

## Dhaka Day by Day

## The 'versatile' pavement

by Parveen Anam

It takes quite some imagination to call a pavement versatile. I readily agree, and so would many others, but any mortal soul, out for a morning walk, would nod his head at the adjective. And add a few of his own. In the bargain. Mind the time of the day, though. No other time is more appropriate than the morning hours, to prove the versatility of the pavement, in our this beloved city of Dhaka.

As you turn the corner, bent on your 'fitness' scheme, you are brought up short by the asto-

nishing sight of an entire family using the facility of the pavement as a bedroom. True, they are the 'floating population' as the wise fathers of the city like to refer to them and then wash their hands off any responsibility towards them. The reference is sufficient.

The 'city fathers' know 'they' exist; good enough. Not so the morning walker. He is the one, who has to skirt them and jump aside to avoid bumping into them. But the walker is the determined sort. On he walks, head down, arms pumping when lo and behold, he nearly walks into the little man using the same pavement as his kitchen, surrounded by the early risers, struggling to him for their early morning cup of the notoriously sugary tea.

He has his little stove, right in the middle of the pavement, with hardly a thought that the pavement was originally meant for the innocent pedestrian to avoid being run over by the buses and trucks tearing down at breakneck speed.

So the walker, determined sort that he is, jumps down about a foot, onto the road and jumps back on again to continue his journey with gritted teeth, cursing the architect (or whoever designs pavements) for not having a gentle slope to the pavement as observed in other nations instead of a sharp drop.

Never mind his walk, by the time he is

through, he will certainly be a high jumper, he is convinced. However, our hero continues — and walks straight into the mason, carpenter, bricklayer, all busy with their ware laid out again. In the middle of the pavement. Countless reminders have the 'pundits' typed and sent out, reminding the city dwellers, that the pavement is NOT repeat NOT to be used as a storehouse for the construction materials stored on all pavements, about six feet apart. When any house or building is being construct-

ed, the pavement will be used as the most convenient storage space for the cement, sand, bricks, iron rods, etc. etc. Never mind what the city fathers think or say.

We all pay our taxes, hence we will use the pavement however we please, is the considered opinion of the average city inhabitant.

Now if peddling wares is any criteria, the 'Paan-walla', the cigarette man, the little 'Stall-walla' with his dubious culinary delights, all have a claim to the versatile pavement. But what really galls the morning walker is the pavement being used as the garbage dump as well. We really do need to draw the line somewhere sometime, he mutters to himself and almost gives up his noble intentions of keeping fit.

In the meantime, WE the more ordinary sort need to try and mount a determined campaign to restore the pavement to its original meaning and uses so the poor morning walker does not have to return home each day with the distinct impression that he was out on a 'hurdle race' and not a simple walk to join the ranks of the healthier mortals. Because if anything, he is probably back with a raised blood pressure, at the uses and misuses of the pavements.

'Versatility' perhaps escapes him as the appropriate adjective. Understandably.



"A pavement where anything goes".

## Publication of Prof Akhlaq's works demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik Monday urged all to keep alive thoughts and ideals of Professor Dr Akhlaq Rahman who died on May 5. He also proposed for publication of all his works.

He was speaking at the condolence meeting of Rahman organised by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) at the Taher Auditorium.

Assuring financial and other necessary assistances to publish Rahman's works on political-economy, Manik said that the government had always failed to recognise prominent economists being dependent on World Bank and IMF for economic suggestions.

The leader said Dr Akhlaq Rahman was an economist, a teacher and a politician. He was a personality to be respected by all sections of the public.

The meeting presided over by JSD Presidium Member Kazi Aref Ahmed was addressed among others by Professor Mozaffar Ahmed, Sharif Nurul Ambia, AFM Mahbubul Haq, Dr Syed Ur Rahman, Nayeem Jahangir and others.

## Edn institutions to be rewarded for planting trees

RAJSHAHI, May 11: Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu has called for planting trees on the campus of educational institutions of the city in the coming rainy season, reports BSS.

