

Dhaka Day by Day

Of Red Guitars and Flowered Shirts

by Fayza Haq

Didier Lockwood and his group performed at the "Sheraton" with a drum, a violin and two guitars.

In "Brasilia", the second piece, the notes were of a pleasant nature. In the following piece the music was of a tranquillising nature. The sounds of sea and birds were heard at the outset in the fourth item. At the beginning this progressed into throbbing and enchanting and exquisite entertainment. The melancholia of the violin and the throbbing of the drumming ensued.

If you felt that Jazz belonged to the times of your uncles and elder siblings you had only to wait and hear on. It may not have been your cup of tea and you may not have had a deep insight into the type of music but the standard of the music changed it all.

As the third piece progressed the inevitable melancholia prevailed but the joie de vivre was injected into your perhaps lethargic cosmopolitan Dhaka existence. Boredom was certainly dispelled. It may have failed to soothe the nerves of the commonplace lover of music but it certainly put out the "Lovescorn of J. Alfred Prufrock" out of the mind.

It did not recall the nightingales or the skylarks of the Romantics but it lent more meaning to your life. It gave you the reason to combat the daily humdrum existence.

There was the usual whistling and clapping that ensues with most Western entertainment in another following piece. It may not have enticed you to dance the night away but it entertained you as much as such musical performances are meant to. There were repetitive notes which is the charm of music of all types, both Oriental and Western.

The drum added the expected pep in the backdrop. The guitar strings were there to add the necessary lively lead. It certainly dispelled gloom of any sort in your mind or heart. The co-ordination left no room for improvement.

Cups of coffee and ample delectable French food intensified the desire of those who went on listening.

Everyone present on the occasion was not accustomed to this European style of musical entertainment. But it certainly pulled at every heartstring there was nostalgia and the natural notes of melancholia.

The tones of tenderness were included too. A piece called "Phoenix" was played from the latest LP of the group. It did not dispel any personal gloom or agony but it gave you momentary respite. A flood of musical notes ensued till the finale. The music continued to caress your unavoidable Dhaka impatience with loud music.

The final drumming added a gusto to any flagging city existence. The calypso-like music added to the sensitive musicality. The elite had gathered in their silks and "Jandani", as was expected. Whistling and clapping followed which was natural. It made your spirits higher than they were by

10.40 p.m.

You may not have wanted to tap your toes till midnight to this much longed for Jazz performance. But the playing had been spontaneous to what appeared to be a performance ad-libitum. To those who preferred the back seats rather than the exalted front ones, allotted to the press, they sometimes felt the percussive notes could have been replaced by the gentler plunking of the guitar that gradually followed. Slowly but surely the audience were tapping their fingers on the table.

Late night entertainments of that volume was not every one's choice. But the suave entertainment carried on in a spirited and spontaneous manner. Tunes of a more generic nature were cleverly manipulated near midnight. There were polite demands for encore.

The Jazz group, in their flowered shirts and sober black trousers, had done their best despite their youth and heavy touring schedule.

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Islamic economic curricula under consideration

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof MA Mannan on Wednesday said, the government was actively considering introduction of Islamic economic curriculum at schools, colleges and universities to help acquaint the future generation of the country with the Islamic system of economic transaction, reports BSS.

He was addressing, as chief guest, an inaugural function of a branch of Islami Bank Bangladesh at Gazipur.

Presided over by the Chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh, Ataur Rahman, the function was addressed, among others, by the Director, Rebata-Alam-e-Islam office in Bangladesh.

The state minister said banking system was a noble medium of serving the cause of the people. He said, Islam is always for the well-being of the people and as such the banking system under the Islamic guideline will bring a far-reaching impact in a Muslim country like ours.

Prof. Mannan hoped that the Islami Bank Bangladesh would help develop economic condition of the low income group of the country and create opportunity for self-employment of the younger generation.

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Make aman procurement plan a success: Shamsul

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam has called upon the rice mill owners to make the internal aman procurement programme a success with a view to building food security and buffer stock in the country, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing a meeting of Rice Mill Owners Association of Bogra district at the zila parishad auditorium on Tuesday.

Atzul Haque MP, Golam Mohammad Siraj MP, Helaluzzaman Talukdar MP, DG (Food) Mahe Alam, Regional Controller of Food, Rajshahi, Mafizul Islam, Director (Procurement) of Food Inadudul Haque and convenor of Bogra Rice Mill Owners Association Md Sokrana attended the meeting.

