

Dhaka Day by Day

'Art is Long, Life Short'

by Rahat Fahmida

When does old age begin? We have long imagined we could escape it. Our mind remains alert and our strength seems to be unimpaired. We have made several tests. "Shall I be able to get up that hill as quickly as I did when I was young?"

The transition from youth to old age is so slow that he who changes is scarcely aware of doing so. When autumn follows summer and winter follows autumn, the transformations are so gradual that they escape daily observation. Stickness is the storm that rages in the human forest. In a few days a face can wither, a back bend over, eye lose their brightness. A moment can turn us into old men, which means that we have been ageing for a long time.

When does this autumn equinox occur in our lives? Conrad said that when a man reaches forty he sees before him a shadow-line, crosses it with a shiver and believes that the enchanted realms of youth are closed to him thereafter.

To-day we put this shadow line at about fifty, but it exists nevertheless, and those who cross it, though they be active and alert, experience the slight shiver and the brief moment of despair that Conrad speaks of.

"Art is long, life short." This phrase, which once seemed true but banal, suddenly becomes full of meaning for him. Old age is far more than white hair, wrinkles, the feeling that it is too late and the game finished, that the stage belongs to the rising generations. The true evil is not the weakening of the body, but the indifference of the soul. Upon crossing the shadow line, it is more the desire to act than the power to do so that is lost. Beyond the shadow line lies the

realm of even, tempered light where the eyes, not being dazzled any more by the blinding sun of desire, can see things and people as they are.

Grandparents are frequently more congenial with their grandchildren than with their children. An old age man, having retired from active life, regains the gaiety and irresponsibility of childhood. He is ready to play, tell stories, and listen to confidences. Even a child's strength is similar to his own. He cannot run with son, but he can totter with his grandson. Our first and last steps have the same rhythm; our first and last walks are similarly limited.

In our country, because of the social situation, very little thoughts are given for an old-people's home. This is mainly due to the joint family system which, with its advantages and disadvantages still prevail in our country.

They are expected to be only involved with religious activities. It is as if their life has come to a halt — to a stand still. One should realise, they are not zombies. They should have some sort of a library, or a club, where it is possible for them to meet others of the same age group. One of our senior colleagues attended an old-people's club in China, and said that it was amazing to see that they have so much to express and share. The visitors to this club conduct regular public-talk sessions where they

express views on various aspects, including international politics, drug abuse and sometimes their personal problems. We have noticed, that recently there are steps taken for this sort of an organisation in our country too.



Shahabuddin, Khaleda greet Yang Shangkun

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has greeted Chinese President Yang Shangkun on the occasion of the forty-second anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia felicitated Chinese President Yang Shangkun on the occasion of the 42nd founding anniversary of that country.

In a message of felicitation Begum Zia said, "It is my firm conviction that the great Chinese people will continue their onward march towards progress and prosperity at home and make significant contribution to the promotion of peace and security in the world."

She expressed the confidence that the deep and abiding friendship, mutual understanding and fruitful cooperation which characterise the relations between the two neighbouring countries would be further strengthened and deepened in the years to come.

The Prime Minister wished good health and happiness of Yang and continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of China.

Prime Minister also greeted Li Peng, Premier of the State Council of China, on the occasion.

Seminar at JU

A seminar on "High Temperature Super-conductivity" will be held on October 3 at the Physics gallery of Jahangirnagar University at 9-30 am, reports BSS.

The seminar, organised jointly by Bangladesh Physical Association and the JU Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, will be participated by renowned physicists Sultan Ahmed, Ali Asghar, A M Harunur Rashid, M A Quader and R I M A Rashid.

Tuesday

- 5-00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme Summary
- 5-15 Reading from the Geeta
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Cartoon film: Adventure of the Galaxy Rangers
- 6-00 Documentary film on the occasion of China's National Day
- 6-30 SAARC Audio Visual Exchange programme
- 7-05 Nazrul Songs
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Drama series: Granthik-gan Kahe
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Film: War and Remembrance
- 11-30 Khabar/The News
- 11-45 Close down

National handicraft centre to be set up

A national handicraft centre will be set up soon for the display of handicraft items made of locally produced raw material, reports UNB.

This was stated by Moniruzzaman Chowdhury, Chairman of the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), at a function in Dhaka Monday to mark the first anniversary celebration of ECOTA.

ECOTA (Effort for Craft Organisations Trading Advancement), a forum of handicraft producers, earned more than Taka 9.02 crore last year by exporting handicraft, which constituted 40 per cent of the country's total handicraft export.

The export earning was shown in the organisation co-ordinator's report released at the function. It said more than 20,000 people were engaged in craft development activities

of its component organisations. Speakers at the function urged the government to ban the use of synthetic products like plastic bags to avert environmental pollution and promote natural resources.

Presided over by Dr Benedict Oomes, Chairman, Corr-The Jute Works, the function was also addressed, among others, by Enzo Falcono, MS Lalrukh and Raphael Oomes.

