

Dhaka Day by Day

There He is, the 'Key' Man!

by Sabah Chowdhury

Among the street criers who have survived a metropolis racing to meet a future mixed with technological victories and ancient comforts, the 'chabiwallah' 'Key' man is probably the most familiar. People awash with nostalgia remember his voice among the many voices that crowd the so many pasts. Even senior citizens can recall the rhythmic

Pakistan era was not such an old memory, he has managed to buy himself a spot of land in Gandaria; where he lives in semi-pucca splendour. So great is his faith in man's ability to forget, that he has appointed his son to the mysteries of the locks and keys. Under the shade of an umbrella once black, now bleached by the angry sun and holding on to a small box and a pair of gifted hands Rashid waits in peace for the next generation to take over.



The omnipresent Chabiwallah. —Star Photo

Yet this man with a loop in his hand around which hang many specimens and different shapes barely makes a living. In a city of a few million residents there are a few million more doors, even more million cabinets and cupboards and on and on, but the decrepit key man never looks as imposing as his trade. He is quite the poor man among the dispossessed, the hungry among the unfed.

There is a simple division among the locksmiths and the keymen. While the former can claim a place in the foothold and a kind of permanent semi-permanence even if he tends to commercial clients, he does not have much 'romance' around him. He is stuck to an area of wealth and greed, of sudden and desperate needs. Perhaps Kazi Abdur Rashid, enthroned on the roadside of Motijheel can say that he is at the top of the profession. His take home crosses Tk. 5000 of month on the average, and there must be moments when anxious millionaires and accountants have sought his services and rewarded him with unexpected sums.

"I once opened the lock of a bathroom in an office where the 'Burrasahib' had fainted. He was ill, and they took him to the hospital, afterwards the people there paid me 100 taka. This is my highest income in one single instance."

In their own sub-culture, Rashid is a mane to reckon with. A man who has opened some of the most famous locked doors. Life has been kind to him and having started when Ayub Khan of the

drives away the chance to walk the neighbourhood calling out. Sometimes, it is taka 3000, sometimes more. Haranath doesn't want to talk about what he earns, how much he saves and whether he wishes to return to a village ravaged by rivers and botched attempts at rural development.

What hurts him most is the suspicion that they work as scouts of thieves and criminals. Apparently this is the perfect cover for the perfect job. He is constantly watched when at work, the defiler of inner sanctum of domesticity and Haranath has often felt the hot shaft of shame. But he has learnt to take it in a stride. The stomach is the great provider of patience. His cousin who taught him this trade has moved to a tea shop. At night they share the same miserable cubicle in Arambagh. No joy here except to the children who gawk in great awe, at the man who can unlock keys which even fathers fail to.

And so it is with this profession, born in man's forgetfulness and his desire to have and to hold, sustained by the same feelings through those who serve a God they rarely understand.

Metropolitan

'Jasimuddin an oasis of Bengali spirit'

By Staff Correspondent

Poems of Jasimuddin have strengthened our link with the soil of the land, eminent litterateur Professor Mustafa Nurul Islam said on Thursday.

He was delivering his presidential speech at a discussion titled 'Jasimuddin and folk literature' organised by Bangla Academy to commemorate the death anniversary of Poet Jasimuddin.

Director General of Bangla Academy Professor Harun-ur-Rashid delivered welcome address and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Wakil Ahmed presented the key note paper.

Selina Bahar Zaman, Naren Biswas and Abu Bakar Siddique participated in the discussion.

Professor Harun-ur-Rashid said Jasimuddin portrayed our traditional folk life through his powerful pen.

Selina Bahar Zaman said Jasimuddin added a new dimension to post-Rabindra poetry.

Naren Biswas said Jasimuddin is an eternal oasis of Bengali spirit.

Abu Bakar Siddique said Jasimuddin himself was an institution.

Lata Nasiruddin recited from Jasimuddin's poem.

Directive to play sirens during Ramzan

The Home Ministry has advised the Commissioners of All districts to arrange playing of sirens during Iftar and sehri, an official handout said, reports BSS.

It said the siren has to be played at a stretch for two and a half minutes and care should be taken so that it is not marked by up and down fluctuations like sirens for air attacks.

Biochemical Society meeting Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Biochemical Society will be held in the lecture theatre of the Department of Biochemistry on Saturday at 3 pm.

All the members have been requested to be present.

