

Dhaka Day by Day

Goodbye, Mr Chindawongse

by Rahat Fahmida

Today we bid farewell to our good friend, the Thai ambassador to Bangladesh Mr. Chaiya Chindawongse, and Madame Chindawongse. It was touchy indeed to have been warmly received by both of them in their cosy, though lavish, residence in Gulshan, only a couple of days before their departure.

A career diplomat for over thirty years, Mr. Chindawongse, was minus any conceit. He has been here for a little more than three and a half years. Before this he served in three Asian countries — Indonesia, Iran and Laos, and four European countries — France, Soviet Union, Austria and Switzerland. While his tenure in Bangladesh ambassador Chindawongse was also accredited to Bhutan.

Much has been said and written about the progressive economic and trade relationship between Thailand and Bangladesh. But there is vast area of common cultural interests which remains to be explored. In this interview with The Daily Star, Ambassador Chindawongse said, "The relationship between Thailand and Bangladesh dates back 100 years, as stated by a Bangladeshi Professor Latifa Akanda. In 1962 His Majesty the King and Queen of Thailand paid a visit to Bangladesh. At present the relationship between Thailand and Bangladesh is very warm and excellent. We do not have any difference regarding international forums."

Thailand being a Buddhist country the ambassador has shown a great interest in the Buddhist monuments in Bangladesh. When asked, which place did he find to be the most interesting, he encouragingly said, "I have been to Paharpur, where they have one of the oldest Buddhist temples which is thousands of years old. I feel that Paharpur can attract a large number of tourists provided it is well-preserved. New temples are also being constructed in which we are interested, too. For instance recently His Majesty the King of Thailand made contribution for the construction of the preaching hall of the 'Dharmagiriya' or Kamalapur temple."

Mr. Chindawongse felt that especially in the northern part of Bangladesh and also in Chittagong, where there are more than 200 thou-

sand Buddhists, the local culture is very much similar to that of Thailand.

With a very general approach towards the total culture of Bangladesh, putting aside any religious ties, the ambassador said, "Music and dance in Bangladesh is very similar to that of Thailand, especially the expression of the artists. We have a lot of common cultural interests. That people understand and appreciate selection of the works of poet Rabindranath Tagore which has been translated in Thai language."

