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Dhaka Day by Day

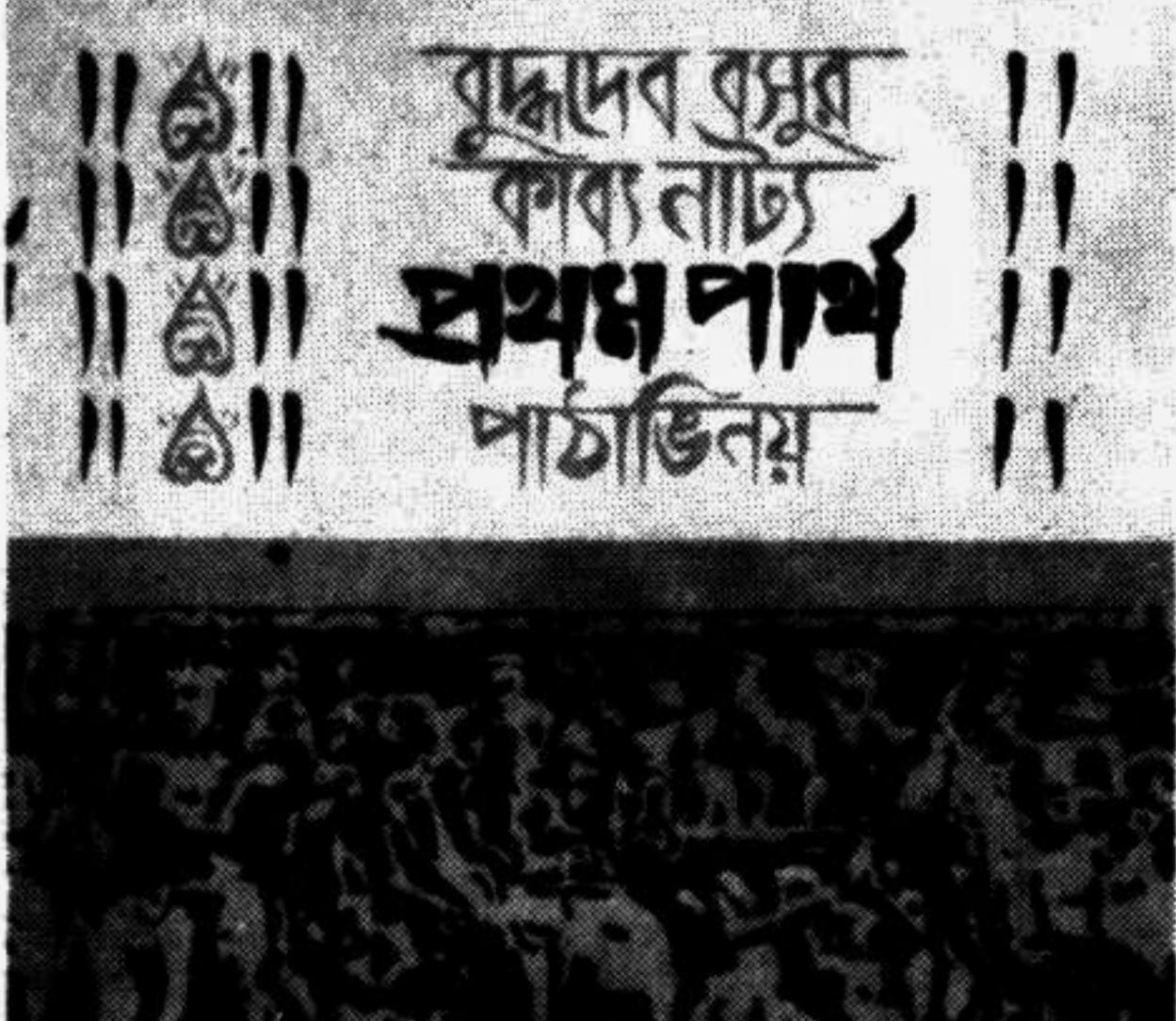
Fascinating Playreading

by Kazi Ahsan Sakhawat

It is undoubtedly admirable to take the initiative of presenting a new form of poetical work to the audience of poetry. Combining intellect and diligence it is possible to make an art of limited preparation productive and praiseworthy — a group of six reciters has proved it recently. The arrangement of reading theatres in our country is not widespread at all. 'Pratham Partha' by Buddhadeb Basu is such an expensive introduction by these six artists.

Although poetry is nowadays as popular and recognized as any other work of art we are almost unaware of the term 'Reading Theatre'. On the 1st November, there was an unprecedented poetry recitation show at the auditorium of Dhaka Museum. The audience on that day were amazed to see the presentation of such a literary work comprising artistic virtues and merits. Reading Theatre is very cordially received and carefully treated in many countries of the world.

