

Dhaka Day by Day

Depicting the Displaced

by Fayza Haq

John Vink, who is here to photograph the Rohingya refugees, had a slide show of his photographs of refugee camps all over the world at the Alliance Francaise. He also helped judge a major photo contest, based on the theme of transport, which was held in the city.

"Refugee camps are supposed to be a temporary situation. They are in a place of transit where long-term ambitions and aspirations are largely submitted to outside conditions. Besides the energy needed to adapt oneself to living conditions in an unusual environment, the refugee is brutally confronted with elementary existential questions like: where will I be next year, what will my life look like in the future, how much of my life or my social relations will I have to give up to fit into my new social environment? The very framework of their life is shattered. The trauma they suffered for having had to abandon their life-habits, very often amplified by the violence that led to that change, is added to the uncertainties of their future," John comments about the refugees, in general.

What are the problems he faced in his job? "I haven't had many difficulties except in the case of transportation, and this was solved by working with 'Medecins Sans Frontieres', an NGO. In India I had to wait for three weeks for authorisation and in Honduras I was kept waiting for weeks again. The camp had tight security and was allowed only two days when I normally spend about a month in each camp," John informed me.

Does he believe that his photographs will help change people's attitude to refugees? "I don't think my job is to change things. Photography doesn't change the world. Yet the world wouldn't be the same without photographs. When a photograph changes the situation it is exceptional," he replied.

Why has he chosen the theme of refugees for his photo essay? "I'm out to inform what is happening. It becomes more evident when you see the actual photographs. Refugees are human like the others. I find it interesting and important to deal with distress. Refugees hardly have any access to the press," John explained.

Why does he confine himself to black and white pictures? "I am a documentary photographer. I am playing with reality and representation of reality. A photo is not a reality but a representation of it."

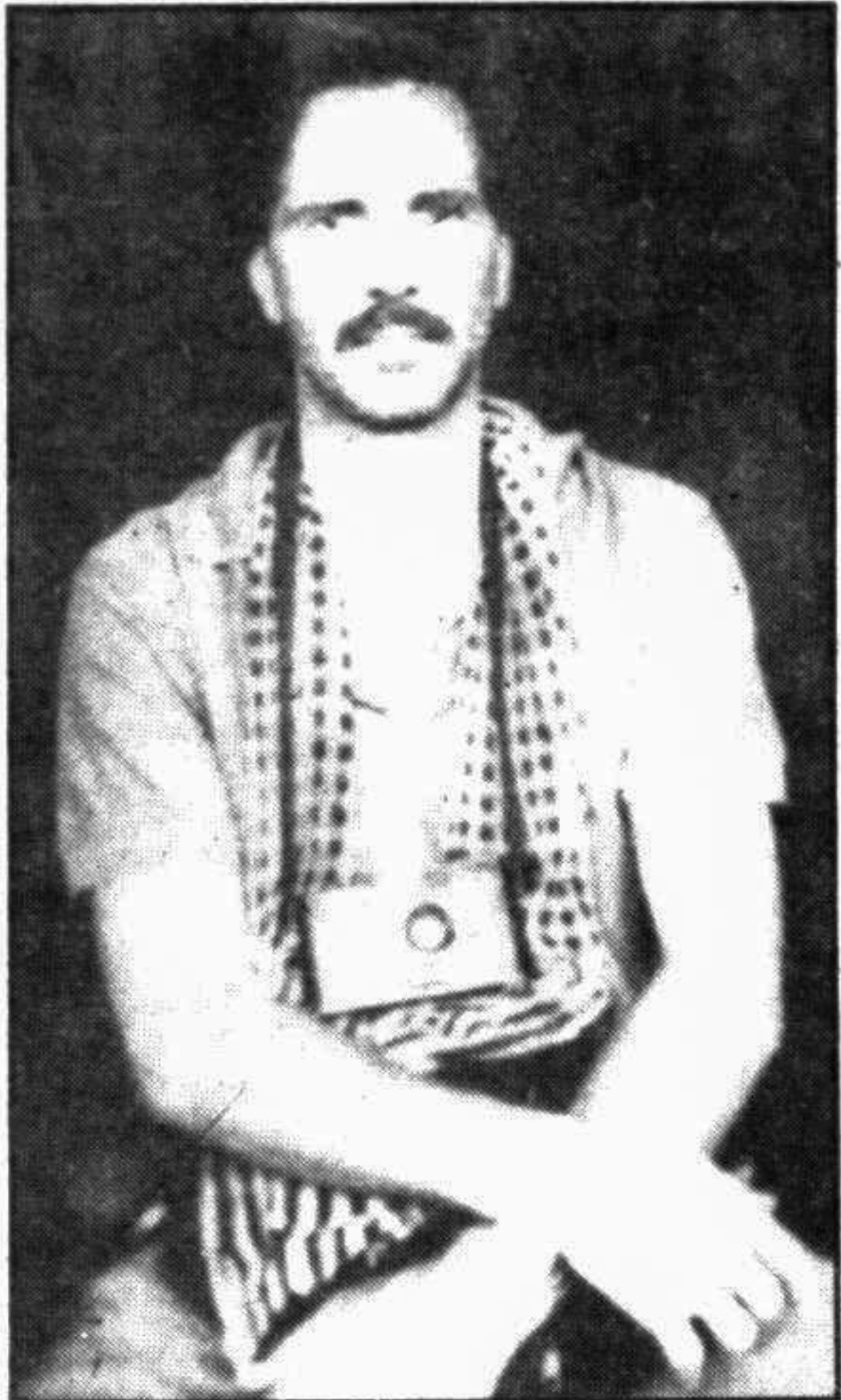
When I take a black and white photo I confirm to the viewer that he is watching a photo and not a reality. If I was working in colour the viewer would have more references with reality and would be close to reality. I find it more honest to work in black and white so that the distinction remains. Photography is a language and I don't consider myself an artist but rather someone who is trying to use a language properly. I submit the information to the aesthetics. The aesthetics are there only to make the things clearer to the viewer. An artist would deal with the matter the other way around," he explained.