ECOTA consists of Aarong, Concern, Corr-The Jute Works, Enfants Du Monde, HEED Handicrafts, IDEAS International, Kumudini Welfare Trust, Mennonite Central Committee, Rishipli Development Projects and YWCA.

They export mainly jute, jute bags, silk, nakshikantha, clay items like pottery, garments, cane and bamboo goods.

Recitation training programme

A three-month long "correct pronunciation and recitation" training programme organised by "Kolt", a literary and welfare organisation, will commence October 11, reports UNB.

The last date for receiving admission-form is October 10 and it will be available at Farooq Book Fare at Taltala Super Market.

Form will be distributed from 9 am to 4 pm everyday. Weekly classes will be held on every Friday from 8 am to 12, said the press release.

World Elderly Day today

International Day for the Elderly will be observed throughout the country today (Tuesday) as elsewhere in the world, reports BSS.

The General Assembly of the United Nations has designated October 1 as International Day for the Elderly. This is for the first time that the day is being observed throughout the world.

The theme of the day include contributions of the elderly people to the arts, science, sports and community development.

Weather

Day temperature likely to remain unchanged

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast on Monday light to moderate rain or thundershower at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged. There was no rainfall in the country on Monday, Met office also said. Little change would be noticed during the subsequent next two days.

Sunset at Dhaka on Tuesday at 5-45 pm and sunrise tomorrow at 5-51 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	26.5	86	73
Chittagong	32.4	26.3	87	76
Rajshahi	35.0	25.2	81	79
Khulna	33.5	27.0	81	85
Jessore	34.0	25.7	-	-
Bairaal	-	25.8	82	-
Comilla	34.5	26.0	86	82
Cox's Bazar	32.8	26.0	81	74
Sylhet	33.6	23.5	78	80
Mymensingh	32.6	24.4	85	81

10 students hurt, 12 vehicles damaged in city violence

At least 10 students were injured when police resorted to baton charge to stop them from damaging vehicles in front of the Jatiya Press Club Monday noon, reports UNB.

More than a dozen motor vehicles were damaged in front of the Press Club and Dhaka University area.

Witnesses said that a mini-bus hit a rickshaw which immediately fell into a rally of Chhatra Union in front of the Jatiya Press Club at noon.

Police chased the angry activists when they started damaging the mini-bus. Protesting police action, the Chhatra Union's activists then damaged at least six other vehicles there.

In order to control the situation Police resorted to baton charge and picked up nine activists from the spot. Later, they were released.

Abdur Rahim, a second year student of Botany Department was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital while two others were released after first aid.

Chhatra Union activists damaged six more vehicles and pelted stones at the police near the TSC in the evening.

All entry points of the university were closed while huge contingent of police ringed round the campus.

Our DU Correspondent adds: Meanwhile, various student

organisations held rallies and processions on the university campus Monday demanding violence-free campus.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) held a rally at the DUCSU building premises demanding immediate arrest of the alleged killers of Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan Milon.

The rally said the identified

terrorists with the help of those killers were creating anarchy on the campus repeatedly.

It also called upon the JCD workers to combat all conspiracies.

The rally was addressed by Fazlul Huq Milon, Habibunnabi Sobel and Ali Akkas Nadim.

Awami League-backed Chhatra League (S-A) held a rally at the foot of 'Aparageo Bangla'.

The rally addressed by Quamruzzaman Ansari blamed JCD for unleashing terrorism at the educational institutions.

JSD (Inu)-backed Chhatra League (N-S) rally held at the Madhu's Canteen premises blamed both JCD and BCL (S-A) for the deterioration of the situation of the educational institutions.

The rally addressed by Shafi Ahmed also demanded trial of the killers of Habibuzzaman, a student of Carmichael College of Rangpur.

Cabinet meet held

The regular weekly meeting of the cabinet was held Monday at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair, an official handout said, reports BSS.

Ministers and state ministers attended the meeting.

2 women commit suicide

By Staff Correspondent

A young woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her house at Kamarpara under Uttara thana on Monday.

Police recovered the body of Umed Banu (20) at around 11.30 am. Police said she was mentally unbalanced.

A UD case was filed with Uttara police.

Our DMCH Correspondent adds: Hasina Begum, a student of Class X of Amin Sultana Girls High School of Doudkandi upazila, committed suicide by drinking endrine Sunday.

Hasina took poison at 4 pm and died at 8 pm at her residence in Doudkandi upazila due to family dispute.

Body of Hasina was brought to the morgue of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Monday for autopsy.

HERE and THERE

Jatiya Sramik Party

A meeting of the central committee of the Jatiya Sramik Party was held Monday afternoon at 123 New Kakrail Road. The meeting, presided over by Shah Md Abu Jafar, discussed about the situation prevailing in the labour movement of the country.

