

Dhaka Day by Day

Wedding-Bells and Otherwise

by Parveen Anam

With the wedding season about to converge on us, all over again, with its endless round of 'biryani', 'kachi' or otherwise, many will be tempted to say a silent prayer, to the Almighty, that may you see this season through, like the countless others; with your patience and your temper intact.

There you are, dressed in all your finery, looking fit to kill, breezing into the wedding when the darling of the society, floats up to you, gives you the conventional peck and coos how utterly glamorous you look. Just as you are about to return the fine compliment, she manages to put in "But is it not the same dress/sari you wore for such and such's wedding two and three quarter year ago?" Phenomenal. Her memory, I mean.

Life has so much more to offer than dressing for weddings

and there she is, reeling off on the tips of her dainty fingers the colour of your sari, the number of stones in your 'jarwa' — all that you wore a few ago, or so you feel. You almost ask her the secret, of her excellent memory, convinced it would work wonders for your little boy who has so much trouble memorizing his tables. You stop yourself just in time, somehow manage to keep your mask on and glide gently to the next 'darling', wondering all the while, whatever tempted you to come here in the first place, when you could have been doing something so much more constructive with your time, a commodity which has hit an all time record of the inflation clause, anyway. Is it only you who is always short of it or are there other souls bereft of it too? Perhaps it's those weddings?

But then how could you not accept when your sweet little hostess has absolutely no faith in the little postman on his squeaky bicycle, doing the thankless, endless rounds, or in the efficiency of the post-office and has taken all the trouble of coming personally to your house, in the pouring rain, to invite you to her daughter's wedding? When you timidly point out the

convenience of the modern postal system to her and how much easier life would be, if she had just mailed the card to you, with the neat little 'R.S.V.P.' at the bottom, her look of absolute horror convinces you your dream of that role in the horror movie is about to materialize. She will have you know, she asserts, that nobody, but nobody (mark the emphasis, it's important) would ever dream of attending any wedding if the card arrived by mail! There you are, in black and white.

