

Dhaka Day by Day

A Little Piece of Heaven

by Sohel Kasem

*'Little deeds of kindness
Little words of love
Help to make earth happy
Like the heaven above.'*

If you would like to see with your own eyes what these words mean, come down for a visit to the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) in Savar. Tucked away in a peaceful and shady location about twenty kilometres from Dhaka, the Centre is essentially the result of the tireless and dedicated efforts of a British physiotherapist, Valerie Taylor, and her team. Valerie Taylor has now devoted over 20 years of her life for development of this Centre, which had to move from one rented accommodation to another till it found its final place on a 7 acre site in Savar.

The Centre's principal activities centre around treatment and rehabilitation of those paralysed as the result of accidents — road accidents, falls from trees and buildings and shifting of heavy loads. Since it was first opened in 1979 the Centre has treated more than one thousand paralysed people and taught skills



In-patients at CRP.

a hand splint. His paintings and Christmas Card designs have been sold worldwide.

If you do come down to CRP, make sure you look up Miss Mohua Pal, Secretary of the Centre. Ten minutes with her will leave an indelible mark on your mind. I can assure you. Too modest to talk about herself except to say that she became paralysed from the waist down at the age of 7. Mohua Pal is the very epitome of kindness that you'd ever expect to find anywhere. A friendly smile, a nod of her head and you feel as if you've known her for many years already. The efficiency of this young

lady is truly stunning. Within an hour she will have taken you through the various departments, introduced you to the patients and the physiotherapists, explained CRP's activities, answered all your questions, attended to 3 or 4 telephone calls and several visitors, offered you tea and biscuits and done all this with the same cheerful demeanour and smile that you saw when you first met her. Truly a remarkable woman!

On the way back it struck me that so much needed to be done and if each one of us just did a little bit more each day for the poor, for the needy, for the disadvantaged, the world would surely be a far nicer place to live in. Stephen Grellet says it far more eloquently: 'I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.'

Wind of peace to help solve refugee problems: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Monday hoped that the changed world environment would help solve the existing problems of the refugees, migrants and displaced persons and ensure their human rights, reports BSS.

Speaking at a symposium on 'Rights of the refugees, migrants and displaced persons and nation's responsibility', the President who was the chief guest, said after the end of the cold war era, the world was now better equipped to solve the human problems of refugees, migrants and displaced persons.

The symposium was organised by Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights in observance of the 43rd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at Osmani Memorial Hall in the afternoon.

Presided over by the society's president Justice Kamaluddin Hossain, the keynote paper on the theme was

presented by Foreign Secretary Riaz Rahman. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda spoke on the occasion as special guest, while journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Prof M A Momen participated in the discussion on the topic. General Secretary of the society Advocate Sigma Huda also spoke.

President Biswas said a wind of peace was blowing in the world which enabled us to solve many problems the world had confronted so far. He hoped that the United Nations, which has been looking after many problems, would continue to utilise its good offices in solving the humanitarian problems of the refugees.

He expressed optimism that the world agencies including the UN High Commissioner for Refugees would be more active in the solution of the refugee problem which had aggravated in many parts of the world. In this context, the President referred to the problems of

the Palestinian refugees who had been displaced from their motherland.

Referring to terrorism in the country as well as in other countries, the President felt that such anarchy and terrorism should be stopped to protect the rights of the greater section of the population. He observed that it should not so happen that a few terrorists would continue to hold the whole society as hostage.

The President said for establishing democracy on a firm footing the society should be made congenial and free from terrorism. He urged all concerned to make a united effort to ensure the best use of the present democratic environment so that Bangladesh was no longer called an LDC.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda appealed to the conscious citizens to make a united effort to curb terrorism and anarchy so that the country could avail the fundamental rights which it had achieved through long nine years of democratic movement.

Punitive steps against 44 Rly employees for lapses

Punitive measures have so far been taken against 44 employees during the current year by the Railway administration for their various lapses, reports BSS.

Of them, 18 were penalised for selling more than one railway ticket for the same seat, eight for realising excess fares, and 12 for dereliction of duties.

Besides, 11 railway employees were dismissed from service on being found guilty for different accidents while punitive steps were taken against 39 more for the same offence.

