

Dhaka Day by Day

A Dream Unfulfilled

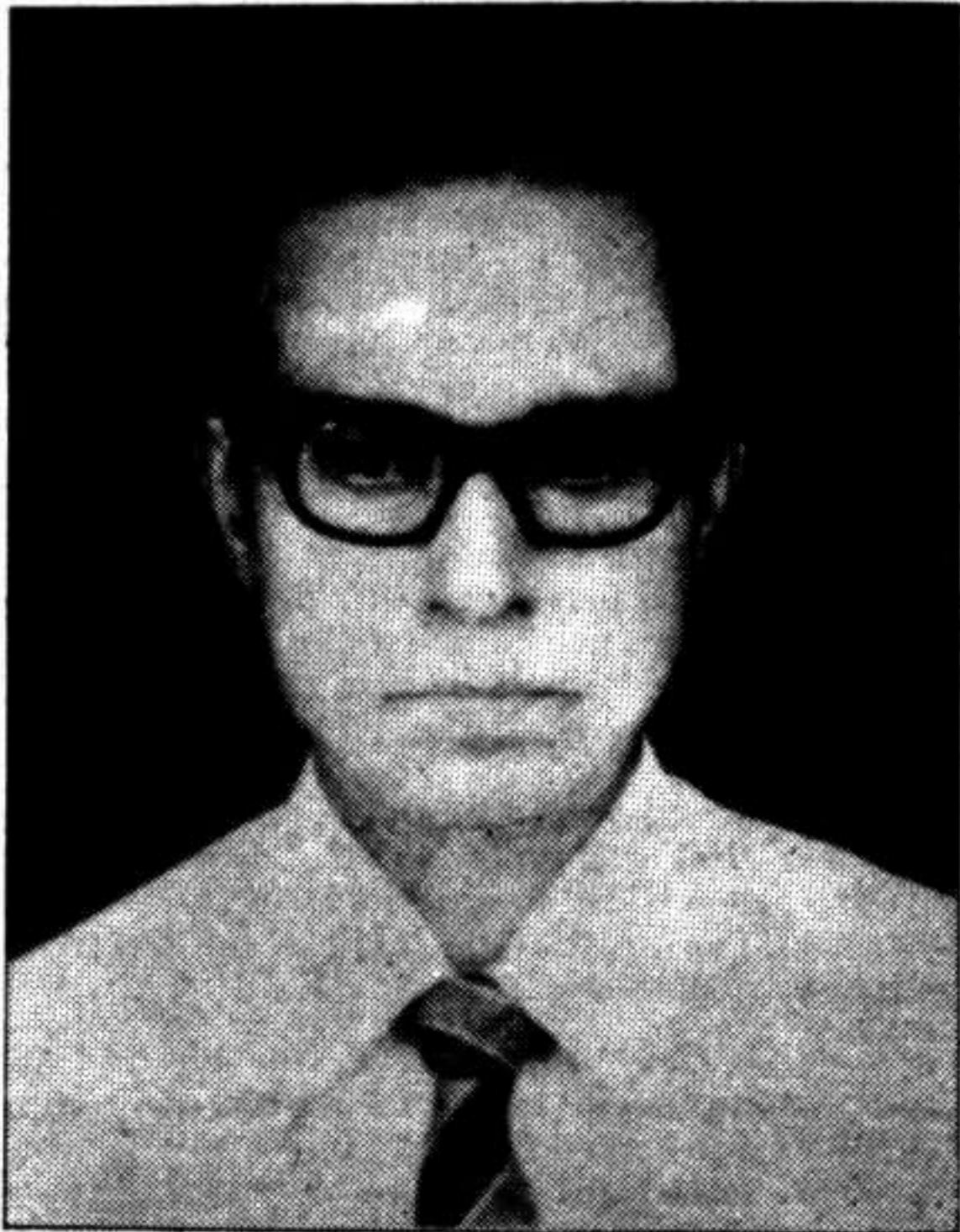
by Shahazad Monju

One may or may not agree but there is a gulf of difference between our speech and deeds. It is as if speeches delivered at the public meetings, seminars and symposia and deeds exercised in our practical life are two sides of the same coin destined not to meet each other.

