# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Lady Who Brings You Luck

by Fayza Haq

Nazmun Nesa is today working as an editor in the public relations department in Deutsche Welle. She went in '76 on a three year contract in Bengali service. After her contract finished she had been working as a regular freelance journalist since '80, working for different newspapers such as the "Observer", "Ittefaq", "New Nation" and "Holiday". She did interviews with important personalities in Germany for readers in Bangladesh.

Since September '91 Nazmun got the job in the public relation office."I like this job as it is creative. I can use my talents for design and painting, " she said.

Nazmun had begun her career as a lecturer in chemistry in Shedeshri Women's College. She was influenced by her father who was a professor of biochemistry. She was at the same time, always interested in literature and art. As a teacher she was in charge of cultural affairs and had a hand in the college magazine."!

wanted to study painting in Paris The only offer I got was from the Deutsche Welle Bengali service. We had to read. write and translate. We have 50 minutes daily programme which includes world news, commentary on current affairs and different features on Asia and Europe. Besides these there are features in science, literature,

economics and music," she narrated. When in Germany Nazmun learnt German in a school for foreigners."I really picked up the language by talking to people. German was not my favourite language.l prefer French and Spanish. For my work, at first, I had to be perfect in Bangla only as the programme was broadcast in Bangla.

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Dwelling on the Bangla service in Germany Nazmun says that it is more of an informative nature. "We don't have much time for music or such entertainments. It is only a 50 minutes programme. It is a news plus feature programme,"she informed me.

"With the new job I need knowledge of German. Since I've joined the public relationing job I am still doing work with the Bengali service. I write my own programmes, I do moderation programmes too. Apart from that I am doing work with the German section of Deuts-

che Welle. The name of the item is Stadtbummenl (city tour) It is a stage show of two hours. We go from city to city, interviewing important people of the area. The programme also includes music. This is for German listeners outside Germany, the world over. We give an impression of the city. There is also a quiz. The first prize is a two week trip to Germany. I am the "glucksfee" (luckbringer) for the quiz. I draw the prizes along with the city mayor in the presence of the press," she said.

"In Berlin there is a TV programme called Rias TV .Since 1st of April '92 this TV has joined the Deutsche Welle. This was the brainwave of Dieter Weirich, who is the director general of Deutsche Welle. As a public relationship officer, I work for this too. The programme is in four languages. In future there will be a programme for Asian countries too," Nazma added

Giving her impressions of the Germans

she said that they were very hard working. "They are very health conscious. They are open minded and keen to travel and different meet people . I find them very sincere. The mentality of the young is such that they are ready to absorb new ideas. They are a very disciplined nation and this fascinates

Talking about

Nazmun doing the 'Stadtbummenl' programme. her life in Cologne she said "I am a permanent resident and enjoy all the rights of a citizen except the right to vote. I live in the apartment and Union (JUCSU). walk to the office which is close to my house. When I go to work I wear western clothes except for the Deutsche Welle special shows and some formal parties."

"In the beginning the weather was too cold for me . I had to combine office work with housework which I was not used to. In the beginning found it difficult to handle everything of my own. With time I have good friends and I don't feel lonely now. At the outset it was not easy to cussion. adjust because of the language problem and the difference in culture. But over the years I feel very much relaxed and at ease. Today I feel that Germany is my home \_ I didn't do anythin consciously. It just happened with time," Nazmun



Chhatra Moitree brought out a procession in the city demanding the execution of the verdict - Star photo of Gana Adalat Tuesday.

### Govt put Golam Azam into jail to save him, alleges Sajeda

Awami League General Secretary Sajeda Chowdhury Tuesday urged party workers to be alert against all conspiracies designed to distort the spirit of the Liberation War, reports UNB.

Addressing a conference of the Chhatra League (A-A) city unit at the Engineers Institution in the afternoon, she called upon the party workers to prepare themselves to take revenge for the killing of Bangabandhu.

Presided over by the outgoing president of the organisa-

#### JS body on communications meet held

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Communications met Tuesday at the committee room of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with the Minister for Communications Col Oli Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS. .

