# Dhaka Day by Day

# Mozart Lives On

by Fayza Haq

When it was announced that the tickets of \*Concerto Koln\* were available — they were snapped up in two hours. While the group played Mozart to commemorate the musician's 200th death anniversary at the National Museum Auditorium, hundreds waited outside in the chill, as they had not the necessary tickets.

Werner Matzke, a member of the troupe, maintained that the popularity of Mozart had definitely gone up in Germany this year but that it normally remains constant. He pointed out that "In Europe there is an unbroken tradition. If you announce 'Mozart' everyone comes. There is wonderful music before the time of Mozart too. We want to revive that as well. A lot of good music is forgotten music."

He added, "The range we play stretches from the 17th century to Mendelessen in the nineteenth century. We play instruments as they have been in the original form in the time of Mozart and Bach. People now want bigger sounds. But if you make it louder the beauty is lost. It is more in keeping with the spirit of Mozart. You are closer to the original music of the time."

"Concerto Koln" he has been to South East Asia - Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and

Talking about his experiences in the east, he said that he found the people "extremely open and friendly" but that he could not understand the slaughtering of animals on the open roads and the floating of dead bodies of beasts in the rivers as he witnessed in Nepal.

Discussing modern classical music he mentioned how modern musicians like Stockhausen are scarching for a new language for new effects, "They are using electronic effects and computers.

Gerald Habzer, who plays the harpsichord, believes that the interest in Mozart, Bach and Beethoven is an "unbroken tradition." He informed me that special centres were opened in Vienna, Amsterdam, Paris and London to revive 16th and 17th century European music.

Werner Matzke, who plays the cello, studied music formally for seven years. He was inspired by his parents, like most other player in his group. "It is interesting how close we came to each other in the east - the eastern musicians and us. Music can reach out better than the



Concerto Koln from Germany: You announce Mozart, everyone comes.'

Bernard Erhard, the concern master, commented, "You wouldn't think that Mozart was unknown for the people of the Subcontinent. We were afraid that as the average person was perhaps not acquainted with the composer and that he might not appreciate him. We were apprehensive. We did not expect the tremendous success we have had," he said, sitting with me, like the others, in the Sheraton, lounge.

He added that in the tour, which comprised four weeks, had been heetic as it included Karachi, Lahore, Delhi, Kathmandu and will also consist of Calcutta, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Bombay and Colombo.

"The first week is always difficult as you have to get used to the food and climate," he commented. Some of the players were literally perspiring profusely while performing in Dhaka, as the air conditioner had been put off.

When asked if Mozart's character included frivolity as was depicted in the film "Amadeus" he admitted that Mozart had a considerable streak of bohemianism and eroticism in him. Mozart tried to be independent of the court and church, Erhard stressed.

The group, which includes Australians, Argentinians, French, Dutch and Swiss, is more like a European orchestra although most of them are from around Koln. The 'Concerto Koln' has been in existence since '85. So far

they have produced 16 CDs. Michael Niesemann, who plays the oboe and the clarinet, began on the flute at the age of three. He said that it was not easy to make a living as a free lance musician. He normally rehearses about four hours a day but before a concert this increases to six. With this troupe

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condemned revival of the

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JSD central committee

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central working committee of

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD)

Rab ended in the capital

President Abdun Noor, the

meeting expressed resent-

ment over the lack of direction

of the ruling party to solve

country's economic problems

and said that the nation led to

bankruptcy because of the lack

of planned development pro-

Pak-Bangla

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Bangladesh-Pakistan Youth

Friendship Association was

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the city Saturday with an aim

to strengthen the existing

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spoken language." Pierre Andre Taillard, the soloist, learnt his clarinet as a child. He commented on how difficult it was to play with the historical instruments. They are too many notes and they are either too sharp or too low. Through practice alone can you perfect your performance." He found life in the east rather exuberant. He loved the Indian and Pakistani music that he had heard.

