

Dhaka Day by Day

Success Against All Odds

by Nazmul Ashraf

Many difficulties he had to fight against. But he fought his battle and won it. A firm conviction led him to the success, claimed Moazzem Hossain who distinguished himself from many others of his area, inhabited mostly by the illiterate people.

To find his position among the star students, obviously of affluent classes, Moazzem had to overcome many odds he inherited from his poor parents residing at a retrograde society.

Unlike his contestants, Moazzem did not have rich and educated parents, a conducive social atmosphere and a reputed school to back him up. Appearing in the examinations from the Delpara High School, a very ordinary non-government school of his locality of Pagla under Narayanganj district, Moazzem was placed third, with a marginal difference of marks with two others ahead of him in the merit list of the Social Science group.

The school situated at Delpara, a remote area of Pagla, is gripped with manifold problems. It lacks adequate funds for smooth running and a congenial academic atmosphere. Obtaining the third position with 775 out of total 1000 marks and distinction in four subjects, is indeed a surprising incident at Moazzem's area where studying at school is also very uncommon.

Born and brought up in a below-poverty-line family, Moazzem's father Kafiluddin, a farmer, could not afford house tutors to teach, allow study at a reputed school and afford a better living for his son.

Barely maintaining his hand-to-mouth family Kafiluddin did his level best to continue studies of his son. Besides, it was the sincere efforts and best cooperations rendered by my school teachers that helped me achieve the rare honour at my locality," Moazzem pointed out.

It was a memorable day Moazzem have ever had when the locals surrounding him were celebrating his victory after the result was published.

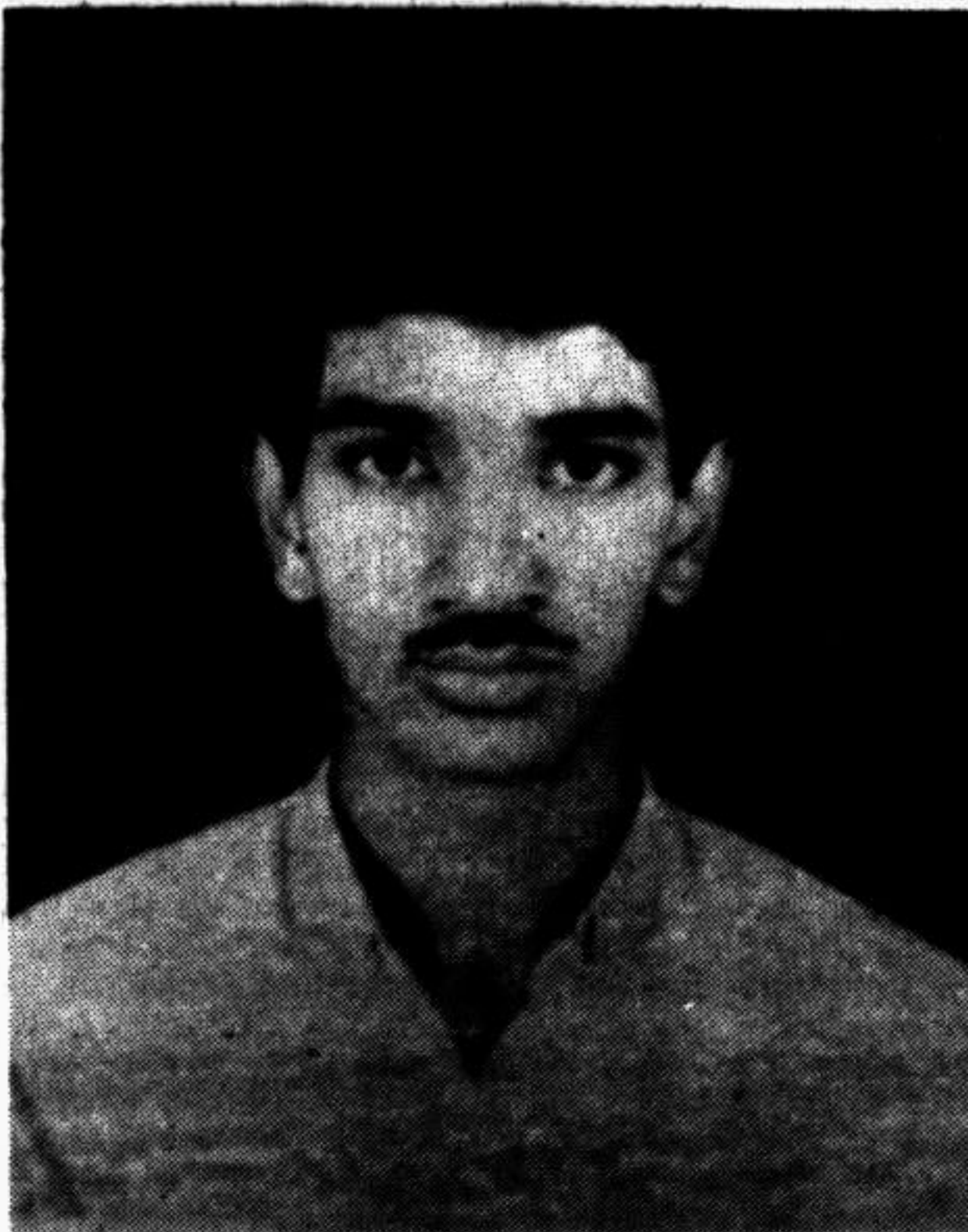
Moazzem narrated the night's incidents: "I rushed to the Board office soon after I came to