The meeting discussed at length the railway recovery programme and extended the time frame by a month for subcommittee on Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) headed by the State Minister for Communications Mohammad Fazlur Rahman to probe into different alleged anomalies and submit the report to the standing commit-

The members of the Standing Committee observed that inspections should be geared up and stringent measures be taken to root out irregularities in the railway ser-

#### tion Ashraful Islam Maruf, it was addressed, among others, by Awami League publicity secretary Mohammad Nasim, Mozaffer Hossain Paltu, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Momtaj Hossain, BCL president Shahe Alam, general secretary Ashim Kumar Ukil,

Hossain and Mujibur Rahman She alleged that whenever people raised their voice for fulfilment of their demands, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia termed those as conspiracy

Jahangir Hossain, Moshtaque

against the country. Sajeda further accused that government put Golam Azam into jail to save him from the hand of people and demanded trial of all war criminals.

She criticised the handling of the Rohingya issue and alleged that the government was begging money in the name of

In his address AL leader Mohammad Nasim said, "I will not have any respect for democracy and parliament, if the Indemnity Ordinance remained in force."

### Obituary

Syed Ahmed, former Assistant Headmaster of Chittagong Collegiate School, died of old age atlments at his residence at Madarbari 6:30 Tuesday. He was 75, reports

He was buried at Chittagong railway station road graveyard Tuesday evening.

Ahmed left behind three sons and four daughters to mourn his death.

The qul-khwani of late Ahmed will be held on May 8 11:45 after Asr prayers.

#### Hannan, AJM labour leaders discuss problems

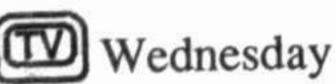
The labour leaders of Adamjee Jute Mills Limited Tuesday had a meeting with Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah at his residence and discussed the prevailing situation and problems arising out of the short supply of jute and spare parts in the mills, reports BSS.

The Minister said adequate supply of jute and necessary spare parts would be ensured very soon for the mills.

The labour leaders assured the Minister of their allout cooperation and support to boost production in the mills.

Chairman, BJMC M A R Talukdar, Executive Director of Adamjee Jute Mills Ltd Inamul Kabir were present.

The meeting was attended by labour leaders, CBA President Rehanuddin Rehan, Jatyo Sramik Party leader Siddique Sarder, Jatyotabadi Sramik Dal leader Abul Khayer, United Employees Union leader Abdul Maleque, and Adamjee Mills Sramik Shangha leader Reazuddin Renu.



#### Opening announce-5:00 ment, Al-Quran Programme summary News in Bangla Recitation from the 5:20 Geeta Tarunya

Sports programme Moder Garab Moder

Hizal Tamal News in Bangla Biswa Parikrama Film: MacGyver News in English Mukhomukhi Khabar/The News Thursday's progra-

mme summary

Closing

8:00

8:30

10:00

10:30

11:40

fertility study

By Staff Correspondent A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Bangladesh Agricultural Re search Council (BARC) and the Potash and Phosphate Institute of Canada has been signed Tuesday for a period of five

BARC signs MOU

with Canadian

instt on soil

Under the MOU, Bangla desh will receive the institute's cooperation in strengthening research on soil fertility and inputs management for maximum economic yields and soil conservation for high yield sustainable agricultural development in Bangladesh.

The MOU also provides for training the local scientists through research grants and improving knowledge in soil management practices at farmers' level through demonstrations, training and publications.

The MOU was signed by Dr M Sujayet Ullah Chowdhury. Executive Vice-Chairman of BARC and his counterpart Dr J D Beaton, President of the institute.

### JU Shahitya Utsav begins

JU Correspondent The three-day long

"Shahitya Utsav '92 (literary festival) began Tuesday at the cafeteria of Jahangirnagar University. Poet Shamsur Rahman in-

augurated the festival organised by Jahangirnagar University Central Students Vice-Chancellor of the uni-

versity Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed attended the ceremony as the chief guest with JUCSU Cultural Secretary Md Mintu in the chair. The opening day included

inter-hall debate competition, exhibition of photography and paintings, folk songs and dis-Barrister Rafiqul Islam,

Minister of Works, attended the discussion session held at the amphitheatre in the evening as the chief guest. Local MP Niamatullah Sabu

attended the programme as the special guest while Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed chaired the programme. Acting VP of JUCSU Samsul

Tabriz Mithu and GS Rashedul lasan Masum addressed the

certificate among the trainees.