Werner Ehrhardt, a violinist, and a member of the troupe, played folk and rock music as a teenager but returned to Baroque music as an adult. He said he was truly impressed by the warmth of the Asians.

The "Concerto Koln" that evening played Divertimento E flat Major KV113, Concerto A Major KV622, Screnata Notturna A Major KV239, and Symphony A Major K201.

The concert was preceded by a splendid film festival on Mozart at the Goethe Institut. There too the hall was crowded to bursting point on all five days.

The festival included "Amadeus" which is an adaptation of Peter Shaffer's play about the life of Mozart and his rivalry with the court musician Salieri. The operas. The Marriage of Figaro" - which is one of the greatest comic opera - with its bubbling music and witty plot, and "The Magic Flute" - which was inspired by the Freemasons - were include. \*Don Giovanni, which dealt with Don Juan, and had sensuous, and hilarious music was screened too, as was the 93 minutes film Forget Mozart," which primarily dealt with the final end of the brilliant composer.

### between the two countries will be strengthened in the years

Presided over by Alhaj Maulana Abdur Rab, the function was also addressed by the association general secretary BH Harun.

### Rotary Club Dhaka-Riyadh

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid Brotherhood Assoc Town, Inter Wheel Club of Dhaka Mid Town and Rotaract The Ambassador of Saudi Club of Dhaka Mid Town jointly Arabia Abdul Latif al-Maimani organised a Blood Donation Friday laid the foundation stone of the Sohail al-Maimani Foundation, a multi-purpose Dhaka. . social service project at Kanudas Kati in Jhalakati dis-

Addressing the function, the Saudi Ambassador hoped that the existing friendly ties

Programme on Friday at the Red Crescent Blood Center in Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal

MP. Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society inaugurated the programme, said a press

### Weather

The meeting claborately

discussed the problems of the

shop owners and chalked out

future programmes.

### Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Saturday.

one to two degrees Celsius over Dhaka and Chittagong

Little change in weather would be noticed during the subsequent two days over the country, Met office also said. The lowest 10.0 degrees Celsius temperature recorded in

was in Satkhira. Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities

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Dhaka	26.0	16.8	81	41	
Chittagong	27.0	17.3	94	57	
Rajshahi	27.0	12.7	69	75	
Khulna	27.6	13.0	85	74	
Bartsul	27.0	13.0	77	78	
Sylhet	25.2	14.5	88	81	
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Satkhira	29.0	12.8	69	<b>60</b>	

### Parliamentary body on foreign affairs meeting held

The first meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on foreign affairs was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in Dhaka Friday with chairman of the committee Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman in the chair, reports BSS. Matters relating to the

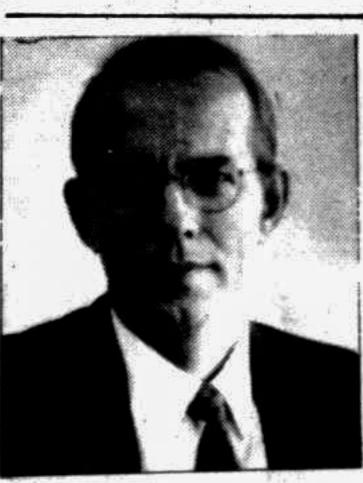
Ministry of Foreign Affairs were reviewed in the meeting. It also discussed how the Bangladesh Missions abroad

can raise their effectiveness and efficiency to cope with the changing political, economic, social and technological development in the world.

The Foreign Minister briefed the members of the committee on his recent visit to Myanmar.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Information Minister Nazmul Huda, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Sanud Azad, Tofael Ahmed, Major (retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, M Redwan Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Mir Shawkat Ali and M A Jinnah.

Foreign Sccretary Reaz Rahman and senior officials of the ministry were present.



