

Dhaka Day by Day

Ogo Pothero Shathi, Nomi Barongbar!

by P Haque

'Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, — into that heaven of freedom, let my country awake'

The Bengali will recall, yet again, in his own, individual, humble way, one of the greatest poets of his language, on his 131st birthday. On 25th of Baishakh 131 years ago, the star rose on the Bengali language and nation, with the birth of the immortal Rabindranath Tagore. He is gone, as we must all go, but, is immortalized in his songs and his writings, for his nation, of whom he was so passionately fond. He had rightly predicted, 'my nation will remember me, always, through my songs,' a prediction which still holds true, so many years later and had prompted Ezra Pound to say, 'Tagore has sung Bengal into a nation.'

The Bengali has sung Tagore's songs, acted out his plays, laughed and cried with the heroes and heroines of his incomparable novels and short stories and danced to music composed on his songs. Every year, on the appointed day, his people gather, humbly, to pay respect to him, who had given them an identity all their own. This man, had won for the Bengali, the Nobel Prize for literature at a time, when the British were at the zenith of their power, and for the Nobel Prize, to be won by a man other than white, was an unthinkable proposition. But then, Tagore had always made the unthinkable, thinkable, for the Bengali. Although at times, perhaps unthinkingly accused of being an armchair idealist, he was obviously far from that; his love of children and his faith in them, his love for his people, proved over

and over again, his capacity to do whatever he did, with all his energy and being. And it is this love for his people which they in turn, have remembered him by.

The 25th day of the month of Baishakh, is a landmark in the lives of his nation, his beloved people. Tagore never professed to be a genius with unrivalled patience and persistence. Each violent storm, on the personal or national level, left the great man, wiser and sadder. It is a lesson, which his nation tries to learn from him. As we celebrate the birthday of Tagore, we cannot help but recall, that his patriotic songs, were an inspiration for the national struggle, and continue to inspire us now, as it did then. His devotional songs, move us to tears, his songs on nature, make nature not only a background but a participant, his love songs turn us all into lovers. He coaxes the best out of us and leaves us wiser, perhaps a little sadder at our inadequacies. And yet, his sensibility, rooted so deeply in his lyrics, teaches us, that it is impossible, to ignore our heritage. It shows us that it is the culture of our land, which makes us reluctant to take sides in the battle which each new generation renews. And as we renew our pledge to honour the great poet, we renew our pledge to honour ourselves, to delight in life itself. Only then can we enjoy the beauty and the tragedies of life and live it fully. And resist succumbing to poverty of spirit, to continue to love and to forgive and in remembering him, recall 'All humanity's greatest is mine'.



A procession of Sangrami Chhatra Samaj in the city Thursday.

— Star photo

Review meet of Law, Justice Ministry held

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz Thursday stressed the need for proper coordination of opinions of the officials for smooth and quick disposal of matters related to public interests, reports BSS.

He was addressing the officials at a review meeting of the Law and Justice Ministry here Thursday.

Mirza Hafiz said that the Law Ministry would be strengthened to cope with increased volume of works. He said that the status and working condition of officials had been enhanced at the initiative of the present government.

The minister urged officials to discharge their respective duties with utmost sincerity to uphold the image of the ministry.

Cooperation of newsmen in implementing uplift programmes sought

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has sought cooperation of the journalist community in implementing various programmes of the government aimed at progress and prosperity, reports UNB.

The development of the country could only be achieved through concerted efforts, he said.

The President was talking to a 10-member delegation of the Khulna Union of Journalists (KUJ) and Press Club, which called on him at Bangabhaban Thursday.

The delegation, led by Khulna Press Club President Prof Ali Ahmed, informed the President of the problems they are facing.

'Our children upheld rich cultural heritage'

LORD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar said that the children of today would shoulder the responsibility of leading the country tomorrow, reports BSS.

Salam Talukdar said Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan was established in order to build up the children as worthy citizens by blooming their latent talents through different cultural activities.

The Minister was speaking at the 4th founding anniversary of the Sangathan at Shishu Academy here.

Presided over by the President of the organisation Strajul Islam Selim, the function was addressed, among others, by Farida Rahman MP, Adviser of the organisation Dr Shahida Rafique and Managing Editor of the New Nation Ehsanul Kabir.

The Minister said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman loved

the children much and he always thought of the welfare of the children deeply. The TV programme 'Natun Kuri' for children was introduced at his initiative, the Minister added.

The Minister said, the children of our country are not inferior to those in other countries of the world in any way. He said, our children have earned international fame through their cultural activities, performed in the foreign countries. They had upheld the rich cultural heritage, image and tradition of our country to the people of other countries of the world where they had been highly praised for their magnificent performances.