learn that the results were published. I had a brief competition with those vigorously looking for their fate on the results sheets hung on the walls of the Board office. I found my name with a mark of 'star' beside the roll number. Then I made way to home to share my feelings. A bigger surprise was waiting for me there. Local people started congratulating me on top of their voice. But the message that I was the third one in the merit list was still unknown to me. The locals learnt it from the Television bulletin. They then embraced, took me up on shoulders and moved around. Within moments, I found myself amidst a few hundred cheering crowd who seemed happier than I on my success. After experiencing the moving event, I went to my parents at home and then to my teachers for their 'do'a'.

But I was not fortunate enough to see anybody from the press reach our hut for my reactions and about my success," regretted Moazzem asking, "Is it because of my poverty? A happy and proud Moazzem told The Daily Star, "I have a little expectation from the society. I intend to get admitted into the Dhaka College and then study economics at the Dhaka University, if I be able to continue my process of success in the days to come."

A shy Moazzem said that apart from his studies he had a little thing to do. "I like to gossip with my friends and whenever have money I enjoy Bengali films," he said smilingly.

Moazzem is not ashamed to say that his father, after losing his job as a worker at the Dhaka Match Factory, is now simply a farmer and that his mother an ordinary housewife. Three of his four sisters were married and the fourth one helps his mother at home. His only brother is a student of class five at a local primary school. Special care by the teachers at school helped him and his fellow students to obtain good results, possibly the highest record ever of the Delpara High School. Fifty-two out of 54 candidates of the school came out successful. Of them 13 were placed in the first division and the best one turned out to be Moazzem that the school and the locality is proud of.



Moazzem Hossain.

Smuggling: 8 Pakistanis jailed for 14 yrs

CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: The Sessions Judge (Special Tribunal), Chittagong, Syed M. Enayetullah Wednesday sentenced eight Pakistani nationals carrying contraband 14 years' RI and fined Taka 50,000 each, in default to suffer additional three years' RI, reports BSS.

The prosecution story relates that a Bangladesh patrol vessel detected the ship - MV Amrat about 10 Kilometres (five to six miles) off Moheshkhali coast on December 17, 1988, and contraband worth Taka - seven

crore were found on board the ship. The contraband included 20,000 kgs of silver and electronic goods. The detected vessel had also no valid papers for entering Bangladesh waters.