The Food Minister said the government was sympathetic to the rational demands of government enlisted rice mill owners and added the demands would be fulfilled in phases within shortest possible time.

Mr Shamsul Islam also addressed a meeting to district controllers of Food of Rajshahi Division. He asked the officials to render their services with honesty, sincerity and dedication to strengthen procurement programme and to ensure better food management.

30 get B' baria Samity stipends

Brahmanbaria Samity has given 30 scholarships to meritorious students of the district now studying in various schools, colleges, universities and medical colleges of the country, reports BSS.

The scholarships for 1991 was formally awarded to the concerned students and in their absence to their guardians at a ceremony held at the National Press club here on Tuesday.

State Minister for Shipping Harun-AJ-Rashid was the chief guest at the function which was presided over by president of the Samity M Fazlur Rahman.

Two gold medals were also given to two students for their outstanding brilliance in student life.

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Chhatra League (S-A) brought out a procession in the city on Wednesday demanding immediate release of its central leader Mosharraf Hossain Raja. — Star photo

Curb terrorism on campus, Biswas tells students

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Wednesday called upon the medical students to equip themselves with proper knowledge in their subjects to provide better services to the commonman, reports BSS.

He said the students could create awareness among the people about preventive measures against various diseases and ways to maintain health.

President Biswas said democracy had been established in the country and an accountable government elected by the people was installed. He urged the students to curb terrorism on the campus.

The President was talking to an eleven-member delegation of the Salimullah Medical College Students Union led by its Vice-President Mohammad

Ehteshamul Haq Tuhin at Bangladesh.

Lauding the role of the student community in the anti-autocracy movement he said the students never compromised with autocracy as the autocrat had no accountability to the people.

He said freedom of the press and expression curbed by the autocratic regime had now been restored by the present democratic government.

Paying tributes to President Ziaur Rahman he urged the students to emulate the thoughts and ideals of the late leader to expedite the development process.

President Biswas noted with happiness that the nation celebrated the historic Victory Day on December 16 with a renewed pledge to uphold the

democratic tradition. The student leaders apprised the President of their problems and the President assured to solve those problems.

General Secretary of the Salimullah Medical College Students Union CSB Jalal Rozzique was present among others.

Ruhul Amin granted bail

A High Court Division Bench of the Supreme Court Wednesday granted bail to former Textiles Minister Ruhul Amin Hawlader for six months but ordered him to surrender his Gulshan residential plot to the government as security, reports BSS.

The Bench comprised Mr Justice A. K. M. Sadek and Mr Justice K. M. Hasan.

Earlier the same court also granted him bail in three other separate corruption cases.

Kazi Shahadat Hossain with Shaikh Rezaul Karim appeared on behalf of Hawlader.

Deputy Attorney General, A F M Shahid and Amiral Kabir Chowdhury, appeared for the state.

Another accused in Milon murder case held

By DU Correspondent

Sagor Ahmed Lito, one of the accused in Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon murder case, was arrested Tuesday afternoon from the Victoria Park area in the city.

Sagor is a student of Jagannath University College and an activist of BNP backed Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Birthday Greetings

19.12.91

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Venue: Sonargaon Hotel

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Time: 10 A. M. to 6 P.M.

Entry Cards at Entrance

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Suitable candidates are required for a large manufacturing Company

- Marketing / Sales Officer** : MBA/ MASTER IN MANAGEMENT with practical experience of Min. 3 years. Age not exceeding 40 years. Must be conversant with marketing planning, sales forecast, to train, follow-up, control, review of performance of sales force, marketing & Sales. Should be capable enough to correspond and negotiate business with both govt. and private organisations. May be required to undertake tour all over Bangladesh time to time. Must be fluent in English.
- Marketing / Sales Assistants** : Candidate should be Science/Commerce graduate with min. 3 years experience in marketing / sales of Industrial / Electrical products. Age not exceeding 30 years. Would be required to sale company's products directly into the market honestly and efficiently. May be required to undertake tour all over Bangladesh.
- Steno / Secretary to managing Director** : Graduate with practical experience for min. 5 years. Should have good knowledge in English and correspondence. Age not exceeding 35 years. Must have speed of min. 40 and 80 WPM in typing and shorthand respectively in English. Should know Bengali Typing also. Experience in FAX, Telex and Computer may be preferred.

Note : Qualification and age may be relaxed in case of exceptionally suitable candidates. Salary and other benefits may commensurate with experience and efficiency. Security bond may be required by the company. Application with 2 recent passport size photographs, copies of testimonial, certificates etc. with 2 reference of respectable persons should reach **DILKUSHA POST BOX NO. 7124, DHAKA** within December 31, 1991. All correspondence will be maintained strictly confidential.