### New ADB Resident Representative takes over

Geert van der Linden has taken over as the new Resident Representative of the Asian Development Bank's Bangladesh Resident Office. Prior to this assignment van der Linden was at the ADB headquarters in Manila as Manager in charge o Education, Health and Population Division (West). says a press release.

An economist by profession, van der Linden is a Dutch national. Before joining ADB in 1979, van der Linden worked in the Dutch Government and UNDP. In his previous position as Manager of Education. **Health and Population Division** (West) at ADB Headquarters, van der Linden visited Bangladesh on many occasions and he is well aware of the country's needs in the various sectors of economic and social development.

Van der Linden will be the fourth Resident Representative of ADB since the Bangladesh Resident Office was established in Dhaka in late 1982. He succeeds Basudev Dahal who left Bangladesh in July 1991 to become the Deputy Director of Programs (East Department at the ADB HQ.

### TV, VCR licence renewal from today

The renewal of television and VCR licences commences from Today (Sunday), an official press release said in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

The renewal fees of domestie black and white television, colour television and VCR has been fixed at Taka 125, Taka 300 and Taka 500 respec-

Domestie licences could be renewed up to December 31 in all branches of Janata Bank by depositing necessary fees.

All kinds of commercial television licences could be renewed from the office of the Controller of Licences at television office of Rampura within the said period.

The subscribers are requested to renew their licences within the specified period to avoid surcharge.



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nouncement, 'Al Quran, Programme summary News in Bangla Reading from the 5.20

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Special programme on the Day of World Documentary Film on 6.00 the National Day of Rumania

Programme on SAARC Tagore songs News in Bangla 8.00 Dipta Chetona 8.30 Drama Series: Oshin 9.00 News in English Roag Rong Khabar/The News 10.30

Close Down



Sangrami Chhatra Samaj brought out a procession in city Saturday protesting the abolition - Star photo of Upazila Parishad.

# NGOs asked to help eradicate lathyrism

The third Triennial Colloquium of 'International network for improvement of Lathyrus sativus and the eradication of Lathyrism' (INILSEL), on the theme "Nutrition without toxicity" was opened at Hotel Sheraton in Dhaka on Saturday, reports

The four-day Colloquium has been sponsored by the Third World Medical Research Foundation (TWMRF) and jointly organised by the Institute of Post Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR) and the Oregon Health Sciences University of the United States.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf inaugurated the colloquium as the chief guest while additional Health Secretary Dr K M Fariduddin addressed it as the special

Besides, Director of IPGMR Dr T A Choudhury, President of TWMRF Valeric Palmer and host organiser Dr Anisul Haq addressed the function. Chairman of (INILSEL) Peter S Spencer presided over the inaugural function.

Thirty-six scientists and some foreign experts working

## Contraband seized from night coach

RAJSHAHI, Nov 30 : BDR personnel seized contraband eight hundred bottles of Phensidyl syrup valued at Taka eighty thousand from a Dhakabound night coach a Dashuria on Nov 28, reports BSS.

The smuggled goods were deposited to Pabna district Control Narcotics Department.

### 'Upazila chairmen can take part in UP polls'

The government in a clarification Saturday said there was no legal bar for former Upazila chairmen to participate in the forth-coming Union Parishad polls, provided they are not otherwise, disqualified, reports BSS.

The clarification was issued in Dhaka to remove confusion. created by a section of the press in this respect, an offictal source said.

in different aspects of Lathyrism are taking part in the colloquium. They will present their findings in seven sessions spreading over four days, organisers said.

