Dhaka Day by Day

The Sound of Living

by Fayza Haq

feel that the neighbourhood was throbbing and

buyer of empty foreign cosmetic tins and box-

es. He has a peg leg as fascinating as that of

any Long John Silver from Stevenson's imagin-

ation. With him competes the chatterbox sell-

mon in cities like Calcutta. .Sri Lanka and Kar-

achi. The reason why perhaps we do not re-

quire supermarkets is because the housewife

can get her essentials at her doorsteps. She

enjoys bargaining, and gossiping too getting

Perhaps a visit that the lady of the house

welcomes is

the pink-pearl

comes slip-

slap with her

chappals and

endless chat-

ter, chewing

betel leaves. To

add to the in-

cessant rattle

of women's

talk and giggle

is the massage

woman and

the 'kathawalf'.

The former is

a Hindu going

from house to

house doing

the task that

massage par

seller.

clatter

She

This typical Dhaka method of sale is com-

ers of fresh fish, chicken and vegetables.

the latest on political and social scenario.

pulsating with life. There is the one-legged

If you should spend a day snoozing in bed instead of struggling to make it in time for the six days a week routine, there are endless sounds that you pick up while luxuriating on your lumpy mattress. The mere noises without the sight of the actual people or objects make you keenly aware of their presence, and keep you company in your loncitness.

If you should have had a restless night with flu, you might wake up with the first sounds of the "aazan" for prayers from the mosque nearby. You are then convinced that Dhaka is a city of prayer houses as travel brochures tell you. The "aazan" is repeated in different notes from various mosques. Perhaps a little earlier

or later vous can hear the neighbouring "chowkidar" reading aloud the Holy Quran.To supplethe ment sound of the "paharadar are the locality nightguards who call out their last cries of "all is well" This appears garbled but when you are used to this particular hollering you know it is par allel to the growl of your favourite guard dog.

on the raven.

integral part of our eastern society.

Bangladesh Government

College Lecturers' Association

(BGCLA) has taken up a com-

prehensive programme to

realise their 12-point demand.

The association will hold a

general meeting at 3 p.m. on

March 8 to elect an executive

committee at Bangla College

BGCLA include promotion to

the posts of lecturers with five

years' experiences or more,

creation of permanent posts in

all colleges taken up by the

Government and regularisation

of lecturers' appointment,

Draft charter of demands of

premises.

of the perfection of their, ware well make you

Govt college teachers

threaten resignation

By Staff Correspondent

eolleges etc.



Sounds in loneliness. Photo: Enamul Haque

lours also do but at fantastically inflated prices. Even when the Dhaka is often referred to as a city of 'malishwali' is 'not required, she will have crowded roads and depressing slums. Tall turned up for some tea and 'baksheesh'. The towers are mushrooming all over the city specially in Motifheel and New Eskaton. But lollatter comes to wag her tongue and take in some jobs to supplement her petering income. ling in my bed in Dhanmandi I can hear the By noon the gossip, tattle and quarrel of cuckoo as clearly as did the Romantic poets the maid servants of the house and their once did. Its call remains soothing, confident

neighbouring colleagues create quite a clatter and seeped in optimism. To supplement this by my window. If it is not the cookwoman sweet sound are the chirping of the homely checking on the 'pata puta walla', who has desparrows and the cranky woodpecker, that cided to visit the place that day, it is the pe sometimes keep in time with the "doel" dog. Rover, barking at a new cobbler or per-Perhaps more overwhelming than the haps a fresh washerman looking for prospecnotes of the other birds are the cawing and tive clients. Rover has the habit of barking at squeaking of the quarrelsome crows in the anything that annoys his sensibility - whethmango and jackfruit tree branches. Along er it be the intruding 'tokais' who have entered with the ravens the combined effect is that of the garden to steal jasmine and marigold or Hitchcock's "Birds" and Poc's intriguing poem the poor venturing rickshawalla, looking somewhere to stop and have a sip of cool, fresh wa-What sometimes disappoints the expatri-

ing a normal day.