I work in available lights. I use two cameras with the same lens. They are no fancy cameras but they are strong, efficient and light. The 44-year-old photographer from Brussels added.

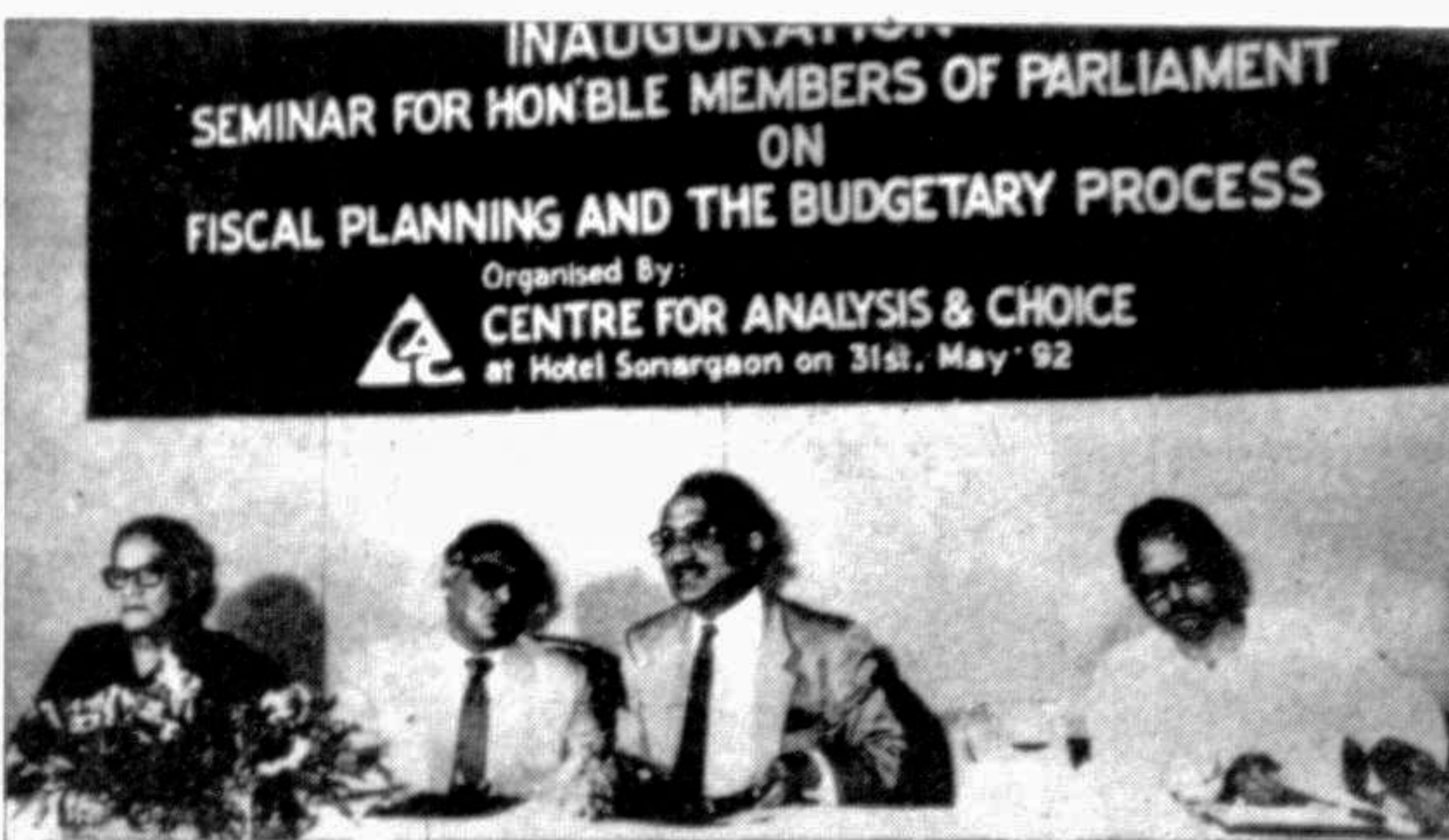
What does he do for financial backing? "I must say that the financial response from the media in this project has been quite limited to say the least. 68% of the production costs (\$46000), until now, was supported by myself. The rest was supported either by my agency in Paris, or by the daily 'Libération'. The help I appreciate most is what I receive systematically from NGOs which are working in the refugee camps. They provide me with lodging and transport for a few prints they use for their own fund-raising programme back home," John said.

Talking about the different places that he had been to, John narrated, "I began with the Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu in 1987. I then photographed the Guatemalan refugees in Mexico. I later went to Honduras where the Salvadoran and Nicaraguan refugees were treated. Then I proceeded to Sudan to photograph the terrible situation that a civil war put its own citizens into. Next I went to Cambodia to photograph the Cambodian Karen and Laotian refugees. I also dealt with the Bulgarian refugees in Turkey, the Afghans in Pakistan, and the displaced people in Malawi, Hungary and Iraq."

"I tried to show the differences or similarities that exist between all these refugees, the way they cope with their problems, be it in the field of transportation, housing, food, fuel, health and child care, education, work, leisure or culture," John concluded about his work.



John Vink



Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali opening a two-day seminar on "Fiscal Policy and the Budgetary Process" for parliament members at a local hotel on Sunday. Centre for Analysis and Choice (CAC) organised the seminar sponsored by Asia Foundation. •UNB photo

Seminar on fiscal planning, budgetary process

Active participation of MPs in preparing budget suggested

A two-day seminar on Fiscal Planning and Budgetary Process ended in Dhaka Monday with a call for active participation of parliament members in the preparation of the national budget, reports UNB.

About 80 MPs attended the seminar on the concluding day as Kazi Jalaluddin Ahmed, a former secretary of parliament and Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, the ERD Secretary, presented

Manik Miah was a bold voice of democratic ideology: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Monday paid profound respect to the memory of journalist, political thinker and uncompromising personality Tofazzal Hossain Manik Miah, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of the 23rd death anniversary of Manik Miah, the President said he (Manik Miah) was a bold voice of the democratic ideology. His far-sighted outlook and sharp writings were the source of inspiration to the people of this country in establishing their rights and achieving independence and freedom, Biswas said. Manik Miah was the symbol of our originality, he added.

