

Dhaka Day by Day

A Long, Long Life

by Tulip Ibrahim

A man has a short span of life compared to many things. People are forever groping for evergreen secrets to extend their short tenure on earth.

and laid his claim on the throne. But a hell of troubles for his identification had to be gone through.

His present home, which is 236 Kaolas, Uttara, Dhaka had decades back been surrounded by thick jungles.



Md Kudrat Ali at 120: Aspiring for many more dawns.

At that time brave young men were called up to drive the hunted animals toward a waiting net. Kudrat Ali chuckles as he remembers how once he had come face to face with a tiger.

The legendary hero of the sensational 'Bhowal Sannyasi Case' Raja Ramendra Narayan was poisoned by his wife as part of a conspiracy.

Kudrat Ali has had chances for enjoying the occasional feasts Nabab Salimullah offered to his ryots.

He can remember buying sacks of rice for a few coots. It had taken him only Taka 5 to buy a big brawny cow.

He is an ardent Muslim. He cannot remember having missed his prayers up to now.

He is always carrying around his counting beads, mumbling the many names of Allah.

Kudrat Ali is remarkably independent. He does not bother others unless he has to. His great-great-grand daughter waits on him to help him here and there.

"God's world, the sun, the moon and the sky are my old friends", the old man muses.

All other people of my age have left the earth," Kudrat Ali has a strong mental preparation to see many more dawn breaking in this world.

Canada keen to take part in gas exploration

The Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Emile Gauvreau called on Energy and Mineral Resources Minister, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain at the latter's Secretariat office Tuesday, reports BSS.

The Envoy stayed with the Minister for some time and discussed different issues of mutual interests particularly the Canadian cooperation and assistance for the extraction and development of energy and mineral resources in Bangladesh.

The High Commissioner expressed his keen interest in participating in gas exploration and coal mining in Bangladesh and assured all possible cooperation in this field.

Italian Ambassador in Bangladesh Dr Claudio Pacifico also called on Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain at his Secretariat office.

They discussed issues of mutual interest.

Hasina condoles city AL leader's death

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina expressed profound shock and deep sorrow at the death of Naeemuddin Ahmed Lal, a senior leader of the party's city unit, reports UNB.

City Awami League executive committee member Naeemuddin (57) died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital Tuesday afternoon. He was suffering from cancer.

In a statement, Hasina paid tribute to Lal describing him "a soldier of the ideals of Bangabandhu" and said in his death the City Awami League lost a selfless leader.

Soon after, receiving the news, Hasina rushed to the Begum Bazar residence of the deceased and expressed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

A large number of party workers and leaders also accompanied the Awami League chief.

Textile fair in Jan

Exhibition of indigenous textiles will be held in Dhaka in January for display of public and private sector products, reports UNB.

A meeting was held on Tuesday with State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan in the chair to prepare for making the cloth fair a success, official sources said.

A working committee headed by Joint Secretary Anwarul Islam of the Textile Ministry was formed at the meeting.

It was attended, among others, by Textile Secretary AZM Shamsul Alam and members of the BTMC, BGM, BTMA, Bangladesh Handloom Board and Bangladesh Sericulture Board.

TV Wednesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al Quran
Programme summary
5.15 Reading from the Geeta
5.20 News in Bangla
5.30 Taranna
5.55 Sports Programme
Programme of the new Artists
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Dance
9.00 Film show: MacGyver
10.00 News in English
10.25 Parliament roundup
10.40 Ibandhan
11.30 Khabar/The News
11.45 Close down

Obituary

Sayeduddin Ahmed, a former Deputy Magistrate, died of old age complications in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Shyamali Mosque after Zohar prayer.

Shamsul Huque, a retired sub post master of Bangladesh Postal Department, died of heart failure at his 78/4, Mizan Lane, Maniknagar residence. He was 82.



Members of Bekar Samaj (Unemployed Society) staged token hunger strike Tuesday in front of the National Press Club.

