## Dhaka Day by Day

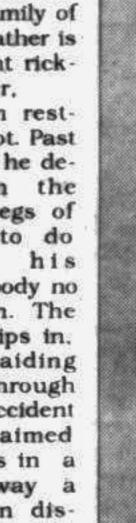
# Blessing In Disguise

of shelter is precious in Dhaka, and in some Odd as it may seem one could never think of a thirteen year old Wasim as a beggar. He is ways an indicator of achievement for the hand

more of an en treprenuer, very much into the "asking business" who is to be lauded all the more, because he has a major hurdle to overcome. After all who can't grudgingly respect a boy barely in his teens, who pays a house rent of Taka one thousand per month. This amount is often a burden for those who are well into adulthood and desperately trying to survive and at the same time sup-

port a family The boy is a main breadwinner in a family of nine. His father is an itinerant rickshaw-puller.

more often resting than not. Past his prime, he depends on the mangled legs of his son to do what wretched body no longer can. The mother chips in. house maiding her way through life. The accident which maimed Wasim was in a strange way a blessing in disguise, for otherwould wise people have been kind to a healthy



teen-aged beg gar? The entire family of Wasim huddle and live in a single room. The Taka one thousand worth

by Sabah Chowdhury

icapped child who would not

better future

The city offers few options to those who are not lucky. Neither education nor skills are tools of survival in this city where millions are already unemployed. In a ghastly way the handicap which keeps the boy screwed to the board running on wheels is the passport to nine bellies of food and one decent shelter by Dhaka

standard. In that

way it's not little.

Does Wasim's conscience reconcile to the fact of begging as a profession, which supposedly robs people of their sense of dignity and so on? Is it possible that the city in particular and the country in general affords very little space for such logic? Is it enough that one individual has survived, no

matter how? Each person will have to find their own an swer, but for Wasims who push their own wheel board, clutc-hing pedestrians and

minimal handouts, which keep the family going, perhaps the answer is there!



Prof Salauddin Ahmed addressing the opening session of two-day Matiur Rahman lecture series at the auditorium of Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University on Tuesday. Prof M Muniruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor and Prof Wakil Ahmed, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of DU are seen in the picture.

# Army airdrops 3.7 lakh chapatis

The members of the armed forces are carrying on relief operations at the cyclone-torn coastal areas and the offshore islands, according to an ISPR press release in Dhaka on

The army personnel sup-Deep and Hatiya.

Besides, the Comilla area nated by the Comilla Medical Association and other relief materials including 29 cartons of biscuits, 200 tins of baby food, 54 bags of sugar, 300 pieces of water filter, 230 Saudi tents and 200 tins corn

The relief materials dis-

and 171 kgs of chapati. kerosene, 12726 match boxes, 5,01,212 kgs of rice, 1472 kgs 10200 pieces of water purify of atta, 1447 packets and 2228 ing tablets, 400 pieces of water filters, 22,887 of cloth. kgs of biscuits, 1928 kgs of 219 yards of white cloth, three powdered milk, 4147 kgs of bales and 180 kgs of old cloth. sugar, 31,027 kgs of chira, 929 kgs of dal, 200 tins of 330 Saudi tents, 8648 pack corn beef, 484 kgs of salt, 10 ets of emergency food, 9120 cartons of baby food, 950 ltrs kgs of gur. 715 bread, 50 edible oil, 250 ltrs of packets of jet powder, 50 pieces of soaps, 40 pieces of Media centre sarce, 40 pieces of lungi, 881 kgs of khichuri, 240 kgs of at Sheraton muri, 8400 kgs of sweet potatoes, 1000 pieces of bun ruti.

