

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Purple Lips Season

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

As the heat brings us down with merciless ferocity, we often wish we were the inhabitants of Alaska. No amount of iced water, showers and wishful thinking seems to cool us down. When one enters an office one may see quite a few of its occupants taking their daily siesta as early as 11 O'clock in the morning to take a break from the enervating temperature. But wait. There is something rather curious about those sleeping faces as well as the ones that are awake. It is the lips that draw attention. They have taken on a most unusual and rather alarming colour. Purple-blue lips are everywhere. Is it the heat? Is it a variation of jaundice? Hepatitis D perhaps? Such speculation is unnecessary and may create undue panic. The culprit of this discoloration is no other than those blue berries we so fondly call 'jaam', and what a 'jam' we are in when the boss catches us popping one of those purple fruits into our mouths in the middle of the waking day! Never fear, he may be doing the same in the privacy of his room. Some like their 'jaams' spiced up with mustard oil, salt and chilli powder, some like them plain. But whatever the recipe, they want it again.

'Jaam' is not the only fruit that compensates the heat and provide a respite from it. This season offers the best of succulent 'lichee' mouthwatering 'mangoes' and refreshing 'jam-rools'. As if you didn't know.

The varieties of mango are deliciously endless — 'Langra', 'Fazli', 'Gopal Bhog', 'Kersha Patil', 'Ranjbhog' etc. Walking past the baskets of these golden green delights with their sweet fragrance is intoxicating enough.

Other relatively, less tempting fruits are the pineapples, star-shaped yellow green kamaramangas and of course the ever abundant 'poor man's fruit' — 'kanthal' (jack fruit), whose rather strong fragrance ensures an even headier experience. An orange coloured, tomato shaped fruit may also be seen in this season which some people call 'kau' and has delicious sweet and sour sections inside.



Oh! Those tempting delights!

Then there is ever faithful coconut milk the best thirst quencher on the streets of Dhaka. Although usually a little warm because of the heat, the subtle sweetness of the coconut juice never fails to satisfy the parched passerby. What is even more delightful is after the water has been drunk another surprise awaits when the shell is split open. A scoop of the soft white delicacy of coconut flesh melts in the mouth, and for a second one is lost in delicious ecstasy. Mother Nature, after all, has her own way of making up to man for those cruel sun rays that scorch his habitat Earth, along with him.

The only snag to mar the joys of these heavenly delights is that they cannot be enjoyed by everyone. Prices of those fruits are beyond the reach of most people. A hundred liches will cost Tk 100 today and Tk 120 by tomorrow. Since there are people who will not bat an eyelid even if they cost Tk 300, the hawkers will hike up the prices indiscriminately and mercilessly, according to their whim. Prices of mangoes, too, undergo drastic fluctuations from Tk 60 per kg to Tk 120 per kg or higher. When you helplessly ask the hawker why they are so expensive he will readily reply 'the season is ending, naturally the prices will increase.' The season will be ending, of course, according to the hawkers' will.

The only option left for most of us is to stick to good old 'jaam' which costs between Tk 18 to Tk 20 per kg. The price of 'jaam' fruits is also fairly stable because of an abundant supply. Jaam

trees can be seen in all the residential areas of Dhaka. Birds seem to have a great fondness for these fruits and scatter the seeds all over the place and so the prolific growth. For the street urchins who pick the berries from the grounds this is a free treat they look forward to on their daily paper collecting routine. There is no doubt that 'jaam' is a sure winner in the fruit since most people can actually afford it. If the lips do go a little purple, the tongue a little blue, the tangy, sweet taste of those violet delectable are certainly worth this slight inconvenience don't you think?

### Biswas, Khaleda greet Corazon

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Sunday felicitated Corazon C Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines on the occasion of her national day.

In a message to Corazon Aquino, President Biswas expressed his best wishes for her good health and happiness and the people of Philippines progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday felicitated Corazon C Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines on the occasion of its 94th national day, reports BSS.

In a message to Corazon Aquino, Prime Minister Begum Zia expressed hope that the existing friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened. Begum Zia wished her personal well-being and the people of Philippines progress and prosperity.

### Malaysian Sports Minister Anwar Musa in city

Malaysian Minister for Sports Senator Haji Anwar Musa arrived in city Sunday on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain received him at the airport.

