

Dhaka Day by Day

Victuals on Sidewalks

by A S M Nurunnabi

Our country is blessed with a variety of fruits, some of them to the point of abundance. Yet the irony is that, majority of our people being poor, very few of them can have the good fortune of getting a taste of them.

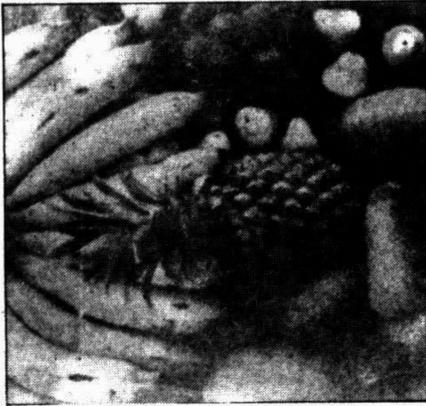
On occasions it struck me, however, that a class of citizens of this metropolis, even those at the lower financial ladder, harbour a definite liking for the native seasonal fruits, whatever strain it may cause to their lean purse strings. Otherwise how can we explain the existence of the plethora of fruit vendors that occupy important spots on most sidewalks of the city? The most conspicuous of them which do not fail to draw our attention sprawl from one end of Baitul Mokarram to the old railway gate across Gullistan and Stadium areas. They deal in fruits which each season produces.

To make their wares easily accessible to customers with small means, the fruits with some size are cut into small pieces carrying low price tags. A cursory view of the whole landscape shows that most vendors specialise in selling only one type of seasonal fruits, although the whole gamut includes papaya, pineapple, green coconut, banana, cucumber, sweet hog plum (amra), pomelo, etc. The all-time favourites seem to be papaya, green coconut, cucumber and sweet hog plum. The scenario, however, undergoes a change during summer days when sugarcane juice, watermelons, green coconut and iced sherbet become hot favourites. What-

ever be the season, these street vendors seem to do a brisk business throughout the day.

Another interesting picture appears towards the evening at many important crossroads and in front of some bazars. The vendors in this case deal in liquid milk, regarded generally as a health food. The tools of trade of these vendors are a big iron cauldron and a mobile kerosene stove. The cauldron is filled with milk, either in its original liquid form or made liquid from milk powder. The content is allowed to simmer over a slow fire which helps to thicken the concoction, enhancing its colour and taste. Beside the sizzling cauldron sits the vendor on a stool with a small pile of sliced bread kept on a platter. Most of the customers are rickshaw-pullers who tend to think that a glass of that hot drink with pieces of bread dipped in it will help them recoup their strength and energy expended in their physical labour. There are also other customers imbued with a similar attitude.

A distinct innovation is noticeable in another class of street vendors. I mean the roving tea vendors. Previously they used to ply their trade with a whole load of pots, pans and brazier. Now the whole procedure has been simplified by the introduction of large-sized thermos-flasks. With this modern equipment, the vendors are more mobile, at the same time ensuring a steady hot drink for their customers and adding to their business.



People urged to donate blood

Works Minister Rafikul Islam Mia Monday called upon the people to come forward to donate blood to save the lives of the dying patients, reports BSS.

By donating blood himself, the minister inaugurated the blood donation programme arranged by the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) at the Mitford Hospital in memory of Shaheed Dr. Milan.

Recalling the sacrifice of Dr. Milan the minister said Dr. Milan made the supreme sacrifices to give democracy an institutional shape. "If we can save a dying life by donating blood it will be the proper way to show respect to Dr. Milan," he added.

The President of DAB Dr. Kamruzzaman MP and its General Secretary Dr. Atkur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

CUJ seminar on mass upsurge in Ctg today

CHITTAGONG, Dec 2: A two-day seminar marking "the One Year of Mass Upsurge and its Success and Failure" begins at the Muslim Institute Hall here tomorrow under the auspices of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ), reports BSS.

The first day seminar on "modality of the three alliances" and "law against fundamental rights" will be inaugurated by Mahmuda Alam Kabita, wife of Shaheed Dr. Shamsul Islam Khan Milan.

The second day of seminar on "one year of mass movement and future course of action" will be held on December 4.

A number of leading intellectuals, politicians and professionals including Work Minister Barrister Rafikul Islam Mia, Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Abdur Razzak, Rashed Khan Menon, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Barrister Mainul Hossain, Journalist Rezauddin Ahmed will take part in the seminar.

