

Dhaka Day by Day

Life is Oh, So Difficult

by Parveen Anam

That life is difficult is not an observation, either new or original. But, all the same, we do wish at times that it did not make a conscious effort to be so. And at no other time is it better expressed, than when you have spent twenty three and an odd half minute trying to unscrew the top of the new ketchup bottle you have just purchased, with your four year old screaming at the top of his lungs for the contents to be relished with his potato fries, when lo and behold! there at the bottom of the bottle, it neatly says, "Prise off top. Do not unscrew". You could kick yourself, an achievement not generally achieved successfully by many, anyway. Wrong leg, invariably.

There you are, just back from a mad shopping spree, where at one point you were certain you were going to be hauled in for attempted assault, such a tough time you were having, trying to keep your temper in check, haggling with the fish-monger, the vegetable vendor, etc. etc. and reach out for the switch, for the fan. First time wrong, second time wrong, third time wrong, it's the fifth switch. Only, naturally, you reached it last. Why could it not have been the first switch you tried? Where, oh where did you go wrong? Why does this have to happen to you, when your are drenched in perspiration, dropping dead on your feet, with sheer exhaustion, and the switch you want invariably the last.

Again, you have been waiting three weeks



for an invitation to the social scene, consoling yourself, you have not been forgotten, when it comes. Three telephone calls and four cards; you feel so wanted, but the invitations are all on the same day, same time. Why does this have to happen to you?

You can go only to two places, no more. Considering the traffic scene and the transport business, you would be lucky, if you could even make it to that. And the host and the hostess of the five other invitations, will never have your darken their doorstep again.

The afternoons are so hot and sultry, most of the year anyway, a short nap, when you have a splitting headache, is a sure cure. Just as you have managed to relax and elusive sleep is a wink away, the phone rings. Its a wrong number, of course. But that is the end of your nap and your headache is worse than it has been in years. But the knowledgeable amongst us, will inform you its all 'Murphy's Law'.

This Murphy, whoever he/she might have been, surely deserves a pat on the back and full marks for rubbing people on the wrong side. Life could not have been very difficult for him/her, if he went around discovering all these odd things. Either that or he just had a very odd sense of humour. And to term it all and put it under a heading 'law' really stumps you, does it not? A bit touched, I would bet. This 'Murphy'.

Moudud's proceedings Court issues rule upon Dhaka DC

A High Court Division Bench of the Supreme Court Monday issued rule upon the Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka, to show cause as to why the proceedings against Moudud Ahmed in special case no. one of 1992, pending before the Special Judge, Dhaka, should not be quashed, reports BSS.

The bench comprised Justice Anwarul Haq Chowdhury and Justice Mohammad Abdul Karim.

The court also ordered that "the record of the case called for. Meantime the state allowed to file counter affidavit, opposing the petition. The hearing of the case is fixed on April 15."

However, no order of stay of the proceedings has been passed.

Moudud Ahmed filed an application before the High Court Division to quash the proceedings against him in the special case no. one of 1992 pending before the Special Judge, Dhaka.

The Special Court, Dhaka, on March 17 charged former President H M Ershad, former Vice-President Moudud Ahmed, former Works Minister Shaiful Ghani Swapan and Managing Director of International Hotel Holdings Limited Abul Khair Litu with misusing official position and working in collusion with each other to lease out 3.82 acres of RAJUK commercial plot near PG Hospital at Shahbag area causing the statutory body an income loss of Taka 13,40,43,636.97.

Moudud Ahmed appeared in person and moved the application. Deputy Attorney General A K M Shamsul Karim appeared for the state.



Gonetantrik Chhatra Oikya brought out a procession yesterday in the city demanding trial of Golam Azam. —Star photo

Rise of sea level may pose a threat to Bangladesh by 2050

About 30 to 40 per cent people and the environment of Bangladesh may be widely affected due to a rise of sea level from 0.8 meter to 1.5 meter in the Bay of Bengal by the year 2050, reports UNB.

According to forecast made by weather scientists of the Wood Hole-Oceanographic Institute of America for the Bengal delta for the 2050 and 2100 the average temperature of the earth will rise by 1 to 2 degree Celsius and sea level by 20 centimetres by the year 2030.

This was disclosed Monday morning by the Secretary of Science and Technology Division Lt Col Hisham Uddin Ahmed while addressing the World Met Day discussion, in Dhaka.

According to the result of researchers, the temperature of the earth rose by 0.6 degree Celsius and the level of the sea rose by 10 to 15 centimetre during the last 100 years.

He said the mother earth may experience disasters during the next century due to

continuous loss of ozone layer in the atmosphere and due to rise of different green house gas including carbon dioxide.

