

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Preparing for the "barjatra"

By ASM Nurunnabi

Marriage is considered a landmark in one's life in Dhaka and elsewhere. It is the cherished desire of people on the threshold of that blissful stage that it is attended with all possible glitter and luster. Thus, in pursuance of that eternal longing, as much care as is possible within one's means is taken to ensure a showy passage to the venue of the wedding.

The first requirement for this purpose, is to arrange a convoy of motor vehicles for the bridegrooms party. This does not seem to be a difficult task. For it has been seen that even a bridegroom, without a motor transport of his own, has been able to arrange, by ingenious means, a miscellany of motor vehicles.

The wedding motorcade is quite a familiar sight in the city. Friends and relatives pitch in with their own or borrowed vehicles making an easy job of it.

The chief concern, however, is to suitably decorate the vanguard or at least the leading vehicle that will carry the bridegroom. This decoration job is usually left to specialised hands. Lately, a crop of shops dealing in wedding-related materials have sprouted in many areas of the city. At many of these shops, expert hands are available for decorating the front car carrying the groom in any desired design.

The decoration mainly consists of chains of multi-coloured bunting and paper flowers draped all over the body of the leading car which then presents the look of a vehicle from dreamland. With such a vehicle in the lead, the

accompanying convoy is capable of halting normal traffic on the streets. The groom then feels, for sure, his ego inflate very palpably and that this is really an important day in his life.

It may be of interest here to mention a few items connected with the nuptial ceremony, which may appear trivial to a person of means, yet no less important to a prospective groom keen to adopt impromptu means in the matter of collecting the appropriate apparatus.

Though a modern groom is wont to wear a western-style suit during wedding formalities, the conventional system is to wear a headgear with "sherwan" and "shahwar". The problem arises with regard to the headgear and the "sherwan", which are rarely used after the wedding ceremony is over.

Since new items of this outfit cost substantial cash and may be regarded as unnecessary expenditure by the economy-minded groom, there is a way out of this problem for him if he is not very squeamish, yet conscious of his lean purse. Such items in Dhaka are also available on loan, for a brief period on small payment from some shops dealing in the paraphernalia of items for wedding formalities.

This approach may be by many, but enquiries made at shops doing this kind of transactions reveal that this particular kind of business is not negligible. This is because many less financially fortunate people also marry, and they readily adopt any available means of effecting economy in the expenditure.



Preparing for the departure of the bridegroom in the decorated car.



Islami Chhatra Samaj brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the repression on Rohingya Muslims.

## Concern over atrocities on Rohingya Muslims

Speakers at a conference in Dhaka on Friday expressed concern over the unprecedented atrocities on Rohingya Muslims by the Myanmar military regime, reports UNB.

They reiterated their strong support to the valiant fighters of Rohingya in re-liberating Arakan from the clutches of Myanmar authorities.

Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Samaj (ICS) President Sheikh Luqman Hussain opened the annual conference of its Dhaka Metropolitan unit at DDSA auditorium yesterday morning, Manzurul Islam presided.

Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf, President of Bangladesh Nezam-e-Islam Moulana Ashraf Ali, Director of World Assembly of Muslim

Youth, Indo-Pak region, Dr Sayed Abdullah Muhammad Taher, Dr AFM Khalid Hossain, Gulshan Abdul Hai, Maulana Amin Chowdhury, Abdul Alim and Muhammad Hussain spoke on the occasion.

They said Arakan was an independent state from 1430 to 1784 when 25 rulers ruled the country and since then the relations between Rohingya and Bangladeshi Muslims were excellent and friendly.

The Muslims of Bangladesh cannot remain silent on the issue of atrocities carried on the Rohingya Muslims by the Myanmar authorities, they said.

The conference was followed by a procession which paraded main thoroughfares of the city.

## AGM of BSS unit held

The Annual General Meeting of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Unit of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) was held at the BSS news room Friday with the Unit Chief, Nurul Islam Chowdhury, in the chair, reports BSS.

The Unit chief placed the Annual Report while the Deputy Unit Chief Shahriar Shahid, presented the Accounts Report in the meeting. Both the reports were unanimously approved.

Messrs Shahed Kamal, Shahjahan Mia, Haroon Habib, Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, Ataur Rahman, Kazi Maksudul Hasan, Nazrul Islam and Gaziur Rahman took part in the discussion on the annual report.

The meeting was followed by election of the unit for the year 1992.

