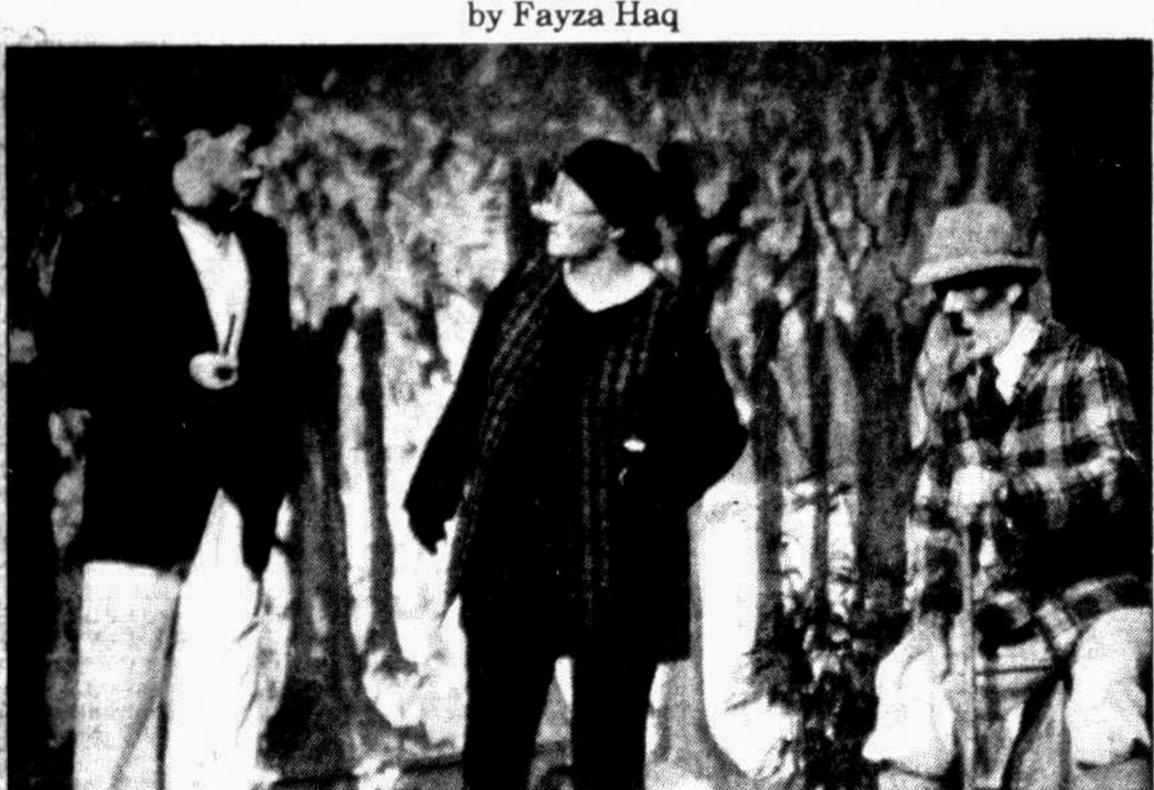
# Dhaka Day by Day

## An Exuberant Animal Fantasia



Ratty, Mole and badger conspiring to save their friend Toad.

Who has not revelled in reading and watching "Peter Pan", "Treasure Island", "Wizard of signers like David and Sue Field and Marie Oz", "Little Women" or "What Katy Did"? Michaelson managed to bring in a horse, a car, Kenneth Grahame's"The Wind In The Willows" a caravan, a boat along the stream, a court falls into this category of creations that you scene, a dungeon, and "Toad's Hall" with imaginever get tired of watching ,even in your adult nation and finesse. Dorothy Chiarantona and Jill

precocious young son. In the story are four Weasel" took over. main characters who have given the ability and shortcomings of human beings. The setting is eran of a hundred plays. He has been acting an English fanciful dream from the past, which since he was seven. He has been in Dhaka for perhaps is simply a figment of the imagination. over three years and has been in every produc-

has produced a new musical interpretation part of the White Knight in "Alice." He admits which remains faithful to the original book, and that "remembering the plays is the nasty part of at the same time he has put a universal atmo- acting. The best bit is the inter relation with sphere over the entire performance.

for this "Dhaka Stage" production, has been play," as he puts it. working with her team of twenty-four children, through the acting, singing and dancing.