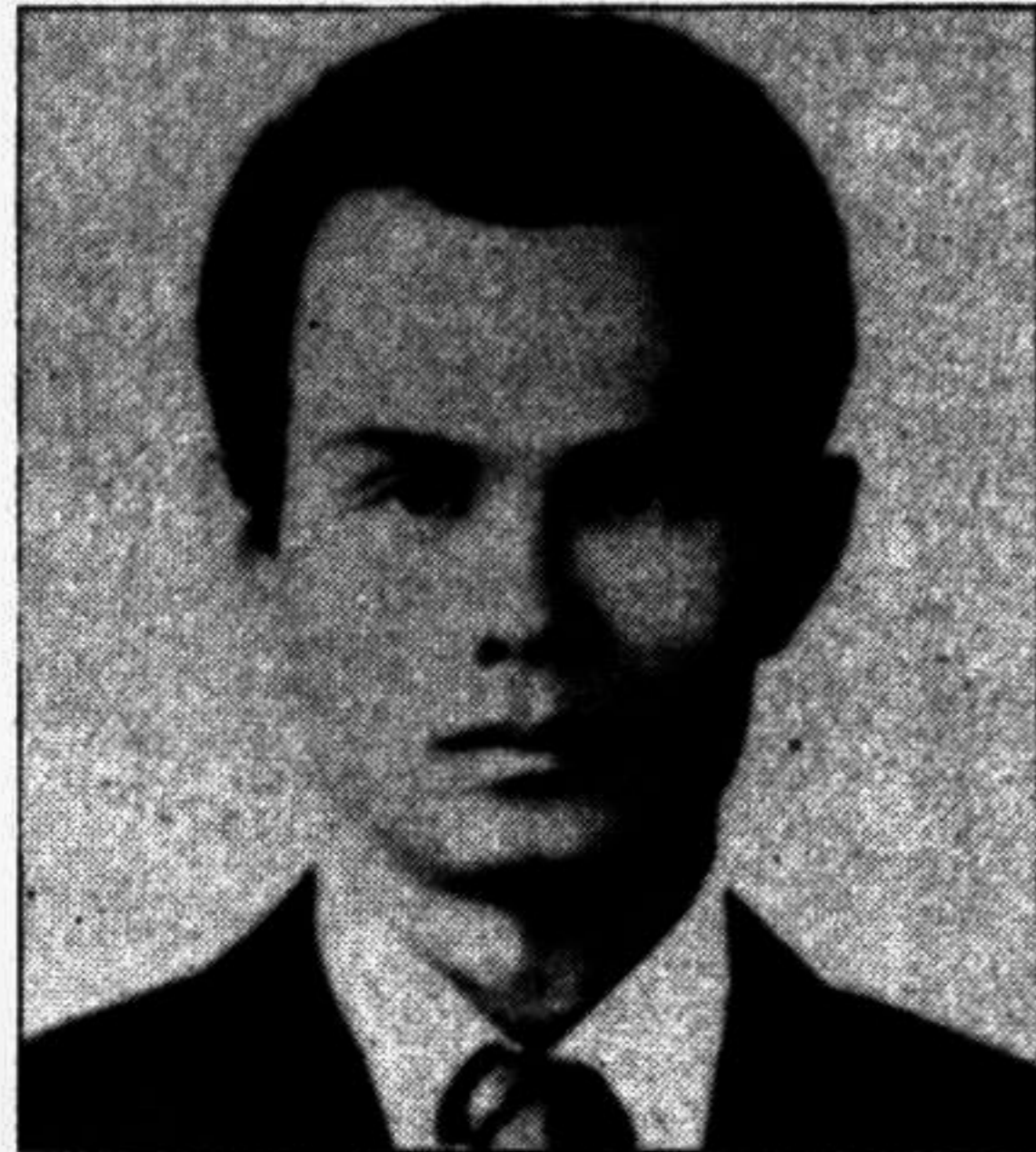
"I hope in future we may have more cultural exchange programmes, which I quite disappointedly witnessed, were possible only once during my tenure here. With so much in common I think the people of Thailand and Bangladesh can get along very easily. I must say that I got along very well here with everybody," he said, smiling.

Ambassador Chindawongse is a man who has, quite simply, taken a great initiative for the cultural exchange between the two countries. He raised this matter almost single-handedly. This form of his expression and concern should be responded positively to the cultural spirit he set in train.

The outgoing Thai ambassador was filled with intense feelings for the people of Bangladesh. As he said, while concluding, "I wish the relationship between Thailand and Bangladesh to grow closer and stronger."

"During my three and a half years I have seen that the people here have the fighting spirit. They have fought the liberation war, and I have witnessed them fight many natural calamities, and of course, the recent political one, too. I wish the people of Bangladesh every success for the better standard of living. Under the guidance and leadership of the present government I hope the country will achieve it. I am sure that the people of Bangladesh will progress for the happiness of everyone."

We wish Ambassador and Madame Chindawongse all the best as they are now on their way for their next term in Stockholm, Sweden, and also for years to come.



Mr. Chaiya Chindawongse

Bangladesh achieves highest coverage in rural water supply

Bangladesh leads the nations in South Asia region by its success in achieving a high coverage of rural water supply and if a corresponding coverage of rural sanitation could be achieved the national targets in public health standards would be reached soon, reports BSS.

This was stated by the visiting Regional Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Karl-Eric Knutsson during his meeting with LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at the Secretariat on Thursday.

The UN Executive discussed with the Minister matters relating to UNICEF programmes in Bangladesh with

particular emphasis on those concerning rural sanitation and public health.

It was agreed in the meeting that Bangladesh needed to achieve a national sanitation coverage of 35 per cent within 1995 for putting an effective check on the outbreak of diseases.

In this connection, the need for motivational campaigns for promoting 'latrine consciousness' and ensuring private sector participation in the production and distribution of hygienic latrines was underscored.

It was also pointed out that Bangladesh needed to involve such organised agencies as Ansars and VDP and also the teachers of primary and sec-

CPB demands scrapping of Vested Property Act

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Communist Party has demanded scrapping of the Vested Property Act and the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the CPB Executive Committee urged all democratic forces to unite to resist the communal forces and forge still better communal back the harmony in the country.

It also expressed concern over the revival of communal forces in India and their stand on the 'babri' mosque issue. The statement called for cooperation among all non-communal and democratic forces in the sub-continent for ensuring communal harmony.