An exhibition of photography on mass movement will be arranged on the occasion.

Terrorists take contractors as hostages: Abbas

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, MP, said in Dhaka Monday that the corporation had undertaken extensive programme for the city development despite a debt burden of Taka 138 crore, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting at Mugdapa organised jointly by the local units of BNP and Jubadul.

Mirza Abbas said a section of terrorists had been taking the contractors, involved in the development activities, as hostages to extort money from them.

He urged all to resist those terrorists and inform the City Corporation about the construction materials looted by those illegal toll collectors and terrorists.

Hasma greets Nahyan

Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Sheikh Hasma Monday felicitated the President and the people of United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the occasion of its 20th National Day, reports UNB.

In a message to President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, the Awami League chief hoped that the existing fraternal ties between the people of two countries will continue to strengthen further.

Sheikh Hasma wished personal well being to the UAE President and continued progress and prosperity to the brotherly people of the Emirates.

Pak team to arrive soon

A delegation from Pakistan comes shortly for an indepth study of the primary education system of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Officials here said Monday the four-member team from the Pakistan Ministry of Education would comprise Deputy Education Advisor Sarfaraz Khan Jadoon, Assistant Education Advisors Mohammad Iday Verymain and Ms Nasim Javed and Additional Director of Public Instruction Amir Hossain Nagvi.

During their 5-day tour beginning December 10, they will visit primary education projects under implementation with financial assistance from World Bank.

The areas they will take interest in are curriculum and material development at the primary level; teacher training and supervisory system and pupil evaluation or community involvement, sources said.

The study tour of the Pak delegation under the UNESCO participation programme 1990-91 will also take it to Nepal.

Passing-out parade of jail guards held

The passing-out parade of 200 jail guards was held Monday at the Ansar Academy at Shaipur, reports BSS.

The Acting Director General of Ansar and VDP Brigadier Mohammad Baed Mia inspected the parade and took salute as chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion he called upon the guards to utilise their training properly in their professional to utilise their training properly in their professional life for the sake of greater national interest.

The senior officials of the department and the Ansar Academy were present on the occasion.

Dhaka-Tripoli ties to grow further

Abdun Razaque Abu Baker el-Sausa, the Speaker of the Libyan Parliament, who is now visiting Bangladesh as special envoy of the Libyan leader Col Muammer El-Qaddafi, had a meeting with the Deputy Speaker, Humayun Khan Panni, at his office chamber in Sangsad Bhavan Monday morning, reports BSS.

During the hour-long meeting, they exchanged views on parliamentary affairs, bilateral issues and other matters of mutual interest.

Labour Minister back home

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Jhuyun returned home Sunday night after attending the 11th regional conference of ILO at Bangkok, reports BSS.

Jhuyun led the 7-member Bangladesh delegation at the 7-day conference which began at the Thai capital on November 2.

Besides, addressing the conference, the Minister exchanged views on bilateral issues with the Labour Ministers of other countries including Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Malaysia.

The other members of the delegation were: Dr A K M Mashur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Manpower, M Ashraf Ali, Deputy Chief, Ministry of Labour, Latifur Rahman ex-President, Bangladesh Employer's Association, C K Haider, General Secretary of the Association and Iskander Ali, President, Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal.

Strong opposition needed to score national goal

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali has called for united efforts of the party in power and the opposition to streamline and strengthen the newly born parliamentary democracy for economic emancipation of the people, reports BSS.

He was addressing the teachers, students and elite of the town at the premises of P N Bahumukhi Secondary School Satkhira Sunday.

The gathering was also addressed, among others, by Mrs Farida Rahman MP, Kazi Shamsur Rahman MP, Mansur Ahmed MP and Prof Ali Ahmed, President of Khulna Press Club.

Razzak Ali said a strong and constructive opposition was a must for playing a vital role in carrying forward the nation towards the goal of achieving self-reliance in all spheres of national life.

Referring to various problems and precarious conditions of the society accumulated during the misrule of previous governments Shaikh Razzak Ali said the present democratically elected government had already taken specific plans and policies to solve those crisis in phases.

He also called for consolidation of hard-earned independence and sovereignty.

Describing peace and tranquility as the preconditions of attaining any progress the Speaker underlined the importance of keeping the society free from all sorts of indiscipline and irregularity.

He also underscored the need for properly nourishing our rich national entity and heritage in order to infuse and imbue our next generations and brighten country's glorious image in international arena.

