

Dhaka Day by Day

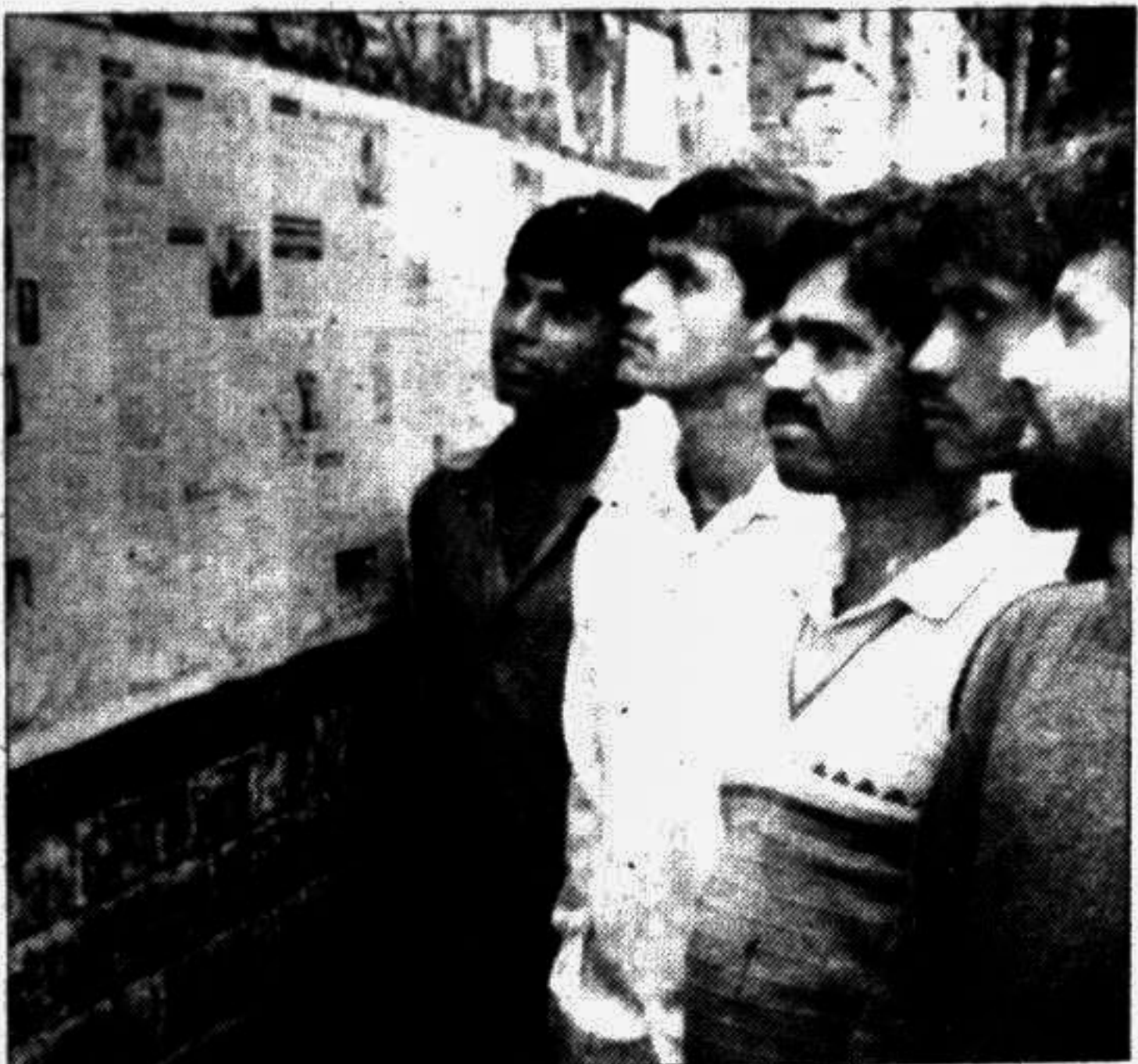
Fragments From The City Scenario

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A city's streets present a kaleidoscopic scenario, the sequences of which may be interesting, funny, strange or poignant.

This is, however, just a prelude to depicting a few scenes in the city's life which are often taken for granted in our day-to-day existence.

It is generally thought that our people are fond of political rallies. This may seem obvious from the large throngs of people who assemble to hear speakers in public meetings.



