

Dhaka Day by Day

Predicting Nature's Fury

by Rahat Fahmdia

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We find everywhere deep public concern for the environment, concern that has led not just to protests but often to changed behaviour. The challenge is to ensure that these new values and changes are more adequately reflected in the principles and operations of political and economic structures. Hence at this time it is indeed informative and interesting to talk to the Deputy Director of Dhaka's Storm Warning Centre - AMM Azizul Hossain. He was the key man behind many important predictions, the most important and recent one being the prediction of this year's cyclone - in April.



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Giving the details of the three severe cyclones in the history of Bangladesh Mr Hossain stated in 1970 the estimated central pressure (ECP) was 944 kpa. In 1988 it was 963 kpa and in 1991 it was 940 kpa. The wind speed in 1970 was 220 kilometres per hour (kph), in 1988 it was estimated to be 222 kph, while in 1991 it shot up to 225 kph. He then pointed out that the storm surge in 1970 was 15-30 feet in when it was not so severe 1988, it was about 10 feet, but again in 1991 it was 10-25 feet. The area covered in the cyclone of 1970 and 1988 was 300 km, while in 1991 the area covered was 350 km. The death toll in 1970 was more than 3 lakhs, which is lower than this year's. But the total loss in terms of property went up very high. Bangladesh, straddling the apex of the turbulent Bay of Bengal, will take a long time to resurrect from this year's tragedy.

Maintaining more or less the same course it intensified into a severe cyclonic storm in the afternoon of the 27th, when it was 1060 km south-west of Chittagong port (at a latitude of 13.6° north and longitude of 87.5° east). Maintaining a slight northwards direction, the movement intensified further into a severe cyclonic storm with a core of hurricane wind around midnight of April 27th and early hours of

A chart showing the velocity of the April '91 cyclone. Inset: AMM Azizul Hossain.

With all these years of experience to his credit, A.M.M. Azizul Hossain is retiring on the 30th of this month. He has been with this department for more than last 30 years. He concluded by saying, "mainly because of the unfortunate geographical position of Bangladesh, it is an easy prey of the environmental crisis. We have to predict carefully and accurately, in order to take the most possible precautions. The rest is our fate."

CMCH internee doctors observe 2-hour strike

CHITTAGONG, Nov 14: Internee doctors of Chittagong Medical College Hospital today abstained from duty for two hours from 10 am to press home their six-point demand, reports BSS.

According to a press release, the doctors also observed three hours' abstention from work Wednesday.

The leaders of the Internee Doctors' Association at a meeting today urged the government to fulfil their demands immediately.

The demands include restoration of in-service training system, employment opportunity for all doctors and enhanced allowance for internee doctors.

Presided over by Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Mowla, Convener of the Association, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Dr Uttam Kumar Ghosh, Dr Prakash Kumar Chowdhury, Dr A K M Azad and Dr Nasrin Ara Begum.

Nazma Jesmin memorial lecture Nov 18

By DU Correspondent

The second "Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury memorial lecture" will be held on November 18 at 4 pm at the auditorium of the Institute of Modern Languages.

Prof Mohammad Anisur Rahman, a noted economist will deliver the lecture on "the question of self-reliance of the nation".

The lecture will be presided over by Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University.

Anniversary of Shaheed Azharul Huq's death today

The 20th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Azharul Huq will be observed (Friday), reports UNB.

Dr. Aziz, a former Assistant Surgeon of Dhaka Medical College Hospital picked up and later killed by the occupation forces along with his colleague Dr. Humayun Kabir on November 15, 1971.

Quran Khwani and feteah will be offered at the Azipur graveyard after Asr prayer.

MA Sattar granted bail

Former Minister M A Sattar was granted bail on November 13 by a High Court Division Bench of the Supreme Court, reports BSS.

Plea to retrieve Dhakeshwari Mandir property Vested Property Act can't exist in Bangladesh: Speaker

Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali Thursday called upon all irrespective of caste and religion to work unitedly being imbued with the spirit of Bangladeshi nationalism for the overall development of the country, reports BSS.

He said unity, which was shown in parliament during the passage of the 12th Constitution Amendment Bill for switching over to parliamentary system, should be reflected in every sphere of life for the sake of national progress.

"We are one nation and that why we are Bangladeshis," Shaikh Razaque Ali said calling upon all to forget difference of religion and work together to ensure peaceful and harmonious atmosphere for the greater cause of the nation.

The Speaker was addressing as the chief guest at the "Bijoya Sammlan" — the post-Durga Puja celebrations of the Hindu community at the Dhakeshwari Mandir Melangan here in the evening. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Law and Justice Aminul Haq, eminent journalist Alhaj Shamsul Huda, Swami Askharanda of Ramkrishna Mission, Maj Gen (Retd) C R Dutta, Shudhangshu

Shekhar Haldar, MP, Sreemat Bodhpah Mahathero, Dwijendranath Saha and Joyanta Sen Dipu, Secretary of Mahanagar Sarbajanan Puja Committee, spoke on the occasion.