President Biswas said Manik Miah had enriched the journalism of the country with his well-thought and timely writings. He had suffered imprisonment and torture for upholding the cause of the masses, Biswas said.

Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Morshed Khan and Additional Secretary of Parliament Secretariat Khandker Abdul Haq Meah were among the main discussants at Monday's first session of the seminar.

Awami League leader Mohiuddin Ahmed MP chaired the concluding session which was addressed, among others, by Enayetullah Khan, Chief Editor of Holiday.

MPs who took part in the discussion included Salauddin Kader Chowdhury, Shamsul Haq, Enamul Haq, Shamsuddoha, Dherendra Deb Nath, Shambhu, Akbar Hossain, Barrister Ziaur Rahman, Maulana Abdus Sobhan, Sudhangshu Sekhar Haldar, Farida Hasan and Hafeza Asma Ahmed.

Khandker Delwar Hossain said that power of MPs was so limited that they had virtually very little to do in the process of budget formulation. He pointed out that according to the rules of procedure, MPs can only discuss the budget after it has been finalised.

He said the tradition is such that the ruling party members usually praise the budget while opposition members criticise it.

Hossain emphasised that the MPs' participation in the formulation of the budget should be ensured. "They

should be able to decide what will get priority and what taxes should be levied on what."

Khandker Abdul Haq Miah said apart from discussing taxation, the parliament should also decide on budgetary expenditure.

He stressed on expansion of MPs' participation in the formulation of the budget before its placement.

Speakers at the discussion maintained that parliament members should also be kept posted on the aid-conditionalities of the donor agencies and countries.

MPs taking part in the seminar also observed that 70 per cent of aid or grants went back to the donors to foot the bills for technology, expertise and consultancy.

ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury in his keynote papers on External Cooperation and Fiscal Policy Formulation, said that fiscal policy in the early 1980s was dominated by financial stabilisation objectives.

Between 1982-83 and 1985-86 the focus was on reducing budget deficit from 11.2 per cent to 7.6 per cent of GDP, which was achieved through cutting back subsidies to fertilizers and rationing system and reducing the size of civil service.

Enayetullah Khan said all the past governments always depended on foreign aid and loans for economic development.

Preparation of new voter list begins June 24

Preparation of fresh voters list will begin June 24 with counting in City Corporation and municipal areas in the first phase, reports UNB.

Enumerators not connected with any political party will move house to house for enlisting the voters, according to a programme announced by the Election Commission Monday.

Elections in municipalities earlier scheduled for June 4 were cancelled following widespread demands for updating the electoral rolls. The voters' list was last prepared in 1989 registering 6,21,94,932 voters in the country.

Announcing the programme, the Election Commission expressed the hope that each and every citizen will extend total cooperation to the officials engaged in preparing faultless electoral rolls.

The programme said: 1) Enumerators will start moving house-to-house from June 24 for enlisting voters; 2) Supervisors to visit houses from June 27 to verify the list;

3) Assistant Registration Officers start verifying at least 10 per cent of enumeration from July 7;

4) Publication of draft electoral rolls - July 12;

5) Last date for filing objection - July 28;

6) Last date for disposal of objections by revising authority - August 13;

7) Last date for incorporation of decisions on objections - August 17; and

8) Publication of final electoral rolls - September 26. The announcement said that District Election Officers will act as Registration Officers. One Assistant Registration Officer is, however, being appointed for every ward in City Corporation and municipal areas.

It further said that one enumerator is being appointed to cover 500 voters or 200 families on an average. One officer will supervise the task of four enumerators. They will be drawn from people not connected with political parties.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period, Meteorological office forecast.

Day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over Chittagong and Dhaka divisions and 2-3 degree over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:43 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:11 am. Rajshahi experienced the highest temperature of 39.6 degree Celsius yesterday.