ate, when he returns home from South East Asia to his city in London or Melbourne, is that Punctuating and running parallel to these sounds is the backdrop of the speeding overhe can no longer have the lazy languorous viscrowded buses, emanating jets of black its of the vendors that go from door to door smoke. You know there is something ominous with their ware. and chat and gossip while in the city when the sounds of the trishaws they bargain and carry on with the process of and tempos do not reach my window any commerce. These garrulous salesmen are an more. Such were the cases during the recent strikes and curiews. Consequently I have When the sun has risen well in the sky the grown acclamatised to their thudding and vendors go about their task with incredible hooting and consider their presence as augurzeal. Their animated walk and loud declaration

opinion should be created in

favour of the demands by the

lecturers and series of action

programmes will be taken up

in phases to achieve the

the lecturers should be ready

for strikes and if necessary.

tender resignation, the state-

launched through four division

committees, 16 subdivisional

committees, district commi-

ttees and college committees,

Lawyers can help

establish

rule of law'

Manpower and IRD Chaudhury

AKM Aminul Haque said.

lawyers could play a vital role

in establishing the rule of law

and defending the rights of

He was addressing the in-

stallation ceremony of newly

elected office-bearers of Taxes

Bar Association at the audito-

rium of Bangladesh Shishu

code of conduct and maintain

good relations with the per-

sons engaged in Tax-Adminis-

ers of the association to per-

form their respectively duty

Presided over by the Presi-

dent of the Association Fazlul

Kader, the ceremony was at-

tended, among others, by IRD

Secretary Nurul Hossain Khan.

He advised the office-bear-

tration and Tax-Adviser.

properly.

He asked them to obey the

citizens, reports UNB.

Academy on Tuesday.

Adviser for Labour and

the statement added.

The movement will be

If the demands are not met,

desired objectives.

ment said.

AL candidate concedes defeat

Awami League candidate from Strajganj-7 (Shahjadpur) constituency Prof. Mazharul Islam Wednesday conceded his defeat to BNP candidate M Qamruddin Yahya Sarwar saying, "as a democrat I am showing my respect to the people's verdict", reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club Prof. Islam said there was no doubt that the polls were held in a free, fair and peaceful atmosphere.

Dr. Islam said there were reports of some irregularities in the polls in his constituency by the local AL workers. But he added that he had no proof of these complains.

RUTA hails Shahabuddin, Khaleda

RAJSHAHI, Mar 6: Rajshahi University Teachers Associa tion congratulated the Acting President, law enforcing age ncy personnel, political parties and countrymen for holding a peaceful Jatiya Sangsad election, reports BSS.

In a joint statement on Moriday Prof Abdul Hamid, President and Mr S Islam. Secretary of the Association also congratulated the BNP Chatrperson Begum Khaleda Zia for achieving single party majority and others who contested the polls for restoration of democracy .

PROGRAMME

The 5th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held today (Thursday) at 5.15 p.m. at Sca Gull Chinese Restaurent Uttara. Today's guest speaker Rtn. Habibullah Khan, Phf, past District Governor who will speak on "Rotary Information".

Village docs assoc

The Village Doctors Association will launch primary membership drive at 10 a.m. today, says a press release.

All village doctors have been requested to collect forms from its central office at 47. Dilkusha Commercial Area. between 10 a.m. to 1p.m.

Botanical Society executives

A sixteen member Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Botanical Society were elected recently, reports

The executives are, Prof. Md. Abdul Aziz Khan, President, Prof. A.A.A. Muhsi and Prof. Khan, Vice Presidents. D.A. Aziz, Secretary General. Prof. A.T.M Nadiruzzaman and Dr. Md Imdadul Haque, Joint Secretary Generals. Dr. Md Abul Hasan, Treasurer.

Besides, Prof. Syed Hadiuzzaman, S.Badrul Alam Dewan Prof M.M. Haque, Dr. Khurshida Khandakar, Dr. zahed Uddin Mahmood Khan. Dr. Nishit Mumar Paul, Dr. Syed Bazle Ali, Prof. A.K.M Nurul Islam and Zakir Hossain were elected members, a press release said.

Two commit suicide

A teenaged girl and one middle -aged man allegedly committed suicide by hanging Monday night in and around the city, hospital sources said. reports UNB.

Moni Khatun Begum (16) hanged herself from the ceiling of tin-roofed house at village Khejurbagh in Keraniganj

Moni reportedly committed suicide after quarrelling with her mother over affair with a youngman, police said.

A case has been registered with Keraniganj police.

In another case, 44-yearold Balram Sarkar of Sutrapur in the city reportedly hanged himself from an iron rod jutting out of the roof of his house. Cause of his suicide was

not known.