Academy today (Wednesday).

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ing the period.

Dhaka

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dinajpur

Satkhira

present at the seminar as the chief guest.

Weather 🎇

# Need for code of conduct of newsmen in S Asia stressed

Information Minister Nazmul Huda stressed the need for consolidation of democracy in the South Asian region and urged journalists to help nourish democratie culture, reports BSS.

The Information Minister also stressed the need for a code of conduct of the journalists in the region.

He was addressing as the chief guest the concluding session of the Second South Asia Regional Working Journalists Conference (SARWJC) at a city hotel Monday night.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury was also present on the occasion. Aidan White,

Works Minister Barrister

Rafiqui Islam Mia Tuesday di-

rected RAJUK and other con-

cerned authorities to immedi-

ately release 1285 acres of

land to the concerned owners

of Badda, Ulan, Bhatara and

Joarshahara areas of the city,

second meeting held for the

purpose at the conference

room of the RAJUK here.

He was presiding over the

The Minister said the gov-

ernment was determined to

ensure return of these lands to

the owners to remove misun-

derstanding of the people's of

Badda, Ulan, Bhatara and

The Works Minister di-

rected the concerned authori-

ties to prepare a list of the af-

feeted people of block "J" of

Canadian envoy

calls on Matin

Canada in Bangladesh, Emile

Gauvreau, called on Home

Minister Abdul Matin Chow

dhury here Tuesday, reports

mutual interests.

What's on today . . . .

Condolence meet

University will hold a condolence meeting at the death of

Certificate distribution ceremony

on 'Costume and Makeup' organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala

Academy will be held today (Wednesday) at the academy audi-

Seminar on govt structure

Structure and Strata of the Local Government of Bangladesh'

at 4.45 pm at the auditorium of Planning and Development

The certificate awarding ceremony of a drama workshop

Academy Director General Kamal Lohani will distribute

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will hold a seminar on The

Minister for LGRD Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar will be

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga

will be held today (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon

Director, Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia

and the Pacific (CIRDAP). He will speak on "The Role of

Muktijoddha Gobeshana Kendra

Muktijoddha Gobeshana Kendra will be held today

(Wednesday) at 5 pm at its office at Rahman Chamber at

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Chittagong

divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka division during

the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday.

remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

and 1 mm each in Hatiya and Maijdee Court.

sun rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5-20 am.

Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius

32.4

32.6

31.0

33.8

33.6

33.6

30.5

32.0

35.0

and towns on Tuesday were:

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally

Meteorological office source said that weather is likely to

Day temperature is likely to rise by 2-3 degree Celsius dur-

Rainfall was recorded on the day (in 12 hours from 6 am)

The sun sets in Dhaka today (Wednesday) at 6-30 pm and

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities

21.5

22.6

21.8

19.8

22.0

24.0

19,3

20.5

23.0

The highest temperature of the day was at Satkhira.

Humidity in percentage

9 am

6 pm

71

73

73

76

71

76

62

were 38 mm in Patuakhali, 16 mm in Sylhet, 3 mm in Feni

The second session of a series of discussions organised by

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga

The guest speaker for this week is ATM Shamsul Haque,

Regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North

Professor Akhlakur Rahman today (Wednesday) at 10 am.

The Economics Department of the Jahangirnagar

They discussed matters of

During the discussion,

Chowdhury and Gauvreau ex-

standing good relations be-

tween the two friendly coun-

tries would be further consoli-

pressed the hope that the long

The High Commissioner of

reports BSS.

Joarshahara.

General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and K N Gupta, Regional Coordinator of SARWJC, also spoke. Reazuddin Ahmed presided.

The Information Minister said the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia firmly believes in the freedom of the

Referring to the adoption of the Dhaka Declaration at the concluding session of the conference, the Information Minister said the free flow of information, the press freedom and the exercise of independent journalism were the guarantors of freedom of ex-

The meeting decided on

Among others, Major (Retd)

the rehabilitation on the af-

fected people of link road of

Kamrul Islam, MP, A H M

Shahjahan, Secretary, Ministry

of Works, representatives of

the Ministry of Law and

Ministry of Land were present.

Directive to release

1285 acres of land

to owners

the said areas.

