

Dhaka Day by Day

Sparetime Linguists

by Fayza Haq

To teach a classfull of adults is not an easy task. To teach them a foreign language, when it is not one's first language, is even more complex.

teacher's training at Pune (India) for two months. Rumana is now teaching German for four years. She teaches elementary level A and B, four times a week, and gets paid Tk 600 per class.

"My students are shy to speak. Some students are serious but most are not. Many come just because there is no other entertainment in the evening in town. But this does not apply to



Naheed Mustaf Ahmed



Farzana Quraishi



Rumana Ahmed

had to go to school where the medium was French, for two years.

When Naheed came back to Dhaka, she continued with the Alliance Francaise till she finished her advanced course in '84. She then did two diplomas from Alliance Francaise of Paris plus had a teacher's training for a month, once in '85 and again in '89.

Naheed who has a Master's in Public Administration, works with the Tax Department in the morning.

"I feel wonderful that I have a scope to share what I know with other people. Talking and correcting for three hours can be tiresome but I am proud to be entrusted with this work", Naheed says.

"There are adverse comments from students who are the beginners. They would prefer to learn from the French. The reason why there are local teachers is because we understand the problems of the students better than the French teachers themselves.

This young teacher is married to a flight engineer, although she appears like any other debutante. Naheed is a newscaster too for External Service for Radio Bangladesh.

Naheed gets paid over Tk 8000 for her part time job.

Rumana Ahmed too was compelled to learn German as a necessity rather than a choice. Her husband was studying computers at Bonn. She decided to join him at Cologne University, where she did an intensive course in German for eighteen months. She then worked for Deutsche Welle in the Bengali Service. This was followed by a secretarial and a translator's job in the Bangladesh Embassy in Bonn.

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Interested researchers have been requested to contact any of the following for further information guidelines immediately: Mr. A. Yusuf Choudhury (Tel: 317683), Dr. Halida Akhtar (Tel: 812376) and Dr. A. M. R. Chowdhury (Tel: 600161-4).

The first year that she came to Bangladesh, she found the culture and environment difficult to adjust to. But now she is so busy with her studies and teaching that she has no time to worry about what other people may be thinking of her.

It is heartening to see the young teachers going about their task with composure and confidence.

"When I started I was 19 and underwent training with the French teachers M. Cary and M. Le Reun," she informs me. Rimi teaches nine hours a week. Thus she has plenty of time for her International Relations studies at the University.

"In the beginning I had problems handling older people. But now I can control the class with no difficulty. The students expect me to translate in French or English, which I do not approve of.

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Plea for research on fallout of cyclones

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Working Group on Essential National Health Research (ENHR) was held on May 12 at the Working Group's temporary secretariat, says a press release.

The meeting expressed its profound shock at the loss of lives during the last cyclone and observed a minute's silence in memory of the departed souls. The group members, belonging to nine different government and non-government organisations, expressed their determination to continue to work for the relief and rehabilitation of the survivors through their own organisations.

The Group also recognised the need to initiate and promote research in the areas of disasters. It was decided to offer the services of the group to individuals willing to conduct research on the issues concerning the aftermath of the disaster such as the social, economic, demographic and

nutritional effects of the cyclone in the short and long run, the effectiveness of and processes in the relief and rehabilitation operations, response of individual/groups to humanitarian needs or any other issues related to the disaster. The Group may be able to provide assistance in locating modest funding for such research in a few cases.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' with words like SECT, HOW, DROP, HARE, ADE, AERO, OCEANS, TITLED, WHALE, DEALS, TSAR, TEST, ARE, TOTES, EEL, DI, SOD, TI, OAF, HEEDS, BAT, OLES, YOUR, RIDER, UNION, ADDERS, BRIDLE, GEER, AGO, TAGS, EARS, COY, SLAT.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-50.

Mizan's detention: rule issued on Home Secretary

A Division Bench of the High Court Division issued rule on the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to show cause within 10 days as to why Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, now detained in jail, should not be brought before the court so that the court may satisfy itself the detenu is not being held in custody without lawful authority, reports BSS.

The Bench comprises Justice M Abdul Jalil and Justice M Badruzzaman.