These artists felt that an excellent verbal presentation of 'Pratham Partha' would be appreciable since everything in literature is recognized to be recitable. Nasim Ahmed, one of the artists, who was the founder Chairman of a poetry organization and a researcher, director and instructor as well, expressed his ideas about reading theatre. He believes that it is about



Nasim and his group wish to stage more reading theatres on our culture, tradition and on famous works of our poets and authors in the near future. Among others, the person who performs along with him is Dilwar Hasan, who is the founder general secretary of the first poetry organization of Bangladesh.

Body of Shafiu Azam arrives tomorrow

Body of the former Cabinet Secretary Shafiu Azam will reach at the Zia International Airport tomorrow (Sunday) reports UNB.

Shafiu Azam died of heart attack in London Wednesday. His namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohr prayer the same day.

Rule nisi upon Noakhali judge

A High Court Division bench comprising Justice Mohammad Abdul Jalil and Justice Naimuddin Ahmed on December 1 issued a Rule nisi within six weeks as to why the order dated 16.10.91 passed by Sessions Judge, Noakhali, in Case No. 2 regarding Contempt of Court should not be declared illegal, reports BSS.

The writ petition was filed by Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq, Editor, Dainik Mejjat.

The High Court issued the rule on the writ petition challenging the show cause notice issued by the District and Sessions Judge, Noakhali, against district representative of Mejjat Alamgir Yusuf and the Editor Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq regarding publication of a news item with the heading 'two youths arrested for posterity against judge'.

Barrister Muhammad Korban Ali with Sheikh Rezaul Karim and Mohammad Nazrul Islam appeared for the petitioners.

Media can play leading role to establish ideology'

The chairman of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangsada (BSS) and noted litterateur, Dr Ashraf Siddiqi Friday said the newspapers which believed in religious values could play an important role to establish our national ideology and tradition, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion meeting arranged to mark the seventh founding anniversary of the weekly Meghna in Dhaka.

Dr Siddiqi who was the chief guest said no quarters could establish any other ideology or system bypassing the values upheld by 90 per cent Muslim population of the country.

The meeting was presided over by Sharafuddin Islam, the editor of the weekly. Daily Meylat editor Chowdhury Mohammad Farooq and General Secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists Ruhul Amin Gazi were present as special guests.

The function was also addressed by the General Secretary of Jaker Party, Alhaj Abdur Rehman, journalists Azizul Haque Banna and Anupam Hayat and Dhaka City president of Jaker Party Abdul Kabir.

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Discussion meeting

Journalist Ferdous Alam Dulal Memorial Council will arrange a discussion meeting on 'Democracy and Freedom of Press' tomorrow (Sunday) at 3.30 pm at the National Press Club auditorium.

Alhaj Samsul Huda will read the key-note paper at the meeting.

The speakers are Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, K M Obaidur Rahman, Begum Motia Chowdhury, Mozafer Hossain Palit, Abul Kalam Azad, Kazi Arif Ahmed, Nurul Islam Nahid, Habibur Rahman Milon, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Zahirul Haq, Mozammel Haq and M Sahjanan Miah.

PM releases commemorative postage stamp

Bangladesh Post Office Friday issued a commemorative postage stamp of Taka four denomination and a first-day cover worth Taka five in observance of the first anniversary of mass uprising of 1990, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released the stamp at a simple ceremony at Sugandha office.

A special canceller was also used on the occasion. The 32x42 mm size postage stamp will be sold from all the general post offices, head post offices and upazila post offices in the country.

Post and Telecommunications Minister M. Keramat Ali, Director General of Post Office Mohiuddin Ahmad and senior officials were present on the occasion.



Saturday

5.00	Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Tripitak
5.30	Sports programme
5.55	Documentary film 'Jibon-o-Prakruti'
6.30	Banshali — Folk songs
7.05	News in Bangla
8.00	Programme not mentioned
8.25	
9.00	Anirban
10.00	News in English
10.30	Drama Series — Dallas
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Sunday's programme, verses from Al-Quran, National Flag and National Anthem
11.45	Close down.



President of Communist Party Saifuddin Manik addressing a public meeting organised by Patriotic Democratic Front on Friday in front of CPB office on Mass Uprising Day.

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Mutual tolerance to consolidate democracy needed: Speaker

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali

Friday stressed the need for mutual tolerance and cooperation for consolidating democracy by upholding the consensus spirit demonstrated during the past national events like independence war, anti-autocracy movement and passage of the 12th Amendment Bill in Parliament, reports BSS.

"We must follow the norms of democracy through mutual tolerance and cooperation for our greater national causes," the speaker said adding: This must be done to stop autocracy in future.