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Earn people's love, minister tells police Magistracy prime institution to ensure law and order

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman said Thursday that police and magistracy were the cardinal institutions to ensure law and order by their sincere efforts and firm commitment.

"Peace, and law and order are the sine-qua-non for overall socio-economic development," he added.

The Finance Minister was speaking as chief guest at the foundation laying ceremony of multi-storied building complex for housing police personnel at Baily Square in Dhaka.

The chief architect of the government, Shah Alam Jahiruddin, explained the architectural design and other

aspects of the project at the outset of the function.

The 14 storied building project will involve Taka 11 crore and will have 48 units.

Saifur Rahman said, ours was a demand oriented society and development in Dhaka depended almost cent per cent on foreign aid.

The Finance Minister observed, in a resource-care society, fortune seekers were in a haste to be affluent.

This competition creates turmoil and disorder in the society, which, he said, had to be contained by proper administration of magistracy and police forces.

Without just administration of these two institutions, he said, it was difficult to establish much created peaceful milieu for development.

Peace and stability are the most significant preconditions for attracting and augmenting foreign investment, he added.

The Finance Minister urged the police and other law enforcing agencies to revive their past glory by their sincere dedication in discharging their assigned responsibility.

Home Minister Matin Chowdhury said, the present democratic government was firmly resolved to establish rule of law in the country. He called upon the law enforcing agencies and citizens to help government in this effort.

Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Meah, in his speech, called upon the police administration to earn love and esteem of the people.

Later, the Finance Minister formally laid the foundation stone of the 14 storied building complex.

35 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 35 persons from different parts of the Metropolitan city on various charges of criminal activities yesterday, reports BSS.

Besides, traffic police lodged cases against 134 owners and drivers of different vehicles on various charges of violation of traffic rules during the same period.

Meanwhile, police arrested one person identified as Abdul Alim from Khilgaon rail crossing area on charge of impersonification.

Abdul Alim used to befool and cheat people identifying himself sometimes as a CID Inspector or as a Reporter.

Master plan for uplift of urban slums soon

A master plan for comprehensive development of urban slums will be prepared soon to contain effectively the physical and socio-economic problems faced by the metropolitan areas due to the growing influx of squatter population, reports BSS.

This was decided at the first meeting of the reconstituted committee on slums development here Thursday.

Chairman of the committee and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder presided over the meeting.

State Minister for Textile M A Mannan, Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Hye, Harunur Rashid Mollah MP, LGRD Secretary Mushfiqur Rahman, heads of concerned agencies including Rajuk, Dhaka Waas, LOEB and Public Health Engineering and representatives of BUET, Dhaka University and Dhaka City Corporation were present in the meeting.

The committee felt that it was not possible for the government to singularly solve the slums problem, characterised by the concentration of an average of more than seven lakh people per square mile of slum area in Dhaka city.

The committee, therefore, underscored the need for involving community participation in the phased programmes for squatters' resettlement.

Speaking on the occasion, the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister said the present government aimed at ensuring a pragmatic and sustainable solution to the problem of urban slums. Such a solution must include provisions for infrastructural development as well as socio-economic support for the squatters so that they can lead planned and decent lives, he added.

Mr Salam Talukder asked the Dhaka City Corporation and Rajuk to undertake integrated programmes for improvement of slums and side by side efforts to ensure promotion of environment in the city.

Death anniversary of Mertoza today

The fourth death anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Jubadal leader Shaheed Mertoza will be observed today (Friday), reports BSS.

Shaheed Mertoza was killed in the anti-autocratic movement in 1987.

Feeding of destitutes, milad mahfil and discussion has been arranged after Asr prayer at his 46/1 South Jatrabari residence.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will be present as chief guest and State Minister for Environment Goyeshwar Roy and Salauddin Ahmed MP will be present as special guests in the discussion meeting.

Democracy loving people of all quarters have been requested to attend the programmes.

Jasas founding anniversary today

The 13th founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas) will be observed today (Friday), reports BSS.

Jasas has organised a discussion on the occasion this afternoon at the National Museum.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend the function as the chief guest.

The discussion will be followed by a cultural function.

Jasas will begin the day's programme through hoisting of its flag at the central office of BNP in the morning. Besides, wreaths will be placed at 10 am on the day at the mazar of founder of BNP President Ziaur Rahman.

Measures against Burmese attack demanded

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis Thursday called upon the people to organise mass movement for establishment of Islamic Khelafat on the basis of Islamic constitution, reports BSS.

