

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Of Floods, Cyclone and Everyday Suffering

by Fayza Haq

Joygopal Taralder, who had his solo drawing exhibition at the Goethe Institute, had the manners of a country bumpkin. He apparently had few patrons or friends. But his display had much more substance than many of the sophisticated work that one sees in the city.

Joygopal was not out to please by presenting colourful scenes or delightful portrayals. He did not go in for over-complicated abstracts. He did not care to experiment or play around with colours, textures or the media. He was a student of sculpture but he had a drawing display because that was what he could afford.

"I may have been able to make pieces out of terra-cotta for an exhibit but they would have been expensive to transport, and people do not pause to appreciate them. Firing clay is also another money involving process where you need an expensive oven. Working on stone and wood is again very dear," explained Joygopal as to why he resorted to a display of drawings.

Many of the pieces used one colour only and some were the collections of hand-drawn sketches done with a ball point pen. Despite the frugal ways of the artist the hard-board, paper and celluloid cost him Tk 7000.

Joygopal, who professed to enjoy his drawing, certainly went into a big way into details of drawing, specially the human anatomy. This appeared somewhat unusual today when artists spend so little time sketching or drawing and leave it to clever play of colours and textures to win the approval of their onlookers.

Joygopal was all set to point out to his viewers the suffering of the masses and the socio-economic problems of the middle class. While he spent a lot of time and energy to delineate scenes from the recent cyclone and the past floods, he went out of his way to show that even without these calamities, life for the common people in Bangladesh was tedious and almost insufferable.

In "Flood Victim-1" had an emaciated, underclad and hungry couple sitting with an empty bowl and glass. The bodies were shown as if made of terra-cotta. Lines, spots, dots and designs covered the anatomy.

A man was depicted as grabbing a red bowl which was empty in "Flood Victim-2". The artist had once again played with the texture while dealing with the delineation of the body of the starved man. "Flood Victim-3" was similarly an image of pain and distress. The broken twisted limbs stood for everything that was

destroyed and washed away. But surmounting all was the new moon and the sprig of leaves symbolising hope.

A begging woman was presented in "She the Deprived". The woman looked more like a collection of twisted and deformed tubes although her face and hand with the begging bowl were clear. Blue, black, brown and vermilion were used and it did not appear as monotonous as some of the other creations where the drawings had a single colour like muted brown.

The images of the flood were brought into "Tormented Sentiment". Army medals were shown to symbolise power. A bowl of coins represented foreign aid. Army rule was shown as something that tied down the citizen with thick cruel ropes. The other faces in the drawing showed, similarly, various people in the grips of pain, torment and agony.

Symbols were utilised in "Tempted Moment-2" as well as in most other drawings. The limbs of mankind were shown as bolts of lightning that one saw in a cyclone or a hurricane. In between the tortured limbs were the faces of a tired man and a skull to show the ultimate stage in humans. The artist's message was that man's life was like a wild, unabated storm.

"Dream and Love" again showed a very negative image of life. A man has his hopes and dreams but his wishes were not fulfilled in average everyday life. The relieving factor of the theme was that despite broken dreams man's love persists. Endless cubes were filled with sections of human anatomy.

"Modern Life Style-2" had drawings of floating, drab "pajama" and "punjabi" in which the clothes symbolised the boring, unrelieved existence of every man. Life has little pleasures or excitement, was the message of the artist.

Just as the cyclone had destroyed the trees and plants so the limbs of mankind in "Man and Men-10" were shown as twisted roots, branches and twigs. The artist's "Man and Men-6" reminded you of the massive creations of Henry Moore. Once again the drawings represented the pain of the everyday man.

There was nothing trivial or frivolous about Joygopal's work. He was dead earnest. He did not care who liked his work and who did not. He was bent on passing on the message of the suffering of mankind and this he did fairly well. He was, also, apparently a hard worker. With adequate backing, guidance and further training he could do more promising work in the future.



She the Deprived

## Grocer stabbed to death

By Staff Correspondent

A grocer was stabbed to death by a local 'Mastan' for refusing to sell goods on credit at Rayar Bazar on Wednesday evening.

