

Dhaka Day by Day

The Video Scene

by Parveen Anam

On days when it is difficult to decide what to do with oneself, all we have to do is take a little walk down any street in Dhaka. And lo and behold! The amusement seeker is never disappointed. For the video shops dotting the roads, alleys, by-roads, are enough to give him a choice of a life-time. On the amusement scene, that is. More often than not, he is likely to go home, a gorgeous video addict. By the time he is through with the choice (though, he will be a mess, mentally anyway, trying to make up his mind. Indecision carried to such lengths

is a positive hindrance, to the best of brains. Some old fogies will shake their heads and sigh in memories of days gone by, when the ultimate choice was deciding which book to borrow or buy. An exchange of notes on books, provided hours of enjoyment, along with the increase in general knowledge, vocabulary, etc.

But all that is now in the past; and a generation has sprung up which seems genetically allergic to anything in print. The video seems a better bet any day they think. They are not too much at fault, though. Books are getting to be a rare commodity as the authorities seem allergic to libraries. Curious, this allergy business. Contagious, perhaps? The latest is to exchange notes on videos. The Hindi ones are of course the 'in' thing, and there are times when you get the distinct impression that they are more popular here than in Bombay. Whatever would the industry in Bombay do, if Dhaka were to shut its video stores?

Next in line, comes the western ones all 'Made in Hollywood'. It is all very well for the censor board, to sit in their royal role, and slash here and cut there with the TV pro-

grammes. But what about the video scene? Has anybody ever thought it worth their while to take a little peek at the trash being brought into the country in the name of video entertainment? The 'entertainment' is enough to make the staunchest blanch. No wonder the over-worked, underpaid police department is having such a strenuous time, keeping up with the criminals. They (criminals) are getting the latest on the crime picture from the uncensored videos and applying it with the utmost zeal, to create their own crime scene. All this has just managed to escape the attention of the 'mighty powers'.

They are too busy with their petty squabbles, one gingerly points out. Every once in a while, we are informed in the pages of the dailies that the 'young ones' are being corrupted by the screening of 'undesirable films' but the simple souls apparently have a totally different view of 'undesirable' from the enlightened view of the authorities. It is marvelous, how these films always escape the much publicised 'anti-smuggling' drives. So one is apparently to presume, in all innocence, that they have been brought in after paying the dutiful dues and taxes. That again brings us to the question of the censor board, being maintained at

the tax payers expense with no thought of the tax payers tastes. By the time we have managed to think all this out, we get the distinct impression that we are all going around the 'mulberry bush', which is an innocent pastime, compared to what the video clubs and stores have to offer us at any given time. At least the amusement seeker is satisfied. We hope. It is all a question of individual taste. But what if a magic wand were to transfer all these stores into libraries, overnight? Ah well. 'Hope springs eternal in the human breast' they say.



PIB training course ends

A 15-day training course for sub-editors of mufassil desk ended at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) in Dhaka Monday, reports UNB.

PIB chairman Gazi Shamsur Rahman distributed certificates among the participants at the concluding session of the course yesterday



- 5:00 Opening announcement
- 5:10 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Gecca
- 5:30 Documentary: A day in the life of a woman
- 6:00 Shikshangon
- 6:30 Maayeder Jannya: 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



- Tuesday**
- 00:00 hrs World News
 - 00:25 World Business Report
 - 00:40 Spotlight English
 - 01:00 World News
 - 01:25 Tomorrow's World
 - 02:00 World News
 - 02:25 Wagan
 - 03:00 World News
 - 03:25 Taking Liberties
 - 04:00 News from London
 - 04:25 TBA
 - 05:00 World News
 - 05:15 The Money Programme
 - 06:00 World News
 - 06:30 News from London
 - 07:00 World News
 - 07:10 World Business Report
 - 07:25 UN World
 - 08:00 World News
 - 08:25 Taking Liberties
 - 09:00 World News
 - 09:25 Newsnight
 - 10:00 World News
 - 10:15 The Money Programme
 - 11:00 World News
 - 11:25 TBA
 - 12:00 World News
 - 12:15 40 Minutes
 - 13:00 World News
 - 13:30 Business Morning
 - 14:00 Morning News from London
 - 16:00 World News
 - 16:25 Whicker's World
 - 17:00 World News
 - 17:25 Business Matters
 - 18:00 World News
 - 18:25 TBA
 - 19:00 World News
 - 19:15 Panorama
 - 20:00 News from London
 - 20:25 Crime Lid
 - 21:00 World News
 - 21:25 Whicker's World
 - 22:00 World News
 - 22:25 Tomorrow's World
 - 23:00 World News
 - 23:15 The Money Programme

(Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)



- 00:00 hrs 120 Minutes
- 03:00 Music Videos
- 05:00 The Day in Rock
- 05:30 MTV Sports
- 06:00 Awake on the Wild Side
- 09:00 MTV Power Pack
- 10:00 MTV's Most Wanted
- 11:00 Classic MTV
- 12:00 Awake on the Wild Side
- 13:00 Music Videos - VJ
- 15:00 Danny McGill
- 18:00 Music Videos
- 20:00 The Day in Rock
- 20:30 MTV Sports
- 21:00 MTV Power Pack
- 22:00 MTV's Most Wanted
- 23:00 Classic MTV

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- 00:00 hrs Remington Steele
- 01:00 Movie: Repulsion
- 02:30 Invention
- 03:00 The Tony Randall Show
- 03:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 04:00 Sally Jessy Raphael
- 05:00 Santa Barbara
- 06:00 Attitudes
- 07:00 Everyday Workout
- 07:30 Kingdom Adventure
- 08:00 Animated Classics
- 09:00 Terrahawks
- 09:30 Dr Fad Show
- 10:00 Children's Room
- 10:30 Jupiter Moon
- 11:00 Attitudes
- 12:00 Jane Wallace
- 13:00 Santa Barbara
- 14:00 Sally Jessy Raphael
- 15:00 Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous
- 16:00 Cuisine Rapide
- 16:30 Mac & Mutley
- 17:00 Adventures on Kythera
- 17:30 Kidsongs
- 18:00 Jupiter Moon
- 18:30 Just for the Record
- 19:00 Earth Summit
- 20:00 Remington Steele
- 20:50 Hollywood Stars
- 21:00 Movie: Suburrgo
- 22:00 The Tony Randall Show
- 23:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
- 23:30 Fame Fortune & Romance

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Police favouring Jamaat-Shibir: Nirmul Committee

By Staff Correspondent

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee on Monday criticised police role and alleged that police were favouring Jamaat-Shibir activists and harassing the committee supporters in different parts of the country.

Referring to the case of Abul Hashem, a city committee leader who was arrested on May 25, Coordinator of the Nirmul Committee said at a press briefing that "Hashem was entangled in a filthy case to mar the image of the committee."

Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzzaman told newsmen at the committee office that truth would be revealed if the medical report of the case was published. He demanded, immediate release of Abul Hashem.

"We have information that the medical report has been sent to police on May 28 but the investigation officer not yet submits the report to the court till Monday morning," the committee leader said adding that "police are not submitting the medical report intentionally to keep the committee leader Hashem behind the bar."

The Committee Coordinator said that there was a lot of anomalies between the FIR (first information report) and the reports published in three newspapers, branded as Jamaat supporters, on the issue.

But a certain quarter was 'Lower fuel price to save water transport business'

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Cargo Vessels Owners Association in a statement Monday reiterated its demand to fix fuel price at pre-Gulf War level.

It mentioned that due to the Gulf War, fuel prices increased 102 per cent which left the inland cargo vessels business at a stake.

The association said despite repeated appeals to the government to lower the fuel price, the demand had been put aside.

It said if the demand was not met immediately, the inland water transport business might not be able to recover from the losses it suffered.

JU eid, summer vacation from tomorrow

Classes of Jahangirnagar University will remain closed for long 45 days from June 10 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and summer vacation, reports UNB.