Canadian envoy calls on Khaleda High Commissioner of Cana-

Bangladesh.

da in Bangladesh Emile Gauvreau called on Begum Khaleda Zia. chatrperson of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Wednesday at her residence. reports BSS.

Gauvreau congratulated Begum Zia on her victory and wished her success in facing the challenges ahead. He informed Begum Zia that he visited a number of polling centres and found that the pollings appeared to be conducted in a free and fair man-

The Canadian envoy discussed matters of bilateral and mutual interest with Begum

Film censor appeal body reconstituted

The government has reconstituted the Film Censor Appeal Committee by cancelling the earlier notification in this regard, reports BSS.

Chairman of the Dainik Bangla Trustee Board Obaidul Haq has been appointed Chairman of the Reconstituted Committee while the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs (Film) will act as secretary of the committee.

Other members of the committee are Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Editor of the weekly Purbant. Khandakar Shadat Hossain, Professor of Islamic History and Cultural Department of Dhaka University A K M Abdul Alim. Professor of Journalism Department of Dhaka University A Q I M Nuruddin, Professor of Bangla Department of **Dhaka University Wakil Ahmed** and Dean of Social Science faculty of Dhaka University Dr. Anwar Ullah Chowdhury.

Free eye camp in Lauhajang today

By Staff Correspondent

An eye camp with the help of Lions Club of Dhaka Blues and Md Ismail Hossain will be opened today (Thursday) at Brahmingaon High School under Lauhajang upazila, says a press release.

Patients for free treatment will be operated upon by surgeon Dr S M Munirul Haq.

One run over by bus

By Staff Correspondent

G. M. Taher, (53), an officer of the Civil Aviation, was killed while a speeding bus ran over him at the new airport road inter section on Wednesday, police said.

Humidity(%)

Women of the future being neglected'

A dance sequence at the Shilpakala Academy on Wednesday on the occasion of Girl Child Year being observed throughout

The Girl Child Year Festival began in Dhaka Wednesday evening with a call to establish equal rights of the girl children in all spheres of life, reports BSS.

Poet Begum Sufia Kamal inaugurated the six-day colourful festival by lighting a lamp at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Cultural Affairs Adviser Prof. lajuddin Ahmed attended the inaugural function as the special guest.

Jointly organised by the UNICEF. Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, BRAC and 'We Are For Children' the inaugural session was presided over by the Director General of the Shilpakala Academy, Mr. Kamal Lohani. It was also addressed by Manzur-e-Moula, Secretary of the Social Welfare Ministry. Aly Zaker, representative of We

Are For Children', a voluntary organisation for the welfare of the children and Salauddin Ahmed, Director (Programme) of BARC. In her inaugural speech. Be-

gum Sufia Kamal said the girl children, the women of the future, have been always neglected, in this country. Terming the girl children as the national assets, Poet Sufia Kamal said due emphasis

must by given for the wel-

fare of the women folk, who

constitutes 50 per cent of the total population. She hoped that the lives of the girl children would be brightened in future like the light of the lamp lit in

the festival. Prof. lajuddin Ahmed underscored the need for raising the literacy rate of the girl children for their better-

fic said the gap between the

The elderly parliamentarian

pointed out that the elected

government would have to

carry out difficult responsibili-

ties, including restoration of

democracy, rehabilitating the

economy and introducing ad-

be able to install a corruption-

free government and a strong

Silver jubilee

University Psychology Depart-

day-long programme has been

chalked out in this connection.

Food and Culture Prof lajuddin

will inaugurate the function as

the chief guest at 10 a.m. while

Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruz-

zaman Mia will be the chief

guest at the concluding session

in the evening, according to a

press release.

He hoped that BNP would

ministrative discipline.

parliament.

education systems of the urban and rural areas should be minimised

-Star photo

The inaugural function of the programme, aimed at creating awareness among the opinion leaders about the problems of the girl children being faced, was followed by the dance drama - Chitrangada: 'Nahi Devi Nahi Samanya Nari' composed by Rabindranath Tagore and presented by 'Naripakkha.

The festival, organized in the spirit of observation of 1990 as 'girl child year' by the SAARC, was scheduled for last year but could not be held due to political turmoil in the country, organizers

Drama, folk-theatre, puppet show, dance drama, photo and art exhibitions are the main features of the festival.

