

# Dhaka Day by Day

## A World of Spontaneity and Immediacy

by Fayza Haq

Uli Vieth, a 41 year-old film director from Cologne, held a workshop on films at the Goethe Institute, Dhaka. He said he had gone into film making almost by accident. After school he worked for three years in a newspaper but abandoned it as he felt he had no contact with the reader and believed he was only writing for his colleagues.

"Film making is more intense than writing. The camera has more immediacy, spontaneity and the feelings are expressed better. Film making brings me closer to the people," Uli remarked.

He had studied the theatre and TV at the Cologne University. This got him involved in documentaries. He was very keen on working on projects such as adult education. There is no proper feature film industry in Germany. There are about 15 feature films in a year in my country. Those who have made a name for themselves like Wim Wenders have done so outside Germany. However the TV stations are obliged to inform, educate as well as entertain. As a consequence there are a lot of documentaries to be found in the TV."

Talking about the type of films that he makes he said, "I am interested in subjects like people with environmental problems, the unemployment of youth, and people involved in political movements. The films I have brought with me in my trip deal with German life. They usually focus on groups which had some problems to sort out, for instance the youth who want to realise their dreams but cannot. The aim was to steer emotions to change the situation."

The structure of the German TV is such that it is independent from the government so that one sees a lot of critical films.

"In Germany," he continued "most of the documentaries are made by TV. The quality of the documentary makes it a success. It is there to inform, not to entertain. It is there also to move people and to give them an inside picture of a problem. The documentary goes beyond cold facts. The German films deal with various subjects in various ways. There are no taboos or restrictions."

What was his impression of the Indian and Bangladeshi films that he had seen? "In Hyderabad, Poona and Calcutta I saw some very good films dealing with social problems. They handled their subjects in a sophisticated way and I was very impressed. In Bangladesh, despite the bad conditions of work, they are still able to produce something worthwhile. It is the only way to get information about such sub-

jects as I see the TV does not deal with them. I am impressed by the way that the Bangladeshi film makers battle against impossibilities. I am moved by their idealism and interest. As for the TV news, I didn't like it as it was all about the Prime Minister and ministers. It dealt mostly with the government and it did not give a real portrayal of the country," Uli commented.

What was his impression of the reunification of Germany? Uli said, "On the one hand I am happy that the people in East Germany have changed the situation and that they have been successful in fighting for democratic structure. On the other hand I don't really know what exactly is going on in East Germany and what is their economic situation. You only read and imagine. For a lot of Germans East Germany is like a foreign country because of different political and cultural development. It will take some time for Germany to be really united."