For a country like ours development of technological achievement is a must so as to develop ourselves in technology through our own national resources and brains. On this basis when a person comes forward to lend a helping hand with innovative ideas, it is usually observed that he hardly gets any notice, let alone any financial support from the concerned authorities.

Such is the case with Md Moniruddin Talukder who struggled for about two decades to do something for his 'dear country' but is still languishing in a void — his dream unfulfilled.

Moniruddin, a craft instructor of College of Textile Engineering and Technology, Tejgaon, produced his own version of 'Jute Batching Oil' (J B Oil), a type of oil used in jute processing. The jute mills of Bangladesh normally use



J B Oil imported from abroad.

Moniruddin tells this correspondent that his J B Oil was produced with local raw materials and the same could be used for production of a better quality jute at a much lower cost.

"The J B Oil that I have innovated can save

Taka 40 crore yearly and this will help produce a better quality jute fibre", he claims. "Most people refuse to believe that I have really done it", says he with a dejected smile. He shows me the Gazette Notification published in September 6, 1979, in which his credit has been acknowledged.

The Central Government Laboratory, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission and Bangladesh Standard & Testing Institute also gave him certificates after examination of his oil testifying that his product was fit for use and had no pollutant in it.

Moniruddin earned his recognition way back in 1979 but, as fate would have it, his 'dream product' has not yet been able to go into production for want of money — an amount of Taka 4 crore only that is needed to launch it.

He further says that late President Ziaur Rahman instructed Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) to take necessary steps for using his oil in the mills and to lend him financial help, but he has not yet received any support from the BJMC.

Moniruddin, who had to sell his house at Narayanganj town to pursue his research, is now in a broken health — a man gone bankrupt with all hopes nearly lost.

He, however, has one last hope left that the concerned government agencies would finally come forward with support.

"If not," says he, "I will draw attention of the parliament as the last straw."

M Talukder: Will the help come?

Trade ties with Bhutan discussed

The Bhutanese Ambassador in Bangladesh, Karma Dorjee, Thursday called on State Minister for Finance Mofizur Rahman at his office here, reports BSS.

They discussed bilateral and mutual issues, particularly the trade relations between the two countries. The issue of newly introduced VAT system in Bangladesh also came up for discussion.

They hoped that the existing relations between the two countries would further be strengthened in the years to come in the spirit of SAARC brotherhood.

'BNP guided by Sirajuddin'

State Minister for Information Mohammad Nurul Huda on Thursday said that the BNP government is being guided by the principles of Nawab Sirajuddin in order to achieve the cherished goal of self-governing, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion titled 'Sirajuddin and Bangladesh' held at National Press Club auditorium in Dhaka.

Organised by the Bangladesh Cultural Academy on the occasion of celebration of the 234th anniversary of killing of Nawab Sirajuddin, the last independent Nawab of the then Bengal, a PID handout said.

Presided over by Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Mr. Obaidul Haq Sarkar.

Anwar Hossain, Fazlul Haq Milon, Khan Afsar Rahman and Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq.

4 'terrors of Lalbagh' arrested

Lalbagh thana police arrested four 'terrors of Lalbagh' from Enayetganj lane in a special drive Wednesday night and seized arms from their possession, reports UNB.

A police press release said they caught Mansur Al China, Obaidul Haq, Abul Kalam and Khalil in the midnight operation.

A country-made revolver, a sword, chapati and knife were seized from the four accused, wanted in several cases, it said.

Police rounded up 143 people from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours for their alleged involvement in criminal acts.

Meanwhile, Charghat thana police nabbed two alleged dacoits after an armed encounter with them in a mango grove at Puravita village in Rajshahi Tuesday night.

Two country-made pistols and five rounds of bullet were seized from them, another police release said.

What's on today . . .