Plea to bring out health procession in rural areas to help combat TB

The Deputy Leader of the House, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Tuesday called for waging a social movement on the basis of community participation to combat the curse of communicable diseases like tuberculosis and leprosy, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a day-long annual national council of Bangladesh National Association of Tuberculosis (NATAB) at the auditorium of National Museum, Prof. Chowdhury, who is also the President of NATAB, said side by side mass awareness about the health education and strong political commitment was necessary to combat and the menace of tuberculosis, leprosy and other communicable diseases.

If we really want to ensure health for all by the year 2000, people from all segments, particularly the political leaders, workers, teachers, and religious leaders should put in their concerned efforts toward this direction for serving the suffering humanity, Prof. Chowdhury asserted.

Presided over by Vice-President of NATAB and City Awami League President Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, the inaugural session of the council was addressed by Project Director of the Government Dr A K M Ahsan Ali, Secretary General of NATAB, Dr Sak-hawat Hossain, President of Rajshahi NATAB, Prof Latif, President of Habiganj NATAB and Chairman Habiganj Poursabha, Shahid Chowdhury, General Secretary of Bagerhat NATAB, Mostafiz Huq, and a Japanese volunteer working in Bangladesh under NATAB programme Minako Omari.

Prof. Chowdhury pointed out that during the last nine years of autocratic rule, there was lack of political commitment to combat the curse of leprosy and other communicable diseases.

Now after the establishment of a democratic accountable government, all quarters including those who were in power and those who want to go to power in future must take responsibility for the prevention of these diseases.

Prof. Chowdhury said there was no reason to take the problems of tuberculosis so lightly. He, however, said that the sincere efforts on the part of government and voluntary agencies dealing with the disease, 98 per cent of the patients could be treated in their own houses.

In this connection, he pleaded for supplying medicines to the patients on regular basis. Half treatment would endanger the life of the patients as well as spread the disease in a severe manner.

Prof. Chowdhury suggested to continue the programme of BCG vaccination among the children and provision of better quality drugs to eradicate the curse of tuberculosis and leprosy.

Appreciating the role of the NATAB in curbing tuberculosis and leprosy, Prof Chowdhury urged the NATAB volunteers to revitalise their organisation with vigorous health education programme.

He advised them to bring out health processions in the villages once a week and enrol young NATAB members throughout the country. During the processions, placards inscribing the lessons of primary health care like how to keep

the environment clean should be carried out, he said.

In his Presidential speech, the NATAB Vice President Mozaffar Hossain Paltu paid tributes to the Deputy Leader of the House Prof B Chowdhury in pioneering the role of curbing tuberculosis in the country.

Paltu said NATAB, a social voluntary organisation had been working to serve the cause of the distressed humanity.

Though we belong to different views and parties but when we assemble under the banner of NATAB, we keep only one objective of serving the people.

The Secretary General of NATAB Dr Sakhawatt Hussain gave a resume of the activities of the NATAB since its inception in the 70s and pleaded for evolving a low cost tuberculosis control programme.

He pointed out that there was a reasonably good health care structure in the country and said if we could work properly it would not be difficult to control the disease.

Project Director for tuberculosis control of the government, Dr A K M Ahsan Ali

Khaleda greets new Japanese Prime Minister

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday congratulated Mr Kijichi Miyazawa on his assumption of the office of Prime Minister of Japan, reports BSS.

Begum Khaleda Zia in a message to the new Japanese Prime Minister expressed the conviction that during the tenure of Miyazawa the existing close and beneficial cooperation between Bangladesh and Japan will be further strengthened and developed.

She said she was looking forward to work with Miyazawa in the pursuit of peace and progress in the region and the world.

Birthday Greetings

6th November, 1991
To,
Aly Zaker (Chotlu) and Iresh Zaker
4, Naoratan Colony, New Baily Road, Dhaka.

Dearest Chotlu and Iresh
Happy Birthday. Wishing you all the best.
From:
Choto Mamma/Nana
Choto Mamani/Nani
7/A, New Baily Road, Dhaka.

Enact laws to curb violence

Some 175 teachers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Tuesday called Parliament members for enacting stringent laws to combat violence in the country, reports UNB.