He said the educational institutions would be rewarded formally for better performances in this regard.

The city Mayor made this call while distributing money among the education institutions of the city under post flood rehabilitation programme. Taka 1.30 lakh were distributed among the 11 institutions.



Professor Muzaffar Ahmed addressing a discussion meeting in memory of Dr Akhlaq Rahman organised by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Monday. —Star photo

## 'Wage concerted drive to combat heart diseases'

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury Monday called for waging a concerted drive to combat the curse of heart diseases, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury, who is himself a physician, was speaking as the chief guest at a national seminar on 'Coronary Heart Disease — An Epidemic of the Century,' held at the hotel Sonargaon in the morning.

Organised by Education for Health, the seminar was addressed among others, by the Chairman of Board of Editors of Daily Ittefaq and the New Nation, Barrister Mainul Hossain, former director of the Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases, Brigadier (ret'd) M A Malek, Director of the Institute Prof Abu Zafar, Prof M Jalaluddin and Prof M Amanullah of ICVD, Prof M A Zaman of Dhaka Medical College, and Dr Shankar Chandra Poddar and Dr Mohammad Sayeed Hossain of the Education for Health.

Explaining the seriousness of heart diseases in the country, Prof Chowdhury pleaded for chalking out a programme — easily communicable and acceptable to the masses — for the prevention of the third killer disease.

Narrating the causes of the outbreak of heart diseases, Prof Chowdhury said preventive measures were much cheaper than the curative measures and treatment. For educating and motivating the people with the preventive measures, Prof Chowdhury suggested to fix up a target people as well as a target volunteers.

Diagnosing a specific method to combat heart disease, Prof Chowdhury said, 'we must first educate and motivate mothers.' Identifying the smoking as the worst cause of heart diseases, he said mothers and children could play an

important role to influence the people against smoking.

Prof Chowdhury pointed out that the rate of illiteracy was not at all a problem in spreading the knowledge of health education. In this connection, he referred to the tremendous successes achieved in the Extended Immunisation Programme (EPI).

Barrister Mainul Hossain identified social unrest as one of the major causes of heart diseases and pleaded for ensuring peace and stability in society.

He regretted that though there were treatment facilities for a few fortunate persons in

the country, those are not available to people at large.

Brigadier (ret'd) M A Malek pleaded for waging a mass campaign to combat the causes of heart diseases. In this connection, he suggested the inclusion of the preventive measures of heart diseases in the curriculum at school level.

Prof Abu Zafar identified both blood pressure and mental pressure as the main reasons of heart ailments. He advised the people to take vegetables like brinjal, bean, onion and sour curd and fish instead of red meat. A regular walking can greatly help control heart ailments, he added.

## What's on today....

## Publication ceremony

The Chittagong city unit of Liberty Forum has arranged a function to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Proclamation of country's independence and to hold the publication ceremony of a book 'Swadhinotar Ghoshana Ebon Bangladesh' (Proclamation of Independence and Bangladesh) at the National Museum auditorium in the city today (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali will attend the function as chief guest while Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Dr Inna Ali, president of Bangladesh Academy of Science, will be the guests of honour.

## Bangla Academy

The visiting Chinese Xiangsu Acrobatic troupe will launch a three-day cultural function at the Bangladesh Academy in the city today (Tuesday).

Stage Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum will inaugurate the function as chief guest.

IU Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, will be the special guest.

## Rotary Club of Dhaka

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5.25 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Former minister and Water Resources expert BM Abbas AT will be the guest speaker.

He will speak on 'Sharing of river-waters and imperatives for Bangladesh.'

## BDRC

Bangladesh Drug Resistance Committee will distribute old clothes among the distressed people at the organisation's central office today (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

## AGM of Alliance Francaise

The Annual General meeting will be held in Alliance Francaise de Dhaka today (Tuesday) at 6 pm.

All the members holding valid membership are invited to take part.