Moudud Ahmed, former Vice President with Azizul Haque moved the writ petition on behalf of Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, a former prime minister.

Eviction of illegal occupants from Rupnagar demanded

Rupnagar Abastik Kalyan Samity has urged the authority concerned to evict unauthorised occupants from its plots and expedite water, electricity and gas supply in the housing estate, reports BSS.

A meeting of the Samity, held recently in Dhaka at Sher-e-Bangla Community Centre with its President Mr Aminul Islam in the chair, expressed concern at the deteriorating law and order situation in the estate and reiterated its demand to set up a police outpost there. It also demanded of the authority to take immediate steps to repair damaged roads and by-lanes.

According to a press release, the meeting was addressed among others by Sheikh Ansar Ali MP and Mr M S A Kamal, General Secretary of the Samity.

NAP demands national disaster prevention body

National Awami Party Monday demanded setting up of a permanent 'National Disaster Prevention Committee' to face recurrent natural calamities in the country, reports UNB.

The demand was made by NAP General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club on the morning.

He was narrating his experience after a 5-day visit to the cyclone-battered off-shore areas.

Pankaj also called on the government to declare the cyclone-hit coastal belt as calamity zone.

He suggested a 14-point relief and rehabilitation programme, including construction of cyclone shelters, waiving of interest on agri-loans upto Tk 10,000, free distribution of house building materials to the poor and sending of medical students to the affected areas to combat the outbreak of diarrheal diseases.

Blaming the government for failing to reach relief materials to the distressed people, Pankaj observed that activities of administration in some affected areas is almost non-existent.

Hypertension clinic shifted

Bangladesh Society of Hypertension has shifted its clinic to 64/E, Green Road, about 50 yards to the south of Panthapath, reports UNB.

Patients will be examined every week from Thursday next, between 9 am to 1 pm, said a press release of the society.

Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and Rajshahi Divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Khulna Divisions according to Meteorological Department.

The day temperature is likely to rise by one to four degree Celsius. The highest temperature on Monday recorded at Rajshahi was 38.7 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Sylhet was 19.5 degree Celsius.

Out look for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.33 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.17 am.

Temperature and humidity of some cities/towns on Monday were:

Table with columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in Celsius (max, min), Humidity in percentage (6am, 9pm). Rows include Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi, Bogra, Jessore, Comilla, Barisal, Faridpur, Sylhet, Dinajpur, Rangamat.

Maximum temperature of some cities of the region on Monday was:

Table with columns: City, Temperature. Rows: Delhi (42 degree Celsius), Calcutta (35), Beijing (33).

10m ton milk needed: Only 1.3m ton produced at home

State Minister for Fisheries, Livestock and Environment Abdullah Al-Noman told the Jatiya Sangsad on Monday the country produces 13,14,000 tons of milk against its requirement of 10 million tons for 11 crore people, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Hajj Rashed Mosharruf (AL-Jamalpur), the State Minister said, the requirement was estimated on the basis

of 250 grams of milk per day per person.

Mr. Noman said the government had taken up a plan to increase the country's milk. The plan included measures for qualitative improvement of undeveloped livestock of the country.

Despite various difficulties, he said, the government had opened 20 artificial insemination centres and 832 artificial sub-insemination centres throughout the country

for improving the variety of livestock. Beside, he said, arrangements had been made for production and preservation of frozen semen at the Savar Central Artificial Insemination Research Centre. Artificial insemination had also been started at 13 upazilas at the initial stage.

Mr Noman said a central insemination and milk farm had been set up at Savar in Dhaka. Milk development

farms had also been set up at Rajshahi, Sylhet and Faridpur, he said.

Besides, he said, improved cross breed calves (bakna) was being supplied to the poor farmers of 40 upazilas as well as residents in the towns under the coordinated livestock and poultry development project. He said three farms would be set up at Khulna, Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions.