He laid emphasis on giving them all possible facilities to build them up properly and hoped that Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan would be able to do that job successfully.

Dulal's death anniversary observed

A milad mahfil was held at Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) office Thursday on the occasion of 11th death anniversary of journalist Ferdous Alam Dulal, reports BSS.

Munajat was offered seeking divine blessings for the peace of the departed soul.

The milad mahfil was attended by the journalists and other employees of the BSS.

Ferdous Alam Dulal, a senior reporter of the BSS, was shot dead along with labour leader Abdur Rahman in the city street on this day in 1981.

TV Friday

Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Amra Natun
- 8.40 Cartoon: Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9.10 Interview
- 9.30 Film: Spectacular World of Guinness Records
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Moner Mukure
- 11.15 Documentary
- 12.30 Closing

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 3.12 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3.15 Alore Dishari
- 3.40 Movie of the Week
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports programme
- Children's programme
- 6.45 Special programme on Rabindra Joyanti
- 7.05 News in Bangla
- 8.00 Special programme on World Red Cross Day
- 8.30 Rabi Rashmi
- 9.00 News in English
- 10.00 Film: L A Law
- 10.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing



Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya brought out a procession in the city demanding the trial of killers at Logang Thursday.

— Star photo

Huda urges govt employees to discharge duties with zeal

State Minister for Establishment Mohammad Nurul Huda Thursday called upon the government employees to discharge their duties with a new zeal and inspiration so that government machinery could run smoothly, reports BSS.

He was addressing the biennial conference of Bangladesh Stenographer and Stenotypist Association at Dhaka Zila Parishad Auditorium here.

Presided over by the founder-chairman of the association Mohammad Ibrahim Sobhan, the conference was also addressed by the Deputy

Commissioner of Dhaka and Secretary General of the Association M Shahnewaz Khan.

Regarding promotion, Huda said, the government had cleared up the backlog created by the autocratic regime by stopping promotions in the senior level for last seven years. He said, the government had given directives to different ministries, divisions, corporations and other government offices to fill up the vacant posts as early as possible. This should be maintained at all levels of the government, he added.

List of refugees handed over

The 17th installment of the list of Myanmar Muslim refugees numbering 23,810 was handed over Thursday to the embassy of the Union of Myanmar in Dhaka for necessary action by the Myanmar government, a foreign office spokesman said, reports BSS.

Lists of 216,073 Myanmar Muslim refugees have so far been handed over to the Myanmar authorities.

It is expected that additional lists of refugees will be handed over soon, the spokesman added.

Train stoppage at Tongi for hajj pilgrims

Dhaka bound inter-city trains — Teesta, Ekota, Padma, Jamuna, Jayantika, Egarostindhu, Upakul and Urmi — will make three-minute stoppages at Tongi station from May 10 to 27 to facilitate the Hajj pilgrims to report to the Hajj camp at old Islamic University premises at Gazipur, reports BSS.

The passengers on these trains are to buy tickets upto Dhaka although they would be disembarking at Tongi, a railway press release said.

The railway will also keep 25 per cent seats reserved on those trains for the pilgrims and their companions from all stations where the trains have stoppages.

The reserved tickets could be bought on showing relevant papers for Hajj. The reserved seats will be kept till 24 hours before the starting time of these trains.

Khan Bahadur Ismail's death anniversary today

The 11th death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Moulvi Mohammad Ismail will be observed today (Friday) reports BSS.

A veteran lawyer and Muslim League leader of the undivided Bengal, Khan Bahadur Ismail died at the age of 95 in 1981.

Promotion at NBL

Md Shahjahan-Bin-Alam, Asstt Vice-President, National Bank Ltd and in-charge Public Relations Division has recently been promoted to Vice-President.

Md Shahjahan-Bin-Alam joined in National Bank Ltd in 1983 from the very inception of the bank. He took over the charge of Public Relations Division in 1987, says a press release.

What's on today

Free dental clinic

The Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North West will organise a Free Dental Clinic today (Friday) at Karim Kha, Gazaria. The clinic will treat patients of oral and dental hygiene from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Discussion on Tagore

Bangla Academy will hold a discussion meeting today (Friday) at 5 pm at its seminar room to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Prof Syed Manzurul Islam will present the key note paper titled 'Modernism and Relevancy in Rabindra Literature'.

Jamulpur Samity reunion

The Eid reunion programme of the Jamalpur Samity in Dhaka will be held today (Friday) at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium at 4.30 pm.

Minister for LORD and Cooperatives Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar will attend the reunion as chief guest.

