

## Dhaka Day by Day

### The Growing Credo of Physical Fitness

by ASM Nurunnabi

In the recent past, awareness of a man's need for physical fitness was not as expansive as it is now. Not that its need was not felt before. The big difference now is that whereas previously it was limited to isolated groups of youths devoted to the ideal of development of brawn and motley groups old timers keen on extending their life span, the present trend for acquiring physical fitness has almost assumed the proportions of a growing credo.

This is all to the good, for a healthy body helps create a healthy mind as the popular adage says. In the context of the present-day society where all established values in life seem to be falling apart the need for a healthy mind in the society was never felt more acutely before.

Against this backdrop, it may be interesting to view the kaleidoscopic scenario that meets the eyes of one who commands enough mental alacrity to rise early in the morning. Among the things he will come across were first the variegated gear the energetic health-seekers don on their rounds. The younger and comparatively affluent among them bedeck themselves in track suits with gleaming sneakers; some venture out in shorts and trousers with half-sleeve shirts or vests and others, mostly the older genre, are less fastidious in draping themselves.

The fields of their activities cover a broad

spectrum. In new Dhaka area, the favourite haunts are the Suhrawardy Uddan, the Ramna Park, the Dhanmandi Lake area the broad and beautiful avenues in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. The Suhrawardy Uddan, however, seems more crowded with these enthusiasts. Other city denizens living some distance away from these ideal spots make do with traffic-free roads and lanes. Although lately there have been stray reports of mugging, these incidents do not seem to dampen their itch for dawn-time activities, the more common of which are jogging, the current fad among the young, and the middle-aged. Free-hand exercises are another common sight; while the older ones limit themselves to fast or easy-paced walking depending on age and health condition.

An interesting aspect of these health enthusiasts often emerges in the form of acquaintanceship and sometimes camaraderie among the participants who frequently encounter one another in course of their daily rounds. The older ones among them are particularly prone to these elevating feelings, which sometimes develop to such a degree that some of them, when their daily rounds are done, sit on a bench or a patch of grass and lose themselves in spirited and sometimes boisterous discussion on any subject under the sun ranging from cabbage to king.



### Directive to reduce price of BTMC cotton cloth

The State Minister for Textiles, Abdul Mannan has issued a directive to reduce the price of cotton cloth produced in the textile mills under Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), according to a press release of the Textiles Ministry issued in Dhaka Wednesday, reports BSS.

The State Minister for Textiles expressed the hope that reduction in the prices of locally manufactured cotton cloth would encourage the use of indigenous cotton textiles.

### Arrest of armed hoodlums demanded

By DU Correspondent

Democratic Students Unity (SDU), an alliance of the left-leaning student organisations observed the "Save the Education Day" Wednesday by holding rallies and processions throughout the country.

The day was observed as part of its week-long programme to press home its demands for arresting the terrorists, recovery of illegal arms, restoring peace at the educational institutions and reopening of all closed educational institutions.

The Central Committee of

SDU held a rally Wednesday in this connection in front of the National Press Club.

The rally blamed both BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), and Awami League backed Chhatra League (S-A) for terrorist activities on the campus that created a stalemate in the educational arena.

The rally criticised the suspension of BCL activities on the Dhaka University campus by Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina.

It, however, demanded expulsion of all armed hoodlums from the concerned organisations and called upon all including teachers and students to come forward unitedly to combat terrorism.

The rally presided over by Bidhan Roy was addressed among others by Nazmul Huq Pradhan, Nur Ahmed Bakul and Jahid Hossain Biplob.

### TV Thursday

- 2.30 Opening announcement, Al Quran, programme summary
- 2.34 Reading from the Geeta
- 3.00 Programme on SAARC summit
- 5.20 News in Bangla
- 6.00 Cartoon: Captain Planet and the Planetears
- 6.30 Jiboner Alo
- 7.05 Katha and Sur
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Drama of the week
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament round up
- 10.40 Mini series: Tender is the night
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Friday's programme
- 11.45 Closing

### Weather

#### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Wednesday weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday.

Met office says night temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius at most places over the country.

Sun sets tomorrow (Thursday) at 5-17 pm and rises on Friday at 6-09 am.

The lowest 14.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Iswardi on the day.