At a rally held at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque on the occasion of its demand day the Majlis expressed deep anguish at the continued campus violence and terrorism in the country. It called upon the political parties to refrain from using the students as pawns.

The rally condemned the torture of Burmese regime on the innocent Muslims in Arakan compelling them to leave the country. It called upon the government to take appropriate measures against the recent Burmese border attack and amassing forces by them in the border.

Presided over by the Chairman of Guardian Council of the Majlis Moulana Atzul Huq the rally was addressed, among others, by its Vice-President Prof Akhter Feroq, Secretary General Principal Masood Khan, Central Committee Member Moulana Obaidul Huq, MP, Joint Secretary General Prof Ahmed Abdul Quader, City Vice-President Moulana Yusuf Ashraf.

BCS (Admn) annual reunion Dec 29

The annual reunion of Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration) will be held on December 29 at its Eskaton office, reports BSS.

All members of the association have been requested to attend the function in time.

The foundation of the multi-storied "Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management" building will be laid on the occasion.

Friday Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
8.10 News in Bangla
8.15 Chena Kahini
8.45 Cartoon film: Mutant Ninja Turtles
9.10 Highlights of 5th SAF Games
9.30 Film show: Spectacular world of Guinness records
10.00 News in English
10.05 Popular film programme
11.15 Moner Mukure
12.25 Programme summary of evening session
12.30 Closing
Evening Session
3.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
3.15 Reading from 'the Triptiak
3.20 Alor Dishari
3.40 Movie of the Week: The Towering Inferno
5.10 News in Bangla
7.05 Sangeta
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Comedy series: The Cosby Show
9.00 Shatarupa
10.00 News in English
10.30 Film show: L A Law
11.30 Khabar/The news
11.40 Saturday's programme
11.45 Closing



Ashraf Huda, DMP Commissioner, addressing a seminar on 'traffic jam and road accident' at a local hotel in the city.

2000 killed in road accidents a year

Speakers at a seminar Thursday called on the experts to evolve methods to check growing road accidents which averaged 2000 deaths per year in the country, reports UNB.

"Everybody including drivers and passengers should be aware of the traffic rules which may reduce road accidents and traffic jam", said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner (DMP) M Ashraf Huda at the seminar on Traffic Jam and Road Accidents in Dhaka Thursday evening.

Deputy Police Commissioner (Traffic) Kazi Nazrul Islam presented his key note paper.

World Health Organisation (WHO) considered road accidents as 'epidemic' which killed 5 lakh people every year all over the world, said Dr Mosharaf Hossain, an orthopedic specialist. He said, road accident pa-

tients are increasing 15 per cent annually in the country.

Organised by Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Communication M A Raqib, Lion Sahjahan Khadem, Lion Akhtaruzzaman MP, Dr Abdul Baten. It was chaired by Lion Gautam Saha.

Ashraf Huda said, inadequate knowledge of traffic rules, deplorable condition of road, vehicles and untrained drivers are the main causes of road accidents which could be reduced by taking control measures on rickshaws, improving the road condition and building city terminal.

Termining rickshaws as one of the main causes for traffic jam Kazi Nazrul Islam said about 3 lakh rickshaws are plying in the metropolitan area of which only 88,000 have valid license.

What's on today...

English Deptt Alumni Society

The English Department Alumni Society will hold its annual get-together today (Friday) at 4 pm at the BCS (Administration) Academy.

All members of the Alumni Society have been requested to attend it.

M A Khan Memorial prize

M A Khan Memorial Prize Committee has organised a function today (Friday) at 4 pm at Hotel Sheraton to distribute prizes among the people having special contributions in the health sector.

Health and Family Planning Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf will attend the function as chief guest while Tarikul Islam, Minister for Social Welfare and Female Affairs will attend as the special guest.

Sandhani and late Dr Milon were selected for the prizes of 1990 while 'Adhunik', an anti-smoking organisation was selected for the prize of 1991.

A seminar on 'The status of women in Islam' will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at Hotel Sonargaon on the birth day of Hazrat Fatima (R), a daughter of Prophet Muhammad (SM).

The seminar organised by the committee to observe the birth day of Hazrat Fatima(R) will be attended by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Jahanara Begum as chief guest.

Papers will be presented by Ganjudoost, Begum Ali Madadi, Dr Malika Khatun and Dr Kulsom Abul Bashir.

