

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Genius of Our Youth

by Parveen Anam

"OUR youths have a genius, possessed by few, for understanding mathematics, to translate abstract mathematical concepts into concrete structural designs," so said one of the greatest structural engineers of all times, Dr F R Khan.

And he was quoted with pride and satisfaction, by Dr Zillur Rahman Khan, bubbling with enthusiasm and optimism. For Dr Z R Khan is a great exponent of the talents and calibre of our younger generation.

He firmly believes, that the groundwork of our education system, still prevalent in spite of the hurdles and the obstacles faced by the education set-up, produces some of the brightest brains going abroad.

Dr Khan is the Chairman, Political Science Dept, and President, Faculty Senate, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He is now in the city in connection with a seminar on "Dilemmas of Development" which was held last Tuesday.

He talked to me freely and with the greatest hopes for our students. The frequent closure of our universities, though disquieting, has certainly not disheartened him, for, as he says, the problem, there, has nothing to do with the quality of the education the universities and the BUET impart to the students. The closure and violence, he feels, is totally political and can be solved politically. The universities have definitely managed to maintain their very high quality of training and education, as he says is evident by the quality of our young scholars going abroad to foreign universities and performing brilliantly. "But", he emphatically says, "let the youngsters go abroad after undergraduate level."

He also said, the present government was committed to maintain proper academic environment in all the educational institutions of the country. He said, some vested quarters were using the innocent students to create law and order situations for achieving their political interest. "I think

those quarters have forgot that these students played a pioneering role against all alien rulers and autocrats beginning from the language movement of 1952," he added.

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He feels, it is critical for them to first develop their cultural identity, which they can only achieve if they do their undergraduate here. Else, "they float in a limbo and fall into a vacuum, with a total loss of identity. We must never lose sight of our goals, and the values of our culture and society must be inculcated at the undergraduate level. And nowhere can it be better achieved, than in his own country."

Brain-drain? He does not think much of the problem. He thinks we have, considering our per capita income, a high intellectual turnout. "So", he feels, "let the intellectuals go abroad and gain further expertise."

"Intellectual pursuit should be a global phenomenon. Let us not try to contain it within boundaries. Why deprive our youngsters of a chance to interact and exchange ideas? We have the basic institutions to produce more intellectuals. There should be an

even greater exchange of talents between Bangladesh and other countries," he said. And if the groundwork of our cultural inculcation has been achieved, these people will certainly repay their culture and their country, with much more than one can now imagine. For, "Is there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land?"

"Such enthusiasm and encouragement was a welcome change from the usual dismal picture most people like to paint, of our youths and education system." I came away from the meeting with high hopes, for a bright future for our "citizens of tomorrow."



Dr Zillur Rahman Khan: High hopes for our students.

## 'Vested quarters using students to create law, order situation'

State Minister for Information Muhammad Nurul Huda said Monday the students must be well educated and good citizens since the future responsibility of running the affairs of the state would fall on them, reports BSS.

She was addressing a students' rally organised by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Matlab thana unit at the Matlab High School ground.

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Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University addressing a meeting to condole the death of Prof S M Hossain, former VC of the DU at the TSC auditorium.

## Contributions of Dr. Moazzem Hossain recalled

The Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof Mohammad Maniruzzaman Mia Monday said that the contributions of late Prof Dr. Syed Moazzem Hossain in the language movement as the then Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University was remarkable, reports BSS.

The Vice-Chancellor was presiding over a condolence meeting at the death of Dr. Syed Moazzem Hossain, an emeritus in the Department of Arabic and former Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University. Organised by the Dhaka University, the condolence meeting was held at the Teachers Students Centre of DU.

It was attended by the teachers, students, officers and employees of the university and addressed, among other, by Dr. Strajul Haq, Dr. Md Abu Bakar Siddiqui, Dr. A. N. M. Raisuddin, Dr. Shahadat Ali, Nurul Islam, Dr. Sumanlal Barua, Dr. Md Mustafizur Rahman and Enamuzzaman.

Paying glowing tributes to the late Hossain, the Speaker recalled his contributions in the field of teaching.

Earlier, one minute silence was observed to pay respect to the late.

The meeting also conveyed the sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

The speakers proposed for setting up of a chair after his name in the department of Arabic, publishing a memoir with his works, creating scope for research on his works.

## Arrest of two BCC members protested

Bangladesh Citizens' Committee (BCC) Monday protested a recent incident in which two of its members were picked by Special Branch police for interrogation, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference in the city, BCC leaders alleged that on August 31 police picked up M Shahidullah and Rashedur Rahman Tara, the BCC members, from the Committee's office at Jahanara Garden.

S B official interrogated the two human rights activists for the whole day about publication of a report by an international human rights organisation on the Chittagong Hill Tracts situation, they said.

The report, titled "Life is Not Ours: Land and Human Rights in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh", was prepared by a group of human rights activists who worked in the Hill Tracts for about a month early this year.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid, Barrister Amirul Islam, Engineer M Shahidullah, Architect Mazharul Islam, Dr Noor Jahan Murshed, Architect Rabiul Hussain were present among others at the press conference.