And what a treat the play was \_ a treasuretrove of light fantastic adventures and slacks and blazer, says, "The theatre has a lot of unadulterated fun, as it opened last night at the American International School auditorium . As you sat back in your seats, cut off from the humdrum of life, and the more serious pressures of economic, social and political nature, watched a few of the local plays like "Darpan" you felt you were a child once again \_ when and "Galileo" and he was amazed at the energy happy hours would never end.

You were transported into the pristine world of willow trees and grassy banks, while an innocent horse capered around, Gypsies came and danced, and young lovers were seen with their in his teaching of Economics to students at 7 harmless quarrel.

"Badger"s place, and the "Gypsy Camp. The script was fascinating, the acting earnest, and the direction and setting effective. You were completely submerged and overwhelmed in the simple but touching story of the adventures of the good-hearted but reckless 'Toad 'and his friends, as they fend off the wily ways of the "Chief Weasel "and his entourage of young , boisterous and volatile "Ferrets "and "Stoats".

The costumes and makeup transformed the young children into "Rabbits" and "Field-Mice" too. They danced and sang their own portions with almost as much zest as the young villains. Here Michael Jackson's Bad' came in and added to the energy and dynamism of the play.

It was interesting indeed how the set de-Kenna had helped with the costumes, which The Wind in The Willows" which is well- were lively without being gaudy. You really felt beloved children's story in English is built on a that you were surrounded by a world of animals number of story letters from Grahame to his when the "Ferrets" and "Stoats" with the "Chief

Tim Bridges who acted as "Toad," is a vet-A A Milne did the original stage adaptation of tion of the "Dhaka Stage" since then. What he of the book in "Toad of Toad Hall". John Morley enjoyed most in his career as an actor was the the audience." He enjoys "jatra" and Tagore Faith Handley, the director and co-producer plays "as there is a lot of visual aspect in the

The slimy "Mole" in black , with the endeara handful of energetic teenagers, and a number ing snout , was done by Meg Timmins who has of confident and enthusiastic adults since acted in amateur plays through school and all August this year. She has had to guide them her life."I've never played such a gentle character before," she remarks.

" Ratty " played by Phil Voysey , with his suave possibilities as a mechanism for expressing political and social problems. To be on the stage is very empowering for the individual. One has to learn to control one's nervousness." He has of the local people."

Malcolm Purvis who played the sedate, aging "Badger" has also years of acting behind him. He said he blended his acting ability even a.m. "You have to put in a measure of entertain-The world consisted of "Toad Hall", "Mole's ment in even teaching to keep the students House," and "Otter" and "Ratty's Home, the awake, he comments. "He says he loves the Bangladeshi dancing and sitar playing.

One saw a burly , good-natured "Magistrate" in Jeff Barr. New in Bangladesh, a teacher of maths, and sciences. He says, "It is easier to have a major part. The same amount of time goes into rehearsals."

David Wallin who acted as the "Chief Weasel" certainly put in a considerable amount of energy into his role. The part of the "Washerwomen" and "Gypsies" played by individuals like Michaela Dennis, Rezan Muir and Rose Anam also brought joy to the viewer.

What one would give for more of such delectable delights!

# Record paddy harvest in cyclone-hit areas likely

Record paddy harvest is expected in the cyclone and tidal surge battered areas of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar districts in the current season, reports BSS.

According to Agriculture Extension Department sources here, the favourable weather and timely supply of agricultural inputs to the farmers brightened the prospect for good harvest of paddy during the season.

The sources said that in Chittagong district, 4,64,540

SC Bar President

receives British

law books

The British High Commissi-

oner, Colin Imray, on Monday

presented Dr Rafigur Rahman,

President, Bangladesh Supre-

me Court Bar Association, with

law books worth £6,000 (Taka

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the Bar Association and form a

valuable link between the legal

professions of Britain and

Bangladesh, says a press re-

lease of British High Commi-

College teachers'

problems to

be solved

A five-member delegation of

the BCS General Education

Association called on the

Education Secretary M.

Mostafizur Rahman in Dhaka

said that during the meeting,

the delegation members dis-

cussed with the Education

Secretary various matters in-

cluding removal of disparity in

seniority an promotion, sec-

tional promotions at all levels

including 20 per cent reserved

posts, creation of rest of the

posts on the basis of staff pat-

tern and inclusion of princi-

pals and professors in the war-

assured the delegation that

proper steps would be taken to

solve their problems, the press

General Secretary of the asso-

ciation Abu Yusuf and

Treasurer Dr Golam Resul

were among others, who called

on the Education Secretary.

