### Dhaka Day by Day

### Schools, Education and Admissions

by Parveen Anam

It is the birth-right of every child born in any country, to be given and receive the best education, the country is capable of giving. In some countries the opportunities are admittedly better than in other countries. But in Bangladesh, and especially in Dhaka, we are fast reaching the stage, where if a child can get any education at all, he can consider himself lucky! Every adult has a nightmare and that nightmare has an uncanny way of coming true, when it is time to educate the offspring, in this, our beloved city.

Schools, particularly good schools, are a rare commodity indeed and those that are there, somehow seem to be too busy, to pay

much attention to the genuine needs of the genuine student, with of course the rare exception. It seems, while applying for admission, an account of the father's bank balance needs to be included along with the particulars of the aspiring student. True, every child has to take an admission test. but whispers abound, that many a child is admitted without a glance at the results, when his father or guardian, eagerly agrees to pay the required donation to the

school authorities. A wellknown girls school, regularly adopts this very dubious policy, it is rumoured. And what is astonishing is that these donations are also demanded or 'requested' from the parents of govt employees as well, when the poor man probably does not earn the amount asked for, in a month of Sunday's. But then, who cares? Either pay up, or try your luck elsewhere, seems to be the attitude of the school authorities. Or perhaps they are only trying to encourage bribe taking? Its a guessing game all the way.

The scenario is perhaps a little bit different in the govt run schools, but then, the situation in these schools, is deplorable at best. 200 students crammed into a room meant for 40

students is nothing uncommon and fans and other basic essentials are considered positive luxuries. And as these schools remain closed more often than they are open, it is a frustrating experience, for both parent and child. Psychologists will definitely have you know, that the early years are the most formative years for the growing child and grasp and absorption of knowledge is the quickest at this point; but unfortunately in this beloved city of ours, the children at this stage of their lives, seem to be busy being carted from pillar to post by their harassed guardian, in search of a reasonable school, which considers the merit of the child far more important than the size

of the purse of the

parent. And the most tragic point of the whole deal seems to be that most of these institutions, claiming to be schools, are actually not schools at all but 'tutorials' which in all honesty, cannot be bracketed with proper schools. But the harassed parent of the ha rassed child, is hardly in a position to point it out to the relevant authorities. Its all he can do, by extend ing his purse strings to the extreme, to get his child admitted into any one of

these institutions, be it a school or a 'tutorial' As for the curriculum followed by most of these institutions, there does not seem to be any 'quality control' as such, by most of these schools or 'tutorials'. The situation seems to be a 'free for all', kind of a situation! And the teachers in most of these institutions, seem to be of the attitude, that they are doing the child and the parent a great big favour, by merely being there. But the parent is mute; for after all, 'beggars cannot be choosers' or so they say. But at the and of the day, or rather the school year, many a parent, I am sure has sat back and possibly wondered if the whole exercise has not been one in futility.



Will their kids make it? Photo: A. K. M. Mohsin

Students of Dhaka City College brought out a procession in the city demanding reopening of the college Wednesday.

### Khaleda urges people to help implement uplift programmes

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday called upon the people belonging to all strata of life to cooperate with the present government in implementing various development oriented programmes aimed at achieving national progress and prosperity, reports BSS.

"We have to be united for the sake of the country's interest," Begum Zia said while handing over keys and documents of transports to different educational institutions at a simple function at the International Conference Centre (ICC) here.

The function was also addressed by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman MP, CUCSU Vice President Nazimuddin and Vice President of Eden Girls College Central Students Union Helen Zerin Khan.

Eleven buses, including two mini buses, were given as gift from the Prime Minister's

Welfare Fund to Chittagong University, Islamic University, Str Saltmullah Medical College, Eden Girls College, Titumir College, Ananda Mohan College and Shah Sultan College.

Begum Zia called upon the teachers and students to help keep educational institutions free from violence so that those could function properly without affecting the careers of the students. She said the high hopes of the guardians about their wards were shattered due to campus violence leading to session jam.