Faulty planning hampers operations in dist hospitals

Surgical operations in most of the upazila health complexes and district general hospitals are being hampered due to faulty planning and irrational distribution of manpower and equipment in the past. Anesthesiology professor SN Samad Choudhury said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

He said, in spite of the presence of qualified surgical and midwifery specialists and operation theatre facilities at the upazila health centres, only simple surgeries were being done as these centres had no Anesthesiologists and general anesthesia facilities.

Prof. Choudhury of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital was presenting a paper on "Surgery in Upazila Health Complex-without and with trained Anesthesiologist" at the three-day international scientific conference of Society of Surgeons in Dhaka.

He said, on the basis of a recommendation made by an Expert Committee in 1988 to train one medical officer in each upazila on anesthesia, 48 such officers were trained, but the services of only seven of them could be partially utilized due to lack of combination of surgeons, Anesthesiologists and anesthesia equipment.

He said, in 1988 the World Health Organisation had supplied 70 anesthesia machines but these could not be operated, as the drug used in those machines was banned under the drug policy of the government.

Prof. Choudhury said, the district hospitals also in most cases had no combination of anesthesias, anesthetic machines and drugs. As a result, all the surgical cases from upazila health centres and district hospitals had to be referred to the medical college hospitals creating unexpected rush for admission there.

He said, in district hospitals, anesthesias operations were being done under open either by non-medical persons which was unethical and dangerous.

Plea to solve differences in JS

Nazmul Hassan, Secretary General of Bangladesh Airjibi Federation in a statement called upon the opposition political parties to resolve all their disputes in the Parliament instead of taking to the streets.

He said Parliament was the only place to put forward all grievances of the opposition where all national issues can be solved through democratic norms and practices.

Parliament will be meaningless if opposition parties frequently take to streets, he added.

He urged both the ruling party and the opposition to be more tolerant to each others views for the sake of democracy.

He said, a few months back 65 modern anaesthesia machines for upazila health complexes and eight for district hospitals were supplied by a donor agency, but it was not possible to use them for lack of central medical pipeline for supply of oxygen and other medical gases. Such pipelines are existing only in Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Salimullah Medical College Hospital, Suhrawardhy Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, the IPGMR and the Sylhet Medical College Hospital, he added.

Jute Ministry budget estimate examined

The third meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad Committee on estimate was held in Sangsad Bhaban Wednesday evening, reports BSS.

Chairman of the committee Abdur Rouf Chowdhury MP was in the chair.

The committee examined and scrutinised the budget estimate of the Ministry of Jute and some offices and corporations under its control for the years 1989-90 and 1991-92.

Members attended the meeting are: Salahuddin Yusuf Wing Commander (rtd), M. Hamidullah Khan, Khurram Khan Chowdhury MP, Dr. Abdul Majeed Khan MP, Shahidullah and Mohammad Abdullah MP.

The Comptroller and Auditor-General of Bangladesh Golam Kibria, Secretaries of Jute, Science and Technology Division, Chairman, IJC and IJMC and the Director General, Bangladesh Jute Research Institute were present at the meeting.

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Weather Sky to remain partly cloudy

By Staff Correspondent

Meteorological office forecast that sky would remain partly cloudy over Khulna and Dhaka divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday.

Night temperature is likely to fall by one to two degrees Celsius over Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Sylhet, Comilla and Mymensingh. Night temperature would remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country during the period.

Little change of weather would be noticed in subsequent two days, Met office said.

The lowest temperature of the day was recorded at Srimangal.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree	Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	Hum
Dhaka	25.5	14.0	80
Chittagong	27.0	15.1	83
Rajshahi	29.8	10.0	82
Khulna	25.7	12.5	89
Barisal	27.5	12.0	98
Cox's Bazar	28.0	15.8	66
Srimangal	26.4	9.2	77
Mymensingh		12.6	79
Dinajpur	26.0	10.4	78

Sun sets in Dhaka on Thursday at 5-15 pm and rises Friday at 6-37 am.

TV Thursday

5.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programmatic summary

5.10 News in Bangla

5.20 Reading from the Gesta

5.30 Banteparo

6.00 The new three stooges

6.30 Jiboner Alo

7.05 Katha O Shur

8.00 News in Bangla

8.30 Draw of the Week

10.00 News in English

10.30 Drama series : Two in Pts

11.30 Khabar/The News

11.40 Friday's Programme

11.45 Closing