It also urged the Indian government to act prudently to contain the Hindu revivalist forces in the interest of maintaining communal harmony there.

Body of Nowroz Jahan arrives today

The body of Mrs Nowroz Jahan, former Sports Secretary of Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University, arrives in Dhaka Sunday afternoon from Los Angeles, USA by Thai Airways, family sources said here on Friday, reports BSS.

Second daughter of late Advocate Abdul Monayem of Shariatpur, Nowroz, died of brain tumour at Queen's Angeles Hospital in Los Angeles on June 29. She was 31.

TV Saturday

- 5-00 Opening, recitation from Al Quran
- 5-15 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Sports world
- 5-55 Cartoon Film: Gligans Planet
- 6-30 Special programme on Dr Md Shahidullah
- 7-05 Bazaar: Folk songs
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 The Cosby Show
- 9-00 Anirban
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Drama Series: Dalas
- 11-00 Khabar/The news
- 11-40 Closing

Sena Kalyan Sangtha stipends

Sena Kalyan Sangtha has invited applications from the wives and children of shaheeds and ex-servicemen for H S C and diploma level stipends for the session 1991-92 for the students studying in higher secondary classes, polytechnic, PTI, nursing, compoundership, homeopath, shorthand/typewriting, marine diploma and other courses, an ISPR press release said in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

Prescribed application forms will be available from all District Armed Services Board and Sena Kalyan Sangtha's head office here on production of pension or discharge certificates.

The last date of submission of applications at district Armed Services Boards is October 20, and the last date of submission of applications at the head office of Sena Kalyan Sangtha is October 31, the press release said.

If promotion report or marksheets in respect of stipend holder in first year of H S C and different year of diploma and other courses duly countersigned by the heads of the institutions are submitted by October 31, the stipends will be renewed for the next year.

Garments Workers' Regional Office opens

By Staff Correspondent

A regional office of Garments Workers' Employees Union at Mirpur was inaugurated on Thursday by Chief Patroniser AL-Haj AKM Moazzem Hossain, a press release said.

Central leader Badruddoza Nizam, Tohidur Rahman, Mir Mominul Haq, Eakub Ali Matbar and Mir Shaheed Ullah were present.



Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas speaking at a workshop on Value Added Tax (VAT) system organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited at Hotel Sonargaon in the city on Friday.

\$20m scheme to rebuild cyclone-hit dwellings

The government has drawn up a US dollar 20 million short-term programme for rehabilitation and reconstruction of cyclone-damaged rural dwellings, reports UNB.

UNDP and UNCHS are providing US dollar 1.5 million

from an on-going project to meet some immediate needs for the programme.

Official sources said the programme aims at incor-

porating cyclone-resistant design features in housing reconstruction, assist in reconstituting villages and house-level income generating activities.

The project amount will be a mix of grants and soft loans to be provided to householders for self-help reconstruction.

A longer-term housing rehabilitation programme is also being planned.

The government estimates that 840,000 rural homes in 16 districts were completely destroyed and at least another 910,000 damaged to some extent affecting 12 million people directly.

A joint task force of the government-UNDP-World Bank has put the financial requirements for the repair and rebuilding works at US dollar 623 million.

Obaid criticises VAT system

By Staff Correspondent

Chairman of Bangladesh Janata Dal K M Obaidur Rahman on Thursday criticised the Value Added Tax (VAT) system saying it has been imposed to create a confusion among the traders.

He was addressing a workers' rally of the party at its central office in the city, a press release said. He said Janata Dal should be strengthened for the greater interest of the nation.

One stabbed to death

By DMCH and SSMCH Correspondent

One Lal Mia was stabbed to death at Dhamrai on Thursday morning.

The body was taken to DMCH for post-mortem examination.

Body recovered

Meanwhile, police recovered the body of Siddiqur Rahman (18) from the bank of river Buriganga on Friday.

He was missing since Wednesday when some of his associates called on him and took him away.

What's on today . . .

Workshop on capital market

A five-day workshop on capital markets begins today (Saturday) at the Training Centre of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

Jointly sponsored by the Bangladesh government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the workshop will be inaugurated by the State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman.

Professionals from the Finance Ministry, various development and financial institutions, trade bodies and private sector institutions will participate in the workshop. An Indian consultant team will conduct the programme.