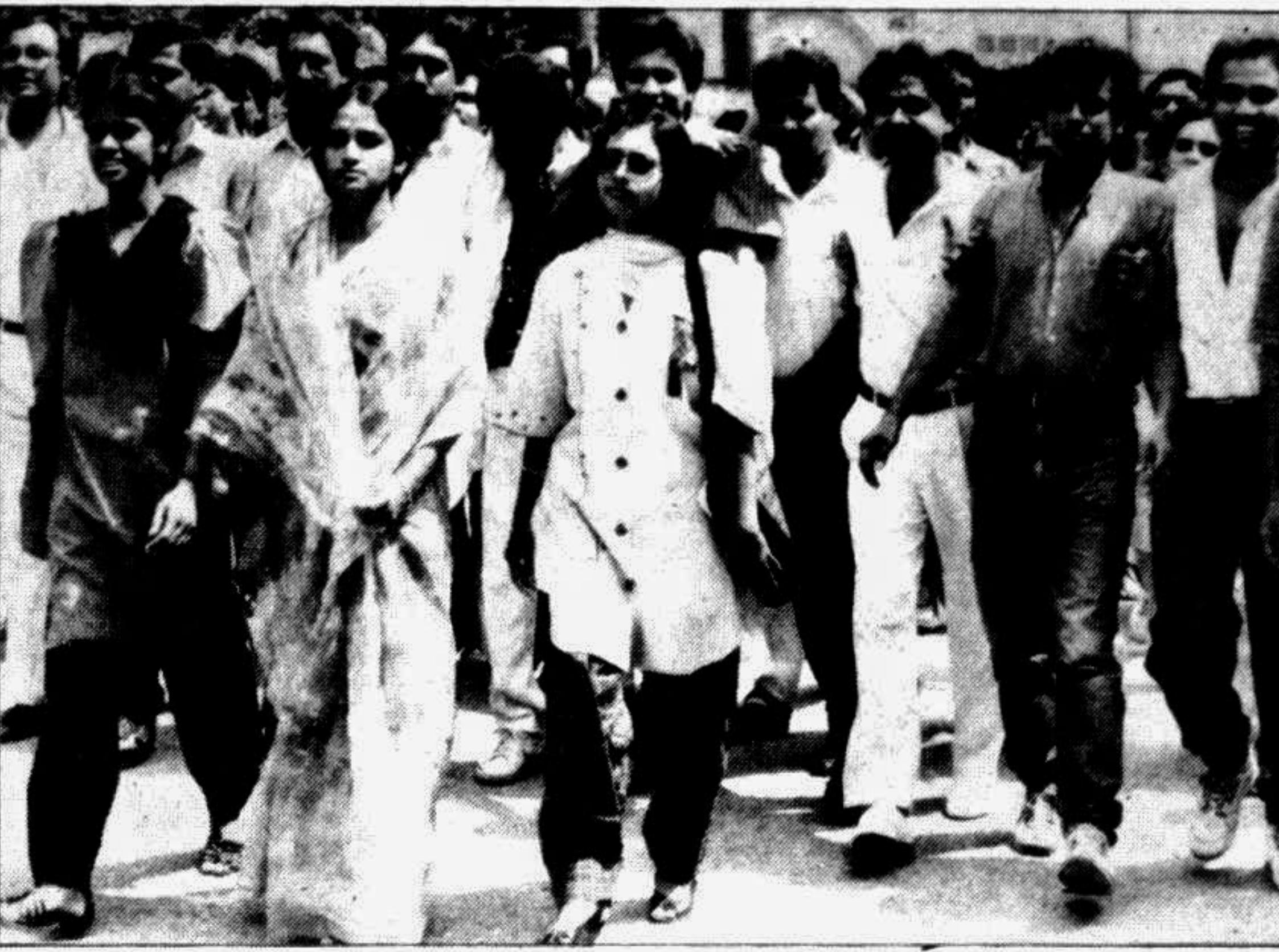
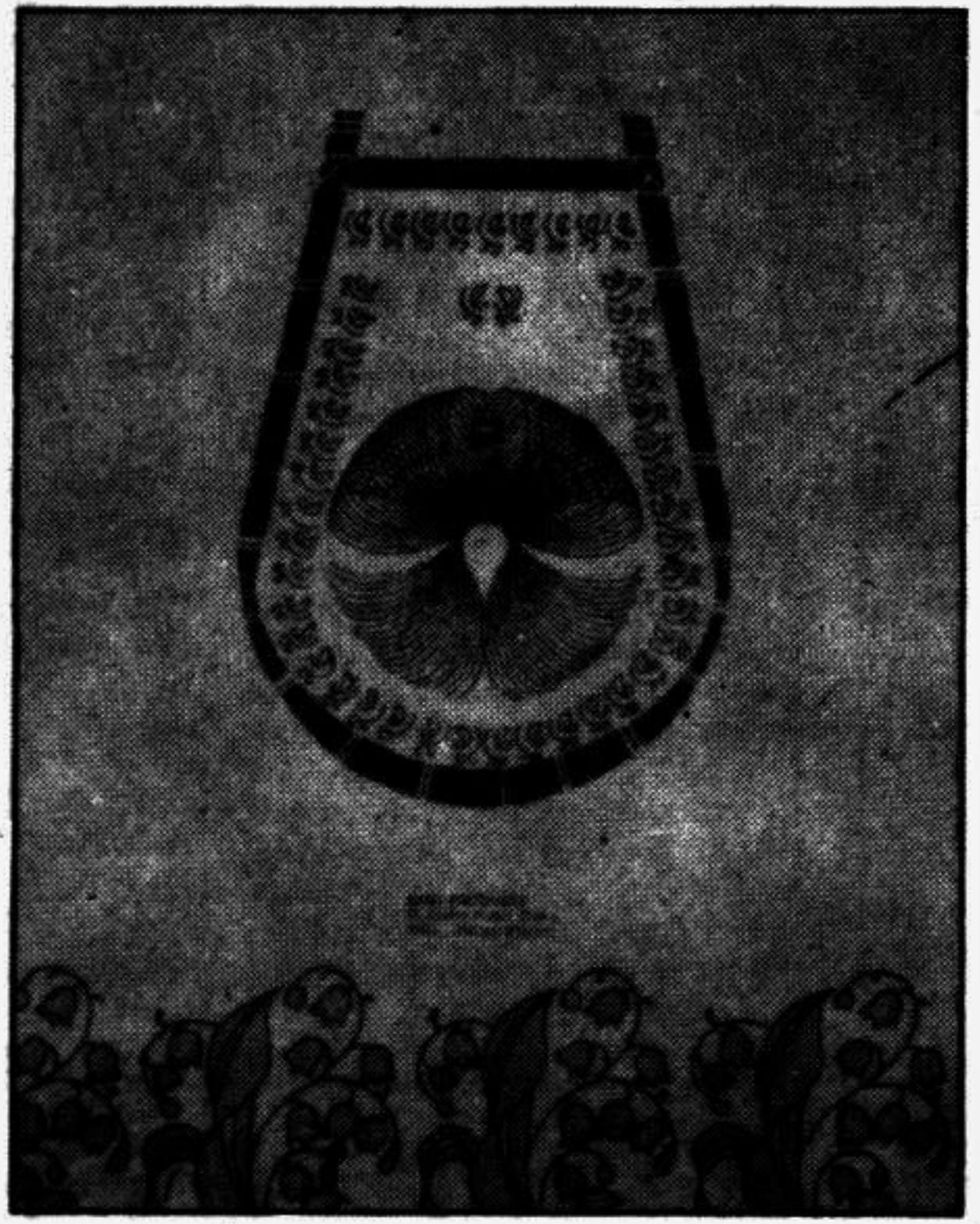
Our claim to joining the ranks of the civilized is so much hot air and if you do not fancy eating tons of 'biryani' by yourself at your daughters' wedding, take note, join the ranks and do not trust the convenient little post-office. If you cannot beat them, join them.