Ihsanul Karim Helal, Special Correspondent and Abul Bashar, Senior Sub-Editor, were elected unopposed Unit Chief and Deputy Unit Chief respectively.

## 'Spread of engineering education vital'

Prof Wahiduddin Ahmed, a former Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) said in Dhaka Friday the improvement and spread of engineering education were essential for the prosperity of the nation, reports BSS.

He was speaking at the inaugural session of eleventh reunion of BUET 61 club at BUET auditorium as chief guest.

Prof M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor of BUET spoke on the occasion as special guest while AKM Abdur Rashid, President of the Club, presided.

Prof MH Khan, a former Vice-Chancellor of BUET, Prof Mobasher Ali of Architecture Department, BUET, M Bazur Rahman, General Secretary of the Club, among others, spoke on the occasion.

## Happy Birthday

to Sabera

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## 9,470 waterfowls of 14 species spotted at Dhaka Zoo lake

The Bangladesh part of the sixth Asian waterfowl census began at Dhaka Zoo lake yesterday morning, reports BSS.

The opening count of the census, jointly organised by Nature Conservation Movement (Nacom), International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB) and Asian Wetlands Bureau (AWB), was made at the Dhaka Zoo lake, Mirpur.

A total of 9,470 waterfowls of 14 species were spotted in the opening count at the zoo lake.

The waterfowls were : Lesser whistling teal (Sarali), 5,690, large whistling teal (Bura Sarali), 10, pin tail (Lanja), 3,211, shoveller (Pantamukhi) - 204, common teal (Patayee Haans) - 19, spotted duck (Pati Haans) - 7, gadwall (Pyong Haans) - 69, red crested pochard (Lalshir) - 10, common pochard (Bhunti Haans) - 6, white eyed pochard (Lalche Bhunti Haans) - 4, tufted duck (Khopa Haans) - 20, blue winged teal (Neel Pakha Haans) - 228, morhen (Kalim) - 1 and coot (Kalo Coot) - 1.

Earlier, a discussion was held in this connection at the zoo premises with the national coordinator of the census programme, Anisuzzaman Khan, in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by the country representative of world conservation union (IUCN), A M Chowdhury, a former secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Yousuf Ali, and an ornithologist Dr Paul Thompson.

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## Justice Murshed's anniversary of birth today

The 81st birth anniversary of late Chief Justice SM Murshed, an eminent jurist and one of the greatest constitutional lawyers of the subcontinent, will be observed today (Saturday), reports UNB.

Various socio-cultural organisations, including Syed Mahub Murshed Memorial Committee, will hold discussion on Justice Murshed's historical roles and achievements.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, in a message on the occasion, said the life and ideals of Justice Murshed will inspire the nation in establishing rule of law and an accountable democratic system.

Paying tribute to the memory of the outstanding jurist and lawyer, the President said he had set examples by upholding law and justice and that his contribution in establishing truth and justice would be ever remembered.

The programmes on the day include laying of wreaths and Quran khwani at the mazar of the late Justice at Banani by the Syed Mahub Memorial Committee.

## French senator in city

Senator Xavier de Villepin of French parliament arrived here yesterday on a two-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He was received at the airport by Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Khondaker Delwar Hossain.

During his stay in Dhaka, Senator Villepin is expected to call on Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in parliament Abdus Samad Azad.

## TV Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al Quran, Programme Summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5.30 Sports World
- 6.00 Documentary Programme
- 6.30 Mati O Manush
- 7.05 Banshari
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 9.00 Anirban
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series : Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar /The news
- 11.40 Sunday's programme Closing.

## Weather

### Dry weather will prevail

Rajshahi division is likely to have warmer weather today (Saturday) with a 1 to 2 degree Celsius rise in mercury, Met office reported, says UNB.

It said that the temperature would remain nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Saturday.

Dry weather will, however, prevail all over the country during the same period, weathermen said.

Yesterday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 24.5 degree Celsius and the minimum 13.3 degrees. Ishurdi experienced the lowest temperature 9.3 degrees.

Percentage of humidity was 74 in the morning and 61 in the evening.

Sun sets today (Saturday) at 5:29 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6:44 am.

## National photographic exhibition inaugurated

# Portray real picture of life to flourish democracy : Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday urged the photographers to play a significant role in flourishing a free and healthy democratic atmosphere and advancing the nation, reports BSS.

The photographers have also a special role like the other professionals including journalists, artists and literateurs in consolidating democracy, Biswas said while inaugurating the 5th National Photographic Exhibition at the Shilpakala Academy.