Principal Rashida Begum,

The Education Secretary

rant of precedence.

release said.

An association press release

on Monday, reports BSS.

The British books will be

4 lakh) from Great Britain.

acres of land were brought under Aman cultivation and the production of paddy would be around 3,95,500 metric tons.

The farmers preferred to cultivate High Yielding Varieties like BR 10, BR 11, Pajam, Rajashatl and Kazalshatl in this season.

Among the 14 upazilas of the district paddy production would be better in Mirsharai and Fatikchhari, the sources

In Cox's Bazar district, a total of 1,62,610 acres of land were brought under cultivation and the production of paddy was estimated at 1,63,244 metric tons. Here also farmers cultivated High Yielding Variety of paddy.

Chakaria upazila may top the list of good harvesters among the seven upazilas of the district.

The harvesting has already

The Agriculture Extension Department sources also said that the joy of farmers knew no bounds as they are having very good harvest after the devastating calamity.

been started in some places.

# Plea to hold trial of killers of '71 war heroes

Eminent lawyer and former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association Advocate Shamsul Hug Chowdhury Monday demanded of the government to hold trial of the killers who had murdered the heroes of Bangladesh Liberation War, reports BSS.

Addressing as the chief guest, the 19th Founding Anniversary of Bangladesh Juba League at Bangladesh Avenue, Advocate Chowdhury said it was necessary to try the killers of the country's leaders who led the nation to freedom to establish rule of law.

Juba League, which was founded by late Sheikh Fazlul Hug Moni on November 11, 1972, observed the Day by hoisting national and party flags in the morning, placing wreaths at the portrait of the Bangabandhu and offering fateha at the grave of Sheikh Moni, who was killed on 15 August, 1975.

Advocate Chowdhury gave a clarion call to all political parties to cooperate with each other to curb campus terrorism without further delay. He said it is the national consensus that the universities should be freed of arms.

Advocate Chowdhury welcomed the decision of Sheikh Hasina to suspend the activities of her party's student wing in Dhaka University. He said the main responsibility to ensure peace in the educational institutions as well in society lay with the government and so they must explain why peace was not being restored.

Advocate Chowdhury pointed out that the present government was an elected government and voted to power through a free and fair election. But he said, excepting the replacement of Gen Ershad, nothing much has changed. He said the government had not yet repealed the Black Laws like the Special Powers Act which was their pledge to the people.

He said many pledges of the ruling party before the people during the anti-autocracy movement had not yet fulfilled, including the conversion of radio and TV into autonomous bodies. Presided over by Mustafa

Mohsin Montu, Chairman of the organisation, the function was addressed, among others, by a number of old guards who were associated with Juba League since its inception. Among them were, Awami League Joint Secretary, Amir Hussain Amu, ex-MNA and Cofounder of Juba League, Asmat Ali Sikdar, Syed Ahmed, former General Secretary, Syed Rezaur Rahman, former leader of the organisation, Mesbahul Huq, a former leader of Juba League and Falu Sarker, present General Secretary of the Juba League.

#### KSP demands white paper on CHT situation

The President of the Krishak Sramik Party, ASM Solaiman, Monday demanded a white paper on the Chittagong Hill Tracts situation, reports

In a statement in Dhaka, he said the so-called "Shanti Bahini" was carrying out its violent activities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts with the direct help and assistance of a neighbouring country.

Solaiman said, it was an "undeclared war" against Bangladesh in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and added that the entire nation was concerned at the situation there.

He deplored that the big political parties and alliances were maintaining silence over the issue

#### Gold, Dollars worth Tk 7 lakh seized at ZIA

The Customs at the Zia International Airport Monday seized gold, undeclared dollars and one VCP worth Taka seven lakh from the baggage of a passenger who flew in Dhaka from London by Bangladesh Biman,

according to a press release of the customs intelligence and investigation directorate, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, the customs officials checked the baggage of the passenger while passing through the green channel. The investigation resulted in the recovery of five gold bars, four pieces of gold bangles, 15,600 undeclared Dollars and one VCP.

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# HERE and THERE

#### Bandhab

Bandhab, a benevolent association for social advancement, on Monday accorded a reception to Bangladesh Drugs Resistance Committee General Secretary, Syed Rashid Alam and Kamrul Islam Soni, the Chairman of Life, an anti-drug organisation, for their outstanding contribution to the country's campaign against drug abuse.