The Press Information and Taka 85000 in cash. Department of the Govern-ment Other relief activities of the has set up a Media Centre at the Chittagong. Comilla and Dhaka Sheraton to assist the Jessore area troops in differ visiting foreign journalists who ent affected areas are going on are now in Bangladesh to cover Army Medical Teams working the devastating cyclone and in various places are also carry relief operation. The Media ing on their medical assistance Centre will operate round the to the cyclone victims. clock at the Melonee III. says a

Bangladesh Navy on Tuesday despatched a considerable quantity of relief goods by helicopter to the cyclone-hit areas of Sandwip. Urirchar and Monpura islands in addition to the 15 BN ships now engaged in distribution of relief goods in the greater coastal areas.

100 cans of drinking water

# output to be hampered The post-cyclonic overall

1.5 lakh tons IRRI-Boro

food situation in the country was reviewed at a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on food at the Conference Room of the Ministry in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

The convener of the subcommittee, Agriculture Minister. M Majidul Haque presided over the meeting.

The meeting discussed in threadbare the loss of foodgrains in the cyclone, present IRRI-Boro production position. proper transportation and disiribution and its import posi-

The meeting was informed that the production approximately one and a half lakh tons of IRRI-Boro will be hampered by the cyclone. It was decided that, the internal procurement would be increased by the district food procurement committees through strengthening of the foodgrain procurement

For this purpose the meeting decided that the Food Ministry would specify one day of every week as special procurement day and food procurement drive would be taken in the presence of State Minister for Food Barrister Nazmul Huda in different areas of the country.

LORD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder. Finance and Planning Minister Md Saifur Rahman, State Minister for Food Barrister Nazmul Huda.

State Minister for Jute Abdul Mannan Bhutyan secretaries of the concerned ministries and senior officials were present in the meeting.

# for cyclone victims

Tuesday, reports BSS.

plied 3,70,000 chapatis for the distressed people from Tuesday morning till afternoon. Out of these 1,50,000 from the Dhaka and Savar Cantonment were airdropped and paradropped at inaccessible areas of Hattya, Urir Char, Sandwip, Maheshkhali and Kutubdia islands. Meanwhile, 30,000 from the Jessore Cantonment, 70,000 from Comilla Cantonment and 1,20,000 from the Chittagong Cantonment were despatched to different affected places including Jahajmara. Nijhum

troops sent 5000 bun ruti dobeef to different affected areas.

tributed by the army personnel till Monday included 8,93,720

Raushan's bail:

Govt asked to

show cause

By Staff Correspondent

ball in a criminal case.

Begum Raushan Ershad has

#### newspaper are staying at the Sheraton Hotel. The hotel has The relief goods sent by hekept its Business Centre licopter included 30,000 chaequipped with all modern far patti made by BN personnel in ctlities such as fax, telex, wor Dhaka, drinking water, match processor, open for 24 hours to boxes, biscuits and clothing. facilitate the journalists. Tk 32 cr needed to

The cyclone-battered telecommunication system of the country will cost Telegraph and Telephone Board Taka 32 erore to repair

About one hundred foreign

journalists from a good number

of countries, representing

world renowned news agencies,

television network, radio and

A preliminary report made by the Board on the basis of estimate of loss received till Saturday also suggested that the expenditure for restoring the system could go up further

The T & T Board lost revenue worth about Taka 15

caused extensive damage to the 19 antennas and feeder cables including microwave tower at Chittagong whose repair will cost about Taka 5

ble at Rangamati.

and Cox's Bazar-Kutubdia were severely battered causing damages worth about Taka 3 crore.

About 900 lines in five tele-Navy. Satkania. Sandwip.

Hatiya and 100 lines of

trunk lines in remote areas of Chittagong, Noakhali, Cox's Bazar, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, and Satkhira districts were damaged costing Taka 2

The report said, different telephone cables, dropware, cabinet and distribution points were also lost in the cyclone which will cost the board another Taka 2 crore.

Moreover, various telecommunication buildings and working radio, telephone and public call offices at Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Hatiya and Sandwip were also damaged in the cyclone —the loss of which was estimated at about Taka 2 crore.