When the wedding ends, the dear 'guests' depart and have barely reached the sanctuary of their cars, when "Ugh, what awful food," "Far too much salt," "The meat was too tough" and other venomous comments liven the air, when a minute ago, or three and half plates full of 'biryani' ago the same guests responsible for these not-so-kind utterances, were swearing to their harassed hostess that the 'biryani' was the best they had had in a very long while. The veneer of the polished socialite in Dhaka would be the envy of many a knight in shining armour.

And it would be incomplete to forget the gentle hostess, who as she opens the wrapping of your gift, is making a quick but accurate calculation of the cost, expense, origin (Computer, whither art thou?) of the gift you could ill afford (this was the 11th wedding in 17 days, remember) and equally quickly, striking you off, mentally, of the list of her guests, for the nuptial ceremonies of the remaining seven of her brood. It might be a good idea to mention in passing, the magic of the gift, to the other innocent 'victims', so they too can be spared the agony of a card delivered at the doorstep, in pouring rain, by the proud mother of the blushing bride.

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Chhatra League's procession Wednesday demanding terrorism-free campus. —Star photo

Huge date-expired baby food seized

A special squad of police Wednesday seized a sizeable quantity of date-expired baby food worth about Tk 10 lakh from a godown in the city, reports UNB.

Police also arrested Sheikh Nurul Hossain, proprietor of the godown owned by Parvez and Company at 27/A Asad Avenue.

The date of use of the powdered milk expired on June 28, 1991 but the company has been marketing it after replacing the seal with fresh date.

The milk powder, a product of American Bristol Myers Squibb company, is being prescribed by doctors for babies with intestinal diseases.

A case has been filed in this connection.

ADB official, Sircar discuss Open Varsity

A delegation of Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by its Senior Education Specialist Dr Motilal Sharma had a meeting with Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar at the latter's office in the city Wednesday afternoon, reports BSS.

They discussed issues relating to setting up of an open university in Bangladesh with financial assistance of the bank.

The leader of the delegation apprised the minister of the progress of the open university project and its facilities in detail.

Education Secretary A N M Eusuf was present.

TV Thursday

- 5.00 Opening Announcement Al Quran Programme Summary
- 5.15 Reading from Geeta
- 5.30 Esho Gaan Shikhi Programme on German Unification Day Ambassador's speech and a documentary
- 6.00 Jiboner Alo
- 7.05 Antara
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Play of the week
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Mini series: Tender is the Night
- 11.30 Khabar/ The News
- 11.40 Friday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

UK to help build two bridges

The British government has assured to provide all assistance in the construction of Dhaleshwari-I and Dhaleshwari-II bridges in the Dhaka-Maoa road, reports BSS.

British government has also assured to provide 10 thousand feet portable steel bridge to Bangladesh.

The assurances were given to the Minister for Communication Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmad by the British Minister for Overseas Development Agency (ODA) Ms Lynda Chalker when he called on her in London on Tuesday.

The Communication Minister was accompanied by Rezaul Karim, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to UK

Planned movement can help overcome crisis of youths

By Staff Correspondent

President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) on Wednesday said that the prevailing crisis of the youth would be overcome by organised youths' movement, not by appealing any political party.

