

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Service to Humanity

By Rahat Fahmida

As the plane broke down, Rajendra K. Saboo was stranded in Kathmandu and arrived in Dhaka on the 17th of April, one day later than his schedule. President of Rotary International, for the year 1991-92, Saboo is here for the Rotary International President's conference of cooperation and goodwill. The three day conference which began on April 17, will conclude this evening.

Talking to 'The Daily Star', Saboo said that he joined the Rotary in 1961. It was a time

when, after completing his education in Calcutta he shifted to Chandigarh in order to set up his factory. He was approached to join the Rotary Club, as he said, "I thought it was a good chance for me to know the people in a new city. But only after joining did I realise that Rotary demanded quite a lot from me. I realised that the more you know what to practice, you start practicing what you know."

While asking his views on the Rotary meetings, which to many seems rather time consuming, the Rotary International president strongly opposed to such as idea and expressed optimistically.

"The Rotarians main objective is 'service'. They meet with this objective that has three folds - community, vocational and international service. Meeting together of the Rotarians is the beginning of a programme, talking together is the progress and working together is the success."

He further explained that those who join Rotary are successful professionals and businessmen with individual achievements in their own field.

Although Rotary is one of the first service clubs in the world, with the formation of Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905, it was not until 1989 that their constitutional framework allowed women to be members. Questioning Saboo regarding this delay, he as a tactful and articulate speaker promptly said, "Better late

than never." Earlier women's role was very different, he explained. Today an increasing number of them are well qualified and have an equal role to play. Hence now it is felt that bringing them into Rotary, both genders collectively can provide better response. But Saboo did not want to submit to the idea of women being allowed to join the Rotary because they finally realised how true the saying was - "If you want a speech tell a man, and if you want something done, tell a woman!"

Rajendra K. Saboo has a supportive wife Usha Saboo, who has continually assisted him both in his Rotary work and also in his business. He is founder and director of Groz-Breckert Saboo Limited, a hosiery machine needle manufacturing company and also the chairman of Kamla Dials and Devices Limited, a manufacturer of watch dials. Together with this he is a director of a state-owned bank - State Bank of Patiala, Chandigarh.

The three-day conference in Dhaka is attended by more than 700 South Asian Rotarians, to hear regional governmental and non-governmental experts discuss progressive efforts to area - through

instill goodwill in the economic, educational and environmental initiatives.

The importance of linking governments and the private sector to empower large-scale humanitarian programmes has also been a topic of discussion. And this brought about the issue of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, where they announced a donation of Tk 12 Lakh by the Rotarians. Rotary International president has also been discussing about setting up health care centres for the refugees.

Presently, there are more than 1.1 million business and professional men and women world wide who are members of Rotary, of more than 25,611 Rotary clubs.



Rajendra K. Saboo, with his wife Usha Saboo.



Pakistan Army Chief of Staff General Asif Nawaz laid wreath at the Shikha Anirban, Dhaka Cantonment Saturday in honour of the members of the armed forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971. —ISPR photo

## Rotary Int'l assures of help to Rohingya refugees

The president of Rotary International (RI) - a world-wide social service club - Saturday assured of his organisation's all possible help in mitigating the sufferings of the Myanmar Rohingya refugees who have flooded into Bangladesh, reports UNB.

"We are really concerned about the Rohingya refugees and we will respond in all possible ways to help them," said RI President Rajendra K Saboo at a press conference at a local hotel yesterday afternoon.

Saboo arrived in Dhaka Thursday in connection with the Rotary's regional conference on cooperation and goodwill being held at the capital.

The RI president said Rotarians attending the conference have already contributed Tk 15 lakh for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

He said, a medical camp will soon be set up with Rotarians' help comprising of volunteer doctors from different countries.

Saboo however ruled out the possibility of issuing any statement by the RI on the Rohingya issue saying his organisation is strictly a non-political in nature.

He also mentioned about Japan's help for setting up of a

school in Betagi (Chittagong) and a health complex at Chandraghona.