Electoral system restored: Ata

Former Prime Minister Ataur Rahman Khan Wednesday said last week's polls restored the electoral system destroyed by the autocratic ruler and congratulated all for successful holding of free and fair elections, reports UNB.

It has been proved that free and fair elections can be held here like in western democracies with spontaneous participation of people, sincerity of the political parties and neutrality of the administration. he said in a statement.

Khan hailed Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) on emerging as the single largest party. "People had voted for the party in recognition of Begum Khaleda Zia's determined role in the anti-autocratic movement", he said.

Repolling in 4 suspended constituencies March 9

Repolling in 21 polling centres of the four Jatiya Sangsad constituencies, Jamalpur-2. Chandpur-1, Chittagong-6 and Chittagong-12, will be held March 9, according to an Election Commission press release in Dhaka Wednesday, reports BSS.

The polling centres are eight in Jamalpur-2, two in Chandpur-1, seven in Chittagong-6 and four in Chittagong-12 constituencies.

All kinds of public meetings, processions and rallies have been banned in the four constituencies for 48 hours beginning from midnight today (Thursday) till midnight following march nine.

Election in the 21 polling centres were stopped following reasons beyond the control of the concerned presiding of-

Obituary

Begum Ahsana Khatun, wife of Late Syed Ramzan Hossain of Birbhum, West Bengal, died of old age atlments at her son's residence at Lalmatia in Dhaka early Wednesday morning. She was 91, reports UNB.

She was the niece of Late Abul Kashem of Bardawan. a former member of assembly of Pre-partition Bengal.

She was the cousin of Late Abul Hashem, a prominent polittical leader during Pakistan

Soviet mission to observe Women Day

The USSR embassy in Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting to observe 'International Women Day on March 7, at 5:00 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre. Dhanmondt. says a Press release.

Begum Sufia Kamal will be the Chief Guest. Renowned writers and artists including Dilara Zaman, Lucky Inam and Mrs.Saprykinov will participate in the discussion.

Film, poster exhibition March 9

The Silver Jubilee of Dhaka ment will be held tomorrow. A A day-long film and poster exhibition will be held on March 9 at the Central Public Library auditorium in Dhaka on Presidential Adviser for the occasion of International

> Women's Day, reports BSS. Organised by Proshika, a non-government organisation for human development, the exhibition is aimed at projecting life and activities of women including their rights, a press release said.

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lecturers who are suffering a filling up of the vacant posts on lot since long. Widespread an emergency basis, creation **CROSSWORD PUZZLER**





of posts as per staffing pattern

in the degree, post-graduate

convener of the BGCLA, in a

statement, said, in spite of

huge vacant posts in Govern-

ment colleges, the government

is not taking any step to fill up

the vacancies. As such, the

standard of education is gra-

dually being lowered and

numbers of unsuccessful can-

to all lecturers of the country.

said time has come to realise

the just demands of the

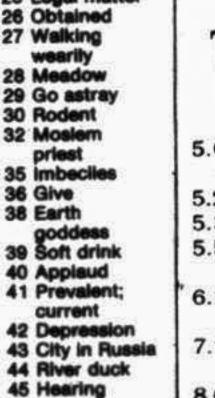
The statement, circulated

didates are rising.

Kamal Ataur Rahman.



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TV programme Thursday

News in Bengali Sports programme 5.30 and Mindi 7.20 programme

News in Bengali Drama of the week 10.00 News in English 10.30 Mini serial: Speaffield Daughter 11.30 Khabar/ The news

5.00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran

Comedy serial: 'Mork Hiramon: Folk based 'Jiboner Alo': Religious

11.45 Closing

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind likely to occur at one or two places at Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet. Weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere. Day temperature may remain unchanged over the country. Sun sets tomorrow at 6.04 pm and rises on Friday at 6.15

Rajshahi and Khulna divisions on Wednesday. Day temperature remained unchanged and also normal. Highest temperature of 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Ishardi and Cox's Bazar. Outlook for subsequent two days: Weather may improve. Extended outlook for another five days: Rainfall likely.

Temperature and Humidity of some cities on Wednesday:

Light rain occured at a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka.

City/ Town Temperature in Celsius max 20.8 30 Dhaka 23.5 29.8 Chittagong 77 16 29.3 Rangpur 16.8 Rajshahi 31 79 19.2 29.5 Sylhet Cox's Bazar