Temperature and Humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.0	21.2	69	69
Chittagong	30.0	20.0	82	66
Rajshahi	30.4	18.6	72	86
Khulna	30.5	21.5	88	79
Barisal	29.2	18.0	57	87
Cox's Bazar	30.2	21.0	72	83
Sylhet	30.0	18.5	82	-
Mymensingh	-	17.4	81	-
Dinajpur	29.5	16.2	74	75
Iswardi	30.2	14.5	71	79

### Managing Board of BDRCS reconstituted

The President has reconstituted the ad-hoc Managing Board of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) with Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal, Member of the Parliament, as Chairman, reports BSS.

Al-haj Siddiqur Rahman, a former MP from Munshiganj has been appointed Vice Chairman of the reconstituted 15-member ad-hoc Managing Board. The order of the President who is also the President of the BDRCS came into force Tuesday for the period till December 31, 1991.

After the assumption of office of the Chairman, Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal met the officials, workers and volunteers of the BDRCS at the conference room of the society. The outgoing Chairman Major General (Rtd) A F M Abdul Huq, Vice Chairman Al-haj Siddiqur Rahman, Member of the ad-hoc Managing Board Qamruzzaman Jasu and Secretary General of the BDRCS Major (Rtd) Ali Hassan Qureshi were among those present in the meeting.

In a brief speech, Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal who was the elected Vice Chairman of the BDRCS during the period 1985 to 1987 recalled his long association with the society and thanked the outgoing Chairman, Managing Board and the officials for their valuable contribution to the welfare of the distressed humanity.

Outgoing Chairman General Huq, Vice Chairman Al-haj Siddiqur Rahman and the Secretary General Major Qureshi also spoke on the occasion.

### PDB officials asked to reduce system loss

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondakar Mosharruf Hossain Wednesday called upon officials and employees of the power sector to work with dedication and honesty and improve their efficiency and performance to reduce system loss in the sector, reports BSS.

Addressing as the chief guest at the Merit Award-1989 giving ceremony of the Power Development Board (PDB) in city, the Minister said, "concerted efforts of all are needed to free the power sector from slander."

The ceremony was also addressed by the Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Mohammad Ali and PDB Chairman Abu Zafar Syed Shamsur Rahman.

Dr Mosharruf said the future of the country would be dark if the energy sector was not developed to the desired level.

He said electricity has no alternative to make development in the industries and agriculture sectors.

### Motor-cycle stolen

A motor-cycle belonging to a staff member of the Daily Star was stolen from the newspaper office at Motijheel Commercial Area Wednesday evening.

The Yamaha-80cc motor-cycle bearing registration number Dhaka Metro-Sha-7919 was stolen from the office premises at around 8:45 pm.

### One dies after eating potka fish

By DMCH Correspondent

One person died and two others of the same family fell sick after eating poisonous potka fish Tuesday night at Golamraj area of Zinjira.

Mowara Begum (40), a house wife, was declared dead in Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while her two daughters were now under treatment in a serious condition, hospital sources said.

## HERE and THERE

### Jamaat

Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Abbas Ali Khan on Wednesday urged United Nations, OIC and Rabeta-Alam Al-Islami to take necessary steps to protect Babri Mosque and stop communal-brutality in India.

In separate messages to the heads of three world organisations Abbas Ali Khan said that what the extremist Hindus were doing over Babri Mosque was a violation of UN human rights resolution.

### National Democratic Party meeting

A joint meeting of the Labour Federation, Bangladesh Jubo Shakti and Chhatra Shakti was held at the Central Office of the National Democratic Party with its President Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury in the chair. The meeting expressed resentment over repression on Rohiyanga Muslims by Burmese military ruler and urged Bangladesh authorities to take steps to deport Burmese refugees from Bangladesh.

The meeting also decided to observe November 7 as Solidarity and Revolution Day.

### Sammyabadi Dal

Dhaka City Unit of Bangladesh Sammyabadi Dal held a discussion meeting on Wednesday at the party office with Abul Khayer in the chair in observance of socialist revolution.

Party General Secretary Dilip Barua, Khandaker Ali Abbas, Abdur Rouf and Mir Mofazzal Hossain among others, addressed the meeting.