At present there is no shortage of railway wagons for the transportation of goods. Traders and businessmen have been advised to contact the concerned officials of the two zones or Director, Freight Marketing Cell of Dhaka if they do not find wagons on demand.

JS body on rules of procedure meets today

A meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad Standing Committee on rules of procedure will be held at 6 pm today (Tuesday) at the standing committee room No-1 in the Sangsad Bhavan, reports BSS.

The Chairman of the committee Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali will preside over the meeting.

All members of the committee have been requested to attend the meeting.

International Human Rights Day today

International Human Rights Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

Various organisations have chalked out programmes in observance of the day, which marks the declaration on Universal Human Rights by United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

The Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) will hold a seminar on Legal Aid to the Poor today (Tuesday) at 4 pm at the National Press Club.

Attorney General Aminul Haque will present a key-note paper while Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali and eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain address it as chief and special guest.

General Secretary of CCHRB Shaiful Haque Chowdhury will preside.

The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB), in co-operation with United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), has organised a symposium at the Centre premises.

UNDP Resident Representative Charles Larsimon will attend the function as chief guest while Prof Kabir Chowdhury will present the key-note paper. Prof Innas Ali will preside.

The UN declaration, which consists of 30 articles, sets forth human rights and fundamental freedoms to which all men and women, everywhere in the world, are entitled, without any discrimination.

DU V-C visits cancer affected student

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah visited a blood cancer affected student Shapan Kumar Roy, Monday in his room at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University.

Meritorious Shapan, an MSS final year student of Economics Department is now under the treatment of Dr. M A Rashid of PG Hospital.

The doctor referred him to Bombay Tata Memorial Hospital for better treatment.

Provost of Jagannath Hall, Prof Paresh Chandra Mondal, Prof. Dr. Harunur Rashid, Provost of F. Rahman Hall, Subhash Singh Roy, VP of Jagannath Hall and others accompanied the Vice Chancellor.

Shafiul Azam's qul tomorrow

The qul khwani of S M Shafiul Azam, a former minister, will be held at his village home, Babunagar, Fatikchari (Nazirhat), Chittagong, tomorrow December 11 after Asr prayer, reports BSS.

Begum Zubunnesa Azam, wife of late Shafiul Azam, has requested the friends and well-wishers of the deceased to attend the qul khwani and pray for the peace of the departed soul.

Shafiul Azam died in London on December 4.

Public observation of sky from today

Arrangements have been made for public observation of the Moon, Saturn and different stars from the observatory at the National Museum of Science and Technology at Agargaon in Dhaka from December 10 to 14, reports BSS.

A refracting telescope will be used for the observations from 5-30 pm to 7-30 pm provided the sky remains free from cloud, according to a press release today.

Woman found dead

A woman was found dead at the English Road area Saturday night, reports UNB.

Police suspected that Asia Begum (30), wife of Ramzan Ali of village Gingira in Keraniganj upazila, died due to excess intake of heroin.

Post-mortem of her body was done in Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital.

Tuesday

- 5.00 : Opening announcement. Al Quran, programme summary
- 5.10 : News in Bangla
- 5.20 : Reading from the Geeta
- 5.30 : Cartoon film: The Challenge of the Gobots
- 6.00 : Shikhanagan
- 6.30 : Programme for mother
- 7.00 : Special Programme
- 8.00 : News in Bangla
- 8.30 : Drama series: Project No-202
- 10.00 : News in English
- 10.30 : Film show: War and Remembrance
- 11.30 : Khabar / The News
- 11.40 : Wednesday's programme
- 11.45 : Closing.

Transport strike goes in southern districts

The transport association authority decided to withdraw their strike from Tuesday following a satisfactory discussion with the Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam as regard to the fulfillment of their demands, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a meeting Monday evening of the Transport Owners Association and Transport Sramik Association of southern Bangladesh with the minister, who went on a strike for an indefinite period recently.

Earlier addressing a function Islam called upon the literateurs and journalists to dedicate themselves to the great task of flourishing the arena of arts, literature and journalism for the benefit of the mankind.

The minister was addressing a "Kabita Sandha", at Zila

Parishad auditorium organised by Jessore Sahitya Parishad. Life membership of the parishad was given to the minister on the occasion.

Presided over by M A Razzak, President of Jessore Sahitya Parishad the function was also addressed by poet Azzur Rahman.

