

Dhaka Day by Day

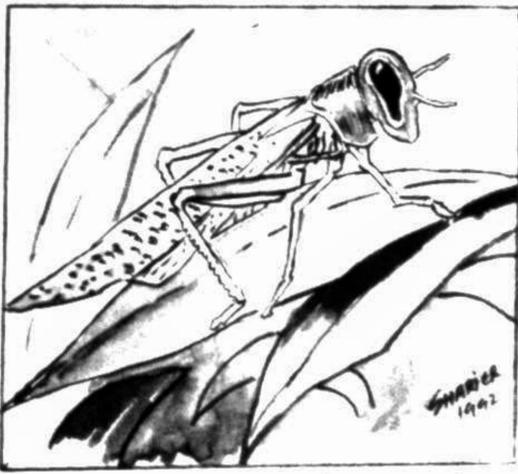
The Concert of Nature

by Shamsad Mortuza

From the few remaining tall trees of the city, rallying shrieks melt into the rattling of the crowd or automobiles to greet the spring. Specially, in the belated blue of the warm day or in the bright sodium-lit night, the continuous cacophonies are sure to draw your attention to the road-side, where the bald-headed sculpture-like tall trees are. These are the noises of an insect — cicada.

they need to hatch their eggs before it rains. The cicadas possess two vibrating plates in the fore-part of their abdomen, or on the top of their wings. The male cicada constantly waves these vibrating plates to create the loud intense sounds. Interestingly, the life span of the cicada is very short. After mating, in a day or two, the male of the insects die.

Cicada, commonly known as a locust, is a plant-sucking tropical insect. Usually, the tall trees are the main resting place of the cicada. There are more than 32000 species of this small insect. These creatures spend most of their life in the ground, sucking sap from the roots of trees. The maggot-like



Cicadas lay their eggs with their chisel-like ovipositor, in the fruits or in the stem of the trees. Mango, sugarcane and other summer fruits are affected by the eggs of cicada. Nevertheless, the noises of the cicada draw our attention to the nature, even if for a minute. In 'The Waste Land', the rock without water finds in the cicada's

in particular, lives upto 13 to 17 years underground and then emerges as a flying adult. The almost ceaseless noises that we experience in the cities, at the roadside or in villages are made by the male cicadas in order to attract their opposite sexes. Because this is the season of mating of the cicadas and because

sound a matching orchestra. Thus the crescendo and decrescendo of the insect remind us of the peculiarity of nature. The sound that endlessly powers into our ears may not be the best of music in the world but nevertheless we admire the cicada song — the concert of nature.

Some bank branches will remain open tomorrow

The branches of Sonali Bank, Janata Bank and Agrani Bank at New Market, Elephant Road, Bangabandhu Avenue, Islampur and Chawk Bazar areas will remain open tomorrow Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm under special arrangement for the convenience of the business community, a Bangladesh Bank announcement said Thursday, reports BSS.

The branches, however, will only receive cash from the businessmen during this period.

FM hosts Iftar party for Muslim envoys

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman hosted an Iftar party for the diplomats of Muslim countries at the state guest house Padma in Dhaka Thursday evening, reports BSS.

Among others, present on the occasion were envoys of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Morocco, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia and Palestine. Earlier, the Foreign Minister exchanged greetings with the diplomats.

Restriction on carrying excess passengers

The government has imposed restriction on carrying excess passengers in launches, steamers, buses and all other commercial vehicles on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

The law enforcing agencies have been asked to take stern action against the violators of the instruction. The government also sought cooperation from all concerned in this regard.

Dacoit gang leader held

CHITTAGONG, Apr 2: A special squad of the Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police today recovered 50 pieces of Indian saree worth Taka 50,000 from station road here, police sources said, reports BSS.

No one was arrested in this connection.

In another drive, the squad arrested an alleged leader of an inter-district dacoit gang from Kadamtali bus station and recovered one rifle and 30 rounds of bullet from his possession. The alleged miscreant had been wanted on various criminal charges police said.

Only 17pc progress made in canal digging

The National Canal Digging and Re-excavation Programme has made a meagre 17 per cent progress since the programme was restarted last December reports UNB.

Late start of the programme, month-long Union Parishad polls across the country, anomalies in supply and distribution of wheat and lack of mass participation hindered the progress of work. Irrigation Ministry sources said only 206 kilometers length of canal out of planned 1,146 kilometers were re-excavated against distribution of 2,806 metric tons of wheat.

World leaders greet Khaleda

World leaders and heads of governments of different countries here felicitated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

In their separate messages of greetings, the world leaders wished sustained national development, peace and prosperity in Bangladesh. They also expressed their firm conviction that the existing bonds of fraternity, friendship and co-operation between Bangladesh and their respective nations would grow from strength to strength over the years to come.

Those who sent messages are president of the State of Palestine and Chairman of PLO Executive Committee, Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Ministerial Council of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Vo Van Kiet and his holiness Pope John Paul II.