## TV Tuesday

- 5:00 Opening, announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geta
- 5:30 Documentary film: A Day in the Life of a Woman
- 6:00 Shikhang (Programme on education)
- 6:30 Mayeder Janya (Programme for mother)
- 7:05 Nazrul Songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama series: Baro Rakam Manush
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Mini series: To Be The Best
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

## Weather

## Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office in a weather bulletin valid till 6 pm today (Tuesday) forecasts rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally winds likely to occur at one or two places over the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail, Dhaka, Comilla and Sylhet.

Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country today (Tuesday).

The maximum temperature in the country, 39 degree Celsius, was recorded in Rajshahi while the country's minimum 19.4 degree Celsius was reported from Sylhet Monday.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:33 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:17 am.

Temperature and the percentage of humidity recorded in some major cities/towns Monday were:

| Cities/Towns | Max  | Min  | 9 am | 6 pm |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| Dhaka        | 36.2 | 24.2 | 66   | 65   |
| Chittagong   | 33.6 | 26   | 69   | 74   |
| Rajshahi     | 39   | 26.5 | 60   | 49   |
| Khulna       | 36   | 25.4 | 72   | 67   |
| Sylhet       | 34   | 19.4 | 63   | 52   |
| Rangamati    | 37.6 | 24.6 | 65   | 55   |
| Rangpur      | 31.7 | 22   | 79   | 72   |
| Barisal      | 39.8 | 26.8 | 78   | 78   |

## More German aid for Ashuganj Power Plant

The German Bank for Financial Cooperation (KfW) will start disbursement of additional funds for rehabilitation of Ashuganj Power Plant of the Bangladesh Power Development Board, reports BSS.

This was announced by Director in-charge of Asia of the KfW R. Stephen Kinneman Monday at the end of his nine-day visit to Bangladesh.

The rehabilitation of Ashuganj Power Plant in an ongoing KfW-funded project for which an additional Deutsche mark 33.8 million equivalent to US dollar 20 million have been allocated under the German technical assistance to Bangladesh.

Dr Kinneman expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Bangladesh government and the Power Development Board to solve the problems of system loss in the energy sector.

## Food situation reviewed

The sixth meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Food Monday took stock of the food situation in the country, reports BSS.

Held at number one committee room at the Sangsad Bhavan, the meeting was presided over by Food Minister Shamsul Islam.

Committee members Abu Yousuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, M A Matin, Musharraf Hussain, Advocate Mohammad Abdul Hamid, Mohammad Abdul Khaleq, Salauddin Kamran, Mirza Azam, Mohammad Shah Alam and Mohammad Aszur Rahman Chowdhury attended.

Secretary, Ministry of Food, A N M Yousuf was also present.

## JS body on estimates meet held

The fifth meeting of the committee on estimates of the Jatiya Sangsad was held at the Sangsad Bhavan Monday with Chairman of the committee Abdur Rouf Chowdhury presiding, reports BSS.

## 283 ganja plants seized at Gazipur

A special squad of the Department of Narcotics Control has seized one kilogram of ganja and 283 ganja plants from Bartoga village of Maona Union under Steepur upazila of Gazipur district, reports BSS.

The seizure was made when the squad raided the village on May 9 on a tip-off, a press release of the department said in Dhaka Sunday.

The accused are absconding and separate cases have been filed in this connection.

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- C) Freedom Fighter candidates shall have to submit certificate signed by the Chairman of Muktiyoddha Sangsad which should be countersigned by the chief patron of Muktiyoddha Sangsad, the president of Bangladesh.
- D) The highest age limit for Muktiyoddha candidate on the last date of submitting application is 32 years.
- E) Applicants claiming themselves as tribal candidates, should submit certificate to the effect from the respective Deputy Commissioner.
- F) All the original certificates concerned should be produced at the time of interview.
- G) Candidates in service should apply through their respective authority channel.
- H) Government rules will be properly followed in selection. Incomplete application is not acceptable.
- I) No TA/DA is admissible for interview.

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