

Dhaka Day by Day

A Short Cut to Eldorado!

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

Newspaper advertisements are a wonderful way to lift up one's spirits. Scanning through the multitude of dailies makes one want to believe in Pangloss's (in Voltaire's *Candide*) 'best of all worlds', where 'pessimism' is an alien word. Whatever it is one dreams of, craves for, his or her wish is the newspaper advertisement's command.

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General Bruno Brancato Chief of Staff of Carabinieri forces of Italy called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Sunday. — PID photo

'We don't oppose positive part of alien culture'

Deputy Leader of the House in Parliament Prof AGM Badruddoza Chowdhury said Sunday children should be groomed in line with the national culture to enrich it further, reports UNB.

"We must not forget about our own culture of our soil as well as flourishing of Lalon Geeti, Jari-Shari and others which can help check infiltration of alien culture," he said addressing the price giving ceremony of a cultural organisation, Subachon-Monzir Murchhona at the Shishu Academy.

"Of course, we don't oppose the give-and-take with the positive part of foreign culture since culture itself has no barrier, but we have to be very careful about the intrusion of negative alien culture."

Two railway employees suspended

RAJSHAH, May 3: Bangladesh railway west zone has suspended its two employees for their involvement in the pilferage of oil from rail engine, reports BSS.

Railway Nirapatta Bahini arrested two miscreants named Ataur Rahman and Md Moynuddin while stealing oil from engine no-3325 at Bonarpara yard.

Noman leaves for Mexico

Minister for Fisheries, Livestock Environment and Forest Abdullah al-Noman left Dhaka Sunday for Mexico to attend an international conference on responsible fishing to be held in Cancun City, reports BSS.

The aim of this conference is to arrive at a consensus to establish a fisheries code of conduct and to explore forms of transfer of technology with a view to checking deterioration of ecosystems.

3 dacoits held, arms recovered in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, May 3: Double Mooring police arrested three alleged dacoits and recovered from their possession two light guns from Lalkhan bazar area here Sunday, police said, reports BSS.

Police in a separate raid also recovered one light gun, three 032 bore revolvers, one cartridge and a dagger from the house of one Jounal Abedin of Bepari Para.

Separate cases were filed against the arrested persons.

Reopening of Rajshahi varsity demanded

RAJSHAH, May 3: Six student leaders at a press conference here yesterday demanded immediate reopening of the Rajshahi University an announcement of the date for the examination, reports BSS.

The student leaders included Sadakat Hossain of Bangladesh Chhatra Maitri, Md Ayub Ali Khan of Chhatra League (N-S), Aslam Sarkar of the RUCSU, Jabrul Hasan of the Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Ruhul Quddus of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.

IN MEMORIAM

On the occasion of the Fourth death anniversary of Syed Tanweer Murshed son of the Late Syed Manzoor Murshed and the Late Begum Hasina Murshed, relatives and friends are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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Hearing in case against Zafar Imam ends

By Court Correspondent

The hearing in a corruption case against the former Jute Minister Lt Col (Retd) Zafar Imam ended yesterday (Sunday). The hearing was held in the 5th Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka.

Zafar Imam was accused of appointing 60 persons in different positions under the Jute Ministry abusing his power as the Minister of Jute.

As a result of these 'irregular' appointments the government incurred huge financial losses.

Abdur Rezak Khan public prosecutor argued that the accused former minister had committed an offence by misusing his official power and should be charged under Section 5 (2) Act II of Anti-Corruption Act of 1947 and under Section 166 of Penal Code.

The defence lawyer Khan Saifur Rahman argued that Zafar Imam is an innocent person and as such has not committed any offence. No prima facie charge has been made against him in this case.

What's on today....

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

The weekly general meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today (Monday) at 1 pm at the family lounge of Dhaka Club.

RAPPORT management programme

A day-long management programme on 'Managerial effectiveness for women executives and officers' will be inaugurated today (Monday) at 9.30 am at Hotel Purbani.

Managing Director of RAPPORT M Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the programme.