She said violence and indiscipline could never lead a country, besieged with many problems, to progress and prosperity. She said that the autocratic regime had left behind a trail of devastation in all the sectors which she said could not be solved just in one

The Prime Minister referred to various steps taken by her government for the welfare of the teachers and said

1,400 teachers were promoted by this government and more teachers would be appointed.

On primary education, Begum Zia said, we want to educate our children properly and added that 'the base should be solid."

Ministers, members of parliament, vice chancellors, principals and student leaders of the respective institutions were present.

The Prime Minister later went to see the buses, kept in front of her office.

#### Hajj pilgrims asked to take 12 photographs

The Bangladeshi Hajis should take 12 passport size photographs with them instead of four as informed earlier, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

The pilgrims going to perform Hajj under government management should bring all the photographs with them when reporting to Hajj camp and the rest should take their photographs with them to Saudi Arabia duly attested by gazetted officer, the handout

#### Lord Ennals arrives today

Lord Ennals, member of the upper house of the British Parliament, arrives here today on a six-day visit, reports BSS. He will undertake work during his stay here on behalf of the campaign for disaster prevention in Bangladesh, particularly the follow- up action taken since last year's cyclone.

Lord Ennals, a former British Foreign Office Minister, will also visit 'Rohingya' refugee camps in his capacity as Chairman of the Asia Committee of the British Refugee Council.

This will be a fact finding mission of Lord Ennals on behalf of a number of British NGOs interested in the refugees.

#### He also said that the gov-He called upon the people of all walks of life including ernment had given much more emphasis in spreading educateachers and students irretion in the country and placed spective of party affiliation to maximum allocation in this extend full cooperation for

successful implementation of these programmes for greater national interest. The minister was addressing as the chief guest the in-

Teachers, students urged to

help eradicate illiteracy

Government Commerce College here. Presided over by the Principal of the College, the

KHULNA, May 6 : State

Minister for education

Principal Mohammad Yunus

Khan said here Wednesday that

the present democratic gov-

ernment had been taking ef-

fective programmes for bring-

ing about qualitative change in

existing education system and

eradicating illiteracy from the

society in phases, reports BSS.

Union of Azam Khan

#### Cyprus envoy meets Speaker

function was also addressed,

Khulna City Corporation.

among others, by the Mayor of

maintaining academic atmo-

sphere in the educational in-

stitutions Khan urged the stu-

dents community to play a

leading role for establishing

rule of law in addition to their

Stressing the need for

stallation ceremony of the The High Commissioner of newly elected Central Students Cyprus to Bangladesh Theophilos V Theophiou, called on Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali at his office chamber in Sangsad Bhaban Wednesday, reports



#### QUL KHWANI

निक्क करण श्रायमः

The Qul Khwani of Dr. Akhlagur Rahman, Professor of Economics, Jahangirnagar University will be held on Thursday May 07, 1992 at the 'ANURAAG' Community Center, 1, Babar Road, Near Suhrawardi Hospital immediate after the 'Asar' prayer The deceased's, friends, colleagues, students, well wishers and relatives are cordially invited to participate at the Qui

#### "NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES"

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. Choyang World V-EE218. from Antwerp, ex. M.V. Choyang Star V-28 from Dubai, ex. M.V. Choyang Sun V-EM211 from Hamburg, Antwerp, ex. M.V. Peter Metz V-8 from Istanbul have been relayed to M.V. "CGM BRETAGNE" V-9201, Imp. Rot. No. 324/92 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 8-5-92 from Singapore.

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#### 'We can prosper only through sincere work'

A six-member delegation of the Distressed Welfare and Employment Project called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Wednesday, reports BSS.

Led by its Chairperson Nazma Begum, the delegation apprised the President of its productive activities including the cottage industries set up by the Project with its own initiative at Dania near Dhaka.

