

# Dhaka Day by Day

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

by Fayza Haq

When half your salary goes on the house rent and a hilsa fish for Tk 100 does not last the family for two meals, it is annoying and frustrating indeed when fruits and flowers are stolen from the garden.

Recently a friend of mine guarded her 'lichis' with nets and kept surveillance over the treasured items for weeks as the fruits ripened. Lo behold! What happens? One morning when she gets up she finds that the rascals in the neighbourhood had eaten all the 'lichis' and left the seeds and skins on a great heap in front of the gate. She suspected that some old servant, who had a grudge against her for dismissing him, had engineered the night raid.

Another time our telephone rang at about midnight. Who was the caller? It was the 'chowkidar' at our Purana Palton house — which is rented out — informing us with great nervousness, that all the coconuts of the house

had been pinched by someone. He whined and carried on saying that he had no idea as to who had done the mischief.

Houses all over the city have jackfruit and guavas growing near the boundary wall. This is particularly so in areas like Dhanmandi and Eskaton. Before the fruits have even ripened the urchins, neighbouring servants and the hungry vagrants deprive the trees of the tropical fruits before the owners get a chance to sniff at the ripened product.

When you have people renting part of your house it is once again difficult to tell them to lay their hands off the flora and fruits. I know of an old lady who rents out her apartments and spends half her time guarding her roses even though she is in her eighties, and there are rumours afloat that she suffers from cancer. When the hibiscus or the 'mehendi' is pinched by the neighbouring child or servant, or even the adult tenants, she is not amused. Why should she be? After all it cost her some money to buy the plants in the first instance, and she has to keep a servant just to tend the garden, like so many other middle class people in the city, with a garden to talk about.

What is the dog doing — where is the chowkidar, one wonders. Rover the pet is well-fed but too lazy or sleepy to bark at the real thieves. Perhaps his energy is gone in yapping at the 'tokals' and the passing rickshaw man who comes to have a sip of water. As for the 'chowkidar' he will read his Quran Sharif and snore off when the thieves attack the house. The night is for sleeping. Who can blame him entirely? He is not in any way a guardian angel of the house. It is his job to guard and watch but the flesh is weak, and sleep overcomes the bored hired hand. This is the time the hooligans wait to pounce upon the vicinity, and deprive the trees of all their beautiful and delicious fruits.

People have their nine to five jobs. Even wives go out to work. Who then will shout and shoo off the marauders by day and night?

The fate that befalls the mangoes and 'lichis' applies to the papayas and bananas too. Similarly you can barely keep your 'champas' and jasmynes safe as the 'tokals' come early in the morning to plunder the garden, to make garlands to sell in the streets. While you feel sorry for the urchins and mischief mongers because of their dire poverty, you are naturally annoyed that the things that belong to you are now the possessions of the Oliver Twists and Fagins of the city.

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## Firoza recreates husband's inimitable musical tunes

A packed gathering Thursday evening at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium was swept off their feet by eminent Nazrul Song exponent Firoza Begum's rendering of popular songs dedicated to the memory of Kamal Das Gupta, a legendary figure in the realm of Bengali music in the forties and fifties, reports BSS.

Firoza's solo musical presentation of 16 songs enthralled the audience for nearly two hours and brought into focus the subtle rich nuances in the tunes created by her mentor and husband Kamal Das Gupta.

Held under the auspices of 'Krant' a cultural organisation, the function began with a chorus by the young artists of the organisation. In a brief inaugural speech,

Mahbubul Alam Chowdhury, President of the 'Krant' said the late Kamal Das Gupta had introduced distinct trend in popular songs with his inimitable tunes in the forties and fifties. He said the late musician was a towering figure in his field and innovated a new trend at time when musical scene was dominated by Rabindranath, Nazrul, Atul Prasad, Rajani Kanta and Dwijendra Lal. A close friend of Nazrul, had tuned about 1000 Nazrul songs. Kamal Lohani, founder of the Kranti and now Director General of the Shilpakala Academy, briefly narrated the role of the organisation during liberation movement and the 1990 mass upsurge for democracy.

Firoza Begum presented the still-popular 'hit' songs of the forties and fifties with a rare perception of musical subtlety in each of her rendering. They were songs with lyricism in lilting tunes of Kamal Das Gupta expressing love and its heightened sensibilities, hopes and longings, pangs of sorrows and separation, joy in nature and life's many inscrutable ways. Among the songs were also a few Geets, Gazals and Bhajans presented with devout feelings.

