

Dhaka Day by Day

Quiet Determination has Won Him the Laurels

by Parveen Anam

Daniel Rex Jupp, is one determined little boy. But then, if he was not so determined, he would not have made it perhaps to a Black Belt in Karate, at the age of eleven, the youngest Black Belt in Bangladesh.

Daniel's sense of confidence and determination, is refreshing in one so young. Born in Jamaica in 1980, of British parents, he is a national of both Jamaica and Britain. He first came to Bangladesh in 1986 and lives in Dhaka with his mother, who works for the Swiss Development Corporation. "It was my mother who encouraged me to take karate lessons," says Daniel. When asked if he ever felt discouraged, which is quite possible in such a discipline, he replies, "Yes, there was a time in the beginning, when I was a yellow belt." But his mother's encouragement kept him going, he claims. Now he loves karate. And was thrilled when he passed the exams for his Black Belt, at the National Judo and Karate Federation. The Federation awards the belt.

He knows of another boy, 8 years old, in Britain, who is a Black Belt. Bangladesh is home to Daniel; he likes going to the U.K. for holidays but always likes coming back to Bangladesh. But karate is not Daniels only love; he likes to write and act too, and is the school cartoonist at the American International School, where he is a student. He always takes part in the school plays and enjoys acting.

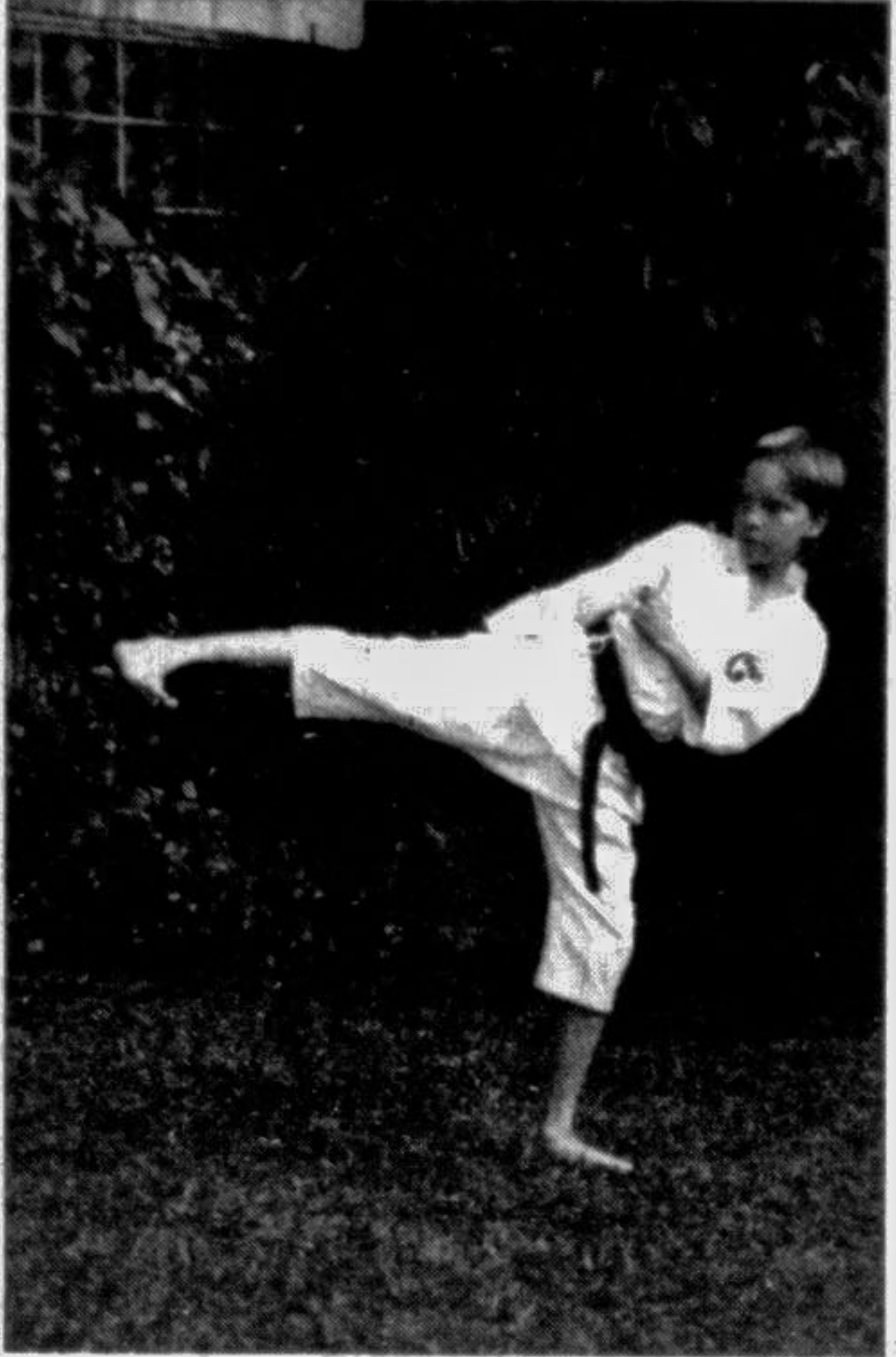
He probably gets his love for acting from his mother, who is an ex-president of the Dhaka Stage, an amateur theatre group, which performs pretty regularly in Dhaka. Daniel would like to be a writer when he grows up, he thinks. "Fantasy," he replies, when asked what he would like to