The meeting demanded fixation of minimum two thousand Taka as the wages for the workers. The meeting was also addressed by Sirajul Islam, Anwara Begum, Azizul Haque, Nurul Islam Ratan, Omar Faruque Khasru and others.

Drama workshop by Theatre

Theatre, a cultural organisation, organised a drama workshop recently in Dhaka. The seven-day workshop was conducted by Keramat Mowla, Naresh Bhjyan, Ghulam Mostafa, Moutajuddin Ahmed, SM Mohsin, Jamil Ahmed, Bhaskar Bandopadhyaya, Apel Bashar and others. The workshop concluded with the staging of drama 'Rakkhus'.

Lions Club

The installation ceremonies of Lions Club of Dhaka Rajdhani and Lioness Club of Rajanigandha were held in a local hotel recently.

Humayun Jaheer, the Governor of Lion District 315-

A was the chief guest at the function while Lioness Club Governor Laila Matin, Lt Governor Anwarul Haque, Regional Chairman M Yunus attended as special guests.

GM Mustafizur Rahman, President of Lion Club of Dhaka Rajdhani presided over the function where the committees for 1991-92 of both the clubs were approved.

Shilpa Bank

A milad mahfil was held to observe Eid-e-Miladunnabi at the Shilpa Bank building Monday. The mahfil was conducted by Pir of Fortura Sharif Alhaj Moulana Abul Ansar Md Abdul Kahhar Siddiqui Al Qurashi. Chowdhury AKM Azizul Haque, President of the Shilpa Bank's Board of Directors and other members, the Managing Director Abdul Karim, officials, and employees of the bank attended the milad mahfil.

Panchagarh Assoc

A meeting of the executive committee of Panchagarh District Association was held Sunday afternoon at the office of the organisation located at the Isphani building in Motijheel Commercial Area.

M Delwar Hussain presided over the meeting. A seven-member relief committee was formed for distributing relief materials among the flood affected people of Panchagarh.

What's on today . . .

Juba Kalyan Federation confce

The central representatives' conference of Bangladesh Juba Kalyan Federation will be held today (Tuesday) at 4.01 pm at the National Book Centre auditorium.

BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed will attend the conference as chief guest while the federation President Shahidur Rahman Tapa will be in the chair.

Discussion on Chinese revolution

Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir will hold a discussion meeting on 'Chinese Revolution and Mao Tse Tung' at its central office at 68/2, Purana Paltan in the city today (Tuesday) at 5 pm. Khatrul Anam will present a paper on the topic on which Badruddin Omar and Anu Mohammad will discuss.

Rotary Club of Ramna

A joint meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna and Rotaract Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at the USIS American Centre, at Jibon Bima Bhaban in the city. A video show on drug abuse and prevention and population control will be held after the meeting.

All members are requested to attend.

Rotary Club of Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Col (Retd) Azizur Rahman, Executive Director, Bangladesh Computer Council, will be the guest speaker. He will speak on the 'Impact of Computer'.

Nabanner Ashore

Nabanner Ashore, an anti-drug abuse juvenile organisation, will bring out a colourful rally from the National Sports Council premises today (Tuesday) at 9.30 am in observance of the UN-declared International Child Day and the anti-drug abuse decade. The rally will be terminated at the Shishu Academy premises.

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WDB contractors' press confce

The contractors enlisted with the Water Development Board (WDB) have convened a press conference at the National Press Club tomorrow (Wednesday) at 11 am to describe their problems.

The WDB contractors' association has called the press conference.

Bangladesh-China Moitri Samity

The Bangladesh-China Moitri Samity will hold a discussion meeting at the Hotel Parbani International in the city tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5 pm in celebration of the 42nd founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China. Law and Justice Minister Mirza Ghulam Hafiz will attend the meeting as chief guest and Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Chen Song Lu will be the special guest.

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আগ্রহী ক্রেতা/ক্রেতালগ্ন যে কোন অফিস কার্যনিবেসে সকাল ৯ ঘটিকা থেকে অপরাহ্ন ২ ঘটিকার মধ্যে উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় এসে অথবা ২২৬০১১ ও ২২৬০২৫ নম্বর কোনে যোগাযোগ করে পণ্যের মান/পূন্যায়ন সম্পর্কে অবগত হতে পারেন।

ক্রয়কর্তা ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে দরপত্রের সাথে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৫% হারে 'সিকিউরিটি মানি' ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে প্রদান করতে হবে। দরপত্রে বিভিন্ন পণ্যের মূল্য আলাদাভাবে প্রদর্শন করতঃ আগামী ১৫-১০-৯১ ইং তারিখ বেলা ২ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্র উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় রক্ষিত পাল্লা-সিল-সময়ে বন্ধ 'টেন্ডার ব্যাংক' জমা দিতে হবে। ১৫-১০-৯১ তারিখ রিকাল ৪ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে (যদি কেহ থাকে) টেন্ডার ব্যাংক খোলা হবে।

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(মোহাম্মদ এমরান)
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