#### Death condoled

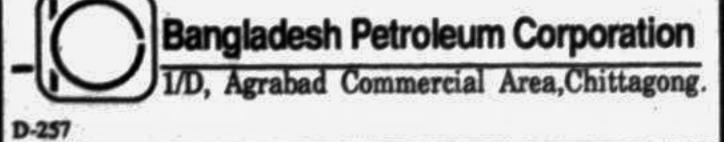
mik Federation yesterday condoled the sudden demise of workers leader Mostag Ahmed.

The federation held a condolence meeting at the National Book Centre in the city. Mokhlesur Rahman, President of the federation. chaired the meeting. The meeting was addressed by other leaders of the federation including its General Secretary Shariatullah, Joint Secretary Mokaddem Hossain and Harunur Rashid.

#### Dated : 5 May, 1992 Ref. No. 22.16/24 International Tender for Supply of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) and High Speed Diesel Oil 23-26 June, 1992

#### **Tender Notice**

- Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers for supply of 80,000 Barrels of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) and 70,000 Barrels of High Speed Diesel (HSD) on C & F Chittagong basis in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein after:
  - Each of the quantities mentioned at (a) will be subject to an operational tolerance of 5 (Five) per
  - Barrel means 42 United States Standard Gallon each of two hundred thirty one (231) cubic inches at sixty degrees (60° Farhenheit.
- Entire quantity as mentioned above must be delivered at Chittagong between 23-26 June, 1992 in one Shipment. Tender will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 02 June '92 and opened at 1205 hours BST on 02 June '92 at Buyer's Head Office, HBFC Building 1/D Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be
- IV. Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's general terms and conditions of supply of Petroleum Products (Ref. 22. 16 dated 27 March, 1991). Except offers through fascimile will not be accepted.
- Offers must be valid up to 1800 hours BST 08 June, 1992. Local Agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender with proper application and due authorisation of principal may collect tender documents on all working days during office hours from:
  - (a) The Commercial and Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office, HBFC Building, 4th Floor, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong - 4100.
  - Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL), Dhaka Office at 28 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
- Bangladesh Mission in Singapore. VII. No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender document, nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting a tender. The Corporation reserves right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full without assigning any reason.

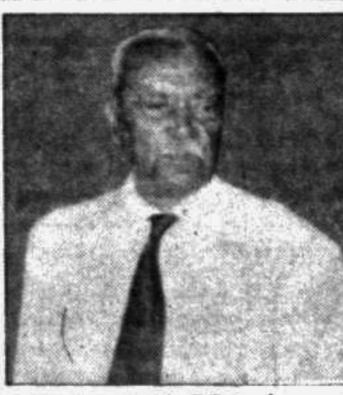


#### Saudi envoy Bangladesh Sangjukta Sra-

Wahab called on Home Minis-

Wednesday, reports BSS. They discussed matters of common interest, including issues between the two coun-

in the days to come.



## dead

A K Bazlul Karim, a former member of erstwhile Bengal Civil Service, a brilliant scholar, an eminent administrator, litterateur and mathematician passed away in Dhaka at midnight Tuesday. He was 90, says a press release.

He was Deputy Commissioner of Jessore, Noakhali and Kushtia districts and his last assignment was Member, Public Service Commission.

He left behind four brothers, three sons and three daughters, friends and admirers to mourn his sad demise. He was buried at the Banani graveyard.

His Qul Khwani will be held at his residence at Dhupchaya, 108, Lake Circus Road, Kalabagan, tomorrow (Friday) after Asr prayer.