A mastan came to Khaleq's shop and asked for a packet of cigarette at around 5.30 pm. When Khaleq refused to sell on credit, the mastan went away threatening dire consequences. One hour later, he came back and stabbed Khaleq (25) on the chest. He died on the spot.

His body was taken to DMCH for post mortem. When contacted, Mohammadpur police could not say anything.

## Shrimp growers seek financial assistance

By Staff Correspondent

Shrimp farms extensively damaged during the recent cyclone and accompanying tidal wave in Cox's Bazar have sought financial help for rehabilitation.

In a statement issued here Wednesday, the Rampur Ten Acre Shrimp Project Owners Association urged the government to provide immediate financial help to repair the damages sustained by shrimp farms and begin production.

The association said that upto Taka 5 lakh will be needed to repair the shrimp farms in the area. They also urged for help in solving other outstanding problems faced by the shrimp farmers in the Chokoria and Rampur mouza of Cox's Bazar.

## PROGRAMME

### SSMCH seminar

A seminar on "ectopic pregnancy" will be held on today (Thursday) at Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital lecture gallery at 10 am. Prof Anwara Begum, will preside. Medicine Club of Sir Salimullah Medical College has arranged this seminar.

### Engineering edn

A two-day seminar on "Engineering Education for Technology Development" begins at the Civil Engineering Faculty of Bangladesh Engineering University (BUET) Thursday. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof Md Shahjahan will be the chief guest at the seminar. Organised by the Teachers Association of BUET, the seminar will discuss teaching methods and examination system, application of engineering education in practice, its role in industrial development and the future of engineering education in the 21st century.

### Rotary Club meet

The 17th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara which will be held today (Thursday) at 5-15 pm at Sheraton Hotel. Lt Col Jim Vance, Chief Spokesman of the US Task Force will be guest-speaker and he will deliver a talk on "Operation Sea Angel".

## Drama festival begins June 8

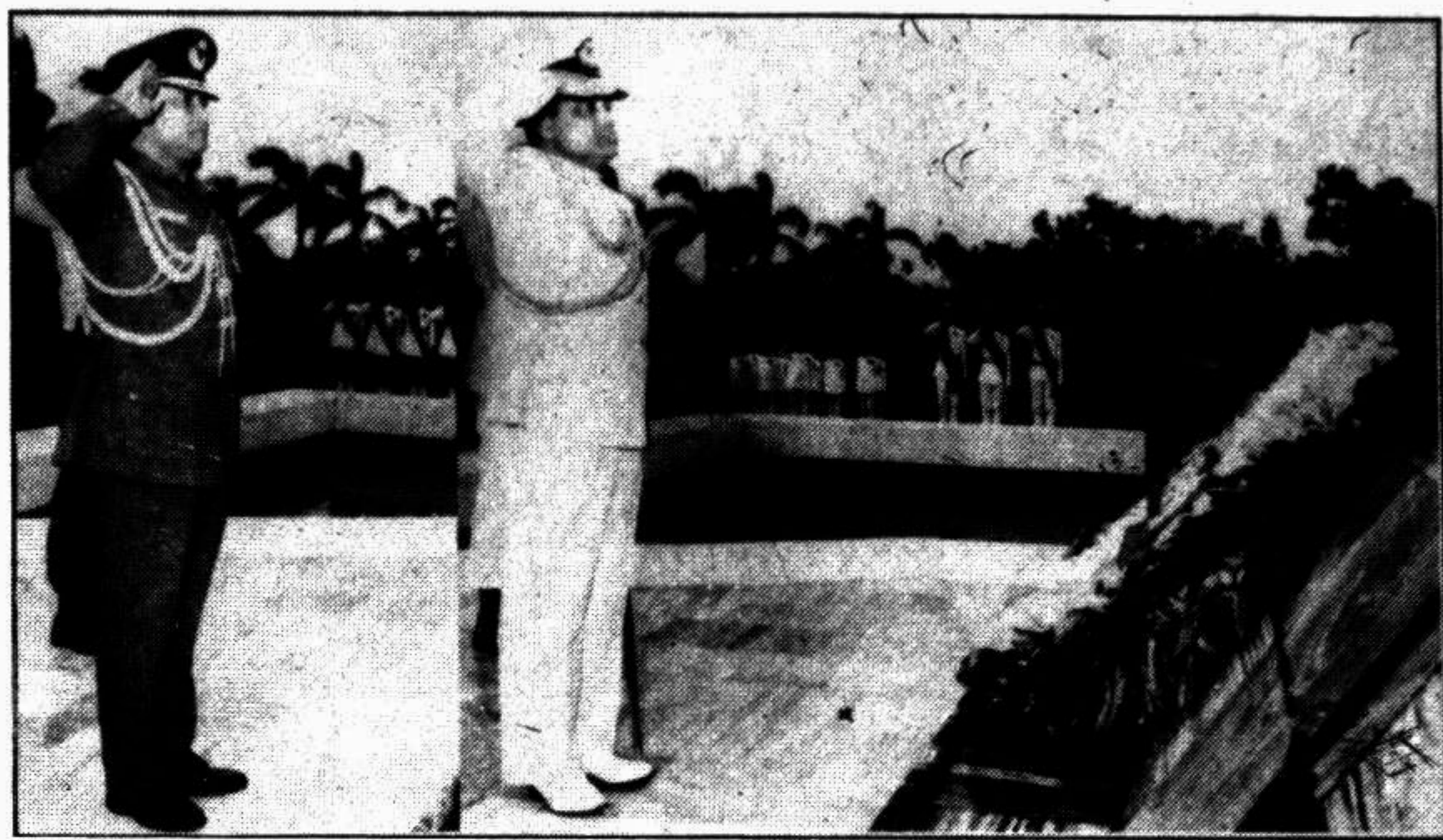
A week-long drama festival begins at the Shilpakala Academy June 8 evening with participation of seven regional theatrical groups, reports UNB.