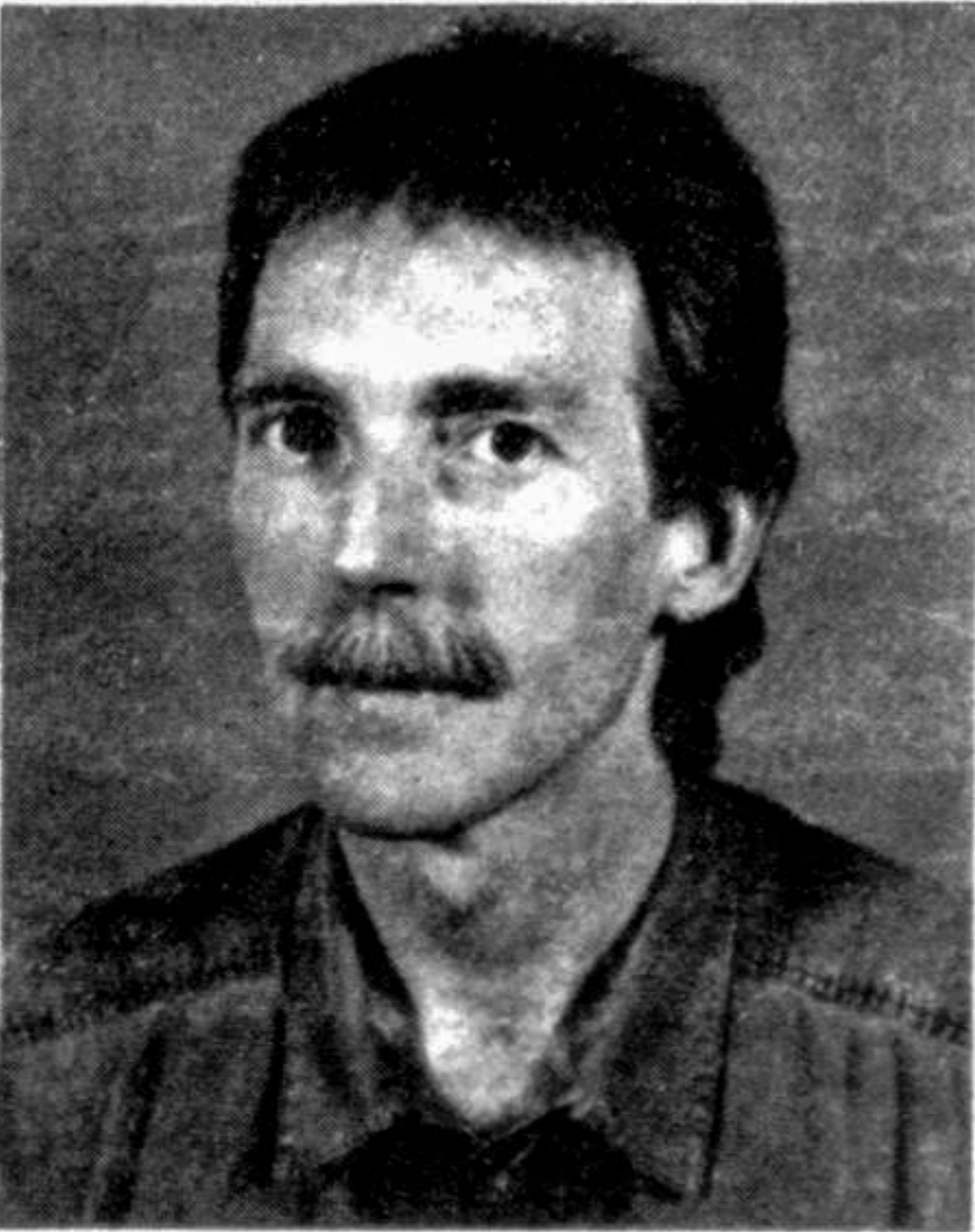
There are a lot of differences between the East and West Germans," Uli continued. "I say this after some conversation with film makers from East Germany. They have a lot of problems. At one time they were fully backed by the government. We, West Germans have to pay for the development of the East Germans. On the other hand the East German must be aware that they are the poor relations of the West Germans and that the West Germans look down on them."

He added, "In the sixties and seventies the politicians said a lot about the 'brothers and sisters of East Germany. Today these brothers and sisters are a burden. For the East Ger-

mans, to be looked down upon is no fun. We have had USA, Britain and the Allies to support West Germany after the War so that we grew industrially and flourished."

How did the Germans of today feel about the World War II, about which there is a flood of films and books even today? "There is too much of a distance today for the young people who are the third generation after the War, to feel anything about the War. They have a lot of information but no feelings. Most young people are democratically oriented. It is only a small number that is involved in Neo-Nazism. Yet Neo-Nazism is a problem. They do not want to consciously restore Nazis. They have no real idea of Nazism. They are obsessed with slogans like 'Germany for the Germans'. Their behaviour is an expression of protest when they don't know what they are protesting against," Uli replied.

Uli Vieth



## BNP, AL consensus to ensure peace in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 29: BNP and Awami League leaders and leading citizens of Mirsarai upazila here Tuesday agreed to abide by a 12-point code of conduct to ensure peace and order in the upazila, reports BSS.

The agreement was reached at an emergency meeting of political leaders and eminent citizens held at the Conference Room of the Deputy Commissioner. Deputy Commissioner A R Khan presided over the meeting.

Mirsarai upazila BNP President Mohammad Alauddin and General Secretary Mohammad Nurul

Amin, Mirsarai Awami League General Secretary Khurshed Alam Azad, Organising Secretary Maksud Hamed Chowdhury, and prominent citizens and chairman of seven unions were present.