Terrorists and criminals feel encouraged by their inertia.... take exemplary steps, otherwise the government,
RU Economics Deptt
Alumni Assoc
executives

A 35-member executive committee was formed unanimously in a recently concluded first general conference of the Rajshahi University Economics Department Alumni Association, says a press release.

Dr M A Jalil, Md. Aitaf Hossain and Md. Rafiqul Islam were elected President, General Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Besides, Md. Waliul Islam, Syeda Shams Ara Hossain, O M Md. Shamsul Huda, Shahidun Nahar, Moslema Bari, Vice President, Md. Javed Al Sarker and Mr. Mahbub-ur-Rahman, Joint Secretary, Abu Jafar Md. Iqbal, Organising Secretary, A. Awal Chowdhury, Publicity and Publication Secretary, Dr M. Jaisal Abedini, Education Secretary, Artist Fatematz Zohra, Cultural Secretary, M A Latif, Social Welfare Secretary were elected in said committee.

Anniversary of Dr. Rashid's death today

The 10th death anniversary of Dr M A Rashid, former Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Engineering university, will be held today (Wednesday) his Dhanmendi residence, reports BSS.

democracy or the Sangsad, all will become redundant," they said in an open letter to Parliament members.

The signed letter was released to the press in view of the government inaction in taking effective steps to curb terrorism which also rocked the BUET campus on October 19.

The teachers called the incident a "medieval attack of free booters and blood-sprinkling anarchy" and regretted that no political parties condemned such acts of violence.

They also slated the law enforcing agencies for their indecent and insolent role in provoking a silent procession of the teachers, officers and

Weather

Dry weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or shower is likely at one or two places over coastal regions of Khulna and Chittagong divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday. Met office forecast.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius. The lowest 15.6 degree Celsius was recorded in Mymensingh on Tuesday.

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

Table with 5 columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in degree Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (9 am, 6 pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Faridpur, Sylhet, Rangpur, Satkhira, Mymensingh.

Sunset in Dhaka on Wednesday at 5-17 pm and sunrise on Thursday at 6-09 am.

Poverty cited as reason for rising crimes

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz called upon the literatures and experts of different professions to find out ways and means for preventing criminal offences, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating a national seminar on "Crime prevention and criminal justice" held under the auspices of Law and Justice Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat Tuesday, according to an official source.

State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Huq also addressed the seminar.

Additional Secretary in-charge of Law and Justice Ministry Serajul Islam, IGP Enamul Huq, heads of departments and experts of different professions also participated in the discussions and presented papers on the subject.

The Law Minister said prevention of criminal offences has become the burning issue not only in Bangladesh but in other developed countries of the world. Keeping this in view, efforts are being taken in international level to combat the menace and as such, a UN seminar will be held in Paris by this November to find out mechanism for crime prevention, he added.

Pointing to various reasons for increasing crimes, he

mentioned that poverty was one of the causes for criminal offences in our country.

The Minister observed that justice was the basis for rule of law. He stressed the need for separation of judiciary for proper and quick disposal of pending cases.

Mansur Anam's death condoled

Officers and employees of Green Delta Insurance Company in Dhaka have condoled the sudden demise of Ahmed Mansur Anam, manager of the company in Mymensingh, reports UNB.

Ahmed Mansur, son of an eminent political figure, journalist and litterateur Abul Mansur Ahmed, died of heart attack in Mymensingh Sunday last.

A condolence meeting and milad mahfil was held at the company's office in the capital on Monday.

Speakers at the meeting recalled the honest and sincere efforts of Ahmed Mansur Anam for over all development of the company.

They expressed their heart-felt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul, said a press release.

Advertisement for The Daily Star featuring 'It's new just for you' and 'The Daily Star is pleased to introduce a new column where individuals and organisations can publish Birthday and Anniversary Greetings...'.

Advertisement for 'KAL 007: THE HIDDEN STORY' magazine, mentioning 'MAKE YOUR CHILD A WINNER' and 'PIRATES!'.

Large advertisement for Dragonair flights to Hong Kong, featuring the slogan 'THE ONLY NON-STOP FLIGHTS TO HONG KONG' and 'Fly with us. You'll enjoy the all-round efficiency and reliability of an airline operating to UK aviation standards.'