Between the songs, Firoza Begum said, she started learning lessons in music from late Kamal Das Gupta at her age of nine and the

### TV Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement. Al Quran Programme summary.
- 5-15 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Sports world
- 5.55 Cartoon film: Giltigan's Planet
- 7.05 Banashri: Folk songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Chena Sur: Songs programme
- 9.00 Singet Probaho
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The news
- 11.40 Closing.

## DIVIDEND WARRANT

Our valued shareholders are requested to kindly collect their dividend warrants as declared in our 5th A.G.M. held on 28.07.91 from Share Department, Head Office of the Company during office hours.

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## Film artistes recall Zia's patronisation

The representatives of Bangladesh Chalchitra Shilpi Samity on Friday met Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office, reports BSS.

Led by the Samity President Ahmed Sharif, they included Secretary General Ilias Kanchan, International Affairs Secretary Rajiv and members Khalilullah Khan and Mahmud Koli.

The representatives recalled the patronisation given by shaheed President Ziaur Rahman's government for the development of the film industry. They assured all-out cooperation of the film world to the present democratic government in its efforts for development.

Begum Zia called upon all to contribute their mite in their respective fields for building the nation.

The delegation also handed over a cheque of donation for the calamity-stricken people of the country which was collected in a charity football match of football players and film stars last month.

Bangladesh Football Players Welfare Association President Mohammad Abu Yusuf and General Secretary Badal Roy was also present on the occasion.

## Former CPB leader joins Jamaat

By Staff Correspondent

A former leader of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has joined Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh.

A Jamaat press release Friday said Muhammad Nurul Islam severed his relation with CPB in 1989 while he was a member of CPB Geor Upazila Unit and President of Singjory Union Committee under Manikgonj District.

Islam, who started his political career as a Chhatra Union worker in 1975, joined Jamaat on 1st Muharram with a view to establishing Islamic rule in Bangladesh, the press release added.

## RU employees donate one day's salary to PM's Fund

The Class Four employees of Rajshahi University have donated their one day's salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports BSS.

Rajshahi University Class Four Employees Union and Transport Employees Welfare Union leaders handed over the donation to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office on Friday. Union President Mohammad Zainal Abedin and General Secretary Muhammad Hazrat Ali and Transport Union Vice President Muhammad Shamsher Ali were present on the occasion.

Begum Zia thanked them for their assistance and concern for the suffering people of the country.

## Obituary

Nazrul Islam, Deputy Chief of Economic Relations Division, died here Friday at Suhrawardy Hospital. He was 50, reports BSS.

## Weather

### Heavy rains likely

By Staff Correspondent

Different parts of the country experienced downpour with 137 mm at Kutubdia, the highest during the last 12 hours till 6 pm on Friday.

The rainfall in Dhaka city was recorded 50 mm, reports Meteorological Department.

Teknaf experienced the 2nd highest downpour of 95 mm. Chittagong had 87 mm, Sandwip 45, Feni 37, Comilla 30, Khepura 20, Cox's Bazar and Faridpur 15, Bhola, Sylhet and Bogra 14, Hatiya 11, Iswardi and Rajshahi 10 mm rains during the same period.

Met office also forecasts heavy fall likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong and Dhaka divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm on Friday.

Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with a few moderately heavy falls may occur at most places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Khulna division during the same period, it suggests.

The day temperature till Sunday may fall by one to three degree Celsius over the country. On Friday the highest temperature recorded at Jessore was 34.6 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature was 23.3 degree at Sylhet.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall activities likely continue.

Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.29 am.

The temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of the country on Friday were:

Cities/Towns	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30	25.7	89	87
Chittagong	27.4	25	95	93
Khulna	34	26.5	91	92
Rajshahi	28	NA	NA	97
Teknaf	29.5	27.5	91	92
Cox's Bazar	31	23.3	86	97
Sylhet	31.6	24.9	87	95
Faridpur	31.2	25.7	96	96
Bogra	31.5	25.5	88	89
Srimangal	34.6	28.8	NA	86
Jessore				

## SAARC media body formed to promote cooperation

Media professionals and academics from the SAARC region have established the South Asia Media Association (SAMA), an organisation to promote regional understanding and cooperation through the media, reports BSS.

The organisation will promote programmes that will raise the standard of mass media and strengthen co-operation between media sectors of South Asia, a press release said in Dhaka Friday.

Delegates from the region

decided unanimously to launch SAMA at the end of a three-day regional seminar recently in Colombo on the role of the media in a national crisis sponsored by the Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre (AMIC) and the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association.

Members of the SAMA unanimously agreed to seek regional assistance to initiate programmes to exchange newspapers, periodicals, video and audio magazines, facilitate

the exchange of news by adopting a concessionary flat rate, exchange of media personnel, ease restrictions on travel for media professionals in the region and develop media training networks, the press release said.