They discussed the law and order situation prevailing in the area which has been described as tense because of terrorism and anti-social activities.

The 12-point code of conduct includes interalia, students of three colleges in Mirsarai would be allowed to propagate their ideology without any hindrance.

**বাংলা একাডেমী ঢাকা**

হালীমা-শরফুদ্দীন বিজ্ঞান লেখক পুরস্কার

বাংলা একাডেমী হালীমা-শরফুদ্দীন বিজ্ঞান লেখক পুরস্কার নামে একটি বিচারিক পুরস্কার ঘ-বর্তন করেছে। পুরস্কারটির উদ্দেশ্য বাংলাভাষায় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি চর্চার তরুণ বিজ্ঞানকর্মীদের উৎসাহিত করা এবং বাংলাভাষায় জনপ্রিয় বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিষয়ক গ্রন্থকারদের বিশিষ্ট অবদান ও তাদের সৃষ্টিশীল গতিশীল স্বীকৃতি। বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি ক্ষেত্রে বাংলাভাষায় রচিত শ্রেষ্ঠ একটি জনপ্রিয় গ্রন্থের জন্য একজন লেখককে প্রতি দুই বছরে একটি পুরস্কার দেওয়া হবে। পুরস্কারের লেখককে ফুটি হাজার টাকা ও সনদ দেওয়া হবে।

বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি ক্ষেত্রে যার অত্যন্ত মাত্রক মানের শিক্ষা রয়েছে এবং যিনি বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি সংক্রান্ত কোনো পেনায়ে রত, যেমন—শিক্ষা, গবেষণা, সম্পাদন ও সেবা এবং বিজ্ঞান-সাংবাদিকতা, তেমন বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক লেখকদের বই এই পুরস্কারের জন্য বিবেচনা করা হবে। ১৩৯৭-৯৮ বাংলা সনে প্রকাশিত গ্রন্থের বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিষয়ক জনপ্রিয় বইয়ের তিনটি করে কপি সচিব, বাংলা একাডেমী, ঢাকা-১০০০ ঠিকানায় ১৩৯৯ সনের জ্যেষ্ঠ মাসের মধ্যে একটি নির্ধারিত ফরম পূরণ করে জমা দেওয়ার জন্য আহ্বান জানানো হচ্ছে। প্রতিযোগী লেখকের বয়স ৩০ ট্রা ১৩৯৮ তারিখে ৫০ বছরের বেশি হওয়া চলবে না। তবে মহিলা বা অন্য কোনো বিশেষ ক্ষেত্রে এই বয়সসীমা শিথিল করা হতে পারে। ১৩৯৯ সনের প্রাপ্তবয়স্ক পেশ সম্বন্ধে ১৩৯৭-৯৮ সনের পুরস্কার-প্রাপ্তকর নাম ঘোষণা করা হবে।

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## Utilisation of \$ 1.881 m IDB aid discussed

A two-member Islamic Development Bank (IDB) delegation led by head of operation Dr Muhammad Hussain Al Bunnal Wednesday met Secretary, Economic Relations Division and alternate governor, IDB Enam Ahmed Chowdhury at his office in Dhaka, reports BSS.

They discussed the utilization of the grant amounting to US dollar 1.881 million extended by IDB for mitigating the sufferings of the Myanmar Rohingya Muslim refugees, an official source said.

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## Power supply suspension

Power supply will remain suspended Friday from 5 am to 10 am at Natunbazar, Solimait Badda, West side of Pragati Sarani, Khilbaritek, North Badda party, Jaarsahara, Kala-chandpur, Khilkhet, Azampur, Uttarkhan, Faidabad, Kachkura as extension work will be carried out, says a press release of DESA.

## PJMA team meets Jute Minister

The visiting five-member Pakistan Jute Mills Association delegation led by Ahsan M Saleem called on Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah at his office Wednesday reports BSS.