#### Hearing of writ challenging WB Award today

The hearing of the writ petition challenging the implementation of the Wage Board Award for journalists and other newspaper employees will be taken up today (Wednesday) in a division bench of the High Court Division, reports BSS.

The court comprises of Justice M. Abdul Jalil and Justice M. Badruzzaman.

Barrister Joynal Abedin, the Counsel of the BSP, on Tuesday prayed for extention of the stay order till disposal of the writ petition.

Barrister Akhtar Imam, the Counsel of the BFUJ, BNPWF and BNPEF, opposed the prayer and upon hearing. The learned counsel the court was pleased to extend the stay order for one week only and the matter was fixed in the list so that it may be taken up for hearing today.

Senior Advocate Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed with Barrister Joynal Abedin appeared for the petitioner. Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad.

Senior Advocate Barrister A.R. Yusuf and Barrister Akhtar Imam along with Advocate Habib-ul-Alam, Advocate Khalequzzaman and Advocate Mozammel Haque Mehdi appeared for the respondents. Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ), Bangladesh Newspapers Press Workers Federation (BNPWF) and Bangladesh Newspapers Employees Federation (BNEF).

Abdul Wadud Bhutyan. Additional Attorney General. with Syed JR Modasser Hossain, Deputy Attorney General are representing the

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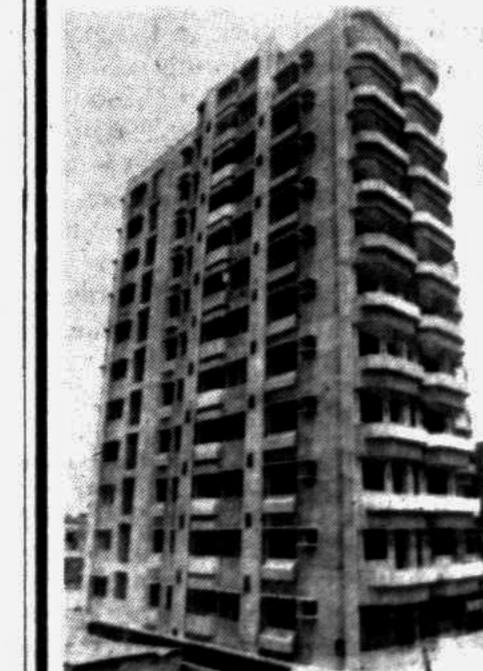






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### Call to restore power Dhaka-Canberra supply in Baitul Mokarram

Jasim

Baitul Mokarram Traders laborating with some Islamic group Tuesday demanded im-Foundation officials for imposmediate restoration of power ing the bill using the single supply in the market and canmetre system. cellation of single metre sys-The power supply in the tem, reports UNB. market was also disconnected on two occasions last year but

"anti-people".

20 lakh.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLER** 

The group, comprising of

traders from 355 various busi-

ness concerns, said power

supply disruption have so far

cause them a loss of about Tk.

addressed, among others, by

Amirullah, General Secretary

of the group and Samsul Alam

Hashu. President of the

**Answer to Previous Puzzle** 

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frying pan

9 Cast-iron

SLAPLEPER

Jewellers' Association.

The conference was also

Addressing a press conferwas restored on orders from ence at Jativa Press Club here. the High Court, Khan said. Ali Akbar Khan, President of the group warned that unless He said the power discontheir demands were met by nection was a "violation of Thursday, they will gherao the court order" adding PDB's one office of Islamic Foundation. metre system of billing as

sible for their sufferings. They also pressed for revival of individual billing sys-

whom the group, held respon-

Power Development Board snapped electricity supply to the market on April 28 following non-payment of outstanding bills of Tk. 42 lakhs by the

The group accused a section of PDB employees of col-

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## ties to grow

Richard Gate, called on LGRD. office in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interests and further promotion of friendly relations that exist between the two

### **PROGRAMME**

Dr. Robert B. Wardlaw of UK, will deliver a lecture on "A Seminar on Practising Hydrology: some experience and expected development" today (Wednesday) at 4-30 pm at Seminar room, Civil Engineering Building, BUET, says a press release.