They also agreed that there was a need to legalise the right of the media to have access to information. It was also emphasised that the media must use such information in the public interest and without discrimination against any

section of society. Colombo has been chosen as the headquarters for the seven-country SAMA with the Editor of the Observer, HLD Mahindapala, President of the Sri Lanka Working Journalists Association, as the convenor.

Mahindapala said the establishment of SAMA was the logical outcome of the declaration of the fifth SAARC summit held in Male in 1990, which accepted regional cooperation through mass communications.



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### NOTICE OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the 7th Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Pubali Bank Limited will be held at the Auditorium (13th floor) of the registered office of the Bank at 26, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka on Sunday the 25th August, 1991 at 10. A.M. for transaction of the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting held on 29.6.1989.
2. To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1989 and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
3. To elect 5(five) Directors.
4. To appoint Auditor(s) for the year 1990 and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business with permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board of Directors  
Pubali Bank Limited.

Dated, Dhaka  
22nd July, 1991

(RANADHIR CHOWDHURY)  
SECRETARY

### NOTES:

- (i) A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and to vote on his behalf. Such proxy except for a Corporation or Company must also be a shareholder. proxies earlier submitted by the shareholders for the 7th AGM, which was scheduled to be held on 28.4.91 but postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, shall be treated as cancelled and fresh proxy form duly filled in shall have to be deposited for the said 7th Annual General Meeting now to be held on 25.8.91 A copy of the notice with regard to holding of the 7th AGM on 25.8.91 and a proxy form are being sent to each of the shareholders by Post. More proxy forms, if required, may be collected from the registered office of the Bank.
- (ii) The proxy form duly filled in, signed and properly stamped must be deposited at the Bank's Head Office 72 hours before the Annual General Meeting i.e. within 10 A.M. of 22nd August, 1991. If one person holds more than one proxy, all his proxies must be deposited 72 hours before the Annual General Meeting alongwith a separate "proxy consolidation form" available on request at the registered office of the Bank.
- (iii) Duly authorised representatives of institutional shareholders may attend the Annual General Meeting with papers as stated in Section 71(3) of the Bank's Articles of Association. They can also appoint proxies in terms of Section 76 of the Articles of Association. Proxy must be deposited with related papers 72 hours before the Annual General Meeting i.e. within 10 A.M. of 22.8.91.
- (iv) The minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on 29.6.89 and the Annual Report for the year 1989 with statement of Accounts as on December 31, 1989 and Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon have already been sent to the shareholders in the 1st week of April 1991 under certificate of posting. Any shareholder not receiving the papers may please collect the same directly or through an authorised representative from the Share Department of the registered office of the Bank.
- (v) Share Transfer Books of the Bank will remain closed for 7 days from 19.8.91 to 25.8.91 (both the days inclusive).
- (vi) Five (5) Directors shall be elected in the 7th Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the provisions of Article 90 of the Articles of Association 4(four) Directors are due to retire in the 7th AGM. But in the meantime one of them having died, 3(three) Directors shall now retire in the 7th AGM. Two(2) Directors appointed against casual vacancies caused due to resignation of one Director and death of one Director mentioned above shall also retire under Article 81 in the 7th AGM. All the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.
- (vii) Nomination papers earlier submitted for election of Directors in the 7th AGM which was scheduled to be held on 28.4.91 but postponed shall be treated as cancelled and fresh nomination papers are to be submitted for election of 5(five) Directors in the 7th AGM now to be held on 25.8.91.
- (viii) The last date of filing nomination papers at the registered office of the Bank for election of 5(five) Directors (in prescribed form available on request at the registered office of the Bank) is 18.8.91 upto 4 P.M. and of withdrawal of nomination papers is 20.8.91 upto 4 P.M.
- (ix) Nomination papers will be scrutinized on 21.8.91 at 11 A.M. at the registered office of the Bank.
- (x) List of validly nominated candidates for election of Directors will be notified in the notice board of the Bank at the registered office on 21.8.91 at 2 P.M.
- (xi) Revised Election Procedure will be available at the registered office of the Bank on request.
- (xii) Prior to the postponement of the 7th AGM which was earlier scheduled to be held on 28.4.91 a proposal for appointment of M/s. B. Alam & Co. Chartered Accountants of 37 Purana Palton Lane (2nd floor) off VIP Inner Circular Road, Dhaka as the External Auditor of the Bank for the year 1990 was made by a shareholder which was duly notified under Section 144(6) of the Companies Act, 1913 in two national dailies on 30.3.91. The said proposal shall now be considered in the 7th AGM to be held on 25.8.91.