Community Hospital seminar

The Dhaka Community Hospital will hold a seminar on 'child nutrition and community health: Bangladesh perspective' at its premises at 1089, Malibagh Chowdhury Para in the city today (Friday) at 9.30 pm.

Eminent female disease specialist Dr Rahima Ali will preside over the seminar. Besides, Dr Darul Islam, Dr Selim Shakur and Dr Selina Akhter will also speak on the topic.

A documentary film based on medical science will be screened after the seminar at the same venue. Interested physicians and medical students have been invited to attend the seminar.

Shooting Federation conference

The concluding session of the conference of the country's rifle and shooting clubs' general secretaries will be held today (Friday) at 7.30 pm at the National Shooting Complex, Gulshan, in the city.

State Minister for Youths and Sports Sadeq Hossain will attend the session as the chief guest while Chairman of the National Sports Council Maj Gen. (Retd) Mahabubur Rahman will be the special guest on the occasion.

Lions Club International

The installation of cabinet members, schooling of club officials and first cabinet meeting for the year 1991-92 of Lions Clubs International (District 315-Bangladesh) will be held today (Friday) at Hotel Sonargaon in the city.

The day's programme will begin at 8.30 am. Past International Director, Lt P.S. Ranganath will grace the function as chief guest while Lt. Jalal Ahmed, the District Governor will preside over the function. The Lions from as many as 102 clubs are expected to participate in the function, in addition to some invited dignitaries.

Alliance Francaise film show



A show of the film 'L'argent des autres' will be held at the Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road, corner of Road No. 3, Dhanmondi in the city, today (Friday) at 6 p.m.

Story of the film: a managing director of a bank finds himself embroiled in a financial scandal. He loses his job and decides to investigate the false charges. The illegal practices of many in the world of high finance are denounced in this film.

(Starring Jean-Louis Trintignant, Michel Serrault, Claude Brasseur and Catherine Deneuve). The film is in the French version with English subtitles. Ticket is 15 taka for each.

CMM convocation

Centre for Management and Marketing (CMM) holds its second convocation for diploma in management and marketing today (Friday) at 4.30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon in the city. Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs, will attend the function as the chief guest and distribute certificates among the students.

M Lutfozzaman Babar MP will attend as the special guest on the occasion while CMM President and Executive Director will offer the address of welcome.

UFPO assoc meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Upazila Family Planning Officers' Association (UFPO) will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at the NIPORT auditorium in the city.

All the executive body members have been requested to attend the meeting.

BCS (Information) Cadre Assoc meet

The half-yearly general meeting of Bangladesh Civil Service (Information-general) Cadre Association and reception of the new entrants in the cadre will be held today (Friday) at 9 am at the auditorium of the Department of Films and Publications (112, Circuit House Road) in the city.

State Minister for Information Nurul Huda and Information Secretary Nuruddin Al-Masud will attend the function as chief and special guest respectively.

Mymensingh Samity meeting

A discussion meeting of the executive committee of Mymensingh Zilla Samity (district association) in Dhaka will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at the samity office of 384, Maghbazar in the city.

Members of the executive committee have been requested to attend the meeting.

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Krishak Federation

Bangladesh Krishak Federation and Bangladesh Kishani Sabha will jointly hold a press conference tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 am at the National Press Club to announce action programmes aimed at pressing the government to resolve various crisis prevailing in the country's northern districts.

Tin-shed Federation

The residents of tin-shed houses, earlier constructed by the Red-Crescent Society at Mirpur in the city, has called a press conference tomorrow (Saturday) at 4.30 pm at the National Press Club.

The residents associated with organisation, Mirpur Adh-Paka Tin-Shed Federation, will brief the newsmen about the miseries of 4,300 people residing at the houses due to lack of various residential facilities.

Discussion on Col. Taher

A discussion will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 4 pm at the TSC auditorium here to observe the 15th death anniversary of Col. Abu Taher, Bir Uttam.

— Compiled by N.A.



Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury speaking at a discussion on 'Sirajuddin and Bangladesh' organised by Bangladesh Cultural Academy at the National Press Club on Thursday.

— Star photo

Country needs 44,000 tons annually

Increase in newsprint price under study

The country needs 44,000 metric tons of newsprint annually to meet its domestic requirement. Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan told Parliament Thursday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Jatiya Party member Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury (Sherpur), the Minister said the country's total newsprint production during fiscal 1990-91 (till May) stood at 45,977 metric tons.

He said Bangladesh exported 6669 metric tons of newsprint to India and Nepal during the same period.

Of these, 6044 metric tons were exported to India and 625 metric tons to Nepal, he added.

Replying to a question from A. Khaleque Talukdar (AL-Bagerhat), the Industries Minister said the fixed price of a ton of newsprint is Taka 18,000.

Mr. Islam in reply to another question from Mr. Sharifuddin Ahmed (AL-Habiganj) told the Jatiya Sangsad that a proposal for increasing the price of the newsprint was under consideration of the government.

He said the raising of the price of newsprint was necessitated by the rise in the price of production materials, particularly furnace oil.

The Minister said Khulna Newsprint Mills produce 4000 metric tons of newsprint monthly.

In reply to a question from Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury (NDP-Chittagong), the Industries Minister said the annual production capacity of the Karnaphuly Paper Mills was 30,000 metric tons and that of the North Bengal Paper Mills 15,000 metric tons annually.

He said the Karnaphuly Paper Mills was producing paper according to its capacity but the production in the North Bengal Paper Mill was not up to the level of its capacity.

He said the North Bengal Paper Mills could not reach its optimum annual capacity level due to the shortage of locally available raw materials in the form of sugarcane wastes and lack of demand for the papers.

BCL patronising killers of Milon, Mahub: JCD

All the major student organisations continued to hold processions and rallies on the campus to muster support in favour of their candidates in the July 31 DUCSU and hall union polls, reports BSS.

Besides holding processions and rallies the student organisations are also carrying out campaigns at the residential halls.

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Thursday brought out a procession and held a rally at DUCSU Bhaban premises demanding the arrest and trial of the identified killers of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon and Mahub. The rally was addressed by JCD's joint convener Fazlul Haq Milon. DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan and Moniruzzaman Munir.

The JCD leaders alleged that the BCL (A-A) was patronising the identified killers and sheltering them in S M Hall to foil the forth coming DUCSU election.

They expressed their firm determination to resist any conspiracy to foil the forthcoming DUCSU election terming it as the democratic rights of the students of Dhaka University.

The JCD leaders assured that they would welcome them who would become winners in the electoral fray but would not tolerate any conspiracy hatched by some vested quarters to foil the elections.

Bangladesh Chhatra League

Farewell

The Ambassador of Republic of Korea and Mrs Jai Chun Lee Thursday hosted a farewell reception at their residence, reports BSS.

The reception was attended by officials, diplomats, journalists and elite of the city.

(A-A) on Thursday warned the authorities concerned against any step to rescind the expulsion order of three JCD leaders whom they termed as "terrorists".

At a rally held at the Science Annex Bhaban premises of the University the BCL leaders said they would resist such step to rehabilitate the "armed hoodlums" on the campus.

Addressing the rally the BCL (A-A) DU unit Secretary Kamruzzaman Ansari alleged that although the armed outsiders were staying in different residential halls, the law enforcing agencies and the authorities searched only S M Hall which is the stronghold of Chhatra League (A-A) to tarnish the image of Chhatra League.

Earlier the BCL brought out a big procession which paraded the university campus. The processionists raised various slogans demanding immediate release and withdrawal of "false" cases against their activists.

Concern over price-hike of essentials

By Staff Correspondent

The Chairperson and General Secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad on Thursday urged the government to take immediate steps to control and reduce prices of essential items.