Dhaka Mahanagar Sarbajanan Puja Committee organised the function with its President Prafulla Kumar Hawlader in the chair.

Referring to communal harmony in the country, Speaker Razaque Ali said the present government did not believe in communalism but was pledge-bound to keep all people under one identity — Bangladeshi nationalism.

Razaque Ali said the present government would prove through its activities as to how to maintain communal harmony in the country for national integrity and peaceful existence.

"I will try to convince the government to repair the mandirs which were damaged during the tension under the autocratic regime last year," he said adding that the government was committed to fulfil the aspirations of all the people in the country.

Regarding the Vested (Enemy) Property Act, the Speaker said it could not exist in Bangladesh. "There cannot

be any difference in law to rule, one nation," he said suggesting that such difference must be removed to root out communalism from the soil of Bangladesh.

The Speaker called upon all to rise above petty interests and communalism by dint of their broad heart to build the country in this changed atmosphere which was achieved after a historic movement.

Maj Gen (Retd) C R Dutta, President of Bangladesh Puja Uddjan Committee, urged the government to make arrangement for repairing the mandirs which were damaged during the last year's tension. He also urged the government to help retrieve the 'debtor property' of Dhakeshwari Mandir from those who were occupying it through 'fake document'. Dutta sought co-operation of the Muslim brothers to save their mandirs in case of any attack on them in future.

"Mr Shudhangshu Shekhar Haldar, MP, expressed his gratitude to the present government for providing adequate security around the Hindu mandirs including the Dhakeshwari Mandir against any attack on the issue of Babri Masjid in India.

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The speakers discussed the poetical and literary critical works of Abdul Mannan Sayed, particularly on Kazi Nazrul Islam and poet Farrukh Ahmad.

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US, Swedish envoys call on Hasina

US Ambassador William B Mflam called on Awami League Chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Thursday, reports UNB.

Deputy leader of the opposition Abdus Samad Azad, members of Parliament Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim and Abul Hasan Chowdhury were present.

The Envoy stayed with her for sometime and discussed various matters.

Meanwhile, Ambassador of Sweden Carl Olof Cederblad called on Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad office Thursday.

Members of Parliament Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Joint Secretary of Awami League Mohammad Abdul Jalil were present.

Birthday Greetings
15th November 1991
A very happy birthday to my dearest little brother Arafat (Tona). May all your wishes come true.
— Your one & only "Didi"

Congratulations!
Born to Mr. & Mrs. Apu Akbar of Green Road, a healthy son, weighing 7 lbs, on 14th Nov. 91. Both mother and son doing well.
From: Jamal, Bonna, Twins Ishita & Shomoyita & Eresh of Road No.5, Dhanmandi, Dhaka.

Birthday Greetings
15th November - 1991
Samir
Today you will be five years old. May God bless you throughout your life.
— Bamma & Chacha

'Kanjush' to be staged at Indian drama olympiad

By Staff Correspondent

A Bangladeshi theatre group is now in the Indian capital Delhi to participate in the Second Theatre Olympiad. Loka Natyadal with its 14-member theatre team left Dhaka on November 11 to present its drama 'Kanjush'.

Abdullah-al-Harun and Sajeedul Alam Daim. Loka Natyadal was established in 1981 by some trained theatre workers. They started their group activities with a workshop followed by a musical produc-



In the week-long olympiad which begins in Delhi today (Thursday). Organised by the National Institute of Performing Arts (NIPA), the olympiad will be represented by 15 countries of the world.

Like other participating theatre groups, Loka Natyadal will hold two shows of its drama at the olympiad. Besides, the Bangladeshi theatre group will also stage drama at Calcutta on its way back home.

Led by Liaquat Ali Lucky, the Loka Natyadal theatre team comprises Sunita Shaharar, Sabina Bari Lucky, Majnu Minhaj Manju, Jahid Choudhury, Mujahidul Islam Lenin, Aslam Shishir, Devjyoti Sen Sharma, Ali Iskandar Ahmed, Kamrun Noor Choudhury, Alpona Sultana, Yasmin Ali,

their remarkable productions are: A Mid Summer Night's Dream, Padma Nadir Majhi, Helen, Exception and the Rule, Rathajatra, Shilpi, Kanjush etc. Loka Natyadal had played 200 nights in the past 10 years. The group's members travelled many cities of the country with their productions. They also organised some theatre workshops and some theatre festivals. Loka Natyadal's total production is now 15. The group is associated with the People's Theatre Association, a national organisation for removing illiteracy and raising consciousness among the general masses. The play Kanjush is based on Moliere's story which is dramatised by Tarik Anam Khan and directed by Liaquat Ali Lucky.

Mannan Sayed gets Farrukh Memorial Award

CHITTAGONG, Nov 14: Chattagram Sanskriti Kendra (CSK), a literary organisation of the city, today awarded Farrukh Memorial Award-91 to Abdul Mannan Sayed in appreciation of his literary works, reports BSS.