### Speaker off to Colombo

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali left for Colombo Sunday at the invitation of his Sri Lankan counterpart to participate in the first four-day SAARC Speakers conference scheduled to begin there from Sunday, reports BSS.

He is expected to return on June 17.

### BUET exams to begin July 1

The final examinations of the 1989-90 session of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), scheduled for June 23, have been deferred by a week, reports AP.

According to a BUET notification Sunday the exams will now begin on July 1.

The overall routine for the examinations had not been changed.

### Monday

- 5.00 Opening announcement: Al-Quran
- 5.10 Programme summary
- 5.15 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Cartoon: The Great Space Coaster
- 5.50 Sports programme
- 6.20 Jibon O Prokusti
- 7.05 Debate
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Janomat
- 9.00 Barnali
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Highway to Heaven
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tuesday's Programme
- 11.45 Closing



### Monday

- 00:00 hrs World News
- 00:25 How do you Manage?
- 01:00 World News
- 01:25 The Racing Game
- 02:00 World News
- 02:10 Assignment
- 03:00 World News
- 03:25 The Late Show 2
- 04:00 World News
- 04:25 The Late Show 2
- 05:00 World News
- 05:25 On the Record
- 06:00 World News
- 06:25 Everyman
- 07:00 World News
- 07:25 World Business Report
- 08:00 World News
- 08:25 Tomorrow's World
- 09:00 World News
- 09:15 The Money Programme
- 10:00 World News
- 10:25 Wogan
- 11:00 World Headline
- 11:05 Documentary
- 12:00 World News
- 12:25 Where on Earth
- 13:00 World News
- 13:30 Business Morning
- 14:00 Morning News from London
- 14:25 World headlines
- 15:00 Documentary
- 15:05 World News
- 16:00 World News
- 16:25 Wogan
- 19:00 World News
- 19:25 Where on Earth
- 20:00 World News
- 20:25 News from London
- 21:00 World News
- 21:15 The Money Programme
- 22:00 World Headlines
- 22:05 Documentary
- 23:00 World News
- 23:25 Wogan



### Monday

- 00:00 hrs Music Videos — VJ Danny McGill
- 03:00 Music Videos
- 05:00 The Day in Rock
- 05:30 1/2 Hour Comedy
- 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
- 15:00 Music Videos — VJ Danny McGill
- 18:00 Music Videos
- 20:00 The Day in Rock
- 20:30 1/2 Hour Comedy
- 21:00 MTV Power Pack
- 22:00 MTV's Most Wanted
- 23:00 Classic MTV

### STAR Plus Monday

- 00:00 hrs Blue Blood
- 01:00 Movie: That Cold Day in the Park
- 03:00 Relative Strangers
- 03:30 The Bold & the Beautiful
- 04:00 Donahue
- 05:00 Santa Barbara
- 06:00 Attitudes
- 07:00 Everyday Workout
- 07:30 Snuggles
- 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 Image Workshop
- 13:00 Santa Barbara
- 14:00 Donahue
- 15:00 The Great Moghuls
- 15:30 Fame Fortune & Romance
- 16:00 Frugal Gourmet
- 16:30 Mac & Mutley
- 17:00 Adventures on Kythera
- 17:30 Out of Control
- 18:00 Jupiter Moon
- 18:30 Jack Thomson Down Under
- 19:00 Video Fashion
- 19:30 Travel Travel
- 20:00 Blue Blood
- 20:50 Hollywood Stars
- 21:00 Movie: Terror from Under the House
- 22:30 Relative Strangers
- 23:00 The Bold & the Beautiful
- 23:30 Runaway with the Rich & Famous



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia hosted a reception to diplomats Friday on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. — PID photo

### Work as bridge between govt, people, Oli to tribals

RANGAMATI, June 14: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has called upon the leaders of the tribal communities to work as a bridge between people and the government for peace and development in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the members of the local government councils here last Thursday.

The minister said that unfortunately the gap between the people and the government in the past was widened. But, he said, the present government was determined to remove this gap by bringing the tribal people in the mainstream of national life.

Oli Ahmed said this government believes that each and every citizen of the country is asset for the nation and all are of equal dignity.