The vessel, its crew and contraband were handed over to the Customs authority who later filed a case with the Bandar Thana.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Syed Hamidul Huq appeared on behalf of the state while Advocate Ahsanul Huq defended the accused.

'30,000 political activists killed during AL rule'

Shahed Siraj Sikder Research Centre Friday appealed to the government to rehabilitate the "misguided" followers of the late Sarbahara Party leader, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at a local Chinese restaurant, the leaders of the Centre urged the government to implement their five-point charter of demands and bring the Sarbahara Party workers in the mainstream of national life for building a happy democratic society.

A section of the workers had deviated from the political ideals of the leftist leader Siraj Sikder and engaged themselves in extra-political activities, they said, because of various conspiracies.

Or, activists, mostly former activists of the outlawed Sarbahara Party, said that Siraj Sikder Research Centre was founded in March 1989 to work on the life and works of Siraj Sikder who was killed on January 2, 1975.

Launching a scathing attack on the post-independence Awami League government, they alleged it had resorted to terrorism and killed nearly 30,000 political activists to suppress the opposition.

They announced that they would take "legal steps soon" to demand trial of the killing of Siraj Sikder.

Leaders of the Centre demanded immediate release of all jailed Sarbahara Party activists and withdrawal of arrest warrants pending against other activists.

They also demanded to absorb the party activists in the Village Defence Party (VDP) and involve them in productive

efforts to "build a happy democratic society".

Chairman of the Centre Nazmul Islam Saeed and General Secretary Sheikh Mahiuddin addressed the press conference. Several other members were present.

Dhaka to take part in SAARC experts' meet in Sri Lanka

Bangladesh will take part in a meeting of experts to advance cooperation under the SAARC regional convention on suppression of terrorism to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from September 30 to October 2, says a press release.

A two-member Bangladesh delegation, headed by Md. Ismail Husain, Deputy Inspector General of Police leaves Dhaka for Colombo today to attend the meeting.

Members of Bangladesh delegation will return to Dhaka October 4.

Housewife commits suicide

By Staff Correspondent
Roksana, wife of Sharfuddin of Aminbazar under Savar upazila committed suicide by drinking poison at her Aminbazar house Thursday night. Her suicide followed a quarrel with her husband. Roksana's body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Savar police in this connection.

Pak Navy Chief leaves for home

The Pakistan Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Yasur-ul-Haq Malik left Dhaka Friday afternoon ending his three-day visit, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohammod Mohamimul Islam and Begum Shirin Islam saw the guests off at the Zia International Airport.

Among others, the Pak High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Kemal and Principal Staff officers of the Naval Headquarters were also present.

Earlier, at noon Admiral Malik and the Bangladesh Navy Chief along with the members of the visiting delegates offered their Jumma prayers at the Naval Headquarters Complex Mosque.

Science Service executives

A general meeting of Science Service, a Non-governmental Voluntary Organisation working for public understanding of science and environment, was held Friday at BCSIR in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The meeting elected a nine-member executive committee with M Gazir Rahman, science correspondent of BSS, as the president.

Dr MMA Qudus Golap Munir, FR Sarkar, and Jamayt Ali have been elected vice-president, general secretary, treasurer and publicity secretary respectively of the organization.

Other members of the committee are Khodeza Azam (ex-officio), M Ismail Hossain, Mia, Shafia Akhtar, and Abdul Mannan Mollah.

TV Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al Quran
- 5.15 Programme summary Reading from the Tripitak
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports World
- 5.55 Documentary Film: A day in the life of a woman.
- 7.05 Banshari: Folk songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Cherasur: Song programme Abaharan
- 9.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.45 Closing

What's on today...

Seminar on environment
Procheta, a non-governmental social welfare organisation, will hold a seminar on 'our duties in protecting environmental pollution' at the National Book Centre auditorium in the city today (Saturday) at 4 pm.

Minister For Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al Noman will attend the seminar as the chief guest. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah will be the special guest.