Progati Sarani.

pression and opinion in a democratic society.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is personally keen to see the Dhaka Declaration come into reality, he added.

Lauding the role of journalists for the overall development of their countries, he said the Prime Minister of Bangladesh would use her good offices to improve the quality of journalism further in the re-

All the speakers thanked the Prime Minister for showing her personal interest in the functioning of the SARWJC. Earlier, she had inaugurated the three-day conference.

#### Biman's rejoinder

Manager, Public Relations of Biman, in a rejoinder said that State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan was not gheraoed by the Biman employees on Monday as stated in a news item under the headline 'Mannan ghera oed by Biman employees' published on Tuesday in the Daily Star.

It said that the State Minister attended the regular board meeting uninterrupted but a small section of Biman employee chanted slogans when the meeting was on.

#### Pak Navy ship arrives in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, May 5: Two destroyers of the Pakistan Navy PNS Aslat and Taimur arrived in Chittagong this morning on a four-day goodwill visit to

Bangladesh, reports BSS. Soon after arrival, Rear Admiral Khalid M Mir, Commander of the Pakistan Navy fleet who is also the leader of the goodwill delegation, along with the commanding officers of the ship called

on the Commodore Commanding Chittagong, the Commodore Commanding BN Flotilla and the Commodore Superintendent BN dockyard.

#### GEF membership may be expanded

Some of the largest developing and industrialised countries have agreed to expand the membership and share power in a global environmental fund, reports UNB.

Mohammed-El-Ashry, Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), recently said in Washington the new rules would go into effect to govern fresh programmes begun at the facility when new international environmental agreements are reached, according to a USIS press release issued in Dhaka Tuesday.



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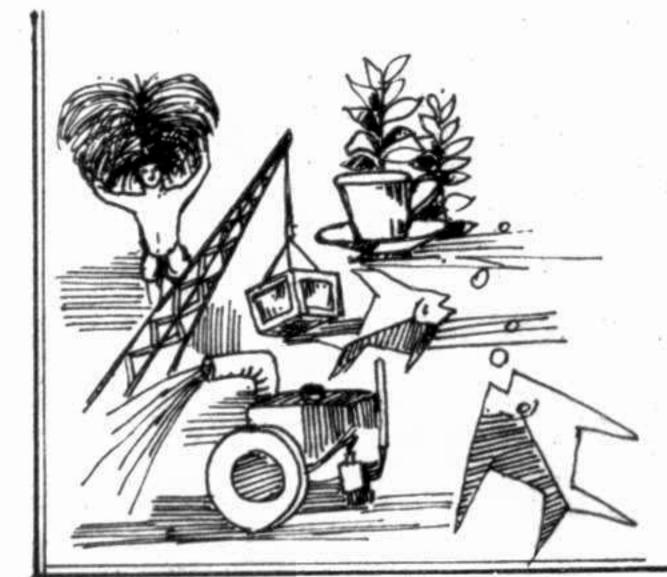
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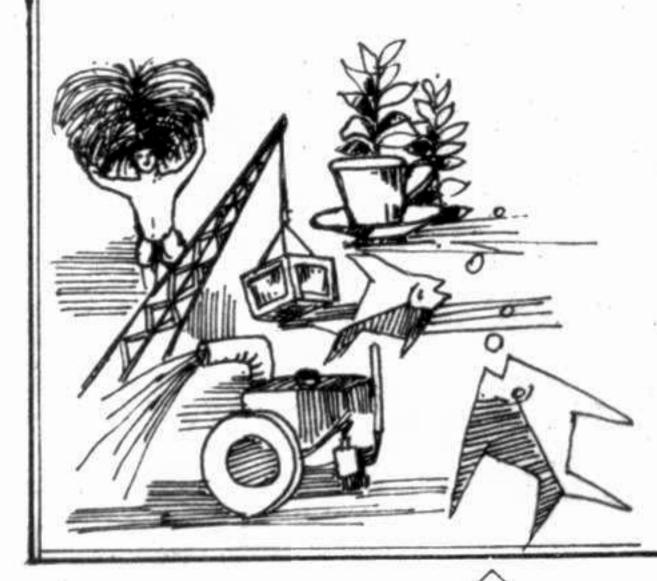
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