Regarding the RI's polo-plus programme, Saboo said about 90 per cent children in Bangladesh have been immunised through the programme. About 8.28 million US dollars have been provided for the programme in the country.

He lauded Bangladesh Rotarians' success in their fisheries project at Comilla and functional literacy programme that imparted learning to about 20,000 people in last nine months.

The RI president also expressed concern about environmental degradation and said his organisation is trying to increase awareness about the issue. He informed that the Rotary has helped in planting about 33 million trees around the world.

A BSS report says The visiting President of the Rotary International, Rajendra K Saboo, Saturday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban.

He said that the Myanmar Rohingya problem is a humanitarian issue and it is a challenge to humanity.

Saboo also informed the President that Rotary volunteers from other countries would come in aid of the Rohingya refugees soon.

He apprised that the Rotary International has organised a programme to donate over 11 lakh Taka from the Rotarians of Nepal, India, Pakistan and

Bangladesh to help mitigate the sufferings of Rohingyas.

In this respect, he mentioned his initiative on behalf of the Rotary International to collect one lakh Indian rupees which was handed over to the authorities concerned.

President Biswas highly appreciated the gesture of the Rotary International to the cause of Rohingya refugees who were forced to leave their homeland Myanmar.

The President said that Rotary International was playing a commendable role in the humanitarian aspects and earned appreciation from all.

Mrs Saboo, Rotarian J U Ahmed and Rotarian Mostafa Zaman Abbasi were present on the occasion.

### TV Sunday

5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran, Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Bible
5.30	School Bichitra
6.00	Rock sports
6.30	Sports programme
7.05	Tagore songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Probaha
9.00	Oshin
10.00	News in English
10.25	Parliament round-up
10.40	Rang Rang
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Monday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

## 'Come forward to boost shattered economy'

By Staff Correspondent

Begum Sufia Kamal at a function Saturday called upon both men and women to come forward untiedly to boost the shattered economy of the country.

She was presiding over a function organised at the Mahila Samity auditorium by the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad on the occasion of its 22nd founding anniversary. The function was attended by the former Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui while it was addressed among others by General Secretary of the organisation Ayesha Khanam, Munira Khan and Dil Afroze Dlu.

Begum Sufia Kamal expressed grave concern over the shattered economy of the country and law and order situation and said it was unfortunate for the nation after 21 years of independence.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said the development of the nation might not be ensured unless the equal rights of male and female would be ensured.

He expressed concern over the rise of the anti-liberation elements and stressed the need for united efforts to resist them.

## DCC contractors asked to ensure quality of roads

Dhaka City Mayor Mirza Abbas Saturday asked the corporation contractors to ensure quality of works while developing the city roads, reports BSS.

He said that during his on-the-spot inspection of some road development works in the city he found those were not done as per specification, and asked the concerned contractor to rebuild the road ensuring quality.

The City Mayor told the corporation contractors who are engaged in various development works of the organisation that due to negligence in maintaining the quality during the part regime all most all the city roads here ruined within a short time.

In the meantime, some 300 kilometres of damaged roads had been repaired and developed, he said.

The City Mayor assured the contractors to solve their genuine problems as per law.

## Tk 15 lakh realised from unauthorised power users

About Taka 15 lakh has been realised as penalty money from unauthorised and illegal users of power after raids conducted in different areas of greater Chittagong and Noakhali districts during the last four months, reports BSS.

Power Development Board (PDB) sources Saturday said 102 Mobile Courts while conducting raids charged 1,775 persons for illegal and unauthorised use of electricity and realised penalty money amounting to Taka 14,97,000. The Mobile Courts punished 115 offenders and sent them to jails on various terms.

## Obituary

A F M Abdul Hye Jamali, Deputy Magistrate in the undivided Bengal and erstwhile East Pakistan, died of heart attack at Suhrawardy Hospital Friday night. He was 92, reports UNB.

He left behind wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers.

His son Masud Jamali was the General Secretary of Bangladesh Tennis Federation and national tennis champion Shovan Jamali is his grandson.