TV Programme Friday

- Morning Session**
- 8-00 Opening and recitation from Al Quran
 - 8-10 News in Bengali
 - 8-15 Cartoon
 - 8-40 Notun Kuri Children's programme
 - 10-00 News in English
 - 10-05 Sports programme
 - 11-15 Moner Mukurey
- Evening Session**
- 3-00 Opening and recitation from Al Quran
 - 3-15 Alor Dishari
 - 3-40 Full length Bengali Film
 - 5-20 News in Bengali
 - 5-30 Janamat : Programme on family planning
 - 6-30 Pran Chackra
 - 7-05 Madhuchandha: Songs programme
 - 8-00 News in Bengali
 - 8-30 Film: The Cosby Show
 - 9-00 Anirban
 - 10-00 News in English
 - 10-30 Drama Serial : L. A Law
 - 11-30 Khabar/The News
 - 11-45 Closing

PROGRAMME

Siphsa meet
A special meeting of Smoking and Intoxicant Preventive Human Service Association (SIPSHA) will be held today (Friday) at 3 pm at Malibagh Bipont Bitan (1st floor), says a press release.

Seminar at Goethe Institute

A seminar on 'Influence of mass media in developing human qualities' will be held at 5 pm tomorrow (Saturday) at the auditorium of German Cultural Centre and Goethe Institute at House No.23, Road No.2 Dhanmondi, Dhaka, says a press release.

Organised by the Carl Duisberg Samity Bangladesh, the seminar will be chaired by Dr. Saadat Hussain. Dr. Shakawat Ali Khan and Mr. Reaz Uddin Ahmed will be the main speaker and the chief reviewer respectively.

Sprha Andolon

Sprha Samajik Sangkritik Andolon will organise a discussion and cultural function at the TSC road island today (Friday) to commemorate its 8th founding anniversary.

AKM Belayet Hossain, President of Sangkritik Forum will preside over the function while Mozammel Huiq, President of National Press Club will be the chief guest.

CAB meet

Consumers' Association of Bangladesh (CAB) will hold a discussion meeting today at ten am at its office on 'the rights of consumers and the ethics of the United Nations Organization (UNO) on preservation of their interests.'

Rotaract Club

Rotaract Club of Dhakmondi lake view will hold its regular meeting on Friday at 4.30 pm at 2/3, Shajahan Road, Block-C, Mohammadpur, Dhaka, a press release said.

UNICEF

UNICEF will jointly hold a function of launching of its Eid greeting card campaign with Dhaka Club on Saturday at 5:30 pm, a press release said.

Munzur-i-Mawla, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, will be the chief guest at the function while Nuruddin Ahmed, President of Dhaka Club, will preside over the ceremony.

Discussion on '52 movement

A discussion meeting on Language Movement will be held today at Planning and Development Academy at Nilkhet here commemorating the historic state language day, reports UNB.

A press release said Thursday Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf will inaugurate the meeting at 4 pm. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muniruzzaman Miah will attend it as chief guest.

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury will preside over the meeting, organised by Rashtrabhasha Dibas Ujapan Parishad and Bhasha Andolan Gobeshana Chhatra Parishad.

Weekly 'Dewanbag' will hold a reunion function on the occasion of its first founding anniversary today (Friday) at 1.45 pm at 154, Arambagh, says a press release.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of 'Kury-Kury' written by Anamika Hoque Lili will be held today (Friday) at 6-30 pm at the auditorium of Bishya Shahtiya Kendra. Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will be the chief guest while eminent litterateurs and journalists Foz Ahmed and Raihat Khan will be the special guests.



A senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury speaking as the chief guest at a discussion meeting on the death anniversary of Mashiur Rahman, a prominent leader of democratic movement. —Star photo

'Jadu Mia upheld Zia's ideals'

Speakers at a discussion meet on Thursday lauded the role of late Mashiur Rahman Jadu Mia in national politics and termed him as one of the proponents of Bangladeshi nationalism, reports UNB.

A close associate of great political leader Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, Mashiur Rahman had never dissociated himself from the people and fought throughout his life for establishing democracy, they said.

Taking part in the discussion, arranged at the Jatuya Press Club in observance of the leader's 12th death anniversary, BNP Vice-Chairman and MP-elect Dr. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said Jadu Mia was a great political leader.

His ideals which conform the politics of late President Ziaur Rahman would be the guiding force in carrying out the onerous responsibility reposed in BNP by the people in the Feb 27 polls, Chowdhury said.