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

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	9 am 6 pm
Dhaka	34.5	28.5	79 72
Chittagong	32.8	27.0	77 75
Rajshahi	39.6	27.1	78 39
Khulna	36.6	27.2	83 73
Barisal	34.0	28.0	81 79
Cox's Bazar	33.2	27.6	78 84
Sylhet	31.5	20.0	97 95
Bogra	35.5	26.2	78 75

ICTVTR academic body meet held

The eighteenth meeting of the Academic Committee of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR), a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) held Monday '92 in the Board-room of the Centre at Board Bazar, Gazipur, says a press release.

The representatives from the Embassies of Turkey, Malaysia, Iraq in Dhaka and Chairman, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC), Director General Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training and Director General in-Charge of Directorate of Technical Education attended the meeting.

BSD (Khaleq) collects 1500 signatures

By Staff Correspondent

The Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan-led faction of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) collected signatures of over 1500 people of different walks of life in support of the implementation of people's court verdict on Jamaat leader Golam Azam.

A statement issued by the party last night said that the signatures were collected during a day-long drive for collection of mass-signature in favour of the demand through books kept at the Bangladesh Bank corner in the city.

The party also started simi-

lar drive in other parts of the country as part of a country-wide signature-collection drive by the National Coordination Committee for realization of the Spirit of Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971.

Party chief Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan and its workers' front chief Abdullah Sarkar addressed a gathering at the Bangladesh Bank crossing during collection of signatures.

The BSD (Khaleq) will collect mass-signature at Farmgate in the city today (Tuesday).

Agri farm workers go on strike from today

By Staff Correspondent

The workers and employees of 60 agricultural farm and seeds processing centres under Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) go on strike from today (Tuesday) demanding implementation of government policy announced for the agricultural farm workers.

Bangladesh agricultural farm workers federation called the strike as their demands were not fulfilled after a period of two and half years, said a press release by federation president Joydul Abidin and general secretary Nurul Anwar.

WVA's luncheon June 6

Women's Voluntary Association will hold its "Annual International Luncheon" for ladies on June 6, Saturday at Hotel Sonargaon from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be prizes for Raffle and competition of Bridge, Mahjong and Rummy. Fund raised from the event would be spent for the regular health, educational and vocational projects run by WVA for the underprivileged section of the society, says a press release.

Tuesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5.30 Documentary
- 6.00 Shikshangon
- 6.30 Programme on mother and child health
- 7.05 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Drama Series: Swapner Shahar
- 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

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation Krishi Bhavan

49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 (Construction Division)

Tender Notice

1. Tender No 18/91-92
2. Place of selling 1) Cashier, Krishi Bhavan (3rd floor) 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
3. Place of dropping 2) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Comilla.
4. Last date of purchasing tender 1) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), BADC, Dhaka.
5. Date and time of dropping tender 2) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Comilla.
6. Date and time of opening tender 8.30 during the office hours.
7. Eligibility of contractor 9.6.92 up to 12:00 Noon.
8. Particulars of work 9.6.92 at 12:15 PM.

Sl No	Name & Place of work	Estimated amount (in Tk)	Earnest Money (in Tk)	Cost of Tender document (non-refundable) (Tk)	Time for completion days
1.	Extension of cold storage at Chandpur	15,91,567/-	38,500/-	800/-	120 days
9.	Earnest Money in form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of BADC, Dhaka will have to be submitted with the tender, otherwise it will not be accepted.				
10.	Contractor quoting rates more than 10% above or below the estimates shall have to submit itemwise analysis of rates. The analysis of the rates should be consistent with the present market price. In case the analysis is inconsistent with the market price of materials and labour or incomplete or in-correct in any respect and is found not justifiable, the related tender may not be considered to be formal.				
11.	Any other information, if necessary, may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days.				
12.	Security Money (10%) deducted from bills will be refunded after 365 days instead of 180 days as stated in terms and conditions of tender documents clause part 'C' para 10.9 (to be treated as amended).				
13.	The Corporation reserved the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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Md Rafiqul Haq Khan
Chief Engineer (Construction)
BADC, Dhaka.