The president said the works of the photographers would be acclaimed both in contemporary and future days if their photographs could reflect life successfully.

He urged the photographers to continue their sincere efforts in portraying the

real picture of life and incidents.

Presided over by Dr. Shahidul Alam, president of Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS), the function was also addressed by Education Minister Jamir Uddin Sircar, Kamal Lohani, Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, ABM Aktaruzzaman, general secretary of BPS and Golam Mustafa, vice president of BPS.

A total of 840 photographs have been put on display at the two week long exhibition, organised jointly by Bangladesh Photographic Society and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The exhibition will remain open from 2 pm to 7 pm daily till January 25.

President Biswas referred

to large scale use of photographs in journalism, education, science, technology and research and said photography had a significant contribution in the advancement of modern civilization.

He said the photographers were also making significant contribution in reflecting the truth and establishing brotherhood and cooperation between man and man.

Those who received awards were: Azizur Rahman Peu (grand prize), Shahed Salim, Nasir Mahmud and Mizanur Rahman in monochrome print and Selim Newaj Bhuiyan (grand prize), Mohammad Younus, Khalid Mahmud Mithu and Shahed Salim in colour print.

Later, the president also visited the exhibition gallery.

## শিল্প বিনিয়োগ পরামর্শ সপ্তাহ '৯২

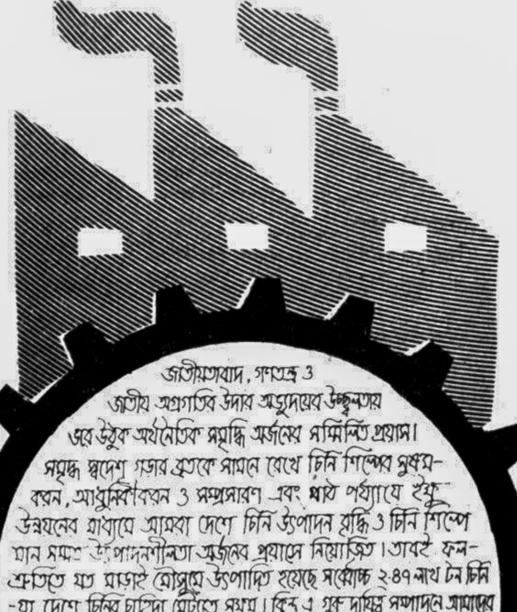
বিনিয়োগ বোর্ড ও বিসিকের যৌথ উদ্যোগে দেশী ও বিদেশী বিনিয়োগকারীগণকে শিল্প বিনিয়োগে পরামর্শ ও সহায়তা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে শিল্প ভবন, ৯১, মতিঝিল বা/এ ঢাকায় একটি শিল্প বিনিয়োগ পরামর্শ কেন্দ্র খোলা হয়েছে। এই কেন্দ্র ১১ই জানুয়ারী '৯২ হতে ১৮ই জানুয়ারী '৯২ পর্যন্ত খোলা থাকবে। আগ্রহী উদ্যোক্তাগণকে এই সুযোগ গ্রহণের আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

## বিনিয়োগ বোর্ড

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## বাংলাদেশ চিনি ও খাদ্য শিল্প করপোরেশন

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জাতীয় স্বদেশী উৎসাহে গণতন্ত্র ও জাতীয় অগ্রগতির উদ্যোগে উৎসাহিত।  
এক উৎসাহিত অর্থনৈতিক প্রযুক্তি অর্জনের মনোবিশিষ্ট প্রয়াস।  
স্বদেশী স্বদেশী গুণের ব্রহ্মাণ্ডে রাখা যাক।  
বয়স, আধুনিকীকরণ ও সম্প্রসারণ এবং মার্চ পর্যায়ের উৎসাহিত।  
উন্নয়নের মাধ্যমে আমরা দেশে চিনি উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধি ও চিনি শিল্পে মান মর্যাদা উৎপাদনশীলতা অর্জনের প্রয়াসে নিয়োজিত। তাইই ফল-শ্রুতিতে যত্ন রাখতে চাই।  
যা দেশে চিনি চাহিদা মেটাতে সক্ষম। কিন্তু এ গুরু দায়িত্ব পালনের আশঙ্কায় এক প্রচেষ্টাই নয়! সে জন্য আমরা বামদা কবি দেবর বনম মনোবিশিষ্ট ও সহযোগিতা-যা আমাদের অগ্রযাত্রার অঙ্গুলি পাঠিয়ে।