Regretting the increase in the prices of essential items, a statement by Begum Sufia Kamal and Ayesha Khanam, Chairperson and General Secretary respectively of the parishad said — after the introduction of the new budget and the imposition of the Value Added Tax system consumers now have to pay Taka 44 for a kilogram of soyabean oil in place of Taka 32 charged earlier.

The statement said the women folk of the country are fed up by the price spiral on one side and severe financial constraints on the other.

Slatting the inaction of the elected government on this matter, they said a section of unscrupulous businessmen are taking advantage of it and are involved in hoarding and profiteering.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rainfall with a few moderately heavy fall is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm on Thursday, reports Meteorological Department.

Different districts of the country on Thursday experienced heavy rainfalls. The Chittagong district witnessed the highest downpour of 106 mm.

The day temperature till Saturday morning may remain nearly unchanged over the country. On Thursday, the highest temperature recorded at Rajshahi was 33.4 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Feni was 22.6 degree Celsius.

Out look for subsequent two days: Little change.

Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change.

Temperature and humidity of some cities and towns of the country on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		humidity in percentage	
	Maxi	Mini	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.74	24.6	85	77
Chittagong	30	25.5	87	90
Rajshahi	33.4	25	89	98
Khulna	30	25.4	85	92
Barisal	27	24.6	97	97
Sylhet	28.5	23.5	93	92
Feni	26.1	22.6	100	97
Cornilia	29.1	26.6	48	90
Iswardhi	32.5	25.5	100	84
Boga	21.9	25.1	91	86

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1 Beseech; Implore
4 Memento
9 Consumed
12 Paddle
13 Choice part
14 Obstruct
15 Stamp
17 Boring
19 — Iraq
21 Soak, as
22 Sham
25 Monty Hall's specialties
29 Sun god
30 Don Adams role
32 Attitude
33 Fed. agcy.
35 Reject
37 Capuchin monkey
38 Tidy
40 Bismirch
42 — R. Q. —

DOWN

1 Comedian
2 Audience
3 Classy
4 Buys back
5 Spanish article
6 Illuminated
7 Roman road
9 Foss
10 Type of cross
11 River in Germany
16 Insect eggs
18 Newspaper paragraph
20 Ginger cookies
22 Publish
23 More unusual
24 — Along the Mohawk
26 Three-toed sloths
27 Smallest amount
28 Marsh bird
31 Walk on
34 Declare
36 Ingenuous; naive
39 Former Russian ruler
41 Irritate
44 English streetcars
46 Permit
48 Sect
50 Tooth crown
51 Anglo-Saxon money
52 Corded cloth
53 Nahoor
54 Soap
55 Sotien wonder
56 Still
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TV Friday

- Morning Session**
- 8.00 Opening, Al-Quran
 - 8.10 News in Bangla
 - 8.15 Film: Cromicles of Naranya
 - 8.40 Nutun Kuri-97
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.05 Film: Macgyver
 - 11.00 Maner Mukur: Ayamoya
 - 12.05 Closing
- Evening Session**
- 3.00 Opening, Al-Quran
 - 3.12 Recitation from the Tripitak
 - 3.15 Movie of the Week
 - 5.00 Asian Club Cup Football
 - 5.20 News in Bangla
 - 7.00 Football
 - 7.50 Today's programme
 - 8.00 News in Bangla
 - 8.25 The remaining part of Club Cup Football
 - 8.30 The Cosby Show
 - 9.00 Shapta Dinga
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.30 Drama Series: L. A. Law
 - 11.30 Khabar / The News
 - 11.45 Closing

31 lawyers demand release of Mizan, Kazi Zafar

By Staff Correspondent

Thirtyone lawyers of Kustia in a joint statement on Thursday demanded the immediate release of former Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Kazi Zafar Ahmed from imprisonment.

They said the presence of Kazi Zafar in the Parliament is essential for discussion on budget and amendment to the Constitution.

They stated that the treatment of the ailing politicians can not be properly done in confinement.

The signatories of the statement include Ashgar Ali, Mohammad Badruddoza, Abdul Latif Mia, Mahabubur Rahman, Ruhul Amin and others.

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