Noted play actor Mohammad Jakaria will inaugurate the function at 7 pm at the academy gallery, a press release said on Wednesday.

"Sukhi Ramanji Gunal Bibir Kiccha", written by Nazmul Ahsan, will be staged by the Khulna Theatre in the inaugural evening.

The academy has arranged the festival to encourage the activity of theatres and playwrights outside the capital.

Audience will get free tickets from the academy, the release said.



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## Call to create awareness about environment

By Staff Correspondent

Hundreds of girl guides and boy scouts took part in a procession in Dhaka city on Wednesday morning. They carried banners and placards inscribed with messages on the need to stop degradation of the environment.

Traffic on the streets of the city was thin when the procession started from the Shishu Park at a quarter past seven in the morning. Recorded songs on environment produced by the Department of Environment were played from a decorated truck.

The Department of Forests organised sale of saplings from another mobile truck.

The procession was organised by the Department of Environment in observance of the World Environment Day. It was led by Abdullah al-Noman, State Minister for Environment and Forests. With him were officials of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Department of Environment and the Department of Forests in the forefront of the procession.

The day was observed with a call to create greater public awareness about the need to arrest environmental deterioration to keep the world habitable for future generation.

The Environment Day procession was meant for attracting people's attention. Originally the plan had been to organise a walkathon of people from all strata of society and age groups. But as the turn out was poor it became a procession.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was the chief guest and the State Minister for Environment and Forests Abdullah al-Noman the special guest at the seminar.

The Department of Environment in cooperation with the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) and the Metropolitan Magistracy organised a drive against operation of excessive smoke-emitting motor vehicles and the use of loud horns.

A group of children received the processionists there.

The children's programme was concluded through a cultural function at the Shishu Academy auditorium.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests organised a seminar in observance of the day at the Osmany Memorial Hall at 10-30 am.

Winston Temple, Acting Resident Representative, UNDP was guest speaker.

Dr. AM Sharafuddin, Retired Secretary, Science and Technology Division, Government of Bangladesh presented a paper on Environmental problem.

The symposium was addressed by Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Governor, Rotary International, District-328, senior journalist Sontosh Gupta and Syed Ahmed Hossain, Secretary-General, United Nations Association of Bangladesh and Vice-President, of the World Federation of United Nations Association.

The UNAB meeting was presided over by Professor M. Innaas Ali, President, UNAB.

Science Museum in observance of the day.

The Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEBJ) in cooperation with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources organised a discussion meeting at Jatiya Press Club.