Jadu Miah, in his political career, came across two great political personalities — Late Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani and Late President Ziaur Rahman.

Terming Jadu Miah as a most modern man, Dr. Badruddoza said 'the Jadu Miah' had rightly picked the philosophy of Bangladeshi Nationalism of Late Ziaur Rahman and shaped it in politics.

His long political experience, wisdom and talent

enabled him to consider the philosophy of Ziaur Rahman as the right one in the crucial period of the country, the physician-turned politician told the audience.

BNP would make its best efforts to uphold the ideology of the great leader, Badruddoza said.

The discussion meeting, presided over by Khorshed Alam, was addressed, among others, by Workers Party leader Haider Akbar Khan Rano, Journalists Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Mozammel Huiq, Syed Zafar, Mahfuz Ullah, Abu Saleh, Gaziul Hasan Khan, Harunur Rashid, MP-elect.

Awami League is Hindu League: Faruq

Freedom Party Chairman Col (Retd) Sayed Faruq Rahman on Wednesday said his party had taken it as an issue to identify the fifth communists in the national politics and resist it because they were the agent of regional imperialism on this soil, reports BSS.

Col. Faruq said Awami League had in fact, got 40 seats in the recent polls. "They bagged the rest through rigging," he said adding that if the elections were held in a truly fair manner, this party would have scored not more than five seats.

"This proves that Awami League is a Hindu League," he said and added that its inclination towards regional imperialism had tended the nation to decline it through the recent elections.

The meeting was also addressed by the party Vice-Chairman, Mita Abdur Rashid and Maj (Retd) Bazul Huda, central leader Khandker Abdul Mannan, Sayed Maksudul Alam Chowdhury a leader from Bogra and Choudhury Mohammad Faruq chief central co-ordinator.

Ramna Park threatened

By Staff Correspondent

Rotary Club of Ramna has arranged a walkathon on Thursday morning to create awareness among the city dwellers about the gradual destruction of flora and fauna of Ramna Park.

After the walkathon, the Rotary Club held a Press conference at the Press Club. Rotarian Mohammad Kadiruzzaman, Rotary district governor Mostafa Zaman Abbasi, Rotarian Habbullah Khan and LK Siddique addressed the press conference.

They urged the authority concerned to take effective measures to protect the Ramna Park and its lake from being polluted by human activities. They said, that the Ramna

Park was stretched over an area of 68.5 acres including 10 acres of lake. The Park which has about 29,070 feet walking road and 492 sitting benches has been neglected for a long time, they said and alleged that water of the lake was being polluted by the filthy discharges being carried by illegal drainage and sewerage lines, drawn by a section of city dwellers.

They suggested for development of the Ramna Park by preserving green house, opening a snack shop for the visitors, adequate lighting facilities, construction of toilets and water tap, necessary security measures, and development of a water sports system in the lake.

Tagore songs conference begins Apr 26

The 3-day 10th national conference on Tagore songs will be held in Dhaka on April 26-28, reports BSS.

Organised by Jatiya Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad, the conference's programme include, seminar on Rabindranath Tagore, exhibition and musical source, says a press release.

The national competition of the Tagore songs will be held on April 25 at 9 a.m.

Satellite for river flow data sought

By BUET Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar on "Geomorphic analysis of the Brahmaputra river: Implication for stabilization of the right bank", stressed the need for installation of satellite in data collection regarding the peak flow measurements of the major rivers to judge the balanced

condition between the water flow rate and sedimentation.

The seminar, organized by the Department of Water Resources Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, was addressed by Prof. Colin R. Thorne, University Nottingham, UK and Prof. Donald M. McDowell, University of Manchester, UK.

Denoting the Brahmaputra as a dynamically active river Prof. McDowell said it is the second greatest alluvium-bearing river in the world which caused the main flood occurring phenomenon in Bangladesh during the recent years.

On being asked whether embankment construction in our country is feasible or not, he said that carrying capacity of the channel and economical considerations should be the basic concern in this regard.

Prof. McDowell also set the background for discussion by explaining the delta building process as influenced by three mighty rivers Brahmaputra-Jamuna, Ganges and Meghna.

Prof. Thorne discussed geomorphological process that influenced the shifting of Brahmaputra and suggested approaches for bank stabilization including both methods of stiffening banks by various technique and controlling the sand load that is of great significance to char formation and braiding.