Namaz-e-janaza for him was held at Paribagh mosque and he was buried at Azimpur graveyard Saturday.

## Weather

### Weather to remain dry

By Staff Correspondent

Met office's weather bulletin valid till 6 pm today (Sunday) forecasts, rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna divisions and the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet and weather remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Met office also forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain mainly unchanged over the country today (Sunday). The maximum temperature in the country, 39.4 degree Celsius, was recorded in Rajshahi while the country's minimum 20 degree Celsius, was reported from Srirangal and Fen on Saturday.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6:22 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:33 am.

Temperature and the percentage of humidity recorded in some major cities/towns at 9 am and 6 pm Saturday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature	Humidity		
		9am	6pm	
Dhaka	35.5	23.0	71	64
Chittagong	32.0	25.7	71	73
Rajshahi	39.4	24.2	66	29
Khulna	35.1	24.2	75	69
Cox's Bazar	31.8	26.0	77	74
Jessore	38.4	24.6	-	-
Barisal	33.8	26.2	76	78
Mymensingh	34.0	22.5	74	61



Students of Fazul Haq Hall of Dhaka University brought out a procession on Saturday to mark the end of their academic year. —Star photo

## Need for awareness for environmental protection stressed

Speakers Saturday stressed the need for greater awareness for environmental protection and conservation. They were speaking at the inaugural session of a workshop titled 'Environmental Reporting in South Asia' Saturday morning at a city hotel, reports BSS.

Daily Star Editor S M Ali, Secretary General of Asian Forum of Environmental Journalists Tahmina Ahmed, Coordinator of AMIC Dr Victor T Valbuena, Executive Editor of Devfeature Saleem Samad and Programme Officer of Asia Foundation Nilam Fernando spoke on the occasion.

Stressing the need for a pivotal role of the media in creating awareness about environmental protection and conservation, they said environmental degradation might jeopardise the development programmes in the country. They urged the journalists to strengthen media advocacy

and participation in environmental programmes.

Seven environmental journalists from Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, and the Maldives are attending the five-day workshop. Ten journalists from Bangladesh are also participating. The participants will draft the Dhaka Declaration.

## Wife of Pak Army Chief visits Sena Paribar Samity

Begum Asif Nawaz, the wife of Pakistan Army Chief of Staff General Asif Nawaz, visited the Sena Paribar Kallyan Samity at the Dhaka Cantonment Saturday, reports BSS.

She was received by the Patron of the Samity Begum Sophia Khan on her arrival at the Samity office.

Begum Asif Nawaz was introduced to the office bearers of the Dhaka branch of the Samity. She was taken round different classes where members of the soldiers' families had been undergoing sewing and embroidery training.

## BDR team leaves for Delhi today

An eleven-member Bangladesh Rifles delegation leaves Dhaka today (Sunday) for India to participate in the four-day annual border co-ordination conference to be held between Bangladesh and India in New Delhi from tomorrow, says a BDR source, reports BSS.

Major General Muhammad Abdul Latif PSC, Director General, Bangladesh Rifles will lead the Bangladesh delegation, while the Indian side will be led by T Ananthachari, Director General, Border Security Forces of India.

## Zahiruddin back home

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan returned home from Beijing Saturday evening after attending the 48th session of ESCAP as the leader of the Bangladesh delegation, reports BSS.

## Zonta takes up welfare programmes

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: Chittagong Chapter of Zonta International has taken up some welfare programmes for the women and children for the current year, reports BSS.

Chapter President Dilruba Ahmed told journalists here today that the programmes include free clinic, immunisation programme, advice on health and nutrition, literacy programme, family court and construction of a permanent shelter centre for the calamity affected people at the coastal areas.

The Zonta founded on August 30, 1991 in Chittagong would take up more welfare programmes in near future.

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LOT NOS.	GROUP	DESCRIPTION & GRADE	APPROXIMATE WEIGHT
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B-1 TO 10	'B'	CUTTINGS/RAW LONG JUTE (BTD, BTCA, BWCB, BWCA, BWE, BTCS) MIXED-UP.	1403 M.T.

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