5.00 Opening announcement Al- Quran Programme Summary 5.10

Recitation from the Geeta 5.30 Balte Paro

Stooges Jibaner Alo 6.30 School debate 7.05 News in Bangla

Gupta Dhan 10.00 News in English 10.30 Drama series: Twin Peaks

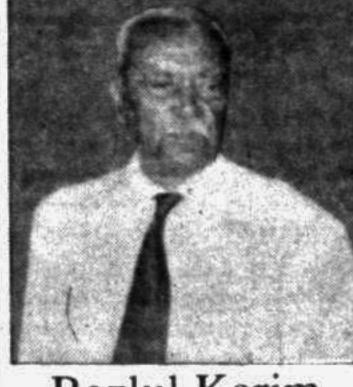
Summary 11.45 Closing

## meets Matin

The Saudi Arabian Charge d' Affaires Ali Ahmed Abdal ter Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his office in the city

visa, passport and immigration

During the discussion, they expressed the hope that the long standing and historical fraternal relations between the two brotherly Muslim countries would be further strengthened and consolidated



# Bazlul Karim

### Thursday

News in Bangla

Film: The New Three

8.40 Drama of the Week:

11.30 Khabar/ The News 11.40 Friday's programme

Jamalpur Samity reunion The Eid reunion programme of the Jamalpur Samity in Dhaka will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium at 4.30 pm. Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Barrister Abdus Salam

(Thursday).

Talukdar will attend the reunion as chief guest. Samyabadi Dal (ML) Conference The city unit of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (ML) will hold

• What's on today . . . . •

Sangstratik Sanghstha Seminar

cultural function in observance of the birth anniversary of the

poet Rabindranath Tagore today (Thursday) at 4-30 pm at

HBFC Borrower Assoc meet

Association of the Borrowers of House Building Finance

Corporation (HBFC) will be held at the central office of the

association at 246, New Circular Road at 6.45 pm today

Public Stage inauguration

mands of radio-TV coverage of the killings by Pakistanis in

the Liberation War and execute the public trial verdict will be

held by the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote today (Thursday) at 4

.. and tomorrow

The inauguration of a 'Public Stage' to press home de-

the central office of the party at 52, New Eskaton.

sion meeting and the cultural function.

pm at the Central Shaheed Minar premises.

The "Jatiya Sangstratik Sangstha" will hold a seminar and a

Eminent persons and artistes will take part in the discus-

A meeting of the newly elected executive committee of the

its workers conference tomorrow (Friday) at the Engineers' Institution at 4 pm. Dilip Barua, Pankaj Bhattachariya, Nurul Islam Nahid, Al Haj Abdus Samad and other socialist leaders will address the conference.

Samajtantrik Sramik Front (SSF) will hold a rally tomorrow (Friday) at the Shaheed Nur Hossain Square at 4 pm. The rally will be addressed by BSD leader Khalequzzaman, Nirmal Sen, Anu Muhammad, Abdur Razzak, and others.

Rabindra Charcha Kendra film show Rabindra Charcha Kendra will screen Satyajit Ray's documentary 'Rabindranath' on the occasion of the poet's 130th birth anniversary tomorrow (Friday) at the Shishu Academy at

Legal Aid Assoc meet

A meeting of the Legal Aid Association for the Distressed Persons will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 4 pm at its head office 13-B/1-8, Mirpur. Members of association are requested to attend the meeting.

### Weather

6.30 pm.

### Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over the region of Mymensingh and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday, Met office says .

Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period. Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celstus.

Little change in weather would be noticed in subsequent two days. Forty mm of rain was recorded at Rangpur, five mm at Khepupara, three mm at Sylhet and two mm each in Dhaka and Tangail, Wednesday.

Friday at 5-20 am. Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were: Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius Humidity in percentage

Sun sets in Dhaka on Thursday at 6-30 pm and sun rises

9 am 34.5 24.6 Dhaka 28 73 25.0 32.2 Chittagong 22.5 63 Rajshahi 37.4 78 22.8 Khulna 35.0 80 72 81 23.2 34.6 Barisal 75 25.4 33.5 Cox's Bazar 70 21.3 30.2 Sylhet 56 23.2 33.7 Dinajpur 22.5 37.7 Ishurdi

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in the Private Sector of Bangladesh are invited to apply for the above programme immediately. The number of participants from Bangladesh is limited to 3 only. A selected participant will have to bear about 30% of the total cost involved. The remaining 70% will be borne by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), Japan.

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