write. He would like to publish his stories. And of course he would like to teach Karate. "Daniel is one of my most dedicated students," claims Rani, Karate teacher, or "Sun-Se", as she is called by her students. "And it is dedication, which has brought him this far." There is no separate syllabus for children at the Federation and everybody takes the same exams, adults and children. "At times it gets tricky for the youngsters, to spar with the grown-ups, but Daniel was marvellous," enthuses Rani. "I am so proud of him," she smiles. Daniel practiced regularly before his exams, sometimes upto five days a week. Although he attends classes at Rani's, he sometimes goes along to the Federation, to practice. "Its good for me" he will inform you.

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American novelist, essayist and journalist Lois Gould participated in a 'Dialogue with Writers' at the USIS auditorium in Wednesday. She talked with leading Bangladeshi novelists about the craft of writing. She is a former editor of the Long Island Star Journal and executive editor of Ladies Home Journal. —USIS photo

Sculpture in memory of Asad to be inaugurated today

A sculpture, styled "Ganajagan" (Mass Awakening), erected at the emergency gate of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in memory of Shaheed Asad, will be inaugurated today (Friday), reports UNB.

Asad, a student leader, was killed on January 20 during the 1969 mass upsurge. He was as the head of a student procession brought out by violating section 144.

The martyrdom of Asad hastened the fall of military strongman Ayub Khan in a mass uprising. Since then, the student community has been observing January 20 as Asad Day.

The eight-foot-high sculpture, designed by Pradyut Kumar Das, a student of MFA of the Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University, is sponsored by the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU).

Made of rod, cement and stone, it depicts some raising clenched hands, one carrying the blood-stained shirt of Asad. In a unique pictorial arrangement displaying the scenario of the 1969 mass upsurge, Shaheed Asad's elder brother, Engineer Rashiduzzaman, will inaugurate the sculpture at 11am. Vice-Chancellor Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah will attend the function as chief guest while Shaheed Asad Parishad President Dr Sakhawat Ali as special guest.

This was announced at a press conference organised by the DUCSU yesterday at its building.

The DUCSU leaders said they would set up more sculptures in and around the DU campus in memory of the martyrs of historic movements.

"No government or organization has so far taken such major initiative to preserve the memory of Asad for the new generation," said DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon.

He said another sculpture, styled "Ganatantrik Bangla", would be erected soon in the DU hall area for those who laid down their lives in the 1990 anti-autocracy uprising.

DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam regretted alleged they had taken many good programmes but failed due to continuous violence unleashed by the Awami League-backed Chhatra League.

They said the university had been thrown into a state of uncertainty once again with the killing of Maniruzzaman Badal by his partymen, who blamed Jatyyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for it.

The DUCSU leaders said following intra-party conflict of the Chhatra League (A-A), the DU campus became volatile and a huge number of armed hoodlums including outsiders were staying at the Zahurul Huq, Salmullah and Jagannath Halls.

"BCL is letting loose terrorism throughout the country in a planned way to jeopardise the present democratic system as well as destroy peace on the campus," Khokon alleged.