The university will reopen on July 26, JU officials said. However, departmental and other administrative offices will remain open from June 19.

Anniversary of Fazal Hazary's death Thursday

The death anniversary of eminent journalist Chowdhury Mohammad Abul Fazal Hazary will be observed at his 34 Kadamtala residence in Dhaka on June 11 (Thursday), reports BSS.

Kangali bhaj and Quran khwai will be held from morning till afternoon and mid-late mahfil will be held after Asr prayers.

BJA, BJE team call on Jute Minister

Professor Rezaul Karim MP, Chairman, Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) and MA Wahab, Chairman, Bangladesh Jute Exporters Association (BJEA) along with some jute merchants and jute spinners (Monday) called on jute

Minister ASM Hannan Shah at his office, reports BSS. They requested the minister to waive the bank interest and penalty interest (dandodosh) on their bank loans and withdraw the cases against them.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M. V. "PANAMA SENATOR" V-EM 215 from Rotterdam, Antwerp, ex. M. V. "METZ CANADA" V-01 from Montreal have been relayed to M. V. "CGM BRETAGNE" V-9205, Import Rotation No. 430/92, is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 10.6.92 from Singapore.

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Devotees of Matua community in cheerful mood. Story on page 1 — Star photo

Proper management can bring back past glory of jute: Hannan

Jute Minister Hannan Shah said in Dhaka Monday the past glory of the jute sector could be regained through initiatives and efficient management, reports BSS.

The Minister was laying the foundation stone of the Adamjee Court second annex bhaban at Motijheel Commercial area.

Hannan Shah referred to the present frustrating situation in the jute sector and said such unwanted situation could be overcome provided there were sincere efforts from all quarters in stopping misuse and mismanagement. The prospect and potentiality of jute and jute goods have not died down. Rather its impor-

ance has been realised worldwide for its durability and safe environmental qualities, he added.

The Jute Minister appreciated the management of the Adamjee Sons Ltd Dhaka for undertaking the construction of its second annex bhaban from its own earnings. He said it would positively put an impetus to the public sector enterprises.

Jute Secretary M. Akhtar Ali who is the ex-officio-administrator of the Adamjee Sons

Ltd was present on the occasion

General Manager Mohammad Siddique Ullah said the estimated cost of the ten-story second annex bhaban of Adamjee Court would be Taka 6.5 crore. Annual income from the building is expected to stand at Taka 1.70 crore. Last year, the Adamjee Sons Ltd earned a net profit of Taka 38 lakh after paying income tax of Taka 40 lakh. It donated Taka 5 lakh to social welfare purposes.

Weather Day temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the region of Comilla and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period over the country.

Rainfall activities would increase in subsequent two days, forecast Met office.

Rainfall was recorded on Monday in many parts of the country which was 14 mm in Dhaka, 38 mm in Feni, 32 mm in Sitakundu, 23 mm in Rangamati, 27 mm in Comilla and 16 mm in Sandwip.

The sun sets in Dhaka today (Tuesday) at 6-46 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5-11 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	23.0	85	74
Chittagong	32.0	26.8	72	72
Rajshahi	35.3	22.8	67	50
Khulna	35.5	25.8	71	66
Feni	31.6	25.1	-	-
Bhola	33.0	25.6	89	77
Cox's Bazar	33.5	27.5	69	75
Sylhet	28.5	20.5	78	75
Rangpur	29.6	21.5	87	74
Satkhira	36.4	-	-	71

Oli opens Rail Bhavan

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Monday inaugurated the newly constructed Rail Bhavan, the headquarter of Bangladesh Railway, adjacent to the Osmani Auditorium in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The first phase of the 16 storied building has been completed at a cost of Taka 6.52 crore. The first phase covered construction of three floors with a floor area of 2880 square metre. When completed the total floor area of the building will be about 19000 square metre.

The Communications Minister unveiled the plaque of the building which was followed by a mid-late mahfil.

State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Syed Hasan Ahmed, Railway Secretary Syed Shamim Ahsan, Roads and Highways Secretary Manzurul Karim, attended the mid-late.

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