#### Rotary Club meet

#### Alliance Francaise

Alliance Française will be holding its annual diploma certificate giving ceremony on Friday at 5.00 pm, says a press

Student concerned of class IV. VII. VIII (session December 1989 to November 1990) have been invited to at-

## Dhaka Blues executives

Directors of Lions Club of Dhaka Blues was held in a local hotel recently. The following persons elected office bearers for the year 1991-92, says a press release. President Ln. Azizul Haque, Immediate Past President Ln. Mosleh Uddin Khan; First Vice-President Ln. Mujibul Hoque; Second Vice-President Ln. Md. Ismail Hossain Miah; Third Vice-President Ln. S. M. Wahiduzzaman Babur; Secretary Ln. Muzibur Rahman; Joint Secretary-I Ln. Abdul Wahab Alamgir; Joint Secretary-II Ln. Mosharraf Hossain Khan; Treasurer Ln. Altafuddin Sk; Joint Treasurer Ln. Kamal Uddin Ahmed Khan; Tail Twister Ln. S .M. Hashem Ali; Lion Tamer Ln. Asadur Rahman; Directors Ln. A. K. M. Emdadul Huq; Ln. A. T. M. Musa Khan; Ln. Imtaz Ahmed; Ln. S. M. Hashem; Ln. A. S. M. Abdullah; Ln. Jamal Uddin Ahmed and Ln. K. M. Nazrul

The Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at his

countries.

# Seminar at BUET

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka, says a

#### press release.

# Lions club of

The election of the Board of Alam.

#### obtained a rule on Tuesday from a Division Bench of the High Court Division comprising Justice AKM Sadek and Justice Md Ansar Ali as to why she should not be released on

press release.

She has been accused of causing loss to the government to the tune of Taka 27 lakh by showing the lowest price of 12 kathas of land at Kawran Bazar. She purchased 12 kathas of land out of two bighas of land

#### Khaleda visits relief godown

from the allottees. The land

originally belonged to RAJUK.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday visited the President's relief godown to see the stock position of relief goods there, reports BSS. Later, she visited the Relief Coordination Cell located at

Brig. S M A Bhuiya. Principal Staff Officer (PSO) to the supreme commander, who is also in charge of the cell, explained to Begum Zia the functioning of the cell and relief activities.

the President's Secretariat.

State Minister for Information, Nurul Huda, accompanied the Prime Minister.

Thursday at 5.20 am.

## Gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm Wednesday. Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

at Rajshahi and minimum temperature of 15.2 degrees at Mymensingh. Temperature and humidity of some important cities and towns recorded on Tuesday were:

Max 24.5 34.0 23.9 38.5 77 34.7 28.0 22.4 34.0 21.6 27.1 19.6 23.0 24.8 32.6 19.8 29.0 24.0 30.0

#### restore tele-lines Khagrachhari. In addition, telephones and

the damage, T & T sources said, reports UNB.

after a thorough assessment.

crore due to affected telecommunication system. The devastating cyclone

About Tk one crore damage was done to the telephone tower antenna and feeder ca-

Besides, towers and antennas including U. H. F. radio channels between Chittagong-Sandwip, Chittagong-Maheshkhali, Noakhali-Hatia

phone exchanges were also damaged costing Taka 2 crore. The damaged exchanges are: 200 lines each of Chittagong

## Weather

The Sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.31 pm and rises on

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather is likely to improve. Maximum temperature of 38.5 degrees Celsius was recorded

Humidity (%) Temperature in Celsius City/Town Dhaka Rajshahi 72 Khulna Bogra Rangpur Sylhet Barisal Srimangal Comilla