of BUET.

Seminar at IEB

A seminar on "Some Aspects of Design and Construction of Bored Piles" organised by the Civil Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will be held today (Wednesday) at 5-00 pm in the Seminar Hall of IEB. Dr J R Chowdhury, Chairman Civil Engineering Division, IEB will preside over the session.

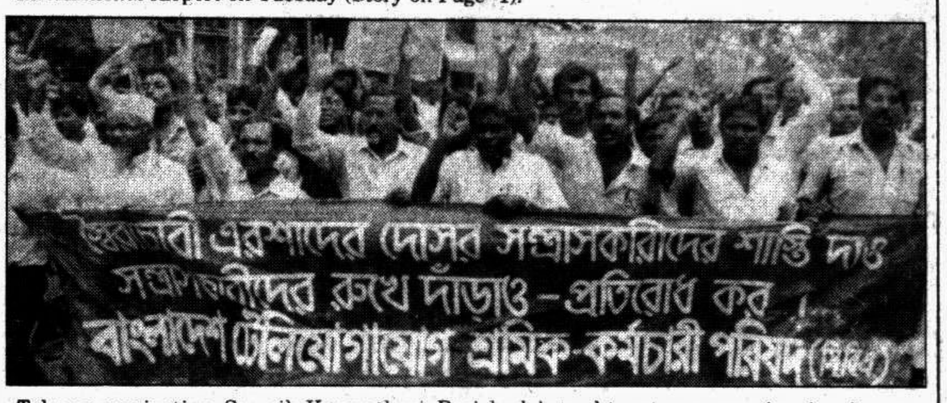
UNAB symposium

In observance of 'World Environment Day', the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium today (Wednesday) at 5 pm at the United Nations Information Centre, House No. 25, Road No.11 (Old Road No-32) Dhanmondi.

Winston Temple, Acting Resident Representative of UNDP will be the guest speaker. Eminent Scientist UNESCO Kalinga Prize Winner Dr A M Sharafuddin, retired Secretary, Science and Technology Division, Government of Bangladesh will be the main speaker.

Professor M Innas Ali, President of UNAB will preside over the meeting.

Chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Khandker Delwar Hassain receiving a three-member Parliamentary delegation of Pakistan led by Senator Kazi Hossain on their arrival at Zia International Airport on Tuesday (Story on Page -1).



Telecommunication Sramik-Karmachari Parishad brought out a procession in city on Tuesday demanding punishment to the associates of Ershad. — Star photo

Appointments and transfer

By Staff Corespondent

Secretary, Statistics Division and Director General, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics Abdus Salm (now undergoing leave preparatory to retirement) was given extension to the same post for one year on contractual basis, according to a government handout released on Tuesday.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) Secretary Abdus Sattar was appointed Secretary, Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation on deputation.

Additional Secretary, Jute was made Director General in the President Secretariat.

Additional Director General of Bangladesh Rural Development Academy S. K. M. Maznunul Haque was appointed Director, BCS (Administration) Academy.

Mosharraf Hossain, Senior Finance Controller, Bangladesh Navy and an officer under BCS (Audit and Accounts) Cadre was appointed Member (Finance), Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha on deputation.

Services of Ataur extended

The services of Prof Ataur Rahman, Minister (Education) at the Bangladesh High Commission in United Kingdom, has been extended for one more year, Education Ministry sources said Tuesday, reports UNB.

The post of Education Counsellor in the High Commission was upgraded in March and Prof Rahman who had been working as counsellor on a three-year contract was allowed to continue his service in the upgraded post.

Prior to his assignment in the Bangladesh High Commission in UK in June 1987, Prof Rahman was a teacher of Political Science of the Dhaka University.

Contradiction

By Staff Correspondent

Baitul Mukarram business group contradicted the news item published in the Daily Star on Tuesday saying that there were no case of non-payment of electricity bill.

In a statement it said that the Power Development Board (PDB) authorities restored the supply after a court order in favour of the businessmen and there was no agreement signed with the Islamic Foundation, it added.

The question of non-payment was a mere propaganda of PDB, it said.

UK, Chinese envoys call on Khaleda

The British High Commissioner, Colin Imray, and the Japanese Ambassador, Toshio Saiki, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia separately at her Sugandha office Tuesday evening, reports BSS.

Begum Zia expressed thanks to the people and the governments of the two countries for sending relief materials and actively taking part in the relief and rehabilitation activities following the devastating cyclone.

She said the democratic government of Britain and Japan had shown great respect to the newly-elected government in Bangladesh by giving all-out help to mitigate the sufferings of the cyclone affected people.

The envoys said that it was their (government) moral duty to support another elected government in the hour of need. They said their countries would always come forward in aid of Bangladesh during its needs. Foreign Minister A. S. M. Mostafizur Rahman were present.