BCC leaders said the report was not banned by the present government and the interim government had allowed the activists to work in those areas freely.

## TV Tuesday

- 5-00 opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5-15 Reading from the Geeta
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Cartoon film: Adventures of Galaxy Ranger.
- 5-55 Education programme
- 7-05 Nazrul Songs
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Drama series: Granthekgan Koye.
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Film: War and remembrance
- 11-30 Khabar/News
- 11-40 Programme for tomorrow, Verses from the Quran, Closing announcement, National flag and national anthem
- 11-45 Close down

## CEC's call to strengthen democratic values

Chief Election Commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf Monday called for spontaneous participation in the September 15 referendum to further strengthen democratic values in the country, reports UNB.

The referendum to be held on an important national issue like amendment of the Constitution can be a complete success only through spontaneous participation of the people, he said.

The Chief Election Commissioner was addressing officials of government, semi-government and autonomous organisations and the local elite at Chittagong District Council auditorium, said an Election Commission press release.

Election Commissioner Justice Syed Misbah Uddin Chowdhury also spoke at the meeting organised by Chittagong district administration.

## Dhaka to send child artistes to 'Rainbow Week'

Bangladesh will send a delegation to the second Asian "Rainbow Week" for the girl children to be held in New Delhi in November next, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy has invited bio-data of the children aged 10-12 years who received national and international awards in dance, music and other fields by September 10, a press release of the Academy said.

## Implementation of EPI projects needed

Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Inbe Yusuf has underscored the need for successful implementation of social sector projects like EPI, reports UNB.

The minister was inaugurating a one-day workshop on EPI, mother and child health care activities of civil surgeons, family-planning official of Dhaka division on Monday.

Chaired by Prof. Al Siddique, Director General of the Health Directorate, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Health Secretary M. Mokammel Haque, Dhaka Division Commissioner Wailul Islam, Director General of Family Planning Nazmul Haque, Director of EPI Project AKM Lutful Rahman Talukder and UNICEF representative JP Cole Dodge.

The Health Minister said,

the government is committed to continue its programmes for child survival and development efforts which is pre-requisite for the success of family planning programme, the number one problem of the country.

He stressed the need for intensive effort for mobilising Health and Family Planning workers at grassroot level for reaching the desired goals.

Chowdhury Kamal Inbe Yusuf said, the government has decided to observe another immunization week from October 10 next.

The Health Minister urged the family planning officials to work intensively with local administration to mobilise the government machinery, local public representatives, local elites and common people of the society for observing the week effectively.

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## 200 BCU workers allegedly face false cases

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) on Sunday protested police harassment by false cases against its leaders and workers countrywide.

The city unit of BCU held a rally in front of the National Press Club and handed over a memorandum to the Home Ministry to press home their demands.

The union leaders said that about 200 leaders and workers of the organisation were facing different false charges.

Presided over by city unit President Shahidul Islam Liton the rally was addressed by, among others, Ruhin Hossain Prince, Sujat Mansur, Pratim Shaha and Sarkar Raqib Uddin.

The leaders said that BCU does not believe in politics of terrorism.

They also alleged that the present government took the support of anti-liberation force Jamiat so its students wing Shibir was terrorising many on the educational institutions including Chittagong and Rajshahi Universities.

The BCU leaders also demanded to withdraw false cases against 60 student leaders of Rajshahi University.

## JU student leaders agree to maintain peace

JU Correspondent

Student leaders of Jahangirnagar University have agreed to maintain congenial atmosphere on the campus.

This was disclosed in a meeting of the student leaders with Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed in the chair.

JUCSU Vice-President Md Moniruzzaman and General Secretary Rashedul Hasan Masum attended the meeting.

He also visited the SSC examination centre in Matlab.



Nurul Momen Khan, Secretary, Railway Division distributing awards to the Railway Scouts who played commendable role in the development of Scouting in Railway Region on Saturday.

## Weather

### Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain/thundershowers with moderately heavy falls at places accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions. Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged.

The sun sets Tuesday at 6.15 pm and rises Wednesday at 5.41 am. The maximum temperature of 34 degree Celsius was recorded on Monday at Jessore while the minimum of 23 degree at Rangamati.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weather likely to improve. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather may improve further.

Rain/thundershowers occurred at most places of the country.

Chief amount of rainfall recorded are: Feni 9 cm, Sandwip and Bogra 6 cm.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.7	27.0	85	93
Chittagong	32.8	25.8	78	80
Rajshahi	31.0	26.5	91	97
Cox's Bazar	30.6	25.0	66	80
Khulna	31.1	x	x	97
Sylhet	27.8	23.5	98	99
Srimangal	30.2	25.4	87	90
Rangpur	31.6	25.5	96	90
Barisal	31.4	25.6	86	83
Jessore	34.0	26.2	x	x

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