Joint congress

Bangladesh Workers Party, Bangladesh United Communist League and Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (M-L) will hold a joint congress today (Monday) at the Engineer's Institute at 10 am.

540 representatives will participate in the joint congress.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today (Monday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Rtn Rafiqul Islam Sarker will speak on 'Rural development' at the meeting.

Painting exhibition

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and German Cultural Centre have jointly organised a 10-day painting exhibition. It will be inaugurated today (Monday) at 5 pm at the Academy gallery.

Minister for Foreign Affairs ASM Mostafizur Rahman and R Graf, Charge d' Affaires of the German Embassy will be present at the inaugural programme.

....and tomorrow

International Astrology conference

The inaugural programme of the 4th International Astrology Conference convened by the World Astrology Society (WAS) will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.00 pm at Hotel Purbani.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will inaugurate the conference.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

Moderate rain shower accompanied by nor'wester is likely at many places over Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday.

Meteorological office source said that day temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius during the period.

The sun sets in Dhaka today (Monday) at 6-29 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5-22 am.

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

Dhaka	26.6	20.7	56	77
Chittagong	31.7	21.6	59	90
Khulna	31.5	20.5	80	79
Rajshahi	26.7	18.1	79	80
Dinajpur	24.5	16.5	92	82
Sylhet	25.5	18.2	75	98
Cox's Bazar	32.0	22.0	65	85
Barisal	31.0	22.0	77	83

Khaleda seeks students' help to change people's lot

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday night urged the members of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) to help change the lot of the teeming millions, reports BSS.

She was addressing the newly-elected office bearers of Bangladesh Agriculture Institute Central Student and Hall Unions when they came to meet the PM at her Sugandha office.

The students belonging to JCD had won massively in those elections held on April 28.

The Prime Minister said that as an agro-based country, Bangladesh had to lay total emphasis on agriculture pro-

duction to make it self-sufficient in food. She expressed her optimism that the country would become self-sufficient in food.

Begum Zia said, together with agriculture the government has also attached top priority for the education sector and it was given the highest allocation in the last budget.

She also urged them to strengthen the nationalist forces in the country.

She referred to the various demands of the students and said all genuine demands would be looked into sympathetically.

N'ganj Unnayan body threatens hartal on May 18

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, May 2: About 600 members of 'Narayan-ganj Shahar Unnayan Committee' (Town Improvement Committee) staged a dawn-to-dusk sit-in demonstration in front of the 'Paura Pathagar' here today to press home their demands.

The demands include: Administrative measures to solve various problems of the town and cancellation of the authorities' decision to sell out the railway lands lying abandoned in the town.

Addressing the demonstrators, the committee leaders called upon the local administration to accept the demands by May 15. Otherwise, they warned, a half-day hartal would be observed in the district headquarters on May 18.

Monday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- 5.10 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Gita
- 5.30 The Great Space Coaster
- 6.00 Sports programme
- 6.30 Jibon O Projukti
- 7.05 Debate
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Janamat
- 9.00 Surer Bhuvan: Songs
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: Highway to Heaven
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tuesday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Sudatta Barua gets PPA membership

Sudatta Barua, a reputed photographer of Bangladesh, has been accorded with the membership and accreditation of the Professional Photographers of America Incorporated (PPA), reports UNB.

Barua is the first Bangladeshi photographer honoured with PPA accreditation and allowed to use its logo for the promotion of his professional career.

In 1991, he obtained the membership of the Professional Photographers of Japan Association.

Barua, who started his professional career in the daily Morning News in 1961, was awarded with nine prizes.

122 RU teachers condemn statement of C R Dutta

RAJSHAH, May 3: A group of teachers of Rajshahi University Sunday condemned the statement of Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad leader C R Dutta and urged the government to take legal action against him and his accomplices, reports UNB.

He (C R Dutta) is trying to pave the way for interference of external forces by making provocative statements aimed at conflict and anarchy within the country. Such activities are no doubt seditious and should be dealt with in accordance with the law, said a statement signed by some 122 teachers.

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