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CONCERT

A CONCERT at National Museum Auditorium on Tuesday, November 26 at 6.30 p. m. with works by W. A. MOZART played by the 26 member music group CONCERTO KOLN Free tickets available from Sunday, November 17, 1991 at

GERMAN CULTURAL CENTRE GOETHE-INSTITUT DHAKA
23, Dhanmondi R. A. Rd. No. 2, Dhaka, Tel. 501879 and at the box office on concert evening.

HERE and THERE

Chhatra Shakti
Bangladeshi Chhatra Shakti on Thursday urged the BNP government to recall the contribution of the November 7 revolution leaders. In a meeting held at the TSC in observance of the revolution and solidarity day with Hafizur Rahman in the chair, it said that the heroes of revolution should be given due honour.
Golam Moztaza, Asaduzzaman, and A B M Iqbal among others addressed the meeting.

Jatiya Hindu Parishad
Jatiya Hindu Parishad President Prem Ranjan Dev in a statement on Thursday felicitated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to help keep the communal harmony in the country despite riot in neighbouring India over the Babri Mosque issue.
Dev said that the abominable activities of Bhisaw Hindu Parishad is contradictory to the Hindu tenets and he appealed to Hindu community to maintain harmony with other communities here.

BSEHR
Chairman of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) former Chief Justice Kamaluddin Hossain and Secretary General Sigma Huda on Thursday expressed deep concern over the illegal arrest of peoples leader Suu Kyt by the military junta in Burma.

JSP
Jatiya Sramik Party at a condolence meeting held at its central office on Thursday recalling those who died and were injured at the tunnel accident at Phantha Path of the capital on Wednesday.
Presided over by Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, the meeting was addressed, by among others, M A Oafur, Azizul Huq, Nurul Islam Ratan, Omar Faruq Khasru, Bazul Karim, Shamsul Huda Mahmud, A Sattar and Ruhul Amin.
They demanded compensation for the victims of the accident and also criticised carelessness of the project workers.

Friday
8.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran Programme Summary
8.10 News in Bangla
8.15 Chena Kahini
8.40 Cartoon Film
9.05 Musical soiree
9.25 Film show : The Spectacular world at Guinness Records
10.00 News in English
10.05 Theatre : Aladin and his Wonderful Lamp
11.15 Moner Mukurey
12.30 Close down.

CAB
Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) on Thursday urged the authority concerned to clean the kutcha bazar of Segunbagicha in order to maintain the hygienic atmosphere of the area.
In a meeting held at the House Building Directorate with Rabul Islam in the chair, the leaders of the association also told the people to dump their household waste at the dustbin.

HBFC Borrowers Association
Abdul Wahab and Advocate M A Bari were elected President and General Secretary respectively of Demra Unit of the Association of the Borrowers of House Building Finance Corporation on Wednesday.
The election was held at a general meeting of the association with Alhaj Fazlur Rahman in the chair.

Investment Corporation of Bangladesh
Notice of Fifteenth Annual General Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) will be held on Sunday 22nd December, 1991, at 3-00 P.M. at the Head Office of the Corporation at BSB Building (12th floor) 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka to transact the following business:

- To confirm the minutes of the 14th annual general meeting held on the 26th December, 1990;
- To receive and adopt the audited accounts of the Corporation for the year July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991, and report on the working of the Corporation during the said year;
- To approve appropriation of profit;
- To declare dividend;
- Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board of Directors
DFF(BA) 9245-13/11 **Md. Abdur Rahman Khan**
G-893 Secretary

ROK keen to set up more industries

CHITTAGONG, Nov 14 : South Korean Ambassador Sung Oh Shin said here today that Bangladesh had a congenial investment climate and that his country's investors were interested to set up more industries in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

technical and consultancy services to Bangladesh and setting up more and more industries on joint venture basis. He called for more and more contacts between chambers of the two countries with a view to identifying common fields of interest.

Shin said this while talking to Chittagong Chamber President Engineer Ali Ahmad at the latter's office here. Honorary consul of South Korea in Chittagong Amir Khazru Mahmud Chowdhury was also present.

Shin urged the chamber President to help remove bureaucratic complications in setting up industries in Bangladesh and develop more and more infrastructures for attracting investors from abroad. He also said Bangladesh would have to introduce more modern telecommunication system for the investors.

Weather Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid till 6 pm today (Friday) says light rain likely to occur at one or two places in Khulna and Rajshahi Divisions. It is likely to be dry elsewhere. Night temperature will remain unchanged.

Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The temperature and humidity of some cities on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28	19.7	75	66
Chittagong	29.7	19	88	75
Khulna	29.4	17.4	82	72
Rajshahi	28.8	14.5	70	65
Rangpur	28.4	16.7	81	62

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3. Each of the candidates finally selected for study under the programme will have to spend 2500-3500 or 2000-3000 US dollars subject to field of study.
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6. None can be a candidate for more than one subject.
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The candidates can also submit application in the wooden box, kept at Gate No. 5 of Bangladesh Secretariat.
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