### Sangsadio Ganatantra Parisad

Sangsadio Ganatantra Parisad Wednesday expressed concern over the terrorism in educational institutions and urged the authorities to take adequate measures to stop it.

In a press release President of the Parisad K M Sobhan and General Secretary Dr Md Selim said the present government failed to check terrorism in the country mainly in the educational institutions.

They felicitated Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina's

announcement suspending BCL activities on the Dhaka University campus.

### R&H Contractor Association

Bangladesh Roads and Highways Contractors Association on Wednesday demanded to pay their outstanding bills immediately.

In a meeting of the association with its President Mosaddik Hossain in the chair it said that many of the contractors have been passing their days in hardship as their investment was not repaid by the authorities.

The association Secretary Akbar Ali Mirza and other association leaders were present at the meeting.

### Home Ministry statement condemned

By Staff Correspondent

Various social and human rights organisations on Wednesday condemned the statement of the Home Ministry meeting on the eviction and rehabilitation of the prostitutes in Narayanganj.

In a joint statement, criticising the Home Ministry statement published in newspapers on Wednesday, Naripakkha, Ganotantrik Nari Andolon, Manobadhikar Shamonnay Parishad and Justice and Peace Commission raised a number of questions about the Home Ministry statement.

The statement retorted as to why there was no representation of the women inmates of Tanbazar when there were representatives of the so-called un-Islamic activities resistance committee and why representatives of women's organisations were not present at the meeting.

They also wanted to know what was meant by 'rescuing' the under-aged inmates of Tanbazar, who will rescue them, how will they be rescued and what will be done with them.

Noting that a number of children live in the brothels, the statement urged that precaution should be taken so that the children do not lose contact with their mothers during the rescue operation.

### JS body meet on violence Nov 9

The fourth meeting of the special Parliamentary Committee on violence on the campus will be held at 10-30 a.m. on November 9 at the Standing Committee Room number one of the Sangsad Bhavan with Law Minister and Chairman of the Committee Mirza Golam Hafiz in the chair.

### Birthday Greetings

8th Nov 1991

To our sweet little cousin Jaimie who lives in Chittagong on her second birthday. Wish you the best of everything.

Shena & Sheahan Bhaiya

### Birthday Greetings

7th Nov. 1991

To, Munia, our beloved cousin. However old you may be wish you many happy returns of the day.

-Shena & Sheahan Bhaiya.

### DEAR NANA BHAIYA AND BHABI,

With warm wishes on your 15th Wedding Anniversary. Love Peetu Moni 7.11.91

### It's new just for you

The Daily Star is pleased to introduce a new column where individuals and organisations can publish Birthday and Anniversary Greetings, Congratulatory and Condolence Messages, Get-Well/Good-Luck Wishes, Birth/Death Announcements, In Memoriam, etc. at nominal charges.

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### BFUW MEENA BAZAR

(In aid of social welfare projects)  
DATE: FRIDAY, 8 November '91  
VENUE: 1, Baily Road, Dhaka (BFUW Club premises)  
TIME: 10 AM TO 5 PM  
Entrance card at venue

### Mongla Port Authority

P.O. Mongla, Bagerhat

### Re-Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No: 16/91
2. Name of the work: Supply of Polyester Drafting Film.
3. Value of the tender schedule: Tk. 60/= (Non-refundable)
4. Earnest money: @ Tk. 2% of the total quoted value must be submitted with the tender schedule.
5. Category of the tenders: Sealed tenders are invited from the bonafide Shopkeepers, Dealers, Agents and Suppliers.
6. Name of the offices where tender documents will be available and received: Office of the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat and Sr. Finance Officer (P), Mongla Port Authority, Khalishpur, Khulna.
7. Last date of tender sale: Up to 14/11/91 during normal office hours.
8. Last date of tender dropping: 16/11/91 up to 12-00 hours.
9. Date and time of opening the tender documents: 17/11/91 up to 12-00 hours.
10. Name of the Office where the tender documents will be opened: Office of the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer, Mongla, Bagerhat in presence of the tenderers (if any).
11. Time for completion of the work: Within 10 (ten) days from the date of issue of Work Order.
12. Necessary terms and conditions: Terms and conditions may be seen in the tender schedule.

Mongla Port Authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders either partly or wholly without showing any reason thereof.

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