What's on today

- Symposium**
A symposium will be held at Shilpakala Academy premises today (Friday) at 4 pm.
- Jointly organised by Group Theatre Federation and Shilpakala Academy it will be attended by Tarik Anam Khan, Ali Zaker, SM Mahsin, Golam Sarwar, Scim Al-Din, Syed Shamsul Huq, SM Solaiman, Abdullah Hel Mahmud, Mamunur Rashid, Syed Manjural Islam, Bhashar Bandapaddya and Falguni Hamid.**
- Prof. Kabir Chowdhury will preside over the symposium.**
- Women Congress**
Women Congress Bangladesh-Jago Nari- will hold a discussion at the auditorium of Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre today (Friday) at 3pm on the occasion of its first anniversary and national conference.
- Jatya Sangsad Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali will be the chief guest at the meeting. It will be presided over by Prof. Syeda Firoza Begum.**
- Drama festival**
'Kangkhito Surjer Alo' written and directed by Anul Bhaumik of Narshingdi Kallal Natya Sangtha and 'Sona Vhaner Pala' directed by Toufik Hasan Mayna will be staged at the auditorium of Shilpakala Academy on the 26th day Friday at 11 am and 6:00 pm respectively on the occasion of month-long drama festival.
- Society for Professional**
The fourth national convention of the Society for Professional will be held today (Friday) at the auditorium of the Dhaka District Sports Association at 9.55 am.
- Sathkhira Samity**
A meeting of the executive committee of Sathkhira Samity will be held at 6:30 pm at House No-49, Road-6/a, Dhanmandi today (Friday).
- "Peace for All"**
The regular weekly meeting of the "Peace for All" will be held today (Friday) at Peace for All office at 4pm.
- Garments Sramik Union Conference**
The biennial conference of the Garments Sramik Karmachari Union will be held at the Jatya Grantha Kendra Auditorium near Golap Shah Majar today (Friday). Jatya Sramik League General Secretary Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan will be the chief guest at the conference.
- Bangla-Libya Brotherhood Assoc.**
A rally of the Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Association will be held at the south gate of Baiful Mokarram Mosque today (Friday) after Jumma prayer.
- BSD rally**
Dhaka City Unit of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) will organise a rally in front of National Press Club today (Friday) at 4 pm in protest against the alleged atrocities on Rohingya Muslims by Myanmar armies and illegal confinement of Suu Kyi.
- Asad Parisad rally**
Shaheed Asad Parisad will organise a rally and cultural function today (Friday) at 3pm at the TSC of Dhaka University on the occasion of 'Mass Upsurge Day'.
- Abdul Matin, Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, Foyez Ahmed, Toufal Ahmed, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Hasanul Huq Inu, Khairul Kabir Khokon, F M Rashiduzzaman and Shamsuzzaman Milton will address the rally. It will be presided over by Dr. Sakhawat Ali Khan.**

Czechoslovakia may import more goods from Bangladesh

The ambassador of Czechoslovakia to Bangladesh, Jan Lisuch, yesterday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office here, reports BSS.

Lisuch, who is based in New Delhi, explained the socio-economic and political condition of his country. He also referred to the economic reforms in his country where privatisation of small concern is being allowed.

He said Czechoslovakia has been importing jute and jute products from Bangladesh and mentioned the possibilities of diversification of items to the import from Bangladesh.

Begum Khaleda Zia said the relations between Bangladesh and Czechoslovakia were old and traditional and Czechoslovakia was the second country to recognise the independent Bangladesh.

She said President Ziaur Rahman was the first to encourage privatisation in the country for country's development in a balanced manner. President Zia had involved people in the development process at various fields, she said.

Referring to the parliamentary democratic system, the Prime Minister said several parliamentary committees were working as the government was accountable to parliament.

She also referred to various development programmes, initiated by her government for the country's uplift. She said foreign private investment and investment in the joint venture at the private level was also encouraged by the government.

Begum Zia stressed that Czechoslovakia could import tea, leather and leather products apart from jute and jute goods.

She appreciated the help and assistance rendered by the Czechoslovakia government for establishment of a leather complex in Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister invited the President of Czechoslovakia V Havel, who made a relentless struggle for establishing democracy in his country, to visit Bangladesh.

Begum Zia assured the envoy of all help for success of his tenure and expressed the hope that the existing relations between the two countries would be further strengthened.

JU students seize 5 buses Home Economics students continue class boycott

JU Correspondent
Students of Jahangirnagar University seized five minibuses on the campus Thursday demanding the handing over of a bus driver-responsible causing injuries to a student in Dhaka.

The incident followed when the Assistant Sports Secretary of Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall Students Union Belaluddin Siko, was dashed by a Dhamrai-bound minibus near the College gate in Dhaka.

Siko, who was travelling by another bus was severely injured and was rushed to the medical centre.

The news of Siko's accident sparked off Jahangirnagar University and the angry students captured five of the Dhamrai-bound minibuses. Staff and passengers of the vehicles were however, allowed to leave.

The university authorities condemned the incident. Owners of the mini-buses did not contact the students till writing the report.