**Thursday**

5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:20 Recitation from the Geeta

5:30 Shabar Shathe

6:00 The New Three Stooges

6:30 Jiboner Alo

7:05 School debate

8:00 News in Bangla

8:40 Drama of the week

10:00 News in English

10:30 Drama series: Twin Peaks

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:40 Friday's programme summary

11:45 Closing



K Raghunath, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh presenting credentials to President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Wednesday. —PID photo

## 'Dhaka, Delhi have political will to resolve issues'

The High Commissioner designate of India to Bangladesh K Raghunath presented his credentials to the President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Wednesday, reports BSS.

Presenting his credentials, the High Commissioner said that the government of India attached the highest importance to friendship and cooperation with Bangladesh.

He said that India had high regards for achievement of Bangladesh in establishing and consolidating democracy and representative government and wished its every success in building a stable and prosperous nation.

Raghunath said that his country greatly admired the courage with which the freedom loving people of Bangladesh fought and gained their independence and the resolve and imagination with

which the nation was addressing the complex problems of development and the fortitude displayed in handling the endemic natural calamities that beset this region.

He said that bilateral exchanges in different areas had expanded steadily over the years both in quality and scope.

He hoped that the constructive interaction and partnership in solving the problems faced by the two countries would be good for the peoples as well as the entire SAARC region.

The Indian envoy said that his earnest endeavour would be to strengthen the friendship and promote bilateral cooperation at all levels between the two countries on a broad spectrum.

Accepting the credentials, President Biswas hoped that following the establishment of democratic governments both

## Biswas, Khaleda greet Dutch Queen

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, Queen of the Netherlands, on the occasion of her happy birthday, reports BSS.

In a message to Queen Beatrix, President Biswas wished her good health, happiness and increasing prosperity of the people of Netherlands.

In another message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia felicitated the Queen.

## Over 100 people observe token hunger strike in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Apr 29: More a hundred people of Raipur union of Anwara upazila observed a token hunger strike in front of Chittagong Press Club today demanding opening of a destitute feeding centre, reports UNB.

The hunger strikers also demanded reconstruction of houses damaged by last year's April 29 cyclone, construction of coastal barrage and sanction of soft-term agriculture loans.

He said, the bonds of friendship forged between the two countries during our War of Independence has further been consolidated over the years.

He said the recent memorandum of understanding on the leasing of the Tin Bigha corridor to Bangladesh was an important development towards further promotion of friendship, cooperation and understanding of both the countries.

Photographic exhibitions were also held at Alliance Francaise and Muslim Institute Hall in this connection.

## Dreadful memory of deaths recalled

CHITTAGONG, Apr 29: Different organisations here today recalled the dreadful memory of death and destruction by the April 29 unprecedented cyclone and tidal surge last year, reports BSS.

The City Corporation held a mihad cum discussion at its Conference Room with the City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin in the chair. Members of the Chittagong City Development Advisory Committee, the elite and officers and employees of the corporation participated in the discussion on the day.

They said the dreadful day—April 29 cannot be forgotten as thousands of people were killed and properties worth crores washed away across the belts of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

Moulana M Jalaluddin later conducted a prayer for the eternal repose of those who had lost their lives on the fateful day.

Greater Chittagong Development Mass Action Committee, Voluntary Health Services Society, BNP, Awami League, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Agrani Bank Employees Sangshad, Chittagong Photographic Society, Muktiudda Sangshad and Chhatra League held discussion on the day and called for rehabilitation of the affected people, construction of coastal embankment and cyclone shelters in the coastal areas.

## 'Art only means to pay respect to Satyajit'

Fulfilment of the universal commitment of the artist towards the society and art is the only means to pay respect to the noble film maker Satyajit Ray who himself left an example through his work in this regard, reports BSS.

This was stated by the speakers at a civic condolence meeting held in memory of the world renowned film-maker Satyajit Ray Wednesday at the Central Shaheed Minar premises. It was arranged by Sammlita Sangskriti Jote in collaboration with Federation of Film Societies and Short Film Forum.

Presided over by eminent journalist Faz Ahmed, the civic condolence was addressed, among others, by poet Shamsur Rahman, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Shawkat Osman, Mostafa Manawar, Nasruddin Yusuf, Wahidul Haq, Sheikh Niamat Ali, Jamaluddin

Hossein, Manzare Haasin and Badal Rahman.