Short film show begins Thursday in Ctg

By Staff Correspondent

The second national short film festival jointly organised by Bangladesh Short Film Forum and Chittagong Film Society, begins in Chittagong Thursday.

Eminent bard 'Kobial' Fonce Barua will open the five-day festival at the Muslim Institute auditorium while leading film makers and cultural figures of the country will attend the festival. The visiting US documentary film maker Michael Lock will also remain present.

Addressing a press conference at the forum office in the capital Monday evening, organisers said more than 50 films from home and abroad would be screened at the festival.

Besides, the day-long "international panorama" of the foreign films, special screening would also be arranged at the Chittagong alliance franchise and British Council auditorium, they said.

Two seminars on "the problems and prospects of the film society movement" and "production and screening of alternative films" would be held during the festival, the organisers said.

RU Hons, Pass exams shifted

RAJSHAHI, Dec 2: The B A B Sc and B Com (Pass) examinations of 1991 under Rajshahi University will be held on April 20, 1992, reports UNB.

University sources said that the Honours final examination of course and traditional system of 1989 will be held on February 10, 1992.

These examinations were earlier scheduled to be held on December 22 this year.

Wife emasculates husband

By DMCH Correspondent

A butcher of Dhaka New Market, Mohammad Nasir was emasculated Sunday late night at his residence at Nawabganj by his wife Nilufar Begum.

According to the information received, Nilufar Begum went out of house two days ago without the consent of her husband. She returned home Sunday and was rebuked and humiliated by her husband.

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Army prize distribution

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What's on today . . .

Rotary Club of Dhaka
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Siddiqur Rahman, Cabinet Secretary of the government will be the guest speaker, who will speak on "post-cyclone relief and rehabilitation coordinator."

Rotary Club of Ramna
The regular weekly meeting of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at hotel Sonargaon.

International Pen-Pals Club
An emergency meeting of the International Pen-Pals Club will be held today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at its office.

Rapport training course
A three-week training course on "inventory control and stores management" will be inaugurated today (Tuesday) at 3 pm at the Rapport seminar hall at 98, Mallbagh, Dhaka.

Sponsored by the Rapport Bangladesh Limited the course will be participated by 15 executives of various organisations of public and private sectors.

Discussion on Suhrawardy
A discussion meeting to commemorate Hossain Shahid Suhrawardy will be held today (Tuesday) at 3 pm at the auditorium of the National Book Centre.

The meeting organised by Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) will be attended by Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf as chief guest while it will be addressed among others by Prof Mohammad Afsaruddin of Dhaka University, Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed, former Secretary of the Government, Chowdhury Mohammad Faruq, Maolana Ruhul Amin and Syed Tasharruf Ali with Shaiful Alam Pradhan, president of JAGPA in chair.

Ideal College
The annual cultural function of the Ideal College will be held today (Tuesday) at 11 am at the college compound. Mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, MP, will attend the function as chief guest.

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Lecture on research methodology
A lecture on the "higher methodology and process of research: in the view of social science" will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4:30 pm at the seminar room of the lecture theatre of Dhaka University under the auspices of the Centre for Higher Study on Social Science.

The lecture presided over by Dr Abul Kalam, Director of the centre will be addressed by Prof Shamsuddin Ahmed of the department of economics.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town
The club assembly and regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4 pm and 6 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel respectively.

DSU rally
Democratic Students Unity (DSU), an alliance of the left leaning student organisations will hold a rally tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10 am in front of the National Press Club on the occasion of the first anniversary of the mass upsurge of 1990.

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Weather

Dry weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Monday that dry weather would prevail over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

Dry weather would continue in subsequent two days over the country.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree		Celsius Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	26.5	14.1	60	58
Chittagong	26.0	14.0	75	58
Rajshahi	28.5	10.0	90	75
Khulna	27.9	11.9	77	67
Barisal	27.5	12.6	76	74
Cox's Bazar	27.0	13.8	55	52
Sylmangal	25.5	9.4	74	77
Mymensingh		13.1	89	
Dinajpur	25.5	10.5	83	80



Tuesday

5.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme Summary.
5.10 News in Bangla
5.20 Reading from the Gecia
5.30 Cartoon Film: The challenge of the Gobots
6.30 Programme on Health
7.05 Nazrul Songs
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Drama Serial Barabari
10.00 News in English
10.25 Depra Chetona
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11.30 Khabar/The news
12.00 Close down.

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