JS House Body meets tomorrow
The fifth meeting of the house Committee of Jatya Sangsad will be held at the No one standing committee room of the Sangsad Bhaban at 12 noon, tomorrow (Saturday) reports BSS.

Committee Chairman Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury will preside over the meeting.

Home Economics students continue class boycott
The students of Home Economics College Thursday urged the government to create suitable posts in the college for making the best use of the trained teachers in specialised subjects, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at National Press Club, the Vice-President of the College Chhatra Sangsad Saliheen said, trained and experienced teachers were leaving for other colleges as there were no deserving posts in the Home Economics College.

She said this had resulted in acute shortage of teachers in the college making the future of nearly 2000 students uncertain. "There is no class in the college due to shortage of teachers and even admission to Honours and Pass Courses is now suspended," she said in a written statement in the press conference.

Saliheen said the present class boycott from January 14 would continue until the problem of teacher shortage was resolved by the government. She said, we have already submitted a memorandum to the concerned authority earlier to this effect.

Appreciating government's policy for expansion of women education, Saliheen urged Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to look into the matter in the interest of the students of the college, the only specialised seat of learning for girl students in the country.

Twelve students of the college attended the press conference.

Biman employees demand separate pay scale
By Staff Correspondent
The employees and workers of Biman Bangladesh Airlines on Thursday brought out a protest procession demanding separate pay scale for Biman employees.

They also held a rally in front of Biman office. Speakers at the rally termed the announced pay scale as illogical and said the workers and employees had rejected it.

They said the expenditure of Biman is met by its own earning and therefore, the employees also deserve pay scale corresponding to the airline. They urged the government to realise the proposed pay scale and warned that the government would be responsible for any incident if their demand were not met.

They also called for a similar programme on Saturday.

Weather Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent
Meteorological office forecast that weather will remain mainly dry over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

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

Little change in weather will be noticed during subsequent two days. Met office also forecast.

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

Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius humidity in percentage.

	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	24.6	14.0	84	66
Chittagong	24.4	14.1	87	67
Rajshahi	24.8	13.0	92	90
Khulna	25.5	13.7	89	81
Barisal	25.4	13.0	94	94
Cox's Bazar	25.2	14.5	80	68
Srimangal	24.0	11.0	97	80
Mymensing	24.6	13.4	93	74
Dinejpur	23.0	12.4	88	86
Comilla	24.0	11.0	93	83
Feni	25.0	11.5	89	73

Sunset in Dhaka on Friday at 5-39 p.m and sunrise Saturday at 6-42 am.

Notre Dame College science week opens

The 15th National Science and Technology Week-92 was inaugurated by State Minister for Education M Yunus Khan at Notre Dame College, Dhaka, Thursday, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the week, Khan called for giving more stress on science and technology to achieve a better future for the nation. Over 300 participants from 12 institutions have been participating in the competition.

The Notre Dame College centre of the National Science and Technology Week will continue till January 25.

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Presided over by Father JS Pishoto, CSC, Principal of the college, the function was addressed by Lt Col (Rtd) Heshamuddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Science and Technology Division. Some participants and Director of the Science Museum Mubarak Ali Akhand also spoke.

The State Minister said the present government had given due stress on the spread of science and technology as they believed that without advancement of science and technology no nation could prosper. He urged all to help build up a new generation of scientists to develop the nation in keeping pace with the technologically advanced world.

President of the SC Bar Association, Dr. Rafique Rahman, reports BSS.

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Candidates who applied to earlier advertisement published in the Bangladesh Observer on 16 August and 18 October 1991 should not apply again.

Applications marked confidential, and including a curriculum vitae (no copies of references certificates or professional papers should be submitted at this time) should be sent to

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Female applicants are encouraged.

TV Friday Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
 - 8.10 News in Bangla
 - 8.15 Chena Kahini
 - 8.45 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 - 9.30 Film: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.05 Moner Mukure
 - 11.15 Documentary
 - 12.15 closing.
- Evening Session**
- 3.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
 - 3.15 Recitation from the Geeta
 - 3.20 Alore Disher: Religious programme
 - 3.40 Movie of the week
 - 5.10 News in Bangla
 - 5.30 Sports Programme
 - 6.45 Anu Parmanu
 - 7.05 Sangeta: Songs
 - 8.00 News in Bangla
 - 8.30 Comedy series: The Cosby Show
 - 9.00 Shatarupa
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.30 Film: LA Law
 - 11.30 Khabar/The News
 - 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
 - 11.45 Closing.