U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh Mr. William B. Milam presented a packet of relief supplies to Brigadier M.S.A. Bhuiyan (right) chief coordinator, Government of Bangladesh Relief Coordination Cell. The supplies as part of U.S. humanitarian assistance to cyclone affected Bangladesh arrived at Zia International Airport Friday, 10 aboard a giant C-5 Galaxy transport. LTC. James A. Dunn, Defense Attache, US embassy was also present. —USIS photo

Over 6 lakh cases under trial Separation of Judiciary from executive under study

Government is considering separation of judiciary from the executive, Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz told Parliament Monday, reports UNB.

He was replying to a question from Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party.

He said steps have been taken to increase the number of courts and Judges for speedy disposal of cases.

There is no Assistant Judges in 153 upazila courts of the country, the Minister added.

BSS adds: Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz

PROGRAMME

Bangladesh government and National Conservation Strategy (NCS) project will hold a day-long programme on 'power and mineral resources' at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium on Tuesday, a press release said.

told the Jatiya Sangsad Monday that at present there were 6,54,520 cases under trial in different courts of the country.

Replying to a question from Mr. Nurul Islam Moni (Ind-Barguna), the Minister said steps had been taken to increase the number of courts and appoint Judges in vacant posts for speedy disposal of cases.

He said there were no district Judges at present in

Bangladeshi Rotarian honoured

Former President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and noted social worker Ifekharul Alam has been appointed as Chairman of Rotaract Committee of Rotary International for 1991-92, says a Press release on Monday.

This is the first time that any Bangladeshi has received such honour. Rotaract Committee of Rotary International decides policy and plan of action for over 5000 Rotaract Clubs in 101 countries. Rotaract Clubs are youth organisations of Rotary International.



Ifekharul Alam would soon leave for Rotaract Convention at Mexico City, where he has been invited to be a speaker. Ifekharul Alam has also received Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation has given a grant of US\$ 7.16 million to Bangladesh for immunising all children in Bangladesh against Polio. A Rotarian since 1954, Past District Governor Ifekharul Alam has been serving as Chairman of Bangladesh Polio Plus National Immunisation Committee, which has been helping the government in its immunisation efforts.

30 injured in Kulaura train mishap

At least 30 persons were injured when a 'stabled engine' of a shuttle goods train collided with the Chittagong-bound Jalalabad Express at Kulaura station Saturday night, a Railway source said on Sunday, reports BSS.

Direct train communications on this section remained snapped till its restoration at 10-45 am Sunday.

Senior railway officials from Dhaka and Chittagong rushed to the spot and supervised salvage operations.

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited

Head Office, Court Road, Brahmanbaria

Wanted Monogram Design

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited at Brahmanbaria is a subsidiary company of Petrobangla. The company is meeting a mentionable part of the country's fuel requirement by producing natural gas at its Titras, Bakhrabad, Habiganj and Kamta gas fields and supplying it to the distribution companies and processing gas by-product condensate. Design for a monogram freely usable in the company's letterhead pad, signboard, identity card etc. as well as other official purposes, is invited under the following terms & conditions:

- 1. Any professional or amateur artist, designer or advertising firm may submit maximum 3 (three) designs of the monogram.
2. The monogram should be in conformity with the activity and objective of the company and easy to understand.
3. The designer, artist or submitting firm of the design of the monogram finally selected by the company authorities, will be given Taka 25,000.00 (twenty five thousand) as honorarium. However, the designer, artist or submitting firm of the approved design will have to delegate all rights of the finally selected monogram in favour of the company through an appropriate deed of agreement and thereof that if the selected monogram is proved to be a copy of or similar to the monogram of any local/ foreign firm, then the full amount of the honorarium will be refunded to the BGFLC authorities and the authorities, if necessary, may take legal action.
4. Unapproved designs can be taken back within 3 (three) months of the final selection of the monogram design.
5. Persons intending to be intimated with the activities /production process of the company can visit the gas fields on the spot by contacting the secretary of the company and on the date fixed by the secretary (Telephone Dhaka- 403385 and Brahmanbaria-2601).
6. Design/designs of the monogram in sealed cover should reach the secretary of the company by registered post or personally at the company's head office or Dhaka liaison office at 97, Bijoynagar Road by 10-06-91.
7. The company authorities reserve the right to cancel any or all the designs without assigning any reason.