Anniversary of Mahbubul Hoq's death today

The 17th death anniversary of Mahbubul Hoq, a former Editor of the Daily Purbadesh, Managing Editor of the Observer Group of Publications, a Parliamentarian and a veteran labour leader, will be observed at Dhaka, Chittagong and Feni.

A milad mahfil will be held at his family residence at 29/B, Purana Paltan Line, Dhaka today (Wednesday) after Asr prayer.

Fateha Khwani, Khatm-e-Quran and Milad have also been arranged at Farhadnagar, Feni at the village residence of Hoq by the Mahbubul Hoq Smriti Sangshad.

Another Doa mahfil and discussion meeting have been arranged at Chittagong.

Mahbubul Hoq was the President of the then EPREL. He was also a member of the opposition in the Pakistan National Assembly in 1962 and Adviser to the Daily Janapad till his death.

Tampubolon's dress show today

World famous Indonesian dress designer Even Tampubolon will give a presentation of his creation today (Wednesday) at hotel Sonargaon at the hotel ballroom at 4-30 pm at a charity tea and dress show to be organised by the Indonesian Embassy in aid of Bangladesh's cyclone victims, says a Press release.

Funds to be raised on the occasion will be donated to the Relief Fund. Tampubolon arrived in city early this week.

The dress exhibition will be organised by the DIA Productions and tickets will be available at DIA, hotel Sonargaon, the Press release added.

Permanent ads policy being considered

State Minister for Information Mohammad Nurul Huda Tuesday urged the newspapers to project the country's problems through objective write-ups and thereby help the government in taking necessary measures for their solution, reports BSS.

He said the present government had given extensive freedom to the Press and hoped that the Press would play its due role by helping the government in its efforts to solve the country's real problems.

The Statement Minister also said that the government was actively considering to devise a permanent advertisement policy for the whole newspaper industry of the country.

Nurul Huda was speaking as the chief guest at a function organised by the Bureau Chief Council, a body of the Dhaka-based bureau chiefs of district and mufassil newspapers, at a city hotel. Editor of Dainik Uttara of Dinajpur Prof. Mohammad Mohsin and Editor of Dainik Rupashi Bangla of Comilla Prof. Abdul Wahab were the special guests.

The council Chairman A K M Abdul Malek presided over the function.

Workshop on small, medium plastic units

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day workshop on the problems of small and medium plastic industries was inaugurated in city Tuesday.

Organised jointly by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ZDH of Germany, the workshop was inaugurated by DCCI President Mahbubur Rahman.

In his inaugural speech, Mahbubur Rahman highlighted the role of small and medium industries in the country's economy. He said the workshop was being organised at a time when the government was giving maximum importance for the development of these industries. In terms of entrepreneurship and human resource development, subcontracting and employment generation, their importance can hardly be over-emphasised, he pointed out.

The inauguration function of the workshop was presided over by Md Ali Ashraf, Director of DCCI and Convenor, seminar and symposium standing committee. Md Ali Ashraf, in his presidential speech, hoped for the success of the workshop and wished that the participants would be amply benefited by this workshop.

Among others, Members of the Board of Directors of the DCCI, experts from BSCIC and BITAC and participants were present in the inaugural session.

Zia Smriti Shishu award

By Staff Correspondent

The International Pen-Pals Club will award its "Shahed Zia Smriti Shishu Purushkar-91" in honour of the late President Ziaur Rahman.

Club will give 13 awards to juvenile artists for their performance in various branches of fine arts.

The winners of the national TV, Radio and film awards have been requested to contact Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, President of the Club, 17, Hari Charan Roy Road, Faridabad. The club has introduced the award for the children in 1981.

Indonesian Envoy calls on Health Minister

Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Socmano called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at the latter's Secretariat office in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interest and cooperation including development issues of Health and Family Planning sector.

They hoped that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and Indonesia would be strengthened further in the years ahead, said an official source.

'Khomeini gave direction of unity to Muslims'

The State Minister for Religious Affairs Principal MA Mannan Tuesday said Imam Khomeini had worked, ceaselessly to forge a strong unity among the world Muslims till his death and achieved unparalleled success in his mission, reports BSS.

Mannan said it was Imam Khomeini who had given direction of unity to the Muslims after uprooting the Arab-non-Arab and Shi'ite-Sunni wall of division created by the forces of imperialism and Zionism.