In his inaugural address, Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf said Lathyrism was prevailing in Bangladesh as in other third world countries like Ethiopia, India, Pakistan and Nepal. Quoting the WIIO and

UNDP figures, the minister said that some 11,000 to 50,000 people were affected when the disease had broken out in an epidemic form in some pockets of Bangladesh jute after the independence. "Sporadic cases of the dis-

case are still detected in Bangladesh and the problem may unleash anytime because of the socio-economic condition" he said. Kamal Ibne Yousuf said

lathyrism was a scrious problem affected social, economic, medical, biochemical and agricultural fields. He thanked the organisers and the scientists for their efforts to find out the solution to this problem through their research. Valeric Palmer, who

founded the Third World Medical Research Foundation centred in the United States. Britain and Bangladesh, said the third Colloquium would discuss the progress made by scientists about the grass pea (Kheshari) and Lathyrism with the aim to develop 'safe strains' for the control and eventual eradication of this crippling disease. Palmer, who conducted re-

search on Lathyrism in Bangladesh since 1984 along with French, German, American and Bangladeshi physicians, said that research on the problem was also strengthened and initiated in many other Third World countries like China, Ethiopia, Brazil, India, Pakistan, Nepal,

### Blood donation

A voluntary blood donation programme will be held on Monday at 10 am at Dhaka Montessori Tutorial, 300/A road 25 (old). Dhanmondi Residential Area, reports BSS.

The programme is jointly organised by hiner Weel Club of Dhaka south and Rotaract Club of Sir Salimullah Medical College, says a press release.

Syria and Turkey.

Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to extend their support through financial and other means towards this continuing worldwide efforts to eradicate Lathyrism from Asia and Africa and to develop a safe strain of Lathyrus sativus to promote nutrition in rainfed areas of the world.

She also urged the Non-

Dr Anisul Haq, head of the department of Neurology in IPGMR and adviser to the TWMRF, said the grass pea (Kheshari) is very rich in nutrition. "The only problem is that it causes Lathyrism because of the toxin in it. If this toxin can be removed by scientific means to develop a new strain, it will be a great achievement in the field of nutrition," he said. With this end in view, Dr

Anisul Haq said, the TWMRF had established the INILSEL involving scientists to solve the problem of Lathyrism and to develop a toxin free new strain.

### Gadhafi's envoy arrives today

A special envoy of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya arrives in Dhaka today (Sunday) to deliver a message from President Muammar Gadhafi to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports UNB.

Secretary of the General Peoples Congress (Supreme Legislative Body) Abdur Razzaque will lead a threemember delegation.

The Special Libyan Envoy during his three-day stay is also expected to pay a courtesy call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas. Foreign Office sources de-

scribed the existing relations between Dhaka and Tripoli as "good" indicating the setting of a Joint Economic Commission (JEC) between the two countries in the near future.

There is bright prospect of expansion of technical and economic cooperation between the two countries, the sources added.

Libya is expected to take more skilled and non-skilled personnel from Bangladesh to absorb them in the gigantic construction work of Great Man Made River Projects."

### Asghar visits stranded **Pakistanis**

Air Marshal (rtd) Asghar Khan, on a private trip in Dhaka, visited mazars of the three national leaders Saturday morning and laid floral wreaths, reports UNB. He stood in solemn silence

at the mazars of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque, Khwaja Nazimuddin and llussain Shaheed Suhrawardy and offered Fatcha. Chief of Tehrik-e-Istiqlal of

Pakistan also visited camps of the stranded Pakistanis at Mirpur and enquired about their conditions. He is expected to megt

members of the media at the National Press Club today (Sunday) at 4 pm.

The Air Marshal who flew in here on Thursday on a weeklong private mission to meet his friends and admirers, is due to leave for home on Monday.

## **Auction Notice**

Old used vehicles and various condemned articles will be sold in public auction "as it is where it is" basis at No. 201, Maintenance Unit of Bangladesh Air Force on 08-12-91 from 10

Prior to the auction, each bidder should deposit Taka 50,000/= (refundable) in Pay Order/Bank Draft in layour of Commander, No 201 Maintenance Unit, Air Force, Dhaka Cantonment otherwise no participation in the auction will be allowed. The highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the amount in cash on the spot and the remaining amount, within 7 (Seven) days of approval otherwise, the 25% earnest money will be forfeited. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any

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Met office forecast Sunday that dry weather would prevail

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