Referring to the importance of development of science and technology for ensuring socio-economic progress of the country, Hisham Uddin said development of weather science and appropriate forecasting was essential for development.

Lauding the role of national weather service he said the Meteorology department has been successfully forecasting and warning the people against natural disasters.

Dwelling on the importance of weather science study he said cyclone tidalbore, flood, drought, tornado, nor'wester and other natural calamities occur in the country frequently causing massive loss of life and property.

Referring to last April's devastating cyclone he said loss of life and property could be minimised by strengthening our weather forecasting system.

Referring to this year's theme "Importance of Meteorology of Science for Development" he said the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to be held in June in Brazil is expected to discuss weather and environment situation of the earth.

Presided over by Met Office Director, M H Khan Chowdhury the function was also attended by Deputy Director Mir Fakhruul Gaium, Agro-Met Director Nur Uddin and Director of the Flood Warning Centre, Sajedul Karim.

Weather experts, environmental scientists and representatives of different national and international organisations also attended the function.

A technical session followed after the inaugural function, and a day-long weather equipment exhibition was also arranged on the occasion.

Trial of Golam Azam Engineers form resistance body

By Staff Correspondent

A committee for resisting the killers and collaborators of 71 was formed Monday by the freedom fighter engineers.

The committee consists of Dr Mizanul Haq, MP, Mohammad Ali as Convenors, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and S M Khabiruzzaman as Joint Convenors, Saifullah as Member-Secretary, Mizanur Rahman, Wafiqullah Sdker, Sukriti Baran Roy and others as members.

The committee in a statement urged all engineers to gather at Engineers' institution on premises at 9 am on March 26 to take part in the public trial of Golam Azam.

Physicians extend support

A total of 107 physicians in joint statement Monday extended support to the public trial of Golam Azam for war offences.

The signatories to the statement are, among others, Gazi Abdul Haq, Secretary General, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Moitru Hassan Sadik, Organising Secretary, BMA, Mahbubur Rahman Chowdhury, executive body members, BMA, Rezwana Quadri, Ashraf Sayeed, Choudhury Yaqub Jamal, Rubina Yasmin, Sirajul Haq, ex-VP of Rajshahi Medical College, Muhsin Hossain, ex-GS, DUCSU, Ashrafuzzaman Chandan, Publication Secretary, BMA, Partha Saha, Moazzem Hossain, IPGMR, Sirajul Islam, Vice-President, BMA, and Shaiful Alam, Dhaka Medical Hospital.

WHO official in city

Dr U Ko Ko, World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director for the South-East Asia region arrived in Dhaka Monday on a four-day visit at the invitation of Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, reports BSS.

Heat treatment plant to be set up at Dolaikhal

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan Monday said heat treatment plant would be set up soon at Dolaikhal here to ensure the longevity of the metal products of the Dolaikhal's industries, reports BSS.

He was visiting some industrial units set up under assistance of BSCIC at Dolaikhal.

The Minister said that non-existence of heat treatment plant at Dolaikhal created problems in providing proper heat treatment to the local metal products.

The minister urged the local entrepreneurs to frame an entrepreneurs limited company at Dolaikhal, so that BSCIC could help set up the treatment plant soon.

The minister expressed his satisfaction to see the good quality of the Dolaikhal industrial products.

6.2 lakh tons of wheat to arrive soon

A total of 6 lakh 20 thousand metric tons of wheat is expected to reach the country by next June as food aid from different donor agencies and organisations, reports BSS.

It said a ship carrying 31,910 metric tons of wheat as part of CIDA (Canadian International Development Authority) food aid reached Chittagong port Sunday. The rest of the wheat of Canadian food aid of 93,090 metric tons is expected to reach here soon.

Besides, 65 thousand metric tons of wheat under PL-480 (II) of CARE and 75 thousand MT of wheat under WFP (World Food Programme) which are on the pipeline are expected by next month.

In addition to this, one lakh 30 thousand MT of wheat under WFP, one lakh 55 thousand MT under PL-480 (II) of CARE, 50 thousand MT from EEC and 20 thousand MT from France are expected to reach the country by May and June.

Majlise Aza

To commemorate the martyrdom of Amirul Momenin Syedena Hazrat Imam Ali (AS), Haqqa Gadeira will hold Majlise Aza (mourning majlis) tomorrow (Wednesday), Thursday and Friday at 3-21 pm at 132, Green Road, Dhaka, says a press release.

Hazrat Syed Morashshid Ali Al-Qadri Sajjada Nashin Khanqah Gadeira Rashedia will read Marstas. All Muslim have been invited to attend the Majlis Sharif.

What's on today . . .