The speaker was inaugurating the two-day third national conference of Bangladesh College-Bishwabidyalaya Shikkhak Samity at the auditorium of public library in Dhaka Friday morning.

Presided over by the samity's President M Akhtarruzzaman, the conference was also addressed by Prof Jyotiprakash Chattapadhyay, President of West Bengal (India) College-Bishwabidyalaya Shikkhak Samity. Besides, samity's General Secretary Prof Anil Bhattacharya and Treasurer of All India College-Bishwabidyalaya Shikkhak Samity Federation Prof Ajoy

Chattapadhyay attended the meeting. The three-member Indian delegation are attending the conference at the invitation of Shikkhak Samity.

Sheikh Razzak Ali said the opportunity for consolidating democracy had come soon after the independence but that could not be properly utilised. "That opportunity has come again today and we must work together to utilise it in a proper way by demonstrating our consensus view," he said with an observation that peace would be restored if democracy could be established in the country.

Terming the present parliament as the most effective one of all previous parliaments in Bangladesh, Sheikh Razzak Ali said the ruling party had only 170 seats, out of 330 parliament seats.

The opposition holding 160 seats in parliament was never seen so strong as they are today but we are yet to reach our cherished goal."

He said calling upon all concerned to make self-analysis whether "giving democracy an institutional shape" was a subject of mere talks or to be established in every sphere of national life.

Speaking about the struc-

tural effectiveness of the present parliament, Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali said 46 parliamentary standing committees had been formed to oversee the activities of respective ministers and find out ways of solutions of the prevailing problems. The standing committees are engaged in policy formulation and supervision of the respective ministries making the government accountable to the present parliament," he said.

Razzak Ali said the parliament was not the part of government but it was an integral part of the state itself. So, he said, the government is accountable to parliament while parliament is accountable to the nation.

AL leader dead

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League leader and eminent Architect Alamgir Kabir died in Dhaka Friday afternoon. He was 49.

Kabir has been suffering from kidney disease and he returned home Thursday after a successful kidney transplant at Madras. But he suffered from a brain haemorrhage Thursday night and breathed his last at the Samarita hospital.

Alamgir Kabir, a former student leader, was actively involved with the progressive movement since '60s. He was the Vice-President of the then East Pakistan Students Union.

He left behind his mother, wife and two daughters.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Saturday) after Zohr prayer at the Baitul Mukarram mosque.

'Mastans' paralyse Khilkhet areas

By Staff Correspondent

Local 'mastans' are reportedly continuing their activities at Namapara, Khilkhet, in the city despite the police drive against the miscreants.

The 'mastans' in the area are engaged in extorting tolls, hijacking and harassing girls and women.

A resident of the area al-

leged that panic had gripped the entire locality as crimes were on the increase every day.

When contacted, Cantonment Police admitted they were aware of the situation but they hardly received any written complaints against the miscreants.

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Sealed Tender Inviting in B.D. Form No. 2911

1. Tender Notice No.
2. Name of work
3. Estimated cost
4. Earnest money
5. Time allowed
6. Eligibility of contractors
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents
8. Name of offices to receive tender bids
9. Last date of receipt of tender
10. Date and time of opening of bids

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Notice Inviting Tenders

1. Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Class-I (One) Enlisted Building Contractors in Public Works Department, Class-II (Two) Enlisted Bldg. Contractors in P.W.D. Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and Class-III (Three) Enlisted Building Contractors in Dhaka P.W.D. Circle-IV, Dhaka, for execution of the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and the Executive Engineer, Eden Building PWD Division, Dhaka up to 12.00 Noon of 22-12-91 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 pm in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of works superscribed on it.

2. Name of work : Construction of Police Bhaban at Phulbaria, Dhaka (Phase-I) (SH : Site improvement of surrounding the Main Building) during the year 1991-92.

3. Estimated cost : Tk. 4,32,338/-

4. Earnest money : Tk. 8,647/-

5. Time allowed for completion of work : 45 (Forty five) days.

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Weather

Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Friday that dry weather will prevail across the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Friday.

Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degrees Celsius over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessor, Kushtia, Comilla and Sylhet.

Night temperature is however, expected to remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The lowest 10.3 degrees Celsius temperature was recorded at Srimangal on Friday.

Temperature and humidity recorded at other districts on Friday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	25.0	14.8
Chittagong	26.2	14.6
Rajshahi	26.2	13.6
Khulna	26.3	13.4
Bardia	25.5	13.0
Cox's Bazar	26.0	13.8
Srimangal	26.0	10.3
Mymensingh	26.5	13.2
Dinajpur	25.2	11.4

Sunset at Dhaka on Saturday at 5-12 pm and sunrise Sunday at 6-29 am.

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