He was addressing as chief guest at the central representatives' conference of Bangladesh Juba Kallyan Federation at the auditorium of Jatiya Grantha Kendra.

The conference presided over by Sahidur Rahman and was addressed by among others Mokarram Hossain Nayan, Nazmul Islam Syed, M A Khaleque, M A Hasnat, Shahidul Islam Dildul, Pecara Mostafa, Mostofa Khan Miraz, Gazi Rabibul Islam, Syed Shahjahan and Azizul Huq.

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Reazuddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) addressing the representatives' conference of Bangladesh Juba Kallyan Federation as chief guest in city on Wednesday. —Star photo

Weather Rain with gusty winds likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Wednesday that rain or thunder shower accompanied by temporary gusty winds may occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing Wednesday.

Day temperature would remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met office also said.

Little change will be noticed in subsequent two days.

Only 4 mm rainfall was recorded at Patuakhali and 1 mm at Chittagong on the day, Met office said.

sunset at Dhaka Thursday at 5:45 pm and sunrise Friday at 5:51 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree	Celsius	Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.5	27.0	75	72
Chittagong	34.2	27.0	79	86
Khulna	34.5	26.4	82	86
Rajshahi	35.0	25.4	86	86
Bogra	34.4	26.0	77	74
Dinajpur	32.0	26.4	81	78
Bardia	33.4	26.5	86	78
Feni	35.0	26.0	88	72
Sylhet	33.7	25.8	76	78
Chuadanga	36.0	-	-	67
Mymensingh	34.1	24.6	80	78

3 killed in separate road accidents

Three persons were killed and 10 others injured in separate road mishaps in the city Wednesday, reports UNB.

In an accident near Jatrabari crossing a shepherd was knocked down by a speeding truck while he was crossing the road with five of his cows at about 4 am, police sources said.

The unidentified shepherd aged about 17 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital soon after his admission there.

Three cows of the flock died on the spot after being knocked down by the speeding truck while two others were seriously injured.

A case was registered with Demra police in this connection.

A 19 year-old youth was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus near Suhrawardy Hospital at 9 this morning.

His body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for post mortem.

In another incident Bashir,

Steps to solve technical teachers' problems assured

State Minister for Education Principal M Eunus Khan laid emphasis on modernization of technical education for achieving the goal of national development, reports BSS.

The State Minister was speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the newly-elected office bearers of Technical Teachers' Training College (TTTC) unit of BNP. They were supporting the JCD to gain benefits from the present BNP government.

President of the college unit Abdul Awal Shamim said that former Jatiya Chhatra Samaj activists Sarafat Ali Sapu and his younger brother Newaz were leading terrorism in the campus and in different markets outside the campus.

There are many cases against Sapu who is the Vice-President of the college students' union but the police was allegedly guarding him and his gang instead of arresting them.

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The State Minister said the present democratic government would attach priority to develop and spread of technical and vocational education for creating skilled and productive manpower.

'Driving Miss Daisy' to be staged Oct 10

Staff Correspondent

Artists Repertory Theatre, an American theatre group will stage dramas 'Driving Miss Daisy' and 'Love Letters' at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium on October 10 and 11 respectively.

The performance has been sponsored by the Academy and the USIS-American Centre. Both the plays will be staged at 6:45 pm.

The Artists Repertory Theatre includes four veteran stage, screen and television performers — Allen Nause, J P Phillips, Joann Johnson and Vane O'Brien. Founded in 1982 and based in Portland, Oregon, the group is a non-profit American repertory company dedicated to production of innovative, high quality, socially conscious theatre for Portland and the surrounding communities.

'Driving Miss Daisy' is Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer prize play. It was one of 1987's biggest off-Broadway hits, later moved to Broadway where it

had a highly successful run. Last year, the critically-acclaimed film version received the Academy awards. In the play, Alfred Uhry has taken familiar material — the growing friendship between a crotchety, aged Southern lady and her black chauffeur and treated it with affection. The play is embellished throughout with strokes of humour, as the two people come to realize that they have far more in common than they can ever publicly admit.

A R Gurney's 'Love Letters' was considered by Time magazine as one of the four best American plays of the 1980s. It has two actors sitting side by side at a table, reading from letters sent between their characters, who met in second grade and who continue writing over a period of 50 years, as the author carries them through the trauma of adulthood, marriage, divorce and middle age.

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