Shamsur Rahman said Satyajit Ray had involved himself in the noble pursuit of humanitarianism till the last day of his life.

Death of an active man like Satyajit at the age of 71 was untimely as he had a lot more to contribute to the world of art and culture, he said.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury said all have to go back to Satyajit again and again for collecting strength and lessons for the culture of life and art.

Recalling the contribution of the noble artist during the Bangladesh War of Liberation Shawkat Osman said amid the cruelty and savagery he had come forward as the symbol of humanitarianism.

In his presidential address, Faz Ahmed said the work of Satyajit was not mere the culture of abstract art.

## Weather Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

The rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Comilla and Sylhet during next 24 hours till 6 pm Thursday, Met office forecast.

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country during the same period, it adds.

Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and to remain unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The highest temperature of the country on Wednesday 37.5 degree Celsius was recorded in Jessore and the lowest temperature of 5.24 degree Celsius was recorded in Bogra.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:27 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:24 am.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns of the country on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	35.4	23.4	74	45
Chittagong	34.6	25.2	72	63
Rajshahi	32.5	21.4	71	63
Khulna	36.2	21.7	59	33
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.0	72	71
Sylhet	33.0	20.0	78	74
Comilla	35.5	-	46	-
Jessore	37.8	23.5	-	-
Bogra	31.5	17.8	77	68

## Sanjiv Dutta — A tribute

S M Ali

It is hard to pay a tribute to a friend: it is harder still to do so when he is no more. It tends to be personal, a little sentimental and emotional, to which many who were only his acquaintances cannot relate. In this sense, a newspaper column is not necessarily the place for such a tribute.

Such is my thought about Sanjiv Dutta, one of my colleagues in the then Pakistan Observer in the fifties, who passed away in Calcutta last Monday. To many of his contemporaries, like A. L. Khatib, Anis Chowdhury, Syed Nuruddin, who are no more, and to M. J. Zahedi, now a guest columnist of this paper and who was probably the closest to Dutta, Sanjiv's best introduction will always be only "our dear friend."

That's not quite fair. The man whom I unfairly regarded as an erratic journalist whose concern for newspaper deadline followed no reason or any clock, eventually authored a novel and a collection of poems. His reputation as a writer was thus fully established in Dhaka and Calcutta.

The same thing had happened to A. L. Khatib. Like Sanjiv, Khatib Bhat viewed his career as a journalist as a way of reaching serious writing—again, like Sanjiv, in English—in poetry, fiction and anthologies. Staying in a tiny room at the Press Club, he worked day and night on his pet projects. But it was only after he moved to New Delhi that he earned his well-deserved reputation as a writer with his book on the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In all other respects, the two were quite different, except in the warmth of their friendship and in their wide-ranging interests in the world they lived in—and died, both rather prematurely. Do our young colleagues in the profession share either the same warmth of friendship among themselves or the wide-ranging interests in the outside world? I wonder.

Looking back, we think of the happy time we had together. Again, my perspective goes wrong. After all, Sanjiv had more than his share of personal and family tragedies, the killing of his father, Dhirendranath Dutta, a noted politician and a former provincial minister, by the Pakistani forces during the liberation war being the worst—and the saddest—of all.

There was no opportunity for me to meet Sanjiv Dutta after 1971. I would not know how he coped with this disaster. Friends who knew him then talk about him as the "same Sanjiv" whose captivating smile still matched his warmth, with his zest for life still undiminished and his faith in our people as strong as ever.

May the soul of Sanjiv rest in peace.



## Call to solve CHT problem

KHAGRACHAI, Apr 29: Speakers at a meeting here today (Wednesday) urged the government to solve the Chittagong Hill Tracts problem through discussion with the "genuine" representatives of the tribal people, reports UNB.

Underlining the importance of immediate solution of the problem, they said it is not merely the problem of the people of hill tracts but also of the entire nation.

The meeting at Baraitala near Khagrachhari College this morning was organised by the

Pahari Chhatra Parishad to condole the death of those killed in the April 10 incident in Logang.

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