Samyabadi Dal (ML) conference

The city unit of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (ML) will hold its workers conference today (Friday) at the Engineers Institution at 4 pm.

Dilip Barua, Pankaj Bhattacharyya, Nurul Islam Nahid, Al-Haj Abdus Samad and other socialist leaders will address the conference.

SSF

Smajtantrik Sramik Front (SSF) will hold a rally today (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 today (Friday) at the Shishu Academy at 6.30 pm.

Legal Aid Assoc meet

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

Ghatok Nirmul Committee meet

An organisational meeting of the city unit of Ekattarer Ghatok Dal Nirmul Committee will be held today (Friday) at the 33, Tophkana Road central office of the committee at 5 pm.

The committee has requested all affiliated organisations of the city to send their representatives in the meeting.

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Seminar on Islamic United Nations

Bangladesh Jana Parishad will hold a seminar on 'The Necessity of an Islamic United Nations' at the auditorium of Jatiya Grantha Kendra at 4 pm tomorrow (Saturday).

Asiatic Society discussion

A lecture-discussion on 'Ecology of Urbanisation' will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 4.30 pm at the seminar room of the Society at 5, Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Tangail, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday.

Meteorological office forecast that weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius during the period over the country.

Rainfall recorded in 12 hours (6 am to 6 pm) on Thursday were 3 mm in Rangamati, 4 mm in Comilla and 2 mm in Sylhet.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on the day were:

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	35.5	25.3	78	56
Chittagong	33.2	25.8	79	78
Khulna	36.5	24.0	74	50
Rajshahi	39.5	23.6	68	33
Dinajpur	36.0	21.6	78	73
Sylhet	28.5	18.8	82	78
Cox's Bazar	33.4	26.0	81	78
Berisal	35.0	26.2	81	64
Ishwardi	39.5	24.0	72	26

The highest temperature was in Ishwardi and Rajshahi. The sun sets in Dhaka today (Friday) at 6-31 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5-19 am.

GCO demands White paper on Logang killing

Leaders of the Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) Thursday urged the government to immediately publish a white paper on Logang killing, reports UNB.

GCO, a unity of eight left leaning student groups, organised a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club demanding peaceful solution of hill districts.

It was addressed by Chhatra Union President Nasrudozza and Ganatantrik Chhatra Union President Bidhan Roy.

Addressing the rally, the student leaders called upon the government to stop military repression on the tribals and demanded political solution all problems in the hill districts.

Earlier, leaders and activists of the GCO brought out a procession from the Dhaka University campus and paraded the city streets before terminating at the Jatiya Press Club.

Tagore's works inspired us during Liberation War : Hasina

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina Thursday paid rich tributes to the memory of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, saying he had memorable contribution to the evolution of Bengalee nation's identity, reports UNB.

His literary works — music and poetry — were the source of inspiration for the Bengalees during the War of Liberation in 1971, she said in a message on the eve of Tagore's 131st birth anniversary being celebrated tomorrow.

His immortal music (Amar Sonar Bangla...) has been recognised as the national anthem of Bangladesh, she added.

Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, said it was the great poet who placed the Bengalee nation in the world comity as an independent entity and identity.

We are greatly indebted to Tagore : Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday called upon the nation to march forward with determination to build a welfare-oriented free society with economic prosperity as reflected in the works of great poet Rabindranath Tagore and to which 'we have been committed,' reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of the 131st birth anniversary of Tagore, President Biswas paid tributes to the great poet and recalled his contributions in establishing Bengali literature in a dignified position before the community of nations.

He said poet Tagore had enriched all the branches of Bengali literature through his great thoughts and ideas for which 'we are greatly indebted to him (poet).'

Nazrul Geeti confce in US begins tomorrow

A two-day Nazrul Geeti conference begins at the Boston city of United States from tomorrow where eminent Nazrul Geeti exponents from Bangladesh, India, England and United States would participate, reports BSS.

Singer Shabnam Mustari has left for USA to attend the conference as the lone participant from the country.

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BOL Bangladesh Oxygen Limited INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors of Bangladesh Oxygen Limited, at a Board Meeting held on 7 May 1992, have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 30.9.92 amounting to Tk. 1.00 per ordinary share of Tk. 10.00 each, payable to all shareholders whose names shall appear in the Register of Members at the close of business on 28 May 1992.

The share transfer books of the Company will be closed for this purpose from 30 May 1992 to 4 June 1992 (both days inclusive). A separate notice on the collection and despatch of Dividend Warrants will be issued when they are ready.

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By Order of the Board
AKHTER MATIN CHAUDHURY
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