Dr M A H Pramanik, Director General of the Directorate of Environment, will present the key-note paper on the topic. Prof Aminul Islam of Geography Department of the DU, Ikhlikhar Omar of the Chemical Engineering Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Prof Alt Asgar, Head of the Department of Physics of the BUET and Dr A K M Nazrul Islam of Botany Department of the DU will discuss on the paper.

Discussion on 'Bishad Sindhu'
Bangladesh Academy will organise a discussion meeting on the occasion of the hundred years of publication of Mir Mosharrif Hossain's book 'Bishad Sindhu' at its seminar room today (Saturday) at 4 pm.

Dr Mohammad Abdul Quayyum will preside over the meeting where Shantanu Kalsar will present a paper. Syed Abdul Maksud, Shamsuzzaman Khan and Bashir Al Helal will take part in the discussion.

Second day of a drama festival
The second day programmes of a two-day drama festival organised by the Landless' Association of a NGO Nijera Kori will be held at the Mahila Samity auditorium in the city today (Saturday) at 5 pm.

Television Producer KM Harun and dramatist SM Solaiman will present two papers respectively on 'Drama, Drama workers and the mass media of Bangladesh' and open drama: Its problems and prospect' in the first session starting at 5 pm.

Dr Inamul Haq, Selim Al Deen will discuss on the papers while Prof Sirajul Islam Choudhury will be in the chair. The discussion will be followed by staging drama by the Landless Association from Comilla and Tangail regions.

The judges are: Abul Khaer Mujibur, Rahman Khan, Aly Zaker, Lucky Inam, Falgoni Hamid and Khairul Alam Sabuj. Abu Rushd Matinuddin will distribute prizes among the best groups.

BASS, bi-ennial confce
The second Bi-ennial conference of the Bangladesh Association for American Studies (BASS) will be held today (Saturday) at the seminar room of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (5 Old Secretariat Road) in the city.

Prof M Shamsul Huq, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, will grace the conference as the chief guest. William B Milam, Ambassador of the United States in Bangladesh, will be the special guest on the occasion. The theme of the conference is 'migration, migrants and the United States'. Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi and Prof Muzaffar Ahmed will chair two sessions of the conference.

Mahila Parishad speech contest
Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will organise a speech contest on the topic 'why do I work for the Mahila Parishad' at the Business and Professional Women's Club auditorium at 1, Bally Road in the city today (Saturday) at 3 pm.

Lecture at Asiatic Society
The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) will hold the Munshi Afabuddin Memorial lecture at its auditorium today (Saturday) at 4.30.

The ASB and the Board of Trustees for the Munshi Afabuddin and Abdul Hafiz Trust Fund have jointly sponsored the programme.

Prof M Kalim of Rajshahi University will deliver the lecture on the topic 'a critical review on the Persian literature and its related history in Bengal upto the Pathan period. Dr A M Sharfuddin, President of the ASB will be in the chair.

Chhatra Oikya condolence rally
Gonotantik Chhatra Oikya will hold a rally and bring out a procession on the Dhaka University Campus today (Saturday) at 11 am to condole the death of Chhatra League (N-S) worker Habibuzzaman Habib at Rangpur.

OP-1 Winners' Assoc
OP-1 Winners Association of Bangladesh has decided to observe a token hunger strike in front of the National Press Club today (Saturday) morning to press their demand for issuing its visas.

JCL press confce
The dissidents of the now defunct Bksal's student wing Jattya Chhatra League (JCL) has convened a press conference today (Saturday) at 4 pm at the Dhaka University's TSC Seminar Room to explain its present stand and politics.

Ashek Khan, convener and Munul Haq, a member of the JCL convening committee in separate statements called the press conference.

Lions Club meeting
The second regular monthly meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held today (Saturday) at 6.30 pm at the Sonargon Hotel in the city.

CDRB seminar
Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) has organised a seminar on 'Bangladesh Diplomacy in Post Mujib Era: Objection and instruments' today (Saturday) at 19/ A Eskaton Garden Road in the city.