ASCR distributes cloths

CHITTAGONG, Apr 2: Chittagong Chapter of Association for Social Correction and Reclamation (ASCR) distributed sarees, lunges and shirts among 50 women and child inmates of Chittagong Jail Hajat here yesterday, reports BSS.

Chittagong city Mayor Mir M Nasruddin who was present on the occasion as chief guest distributed the sarees and lunges. Chapter President Prof Salma Chowdhury, General Secretary Syed Murtaza Ali, members Prof Roushan Ara, Bilqis Rashed, Anwarul Hakim and Gulam Rabbani were also present on the occasion.

Smuggled, stolen goods recovered, 3 arrested

By Staff Correspondent Police arrested two persons on charge of carrying smuggled Indian sarees from the overbridge at Shahjahanpur Railway Colony in the city Wednesday night.

A smuggling case was also filed with Motijheel police station against Nuru Mia, and Jamal from whom 255 pieces of Indian saree were recovered, said a DMP press release. Mohammadpur thana police arrested Abul Hashem of Maneshwar Road at Hajratbagh on charge of theft. Police said, Hashem was carrying some stolen goods including two pieces of saree, three pieces of lungi and a bed cover.

One killed in city

By Staff Correspondent An unidentified male aged about 25 was run over by an incoming train in Dhaka at the Airport Road rail-crossing Thursday at 3.30 pm. The body of the deceased was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy, railway police said.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at an Iftar party at her Sugandha office hosted for leaders of BNP and its front organisations Thursday. — PID photo

Obituary
Mohammed Ali, a former Resident Representative of the then EPIDC at Karachi, died in Dhaka Thursday night. He was 84. He was suffering from old age complications. Mohammed Ali left behind wife, one son and five daughters to mourn his death. His namaj-e-janaja will be held today (Friday) after Juma prayer at Paribag Mosque in the city.

76 arrested on various charges in city
Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested 76 people from different parts of the city on various charges during the last 24 hours, reports UNB. A special squad of the Detective Branch of DMP arrested two people last night near the railway overbridge at Shahjahanpur and recovered 255 pieces of Indian saree from their possession. They were named Muna Mia and Jamal. A case was filed against them. Meanwhile, another special squad of DB, in a raid Tuesday night, arrested three alleged thieves from Rameerbagh in Dewra thana. The plainclothes police seized a stolen VCP from the possession of Motalab, Dulal and Faiz.

Khaleda hosts Iftar party for BNP leaders
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Thursday hosted an Iftar party for the leaders of Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its front organisations at Sugandha office, reports BSS. Begum Zia, who is also the Chairperson of BNP, exchanged greetings with the invites and enquired about their welfare. Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Humayun Khan Panini, Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, ministers and members of parliament attended the Iftar, among others.

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Chehlum held
Chehlum of Begum Saira Khatun, mother of Zaheerul Huq, former President of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and Rezaul Karim Shift-in-Charge, Daily Inqilab was held Thursday evening at her son's Shaheedbagh residence, in city, reports BSS. On the occasion a milad mahfil was arranged followed by iftar and dinner. The function was attended by senior journalists, union leaders, friends, relatives and well-wishers, among others.

Friday Morning Session
8.00 am Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
8.10 News in Bangla
8.15 Chena Kahini
8.45 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9.10 Amra Natun
9.30 Film: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
10.00 News in English
10.15 Moner Mukurey
11.15 Documentary
11.30 Closing.

Evening Session
3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
3.15 Recitation from the Geeta
3.20 Alore Dishart
3.40 Movie of the Week
5.50 Mahy Ramzan
6.30 Anu Paramaru
7.45 Sangeeta: Songs
8.00 News in Bangla
9.00 Antarranga
10.00 News in English
10.30 Film: L.A. Law
11.15 Khabar/The News
11.25 Saturday's programme summary
11.30 Closing.

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Fun Fair
(Fund Raising event for Masud's Cardiac Surgery)
Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Pool Side
Date: 10th April '92, Friday
Time: 10 AM to 4 PM
Tickets: Adult - Tk 200.00, Child - Tk 100.00
Tickets Available At: Thai Airways Intl/Tel - 834711
Attractions:
Live Music, Housie, Food Stalls, Lunch Box Raffle, Games, Door Raffle-Air Tickets
(Organized By: Airlines Staff-Welfare Association)

Weather

Dry weather to continue

By Staff Correspondent Weather will remain mainly dry over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday. Met office has forecast. Dry weather may continue for the next couple of days if south south-westerly wind is not coming in land with moisture. Met office could not forecast when the wind direction would be changed. Day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius during next 36 hours. Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	35.0	22.3
Chittagong	31.4	21.5
Rajshahi	36.6	20.0
Khulna	35.8	20.2
Barisal	35.3	23.5
Cox's Bazar	32.0	22.0
Sylhet	32.6	17.4
Bogra	33.8	17.4

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