The State Minister was speaking as guest at a seminar at the Institution of Engineers in observance of the second death anniversary of Imam Khomeini. Iranian Ambassador Muhammed Ganjidoost was present as chief special guest. Presided over by Dr Sirajul Haque, Professor Emiritus, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Shahta Zaraf, Ambassador of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Alhaj Zamin Ali, General Secretary, Muslim League, Masud Mazumder, Editor Weekly Bikram, Md Ishahaque, Second Secretary, Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka, Abdullah Bin Jalalabadi and the Iranian Cultural Attache Ali Madani.

Alhaj Saad Ahmed, a senior advocate, presented the paper in the seminar.

He said the aim of Imam Khomeini was to encourage the Muslims to be imbued with the spirit of working together for a common cause and to remain on guard against common enemies.

The State Minister said this great leader had once again proved to the world that Islam is not only a religion but a complete code of life by establishing an ideology-based Islamic state during the last days of his life. He said he (Khomeini) had dedicated his whole life to the wellbeing of the people.

Obituary

Mrs Hosne Ara Khaleque, wife of Justice M A Khaleque, former Adviser in charge of Law in the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed's Council of Advisers, died in Dhaka on Tuesday. She was 58, reports BSS.

Mrs Khaleque was suffering from cancer of the pancreas.

She left behind her husband and two daughters. Her sons-in-law are Mahmood Ali, Additional Foreign Secretary, and Salahuddin Ahmed, Nuclear Scientist working in Rice University, Texas, USA.

TV Wednesday

5-00	Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
5-15	Recitation from the Geeta
5-20	News in Bangla
5-30	Mancho Natok : Stage Drama
7-05	Natun Shilpider Ashor : Programme of new artistes
7-25	Dance programme
8-00	News in Bangla
8-30	Probaha : TV reporting on current affairs
9-00	Film : MacGuyver
10-00	News in English
10-30	Programme on different problems
11-30	Khabar/ The News
11-45	Close Down

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13 Encourage
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15 Title of respect
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18 Faith; fidelity
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21 Note of scale
22 Skill
23 Shade
27 Stallone, to friends
29 Small amount
30 Faux pas
31 Agave plant
32 Follows Fri.
33 "Cheers" locale
34 Irving ID
35 Mountain nymph
37 Bewildered state
38 "The Man With the Golden —"
39 Await settlement
40 Carpenter's tool
41 "— Cid"
42 Apothecary's weight
44 Contests
47 Higher education student
51 Anglo-Saxon money
52 Medicinal plant
53 — Maria Horsford of "Amen"
54 Nothing
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57 Billy — Williams

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1 Final
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3 Feeble imitation
4 Johnny or Rosalind
5 Vigoda of TV
6 Expel from country
7 Begin
8 Dealer in homes
9 Morsel
10 Even score
11 Terminate
17 Sun god
19 — and fro
22 River island
24 At home
25 Approach
26 Decorate
27 Halt
28 Units of Italian currency
29 Michael Jackson album
30 Container
32 "Blazing —"
33 Nod
36 — garde
37 Destitution
38 Nut
40 Epic sea tales
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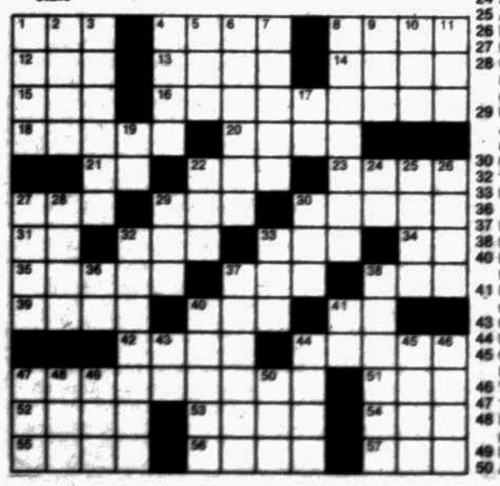

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm today (Wednesday) Meteorological Department reports.

Met office said that day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Rain or thundershower occurred at many places over Khulna and Chittagong divisions on Tuesday. Day temperature rose by one to four degree Celsius over the country. The highest temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore.

The Sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.44 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.11 am.

Outlook for subsequent 2 days: Little change.

Extended outlook for another 5 days: Rainfall activity is likely to increase.

Temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of this country recorded on Tuesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius Maxi	Mini	Humidity in percentage 9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.6	25.9	86	78
Chittagong	32.4	26.6	80	76
Rangpur	31.5	23.5	97	71
Sylhet	33.8	21	71	70
Jessore	34.8	26.3	x	x
Khulna	34	27	81	93
Rajshahi	33.5	24	95	77

Vacancy

Private international development organization invites applications from Bangladeshi Nationals for the position of Programme Officer. Minimum requirements include a Masters Degree or higher, professional work experience in the field of international development, fluency in written and spoken English, and word processing skills. A writing sample of at least three pages must accompany applications or application will not be considered.

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