Referring to alarming moral degradation in various spheres of national life the Social Welfare Minister said that journalists and literateurs had a great role to play in identifying causes of these evils and finding out ways and means for initiating necessary social reforms through their realistic and positive writings.

He further said that they had the responsibility to detecting problems as well as indicate constructive suggestions for overcoming various crises facing the society at this moment.



Anniversary of Nazmul Huq's death today

The twentieth death anniversary of journalist Syed Nazmul Huq will be observed tomorrow (Wednesday), reports BSS.

Syed Nazmul Huq, Chief Reporter of the then Pakistan Press International Dhaka Bureau and CBS Representative, was killed at the end of the Liberation War by the collaborators of the occupation army.

To observe the day, Syed Nazmul Huq Smriti Sangsad will hold Quran Khwani, Kagalbhaj and Milad Mahfil at 5, New Eskaton the same day.



Sirajuddin's anniversary of death today

The 20th death anniversary of Shaheed Journalist Sirajuddin Hossain will be observed today, reports BSS.

The then Executive Editor of the Daily Ittefaq, Mr. Hossain, was picked up and killed by the Albadr gangsters at the end of the country's liberation war in 1971.

A celebrated journalist Mr. Hossain had participated in the nationalist and progressive movements and was elected twice unopposed the president of the then East Pakistan Union of Journalists.

A milad mahfil will be held at the residence of the deceased at 3/11 Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur after the Maghreb prayer today.

Qul of Justice Amin today

By Staff Correspondent

The Qul Khwani of late Justice Amin Ahmed will be held on today (Tuesday) at 4 pm after Asr prayer at the residence of Justice Maksumul Hakim at House No. 15 A, Road No. 6, Dhanmondi.

Obituary

Noor Mohammad, Head Master of Raja PN Roy High School of Dighapattia of Natore, died of cardiac diseases on last Wednesday. He was 60, reports BSS.

The deceased left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death. He was buried at Dighapattia.

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CONCERT (In aid of charities)

Participating Bands : Feed Back, Winning, Chime, Obscure, Prometheus and Shaptak
Venue : Institution of Engineers, Dhaka.
Date : 19th December (Thursday) 1991.
Time : 10 A.M.

Entry Cards are available at the following places:
• Swiss (New Baily Road) • Rainow (Elephant Road)
• Film Fair (Dhanmondi) • Rainak (Dhanmondi)
• La-Bamba (Dhanmondi) • Rose Valley (Mahakhali)
• Jaisiri Saree Ghar (New Baily Road) • Video Connection (Gulshan)
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Bumper crop in Kutubdia likely

KUTUBDIA (Cox's Bazar), Dec 9: Kutubdia Island which bore the brunt of the devastating cyclone and tidal surge of April 29 is harvesting a bumper crop this season, reports UNB.

'Nature's death blow to the islanders has been, as if, compensated', said Kutubdia upazila BNP President M Rashid Chowdhury (55), adding 'never before in my life I saw such good paddy crop grow in Kutubdia'.

Chowdhury said some ex-

perts had predicted that no crop could be grown on Kutubdia soil for two to three years because of extreme salinity as a result of the tidal surge. But excessive rains and blessing of Allah made it possible to grow bumper paddy crop in our upazila, he said. Pointing to some temporarily raised tin sheds in the village South Durong he said, the villagers find it difficult to store the paddy being harvested as they are yet to build their permanent houses.

Weather

Dry weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent

Light drizzle was noticed in the some areas of the city on Monday.

Met office forecast light rain or drizzle is likely over the region of Mymensingh and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Sky would remain cloudy over the country during the period.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Met office also forecast night temperature may remain unchanged elsewhere over the country.

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

Towns/Cities	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.5	18.3	74	64
Chittagong	29.3	15.7	90	-
Khulna	28.2	14.7	88	68
Rajshahi	29.0	13.2	80	87
Dinajpur	27.3	13.0	72	74
Mymensingh	28.2	17.2	73	74
Srimangal	28.2	13.4	88	88
Cox's Bazar	28.5	18.4	79	-
Ishwardi	28.0	13.0	77	74

The lowest temperature of the country on Monday was at Dinajpur and Ishwardi.

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