Special steamer services for Eid-ul-Azha

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) has arranged special steamer services on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Azha to facilitate the passengers movement, a press release of the corporation said in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

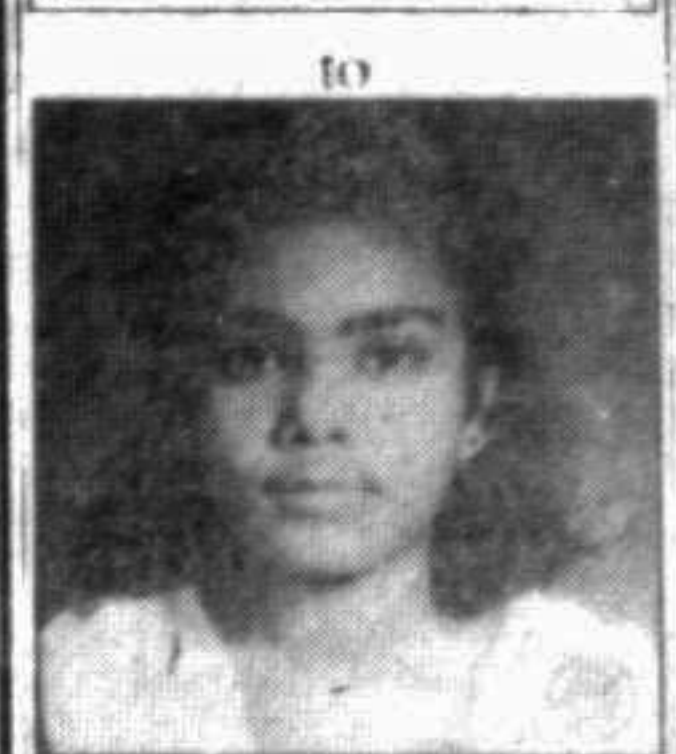
The regular steamer and ferry services will also operate as usual.

The schedule of special steamer service is: June 10 (Wednesday) Dhaka-Barisal at 7 pm, Kumira-Guptachara at 10.30 am and 3.30 pm, Guptachara-Kumira at 7.30 am and 1 pm, on June 11 (Thursday) Barisal-Dhaka at 7 pm, Kumira-Guptachara at 10.30 am and 3.30 pm, Guptachara-Kumira at 7.30 am and 1 pm, Chittagong-Sandwip at 10 am, Sandwip-Chittagong at 5 pm.

Crackers hurled at 'Bhorer Kagaj' office

By Staff Correspondent
Four crackers were exploded at the commercial section of the daily 'Bhorer Kagaj' at Shahbag Monday afternoon. An official of the daily said, an unidentified group of youngsters hurled four crackers at about 4 pm and managed to flee safely.

Happy Birthday



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Abbu & Ammu

Manual Typewriters for Sale

Nine (9) old Olympia English Manual Typewriters (8 pcs having 18" roller and one pc having 24" roller) and one portable typewriter will be sold by CIRDAP. Buyer shall have to pay duties and taxes to Customs Authority. Typewriters are available for inspection at CIRDAP Office from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. during Sunday through Thursday. Written offers may be sent to the Administrative Officer, CIRDAP, Chameli House, 17 Topkhana Road, GPO Box 2883, Dhaka by 16 June 1992. D-300

VIDEO/SLIDE SHOW

To celebrate 'World Environment Day' on June 5, 1992 Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra is organizing slide and video film shows on agriculture and forestry. We hope you will come to the show and give us your valuable opinion/comments.

PROGRAMME

1. WHOSE FORESTS? :18 minutes 4.05-4.23
(a slide production on forestry development in Bangladesh.
2. IN QUEST OF A GOLDEN DREAM 4.30-5.06
36 minutes (video, A critique of the Meghna-Dhonagoda Flood Control and Irrigation Project.

TEA BREAK

3. BEHIND THE GREEN REVOLUTION 5.30-5.48
18 Minutes (a slide production on the question, how green was the green revolution?

TIME : 4 p.m.

VENUE : CDL Auditorium

Address: House 39, Road-14-A
Dhanmondi

Seats will be available on first come first served basis.



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