National newspapers brought out special supplements, articles and features while Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television put up special programmes on the World Environment Day.

Meanwhile in observance of 'World Environment Day' the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organized a symposium Wednesday afternoon at the United Nations Information Centre.

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## Navy, Air chiefs place floral wreath at Shikha Anirban

The newly appointed Chief of the Naval Staff Commodore Muhammad Mohaiminul Islam and the new Chief of Air Staff Air Commodore Altaf Hossain Chowdhury placed floral wreaths at the Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment on Wednesday morning in a solemn ceremony, says an ISPR press release.

After placing the wreath Commodore Muhammad Mohaiminul Islam who assumed the office of the Chief of Naval Staff on Tuesday gave salute to the memory of the members of the Armed Forces who made supreme sacrifice during the War of Liberation.

At the time of wreath laying a smart contingent of Bangladesh Navy personnel presented arms while national flag and Naval ensign were kept at half mast to the tune of the last post played by the Naval buglers. Later Commodore Islam signed in the visitor's book.

Principal Staff Officers of the Naval Headquarters, senior Naval Officers and senior members of the ships company were also present on the occasion.

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At the time of wreath laying a smart contingent of Bangladesh Air Force presented arms while national flag and BAF ensign were kept at half mast to the tune of the last post played by the BAF buglers.

Principal Staff Officers and senior officers of BAF were also present at the Shikha Anirban while placing the wreath.

Earlier, Air Commodore Chowdhury took over as Chief of Air Staff on Tuesday afternoon in a simple ceremony at the Air Headquarters.

## Fresher's reception at BUET

By BUET Correspondent

A fresher's reception to the student of Chemical Engineering Department, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was held at the seminar room of Civil Engineering Faculty of the university on Wednesday.

Organised by the Chemical Engineering Department the reception was attended by Md. Nuruzzaman, Chairman, Food and Sugar Industry Corporation as the chief guest and Dr. Ikhtiar Omar, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering as special guest.

Dr. Sabdar Ali, Chairman, Chemical Engineering Association presided over the reception meeting while Dr. Iqbal Mahmood, Dr. Nuruddin and Dr. AKM Qadar spoke on the occasion among others.

Addressing the meeting Dr. Iqbal Mahmood called upon the student community to devote themselves to their studies.

The function was attended by a good number of teachers and students.

## Quran khwani on Khomeini

Hossaini Welfare Association has arranged Quran khwani and majlis on June 7 from 11.30 am at Hossaini Dalan Imambara for the magniferat of Hazrat Imam Ayatullah Ruhullah Khomeini on the occasion of his second death anniversary, reports BSS.

## 'Conspiracy of newspaper owners to be resisted'

Leaders of different federations and unions of newspapers and news agencies, in a joint statement in Dhaka Tuesday said, the conspiracy of the owners to deprive the workers from their legitimate dues would be untidely resisted at all cost by the journalists, press workers and the general employees, reports BSS.

The joint statement was issued in the light of the statement of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) published on June 2 in various dailies.

Expressing their deep concern over the intransigent attitude of the owners towards the legitimate rights of the working people of the newspaper industry, the leaders said, an

explosive situation was prevailing in the industry as the smouldering discontentments of the workers rose to its peak following long deprivation.

They said, the owners would alone be held responsible for any unwanted situation in the industry for their (owners) obstinate attitude ignoring the total situation.

The leaders said, "We feel no necessity to further unveil the identity of the owners-editors as the nation is quite aware of their self-centered role during the Ershad's regime. Under the changed situation they have come with tall talks of freedom of the press, the leaders reminded.

The shedding of crocodile tears by the owners for press freedom was nothing but mere tricks to deprive the workers from their legitimate demands.