### Tk 8 cr smuggled goods seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, June 14: Law enforcing agency personnel seized smuggled goods worth over Taka seven crore, ninety nine lakh and seventy seven thousand, and arrested four hundred and seventy five smugglers during the last six months from Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Naogaon, reports BSS.

they also seized drug worth over Taka one crore and fifty lakh, and silver worth Taka five lakh during the period. The sources said that anti-smuggling drive was strengthened in the border areas to check smuggling. Meanwhile, eight notorious smugglers of Chapainawabganj were arrested by police on Friday.

Informed sources said that

### Obituary

CHITTAGONG, June 14: Venerable Dharmajyoti Mohathero, high priest of Satbaria Shanti Bihar, Chardanaish died of old age complications yesterday, reports BSS. He was 85. Late Dharmajyoti Mohathero, a disciple of Venerable Ayyotishhya Mohathero, left behind a number of disciples devotees, relatives and well wishers to mourn his death.

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### Spurious medicines recovered, nine held in Khulna

KHULNA, June 14: Police arrested nine pharmaceutical employees and recovered huge quantity of spurious medicines worth about Tk 10 lakh from Labanchura in the city on Friday, reports UNB.

Police also seized two trucks and a trowler used for transporting the medicines packed in 232 packets.

The medicines mostly antibiotics of Ipiclox, Iptimox and Ipicilli groups are allegedly manufactured by Islami Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd

(IPI). The medicines were later proved spurious in chemical tests.

Mentionable that Abdus Sobhan Mridha established the pharmaceutical industry at Shromoni area in the town with the financial assistance from Agrani Bank three years back.

The medicines in two trucks from IPI were being loaded in a Barguna district bound trowler at Labanchura and on the basis of secret information police seized the medicines.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### Department of Women's Affairs

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## Admission Notice

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  - (b) Minimum educational qualification for admission in Certificate in Secretarial Science (CSS) course must be HSC or equivalent examination passed.
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  - (d) Minimum educational qualification for admission into Training-in-Business Typing course must be SSC or equivalent examination passed.
  - (e) After completion of the training the successful candidates will get help to get jobs through the "Employment Exchange Centre" Women's Affairs Department.
  - (f) Candidates who have already registered their names in the "employment centre" of Women's Affairs Department will get the preference for admission in to the above courses. Previously trained but unemployed candidates registered with employment centre of WAD will get the facilities for practicing their lesson in the Academy.
2. Procedure of admission:
  - (a) Applications for both the courses shall be made in the prescribed forms to be supplied by the Academy from 29-6-92 during all working days (from 9 AM to 2 PM). No application will be accepted for admission after 30-6-92.
  - (b) For detailed information about the above course please contact Principal, National Training Academy, Department of Women's Affairs, 37/3, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka during office hours on all working days as mentioned above.

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### Armed Forces celebrates Eid-ul-Azha

The Holy Eid-ul Azha was celebrated by the Armed Forces with due solemnity and religious fervour, says press release.

In Dhaka, main Eid congregation of the Bangladesh Army was held at the Garrison mosque where Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan, Principal Staff Officers and other senior army officers offered their Eid prayers.

Main Eid congregation of the Bangladesh Navy was held at the BNS Haji Mohsin.



### Colin Imray awarded Knight Commander

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Colin Imray has been awarded the rank of Knight Commander of the most excellent order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in her birth day honours list published Saturday, reports UNB.

A press release issued by the British High Commission here said that its first secretary Brian Adams has been awarded the rank of officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

The third British citizen to be honoured is Fiona Doby who has been made a member of the same Order (MBE) for her contribution to the British aid programme in Bangladesh.

### Weather

#### No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Little change in weather would be noticed in subsequent two days.

26 mm rain as recorded at Khepupara Sunday, 16 mm at Majdee Court, 13 mm in Rangamatli, and 8 mm each in Sylhet, Srimangal and Feni.

The sun sets today (Monday) in Dhaka at 6-48 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5-11.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.8	25.3	73	60
Chittagong	33.0	25.9	75	75
Rajshahi	34.0	33.9	78	79
Khulna	34.6	22.2	90	78
Barisal	31.6	24.5	83	89
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.0	74	78
Sylhet	30.6	22.2	88	85
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Jessore	35.0	24.0		

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