Pragatishil Chhatradal discussion

A discussion meeting on 'checking violence to protect democracy' arranged by the Pragatishil Jatiyatabadi Chhatradal will be held today (Friday) at the Auditorium of the National Book Centre in Dhaka at 3 pm.

Editor of the Dainik Khabar Mizanur Rahman Mizan will address the meeting as chief guest.

Chairman of Pragatishil Jatiyatabadi Dal Sheikh Shawkat Hossain Nilu, Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Ganatantra Unayan Sangstha A K M Mosley Uddin and Professor of Dhaka University Dr Razia Sultana will attend the meeting as special guests.

Carnicheal College

The annual general meeting, celebrity reception, election and cultural programme of the Carnicheal College ex-students Association will be held today at 8.30 am (Friday) at the Girl's Guide auditorium in Dhaka.

The Association has requested all former students of the college to attend the function.

Jatiya Sramik Jote

A meeting of the National Committee of the Jatiya Sramik Jote will be held today (Friday) at 11 am at its office at Fakirpool.

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Seminar on the Role of BADC

A seminar on 'the role of BADC in country's irrigation programme' will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 am at the auditorium of the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) on the occasion of the fifth annual conference of the BADC Engineers Association.

Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah will inaugurate the function as chief guest.

Grantha Suhrid Samity

Conference of the Grantha Suhrid Samity, an organisation of the book-loving people, will begin tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 am at the Osmani Memorial Hall on the occasion of the 13th National Book fair.

National Council of Scouts

The National Council of Bangladesh Scouts will hold its 19th annual general meeting tomorrow (Saturday) at the national headquarters arena in Dhaka.

The meeting will be inaugurated by President and Chief Scout Abdur Rahman Biswas at 10 am. Ministers, Secretaries and other invited guests along with 200 councillors from all over the country are expected to attend the council.

Institute of Architects

Institute of Architects Bangladesh will hold a condolence meeting of prominent architect and Awami League leader Alamgir Kabir tomorrow (Saturday) at the seminar room of Civil Engineering Department, Engineering University, Dhaka, says a press release.

Alamgir Kabir died on December 6. The Institute of Architects has requested friends and relatives of the deceased to attend the meeting.

Khulna Museum to be set up

The government has decided to set up a museum at the Khulna Divisional Headquarters at an estimated cost of Taka two crore, reports BSS.

One acre of land has already been acquired and developed for the purpose, according to an official source. The decision to set up Khulna Museum has been taken up as a part of the government's decision for preservation and protection of archaeological relics and sites of cultural heritage, the source said.

The government will also translate works of eminent writers like Rebel Poet Nazrul Islam into different languages to promote and project the country's literature and cultural heritage, the source said. Such translated works will be marketed through Bangladesh missions abroad.

The introduction of entry fee for visitors to the National Museum is under active consideration of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. There will, however, be no entry fee for students.

The number of monuments and sites protected by the government has been increased to 248 as against 161 before liberation. In response to popular demand, the government will bring more relics and sites under government protection, the source indicated.

The reorganisation of different directorates under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs is also under consideration of the government so that those could function their assigned responsibilities effectively the source said.

Advertisements for Happy Birthday NOWSHIN GREETINGS FROM NEW YORK, December 27, 1991, and Susmita Shahu (Sumi) Loving Parents and Brothers.

Advertisement for Happy Birthday to Polash, Our only child on his 6th Birth Anniversary Maa and Bappi.

Advertisement for 'It's new just for you' by The Daily Star, offering a new column where individuals and organisations can publish Birthday and Anniversary Greetings.

Advertisement for BRAC seeking a Deputy Chief Accountant for its Finance and Accounts Division at Dhaka.

Advertisement for চট্টগ্রাম সমিতি-ঢাকা (Chattogram Samiti-Dhaka) with contact information and details.

Weather

Shower may continue

By Staff Correspondent

Moderate rain or shower is likely at many places over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday, met office forecast.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree celsius during the period.

Weather may improve in the first half of the subsequent two days.

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

Table with columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in degree celsius (max, min), humidity in percentage (9 am, 6 pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Bhola, Cox's Bazar, Srimangal, Sylhet, Dinajpur.

The lowest temperature was at Sylhet. Sunset in Dhaka on Friday at 5-20 pm and sunrise Saturday at 6-40 am.