The signatories to the statement included Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists President Rezauddin Ahmed, General Secretary Amanullah Kabir, Dhaka Union of Journalists President Zahurul Haq and General Secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi, Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Press Samik Federation Acting President Fazle Imam, General Secretary Bazlur Rahman Milan and Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Karmachari Federation President Jahangir Kabir and General Secretary Mir Mozammel Hossain.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- Church part
- Friend's sentiment
- Medi-terranean island
- Incline
- Hawaiian wreath
- "Down These Streets"
- One, no matter which
- Remain erect
- Perform
- Mast
- Supposing that
- Eastwood ID
- Change
- Armadillo
- Long, projecting nose
- Towel insignia

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

LAP CADS ROYE  
AMA ABET ERIN  
STR SEPARATED  
TROT ORAL  
DO ART TINY  
SLY BIV BOWER  
TI SAT BAR AI  
PREAD FOG ARM  
PEND SAW EL  
DRAM GAMES  
COLLEGIAN ORA  
ALOE ANNA NIL  
BEGS SEAT DEE

**ACROSS**

- Anglo-Saxon money
- Kind of collar
- Bushy clump
- Frog
- Snake
- Proverb
- Saw lightly
- Thick slice
- Datum
- Father
- Newsley ID
- Deposit of sediment
- Danson ID
- carte
- Records
- is mel
- Impurity
- Telo a —
- "Starkey — Hutch"
- Sole
- Turkish regiment

**DOWN**

- Printer's measure
- Place for worship
- Norman —
- Storage
- compartments
- Declare
- garde
- Place for
- worship
- Producer
- Norman —
- Storage

**Thursday**

5-00 Opening and recitation from Al-Quran

5-45 Recitation from the Geeta

5-20 News in Bangla

5-30 Esho Gan Shikhi : Musical lessons for children

5-55 Cartoon Film : Captain Planet and the Planetters

6-30 Gano Shikshar Ashor : Religion, ethics and human rights

7-05 Antoranga : Magazine

8-00 News in Bangla

8-30 Movie of the Week

10-00 News in English

11-30 Khabar/The News

11-45 Close down

## Weather

## Heavy rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and a few places at Rajshahi division during the day of Thursday. Day temperature likely to fall by 2-4 degrees Celsius over the country.

Heavy rainfall is expected at a few places in Khulna, Dhaka and Chittagong divisions.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Outlook for another five days: No appreciable change.

Temperatures of some cities on Wednesday:

City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31	27	77	95
Chittagong	33.8	26.5	79	72
Rangpur	31.6	24.5	83	80
Sylhet	26.8	23.5	100	83
Khulna	32.6	26.4	83	89
Jessore	33.2	25	x	97
Cox's Bazar	33	26.2	69	78
Rajshahi	32.5	25.5	86	93

## Obituary

Begum Asma Hossain, wife of educationist and politician late Kazi Amir Hossain of Tongbari upazila under Munshiganj died of brain haemorrhage at Holy Family Hospital on Thursday last. She was 72.

She left behind four daughters, three grandsons and five grand daughters. Her first daughter Azmeri Zaman is a well-known social worker.

## NOTICE OF RHD INVITING TENDER

- Tender Notice No. 87 BRD of 1990-91.
- Name of work : Construction of Pavement work upto W.B.M. and seal coat work at different K.M. on Shikarpur-Wazirpur Road under Barisal Road Division during 1990-91 (Ch. to Imp. to Shikarpur-Wazirpur Road).
- Name of offices where tender documents will be available : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Patuakhali/Bhola/Faridpur/Madaripur/Gopalganj/Preliminary Engineering Division, Boyra, Khulna/ Planning and Programming Division, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Barisal-I/II, Barisal/ Perojpur/1st Line Work-shop Sub-Division, Barisal during office hours on all working days. No. Tender form will be sold on the opening date of tender.
- Name of offices where tender bids will be received : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Khulna Zone, Boyra, Khulna/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barisal Road Circle, Barisal/ Superintending Engineer, RHD, Project Control Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Madaripur.
- Last date and time of receipt of tender : Up to 12-30 P.M. on 28-2-98B/12-6-91E.
- Date and time of opening of bids : At 12-45 P.M. on 28-2-98B/12-6-91 E.
- List of work:

Group No.	Estimated cost in Taka	Earnest money in Taka	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractors
1 (One)	5,71,258/-	11,425/-	35 (Thirty five) days	"A" to "C" class enlisted contractors under General category of Roads and Highways Department and "D" class enlisted contractors under General category of Barisal Road Circle.
2 (Two)	5,77,782/-	11,556/-	35 (Thirty five) days	

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