The seminar was attended by a large number of practising engineers, consulting professionals and professor and followed by an interesting discussion on various geomorphological aspects of Brahmaputra.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Lane
- Walk wearily
- Pigpen
- Unctuous
- Chinese pagoda
- Bogs down
- Down: prefix
- Cloth
- Measure
- Unit of Chinese currency
- Vapid
- Cut into bits
- Printer's measure
- Hidden supply
- Scottish cap
- Drunkard
- Alternative word
- Colonizes
- Proceed

DOWN

- Dance step
- Skill
- Beverage
- Women's

Answer to Previous Puzzle

SNORE GLASP
STORES CALLER
TA TEST LOBO
OPT LEAST EBB
PLEA DROOP LE
SEALS STRIDES
SAME SALE
PRETEND HEATS
LI EATER SLAT
ABA REBUT STA
TACT TROT TI
SLEEPS ATONED
DRAIN LEPER

ACROSS

- Goal
- Fish eggs
- Metal fasteners
- Preposition
- Talks idly
- Stupid mistake: slang
- Mist
- Harem room
- Faeroe islands
- Pieces of dinnerware
- Permit
- Sea in Asia
- Fiber plant
- Exist
- Indefinite number
- Quarrel

DOWN

- Sat for portrait
- Roman
- Ancient color of
- Emits vapor
- High
- New England university
- Climbing device
- Missives
- Tellurium symbol
- Footwear
- Musical instrument
- Sun god
- Pigeon pea
- Pertaining to the mind
- Eye amorously
- Hurl
- Lid
- Petty rulers
- Give
- Negative prefix
- Iron symbol
- Put to use
- Missile
- Weapon
- River in Germany
- Wander
- Period of time
- Grabbly
- Great letter
- Fri. follower
- Article

Weather

Gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet region. Weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere over the country. The day temperature is likely to remain unchanged. The sun sets on Friday at 6.08 pm and rises on Saturday at 6.07 am.

Rain or thundershower occurred at most places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions on Thursday. The day temperature remained nearly unchanged over the country. The highest temperature of 36.3 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. Temperature and humidity of some cities of the country recorded on Thursday was:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity	
	Maximum	Minimum	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.7	20.4	70	55
Chittagong	32.4	22	63	46
Sylhet	31.5	18.4	75	63
Rajshahi	33	19	73	53
Comilla	32.5	18	78	74
Cox's Bazar	33.5	23.5	68	58
Khulna	32.6	20.3	77	63

The maximum temperature of some international cities on Thursday:

City	Temperature in Celsius
Delhi	25
Rangoon	34
Hong Kong	21
Singapore	27

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TENDER NOTICE NO.—07/XEN/F.D./DINAJPUR ZONE/90-91 DATED: 11-03-91.

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No.—2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted A-1 (One) category contractors of Facilities Department and eligible contractor of Foreign Countries (World Bank member Countries only) for the construction of two storied Pucca School Building including Water supply, Sanitary works and Electrical works in the selected Government Primary School premises of Dinajpur & Panchagar Municipal Areas under "General Education Project". The names of selected schools, their locations etc. are stated in the tender documents.

The Estimated cost for Construction of each school is Tk. 16,07,176/00 and Time of completion is 06 (Six) months.

Tender schedule & all connected papers may be obtained from the office of the undersigned at Chauhiapaty, Dinajpur, from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi & Rangpur Zone and also from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagar District only upto 30-03-91 on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk. 750/00 (Taka seven hundred & fifty) only (Non-refundable) for each set of tender documents and relevant papers.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at Chauhiapaty, Dinajpur, office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Rajshahi & Rangpur Zone and also by the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department of respective District at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon & Panchagar district on 01-04-91 upto 12-00 hours & will be opened on the same date at 12-30 hours in presence of the tenderers, if there be any. No tender will be entertained after the expiry of the receiving time as mentioned in the Tender Notice.

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh for an amount of Tk. 32,150/00 (Taka Thirtytwo thousand one hundred & fifty) only for each group as earnest Money in favour of "THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FACILITIES DEPARTMENT, DINAJPUR ZONE, DINAJPUR."

Tender schedule shall not be sold to the following contractors :-

- Those whose enlistment have not been renewed and who have not deposited their renewal fees for the year 1990-91.
 - Those who have failed to complete construction works awarded to them under different projects during the financial year 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89 & 1989-90 or still continuing with them after expiry of contract period.
- All other instruction to bidders are stated in tender documents.
- The tender committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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