Mohammad Tajuddin, Senior Research Fellow, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi will give a talk on the topic.

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BARC seminar
The inaugural session of a three-day seminar on 'Inland aquaculture development strategies for Bangladesh' will take place tomorrow (Sunday) at 10 am at the auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council at Farmgate in the city.

Organised by the BARC in collaboration with the International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM), Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Major General (retd) M Majed Ul Huq will attend the inaugural session on the chief guest.

Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Environment and Forests Abdullah Al Noman will be the special guest. K M Rabbani, Secretary of the Agriculture Ministry will preside over the session.

Weather
Temperature may rise

Rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm Saturday, reports UNB.

Met office said day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Meanwhile, Chittagong experience the highest 50 mm rainfall during the last 12 hours till 6 pm Friday. Rangamati and Dinajpur had 19 mm each, Cox's Bazar 7, Sitakund 3 and Bogra 1 mm shower during the period.

Friday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 30.3 degree Celsius and the minimum 24 degrees. Rajshahi recorded the highest temperature 33.5 degree Celsius while Mymensingh the lowest 21.9 degrees.

Percentage of humidity was 83.1 both in the morning and evening.

Sun sets today (Saturday) at 5.50 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-50 am.



Chittagong Hill Tracts Chhatra-Gana Parishad held a seminar on 'Bangalee and Tribal Problems of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the Present Bangladesh' at Teacher-Student Centre of DU Friday.

Political solution to Hill Tracts problems sought

Speakers at a seminar in Dhaka Friday called upon both the tribals and the Bangalee community in the three Hill Tract districts to live together in communal harmony, reports BSS.

They also urged the new democratic government to take fresh initiative for political solution to the Hill Tracts problems.

The seminar entitled 'Bangalee and tribal problems of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the present Bangladesh' was organised by Parbatya Chattagram Bangalee Chhatra-Gana Parishad held at the DU Teachers-Students Centre.

Joint-convener of the organisation, Manruzzaman

Nepalese envoy meets Mannan

Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh Dr MP Lohani made a courtesy call to State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan at his residence Friday evening, reports BSS.

The envoy stayed with the State Minister for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations.

Manir read the key-note paper Presided over by the convener of Rangamati district unit of Bangalee Chhatra Parishad, Mostafa Kamal, the seminar was addressed among others, by Jatiya Janata Party convener Sheikh Asad, Oikya Prakria leader Abed Raza, President of Khagrachhari Juba Kalyan Sangstha Rafiqul Islam, and President of Khagrachhari Bangalee Krishak Sramik Kalyan Parishad Rezaul Karim Hela.

Manir, in his paper, stressed the need for uproot-

Pen-Pals Club Award

International Pen-Pals club has decided to award ten brilliant children artists of radio, television and cinema for their contribution in music and fine arts on the occasion of World Children Day, reports BSS.

The artists who will get the award are: Zinat, Tanni, Ovi, Mustafiz, Mukta Saha, Mita Shafinaz Shaheed, Rubana Bahar Priti, Shumi, Ridita Reza And Luna Rahman.

The prizes will be distributed on October 7, the Children Day, the press release said.

ing terrorist activities of the so-called 'Shantibahini' from the soil of Bangladesh.

He said the members of 'Shantibahini' have been committing genocide in the Hill Tracts region. Every word of their five-point demand was against the independence and sovereignty of the country, he said.

Manir said the government has done many things for the tribals and the only problem that existed was the problems of 'Shantibahini' who were amassing money and leading luxurious lives across the border.

He demanded rehabilitation of the Bangalee families, who were the victims of 'Shantibahini' atrocities, side by side the rehabilitation of the tribals.

PM condoles death of Patuakhali BNP leader

The Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia Friday expressed her deep condolence at the death of Advocate Moazzem Hossain Sultan Miah, a former president of Patuakhali district BNP, reports BSS.

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