Nizami's painting show

A painting and ceramics exhibition titled "Sun and Wheel: fifth solo exhibition" of Shamsul Islam Nizami will be opened today (Saturday).

State Minister for Information Nurul Huda will inaugurate the exhibition at 5.30 pm at La Galerie, 54, Kamal Ataturk Avenue of Banani in the city. The exhibition will remain open for the members of public everyday from 9 am to 8 pm.

Nizami is currently serving as Chairman of the Department of Sculpture at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University.

Discussion on Dr Shahidullah

Bangladesh Academy will hold a discussion meeting today (Saturday) at 3.30 pm at its conference room in observance of the death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Shahidullah.

Litterateur Mohammad Nasiruddin will preside over the function while Dhaka University teacher Dr Antuzzaman will present the keynote paper.

Prof Rafiqul Islam Miah and Moniruzzaman of DU will also participate in the discussion.

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UZ chairmen conference

The Dhaka divisional conference of the upazila chairmen will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 am in front of the National Press Club.

All the UZ chairmen of the division have been requested to attend the conference, convened as part of their on-going movement against the reported government move to abolish the posts of UZ chairmen.

Seminar on country boat

A one-day seminar on 'mechanisation techniques of country boat in Bangladesh and socio-economic affairs' will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 pm at the Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh (IEB).

Mechanical Department of the IEB and the National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NOAMI) will jointly sponsor the seminar.

Dr Colin Palmer and Dr Raider Vam will jointly present a key note paper in the seminar on the topic.

Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Prof Mohammad Shahjahan will attend the seminar as the chief guest while IEB Mechanical Department Chairman Syed Quamrul Alam will chair.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid till 6 pm of Saturday says rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places of Chittagong Division and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions. Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change.

Outlook for another five days: Rainfall activity likely to increase.

The temperature and humidity of some cities on Friday were:

City	temperature in Celsius		humidity	
	max	min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33.1	27	73	67
Chittagong	33.4	26	72	71
Khulna	33.3	26.7	75	78
Rajshahi	33.2	26.1	X	X
Srimongol	33.2	25.4	76	68
Cox's Bazar	31.6	25.5	78	81
Kutubdia	31.2	26.2	75	83
Comilla	32	25.5	89	82

Prof Azraf gets Ahsanullah Gold Medal

Noted educationist and Islamic thinker Prof Dewan Mohammad Azraf has been awarded "Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Gold Medal '90" for his significant contribution in the field of Philosophy, reports UNB.

Ahsania Mission, a humanitarian organisation, gave away the medal in a simple function here Friday.

The award was introduced by the Mission in 1986.

Presided over by the Chairman of Bangladesh Sikkad Sangtha Dr Ashraf Siddique, the ceremony was also attended by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof Shamsul Haque and Chairman of the Mission Mohammad Salimullah.

Dhaka University Teacher Prof Aminul Islam read a paper on "the social and religious thoughts of Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah."

300 leaders, workers of Adamjee Jute Mills join BNP

Over 300 leaders and workers of different labour unions of Adamjee Jute Mills joined Bangladesh Jatyatabadi Sramik Dal Friday at a simple ceremony at the BNP central office here, reports BSS.

Presided over by Abdul Khair Khaja, the function was attended by State Minister for Labour and Manpower Rafiqul Islam Mia as chief guest and addressed, among others, by Mr Ashraf Hossain, Whip of Jatiya Sangsad, A T M Alamgir, MP, and Advocate Tayebur Rahman, Mayor of Khulna.

Election Commission Secretariat Dhaka. Tender Notice

Tenders in sealed cover for supply of the undermentioned items are invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers whose office/factories are located within the Dhaka City Corporation on the terms and conditions as laid down in the prescribed schedule (not transferable) to be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred and fifty) only (not refundable).

2. The tenderers shall drop their tenders by 12-10 p.m. of 20th July, 1991/4th Sraban, 1398 (Saturday) in the tender box to be placed in the office of the undersigned.
3. A tenderer may submit tender for all the items or he may submit tender for one or more items.
4. The tenders received upto 12-10 p.m. of July 20, 1991 will be opened on the same day by the Tender Committee at 2-30 p.m. in the presence of the tenderers, if any. No tender shall be accepted unless it is accompanied by a Bank Draft or Pay Order in favour of the Election Commission Secretariat of the value equal to 2-2% of the total value of the item or items for which the rate will be quoted.
5. The successful tenderers shall have to furnish security in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value equal to 5% of the total value of the item or items for which order shall be placed.