- Rotary Club of Ramna**
The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5-15 pm at Officers' Club, 26, Bailey Road. All members have been requested to attend the meeting.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka**
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 7 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Rtn Dr A K M Nazimuddin Chowdhury will be the guest speaker. He will speak on 'Oncology in Bangladesh'.
- Nezam-e-Islam**
The Iftar mehfil of Bangladesh Nezam-e-Islam Party will be held today (Tuesday) at its central office.
- Press Conference**
Engineers, Agriculturists, Doctors Central Coordination Committee will hold a press conference today (Tuesday) at the Jatiya Press Club at 4 pm to discuss the administrative structure.
- Khelafat Andolon**
Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon will hold a press conference today (Tuesday) at 1 am at Jatiya Press Club to protest the trial of Golam Azam.
- Muktijoddha Sangram Parishad**
Muktijoddha Sangram Parishad will hold a rally today (Tuesday) at 3 pm at north gate of Baitul Mokarram Mosque in support of the public trial of Golam Azam.



Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and North Korean External Economic Affairs Minister Chong Song Nam signing a bilateral commerce and technical agreement yesterday in Dhaka. —PID photo

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over the region of Tangail, Mymensingh and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday, Meteorological office forecast.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius during the period.

The sun sets in Daka today (Tuesday) at 6-11 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5-58 am.

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

Cities/Town	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.5	24.6	82	54
Chittagong	30.4	23.4	77	80
Rajshahi	38.1	17.6	50	41
Khulna	35.1	22.0	83	-
Barisal	33.0	24.4	81	75
Cox's Bazar	31.0	23.4	77	77
Mymensingh	34.8	23.8	85	53
Dinajpur	35.0	19.0	51	32

'Economic policy to help reduce trade imbalance with DPRK'

Commerce Minister M K Anwar Monday said that Bangladesh's liberal economic policy would help reduce trade imbalance with Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), reports BSS.

While talking to the visiting DPRK External Economic Affairs Minister, Chong Song Nam, who called on him, Anwar said the policy initiated under the leadership of Begum Zia would be 'more effective' in removing trade imbalance between the two Asian nations.

The two ministers exchanged views to identify areas for expanding and strengthening bilateral economic and trade relations.

DPRK Minister emphasised the need for renewal of the 6th protocol between the two countries to promote trade and economic relations. He also indicated the possibilities of establishing joint ventures.

Facilities for tourists discussed

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism was held Monday to review the activities of the various organisation under the ministry and adopt realistic recommendations, reports BSS.

The meeting held with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan in the chair threadbare discussions on development of tourist spots raising the facilities for tourists and setting up of new tourist spots at Khulna, Mongla and Sundarbans areas.

The meeting also discussed the improvement of passenger service of Bangladesh Biman, expansion of Biman's international routes and formulation of fleet planning.

Parliament members Amanullah Chowdhury, Sheikh Harunur Rashid and Sirajul Islam and Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation Tourism and President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry attended the meeting.

The meeting condoned the death of Nurulmomen Khan, Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

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TV Tuesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5.30 Documentary: Wild Life on One
- 5.50 Mahey Ramzan
- 6.30 Programme on mother and child
- 7.05 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Drama series: Shodh
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: Sword of Honour
- 11.15 Khabar/The News
- 11.25 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11.30 Closing

3-day programme to observe Rabindra, Nazrul jayanti

The government has chalked out a three-day extensive programme to celebrate the birth anniversaries of the National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and 'Kabiguru' Rabindranath Tagore at national level, reports BSS.

This was stated at a high level meeting held Monday at the conference room of the Cultural Affairs Ministry with Cultural Secretary Islam Uddin Malik in the chair.

The meeting was informed that "Rabindra Jayanti" would be held at Shahjadpur of

JU Eid vacation begins

JU Correspondent

In view of the demands of the students, Jahangirnagar University authorities have decided Monday to close the university from March 24, official sources said.

This was decided at a meeting of the Syndicate members, Chairmen of the departments, Deans of the four faculties, Provosts of the halls, Proctor and officials, with Vice Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed in the chair.

The earlier announced vacation schedule was to commence from March 31.

However, this decision will not affect the pre-scheduled examination dates. Official works will continue as usual, official sources said.

Classes will resume on April 11.

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Police recovered a snatched 'two-in-one' from Sentu's possession.

Cases were filed with the respective police stations.



First class first in Pharmacology

Fara Azmat secured first class first in MSc (Pharmacology) from Dhaka University conducted by the IPGMR, this year.

She also secured first class first position in the BSc (Hons) from the same university.

She is the youngest daughter of K S Mohammad, formerly RDR ICI (East Pakistan) Ltd, Dhaka.

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