

Dhaka Day by Day

Luncheon with a Difference

by Rahat Fahmida

A sense of helping with a difference! Though women have extended their hands in relief work during the recent disasters, their ways have differed. One such event was the international lunch organised in Hotel Sonargaon...

their predecessors or members of WVA. They eventually get impressed by the voluntary services of the members. WVA has a number of projects for the welfare of the underprivileged children...

This was an annual event of WVA and it was organised this year in somewhat the same manner. But the only difference was that the funds raised would be donated to the low-income group amongst the disaster affected people...

As a diplomat's wife said, "I feel emotionally moved seeing WVA's projects, and I feel proud to be in a party where I can help either the poor or the disaster-affected ones, even if it is in a very small way."

The participants in this luncheon were not just confined to the members of the organisation. It was both surprising and heartening to see that wives of diplomats of more than fifteen different missions participated.

This international lunch and the international meena bazar of WVA are organised annually to raise funds for the running projects only. In this lunch it was not just the guests who bought entrance tickets, but quite surprisingly, the members and foreign volunteers themselves did the same...



Delicacies at the Swiss stall

A certain amount of nonsense is talked about the richness of food to be found in these specialities. It is true that the standard is much higher than that in any good hotel. In such ladies' lunches, it is seen that they are exceedingly addicted to the pleasures on the table...

tion's main purpose is to promote community service. It started on the 19th October, 1954 at Dhaka. Within a few years it was accepted as one of the very few social welfare organisations with an impeccable reputation of disciplined and dedicated hard work.

Plea for political rights of professionals

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rab) on Sunday held rallies and processions to press home its 9-point demands including establishing the political rights of the professionals and release of party leader A S M Abdur Rab, reports BSS.

The other demands include a halt to conspiracy against upazila system, introduction of joint management in mills and factories, establishing 500-seat parliament and announcement and materialisation of the Pay Commission report.

In observance of the day in the city, a rally was held in front of the Allahwala building under the auspices of the Dhaka Mohanagar Unit of the party.

Ph.D conferred on 9 DU teachers

Academic Council of Dhaka University recently conferred Ph.D degree on nine persons for their research work on various subjects. The recipients of the degree are: Ahsanul Haq, English Department, Selina Khaleq, Bengali Department, Selina Begum, Sociology Department, Tofael Ahmed Chowdhury, and Mohammad Sahjan, Chemistry Department, Shafrur Rahman, Soil Science Department, Abdus Samad, Botany Department, Wahedul Islam, Zoology Department and Ajit Kumar Poddar, Micro-biology Department.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' section.

A large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.



PROGRAMME

Biddyt Sramik rally

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Biddyt Sramik Union will hold a rally at WAPDA building premises today (Monday) to press home their demands, says a press release.

Certificate awarding ceremony

The certificate awarding ceremony of the first and second batch students of Modern Language Institute qualifying the English remedial course of 1989-90 will be held on June 15 at the auditorium of the Institute.

Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University will attend the meeting to distribute certificates.

Homeo Chhatra Parishad

A post-cyclone review meeting of Homeo Chhatra Oikya Parishad will be held on June 14 at 10 am at the central office of the organisation.

All members of the central committee and districts representatives have been requested to attend the meeting.

Inner-Wheel

An inter-city meeting of the Inner-Wheel District-328 will be held today (Monday) at 4 pm at Dhanmondi, Road No 27, House No 405/A, WVA office auditorium.

EUCSU polls July 18

Elections of Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) and its nine hall unions will be held on July 18, reports BSS.

This was decided at a meeting held on Sunday between Prof M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor of BUET and the leaders of EUCSU.

FAOB symposium tomorrow

The eighth International Symposium of the Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists (FAOB) will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) in the ballroom of Dhaka Sheraton, says a press release.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia will inaugurate the symposium at 9 am as the chief guest while Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University will be present as the special guest.

A large number of scientists from FAOB region are participating in the symposium. About 80 papers will be presented on various aspects of Biochemistry, with special reference to health and disease, malnutrition, agriculture and biotechnology.

Children's club at Sonargaon hotel

Sonargaon Hotel has introduced a new facility for the children called the Children's Club Special from May 3, says a press release.

It takes place every Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm in the hotel's Khayyam Lounge.

Monday

- 5-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran
5-15 Recitation from the Gesta
5-20 News in Bangla
5-30 Cartoon film: The Yearling
5-55 Sports programme
6-30 Shikhangon
7-05 TV Debate
8-00 News in Bangla
8-30 Prabaha
9-00 Shurer Bhubone
10-00 News in English
10-30 Film: Man from the UN, CL, E
11-30 Khabar/News
11-45 Close Down

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or shower with a few moderately heavy fall accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at many places over Rajshahi division.

The highest temperature recorded on Sunday at Jessore was 35.8 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Sylhet was 23.2 degree Celsius. The day temperature till Tuesday morning may remain nearly unchanged. Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6.46 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.11 pm.

Temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of the country on Sunday were:

Table with columns: Cities/Towns, Max, Min, 9am, 6pm. Lists temperatures for Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Jessore, Tangail, Barisal, Comilla, Rangamati, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Satkhira, Sylhet.



The 13th travelling exhibition of photographs from Asia and Pacific countries began on Saturday at Shilpakala Academy in the city.

Call to withdraw restrictions on Teachers' Welfare Fund

Leaders of Bangladesh Federation of Teachers Associations (BFTA) on Sunday said they had undertaken a "Distressed Teachers' Rehabilitation Project" to rehabilitate the cyclone and tornado affected teachers and give financial assistance to the damaged educational institutions, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at a restaurant in Dhaka the Secretary General of the Federation, A K M Shahidullah and Acting Chairman Sheikh Amanullah said they had requested the presidents and secretaries of all district committees including Dhaka city to collect Taka 10 from each teacher as subscription for implementation of the project and sent it to the Central Relief Fund of the federation.

They said the federation also

decided to donate one day's salary of the teachers to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund which would come around Taka 1,40,00,000 (one crore 40 lakh).

When asked about the number of teachers affected by the cyclone and tornadoes they said the federation had not yet received any statistics about it. They, however, said that three teachers were killed by the cyclone in Cox's Bazar.

They called upon the government to withdraw the order restricting the activities of the non-government Teachers and Employees Welfare Trust.

The activities of the trust had been suspended by an order of the interim government on February 29, 1991, the federation leaders said.

The federation leaders said they could not collect six

months subscriptions of the teachers to the trust fund due to suspension of its activities. They called upon the government to deduct this subscription from the salary of the month of May and deposit it to the bank.

They also called upon the government to direct 50 per cent of the interest (about 10 lakh) earned from the fixed deposit of the trust as financial assistance to the distressed teachers. The amount kept in fixed deposit is Taka three crore twelve lakh, they said.

They suggested waiving student fees of the affected areas upto December this year and the affected educational institutions be given additional subsidy.

The federation also suggested giving interest free long term loan of Taka 50,000 to each affected teacher.

7 arrested for possessing drugs

A special squad of the Drugs Control Directorate has arrested seven persons from different parts of the city Saturday on charge of possessing drugs, according to a Press release issued in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

Thirty grams of heroin, 700 grams of charash and 7 kilograms of ganja were recovered and seized from their possession. The arrested persons have been produced before the court.

Show cause on Dainik Desh Editor

The Chairman of the First Labour Court, Dhaka Sunday issued notice upon the Director-Editor of the Dainik Desh to show cause within seven days why an ad-interim order not to continue the closure-cum lockout declared by him (Director-Editor), at his establishment would not be issued, reports BSS.

The notice was issued in response to a petition filed by Mr Abul Kalam Manik, Sub-Editor, the Dainik Desh, under Section 151 CPC against the Director-Editor of the said newspaper.

Bitarka Mancha seminar begins today

Jatiya Bitarka Mancha (Forum of National Debate) will hold a two-day seminar on "the institutional frame-work of democracy in the light of mass upsurge-90" beginning today at the Teacher-Student Centre auditorium of Dhaka University, a Mancha press release said, reports BSS.

On the opening day, today, a discussion will be held on "the system of constitutional process and accountable government".

Ctg Varsity teachers demand VC's removal

By DU Correspondent

Chittagong University Teachers Association (CUTA) in a statement on Sunday demanded removal of Vice-Chancellor Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin from his post to protect the university from the existing crisis.

The statement signed by Yusuf Sharif Ahmed Khan and Dr Abul Kalam Azad President and General Secretary respectively of the Association also demanded of the government to take immediate measures according to the report of the probe body.

They accused Prof Sirajuddin of patronising all terrorist activities on the Chittagong University campus and alleged that he was now trying to give a political shape to the prevailing crisis.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and Awami League Presidium member Abdus Samad Azad on Sunday called for a national consensus to resolve the major national issues and lead the nation towards progress and prosperity, reports BSS.

He was giving presidential speech on the tow-day discussion on the report of the economic task force which began at the MP Club in Dhaka on Sunday morning. The task force, headed by Prof. Rehman Sobhan, former Planning Adviser to the Acting President, had submitted the report to the Acting President containing 29 reports on various fields of national economy including commerce, population, education, agriculture, industry, power, and communication etc.

The meeting arranged for

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Rallies around JS Bhaban banned

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police have prohibited all processions and demonstrations in and around the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban from midnight Monday in connection with the second session of Jatiya Sangsad beginning June 11, reports BSS.

A press release of the DMP said the areas where the prohibition will be in force comprise from Sayamali Cinema Hall to the corner of Road No 27, Dhanmondi in the west, from the old Airport to Hotel Sonargaon crossing in the east, Manik Mian Avenue and Indira Road in the south and the Agargaon road near Planning Commission in the north.

The Sangsad Bhaban area and all roads and by-lanes within this area will come under the restriction and carrying of explosives and other objectionable materials have also been banned, the press release said adding that this order would remain in force until further order.