Sl.No.	Name of item	Quantity
1.	2.	3.
1.	Self-inking stamp pad, 3" x 4-3/4" size with container of 30 gauge plain tin sheet (without painting or printing). Pad shall be composed of two pieces of blankets (except jute and cotton); one piece of glass/plastic sheet of 1/8" (approximately) thickness as per standard specification with sufficient ink (having the property of quick drying up) for taking at least 1500 impressions during a period of one year commencing from the date of supply.	1,25,000 Nos.
2.	Circular rubber stamp of 2" dia (including border) inscribed with the words "Nirbachan Commission, Bangladesh" in Bengali. The stamp shall be mounted on a wooden face (seasoned) of 1/2" thickness. The stamp shall be fixed on a black handle of 1-1/2" (length). Each rubber stamp shall bear a separate security mark (to be indicated later on by the Secretariat of the Commission) and the same shall have to be pasted with solution of best quality so that it is not detached during handling.	1,25,000 Nos.
3.	Square rubber stamp having sixteen equal squares on it mounted on a piece of seasoned wood of 1/2" thickness. The size of the rubber stamp shall be 1-1/2" x 1-1/2". The length of handle shall be 1-1/2".	1,75,000 Nos.
4.	Brass seal of 1" dia inscribed with the words "Nirbachan Commission, Bangladesh" in Bengali. The thickness of the brass shall be 1/8". It shall be fixed on a handle of seasoned wood of 1-1/2" (length). Each seal shall bear a number to be indicated by the Secretariat of the Commission.	15,000 Nos.
5.	Red sealing wax of superior quality as per standard specification with 60% shalac.	12,500 lbs.
6.	Polythene phial having storage capacity of 25 c.c. ink with screw (at least of three twists) cap having leak proof rubber washer for use as container of indelible ink with 3" long applicator for each phial. There shall be a circular line around the upper part of the phial indicating the accommodation of 20 c.c. ink. The screw cap shall be smooth.	90,000 Nos.
7.	Wooden box made of seasoned mango-wood of 1/2" thickness with 4 corrugated paper boards in each box (approximate size of accommodation inside the box is 18-1/2" length, 9-1/2" height and 9-1/2" breadth).	450 Nos.
8.	Wooden boxes made of mango-wood of 1/2" thickness (approximate size of accommodation inside the box is 18-1/2" length, 9-1/2" height and 9-1/2" breadth).	800 Nos.

It may be noted that the Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason. It also reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity indicated against each item.

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- 6 Moved with measured steps
- 11 Woolly
- 12 Worship
- 14 Printer's measure
- 15 Bodies of water
- 17 Food program
- 18 Consumed
- 20 Pertaining to Norway
- 22 Health resort
- 23 Cronies: colloq.
- 25 Musical instruments
- 27 Tactonic
- 28 Facial expression
- 30 Authors

32 Story

- 34 Southern European
- 35 Make ready
- 36 Babylonian hero
- 41 Note of scale
- 42 Leather belt
- 44 Paradise
- 45 TV's McMahon and talking horse
- 47 Artist's stand
- 49 N.Y. time
- 50 Native of Scotland
- 52 Choir voice
- 54 Tellurium symbol
- 55 Hunting expedition
- 57 Talks foolishly: slang
- 59 Fruit
- 60 Gmets of grasslike plants

4 Kind of collar

- 5 Spanish title
- 6 Most quarterbacks
- 7 Paid notice
- 8 Food fish
- 9 Goddess of discord
- 10 More profound
- 11 Jumps
- 13 Asterisks
- 16 Attracted
- 19 Choice part
- 21 Roman official
- 24 Strikes
- 26 Declare
- 29 Make happy
- 31 Avoid, slude
- 33 Economic Newspapers, collectively
- 35 Land measure
- 36 Baggage carrier
- 37 Comfort
- 39 Cuddle up
- 40 Poker stakes
- 43 Awaits settlement
- 46 Couch
- 48 Learning
- 51 Burnburn
- 53 Land measure
- 56 Japanese measure
- 58 King of Bashan

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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