#### Credit for Women

Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management Monday organtsed a day-long workshop on "Credit for Women" .

Presided over by the former Defence Secretary Salauddin Ahmed, the workshop was parficipated by representatives of the World Bank, Bangladesh Bank, Commercial Banks, Planning Commission, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation and NGOs.

#### Lawyers' forum

Leaders of Lawyers Concern, a forum of young lawyers, Monday expressed their solidarity with the decision of the Lawyers Coordination Council to boycott courts.

in a statement, Concern Convenor, A F M Rizaur Rahman Rumel and Joint Convenors Advocate Shakhawat **Uddin** Ahmed and Advocate Mahbubul Haider Ali Chowdhury alleged that the government remained stlent on abolition of the upazilas courts despite appeals of the laywers community.

#### Solidarity Day

Speakers at a discussion meeting on the National Solidarity Day said that shipshi revolution on November 7 aimed at materialising the

General Secretary of resistance committee for boycotting foreign goods, Md Yusuf Ali attended the function as the chief guest.

Leaders of the committee K Mostafa, M A Razzak, Kazi Begum, Abdus Sattar and Md

the Bangladesh Bekar Samaj, a forum of the unemployed, decided to continue its movement to resolve their prob-

Mohammad Hassan, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Ansarul Huq and Zillul Hug.

The meeting also decided to hold a rally on November 15 at the New Market to press home its 14-point demand.



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series Drama Granthikgan Kahe 10.00 News in English

dream of the country's war of independence, safeguarding sovereignty and establishment of a society based on justice.

M Abul Hossain, Dr Golam Matiur Rahman, Fatema Begum, Amita Basu, Akika Jamshed Mia also spoke on the

### Bekar Samaj

An emergency meeting of

Presided over

### Tuesday

Opening announcement, Cartoon film: The

Challenge of the Gobots Educational programme Programme on mothers Nazrul Sangeet News in Bangla

10.30 Film show: War and Remembrance

11.30 Khabar/The news 11.45 Close Down

Laboratory Institute under the leadership of Mahmuda Khatun of Chattra Kendro on Monday joined Bangladesh Chattra Shakti, said a press release.

casion was presided over by Nazmunnahar Swapna while NDP leader Mesbahuddin Ahmed Sabu attended as the chief guest.

Among others, Chattra Shakti Convenor Mamunur Rashid and other leaders Advocate Ruhul Amin Shelly and Alamgir, Ripon and Aminul were present at the function.

#### Sramik Mukti Andolan

Mukti Andolan held a discussion meeting on the National Solidarity Day.

terrorism.

demanded compensation for the family of the martyrs

#### Chhatra Shakti

About 100 female students of Mirpur Gigls' Ideal

A meeting held on this oc-

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik

Speaking at the function, the General Secretary of Andolan, Advocate Foyez Ahmed said the people of the country have become hostage to the government-sponsored

Speakers at the meeting Weather

morrow (Wednesday) at 6:12 am.

# Dry weather likely

A well-marked low has been formed Monday morning over the East Central Bay and adjoining South-East Bay and Andaman Sea, reports UNB.

Met office says that it may concentrate into a depression and move initially in a north westerly direction. Weather is expected to remain mainly dry during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Tuesday). Today's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 30 degree

perature 15 degree Celstus was recorded in Mymensingh. Percentage of humidity was 75 in the morning and 63 in. the evening. The Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 5:14 pm and it rises to-

Celsius and the minimum 19,5 degrees. Country's lowest tem-

### US Navy band leaves Dhaka

The sixteen-member US Navy band left Dhaka Monday morning ending their goodwill visit to Bangladesh, says an ISPR press release.

During their stay in Bangladesh the US Navy band took part in joint concerts with the Bangladesh Navy in Dhaka and Chittagong.

They were seen off at the airport by senior officers of the Naval Headquarters and officials of the US Embassy in

#### Students urged to consolidate democracy

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum has called upon the students community to be imbued with the spirit of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day to consolidate the present democratic system, reports

She said all patriotic citizens of the country should follow the sense of direction given by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to strengthen independence and sovereignty.

Prof Jahanara Begum was addressing as the chief guest a meeting in Dhaka Sunday which was organised by Salimullah Medical College Unit of Jattyatabadi Chhatra Dal on the occasion of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day. Unit president Ehsanul Haq inu presided over the meeting while Begum Ahsanuliah, MP. and other Chhatra Dal leaders addressed it.

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