

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Of Cyclonic Waves and Flood Warnings

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Speaking to Dr D L Cadet, Deputy Director, Centre for Sciences of the Universe, Paris, one gathered quite a bit of information about cyclonic waves and flood warnings.

Talking on the subject of how to improve flood and cyclone warnings he said, "One way, which I believe is already going on in Bangladesh is the use of satellite imagery, which tells you in which direction the cyclonic wave is moving. SPAARSO has provided me with statistics of the cyclones that have affected Bangladesh since the beginning of this century. From these statistics the path of the coming cyclone can be forecasted. However, it is the awareness of the people that is also vital the messages must reach the people so that they can take necessary caution."

Dr Cadet has been doing research on summer monsoons and cyclones, and had given a lecture on floods and the heavy precipitation of rain, associated with the monsoon, at the Alliance Francaise.

When asked why there were not adequate warnings for the floods and cyclones in the Tropical belt, he told me that that other regions had the same problem, such as places like Martinique in the Caribbean, where nearly all the island was destroyed, and about five people had died. "The Met Office in Bangladesh has always had the information, but sending the messages in an adequate manner has remained a major problem," he insisted.

Discussing the fact if there had been any panic in Europe, that the people of Bangladesh might have land up in France or Germany — as had been the case in Australia in '88, Dr Cadet replied, "The fear in France is that people from Northern African region might want to seek jobs in France. Europe is too far away from Bangladesh from the Bangladeshis to come there."

When I questioned him if it was possible to build embankments in Bangladesh, as has been done in Europe, the professor explained that it took the people of Netherlands alone, hundreds of years to build their embankments. It is a job that they have been doing forever, he added. Buildings of dams and embankments is a long

term project, he explained.

Elaborating on the problems in Bangladesh, the professor said "There has been no adequate forecasting or warning in '88, which I believe was the worst cyclone I believe that hit the country this century." He added "It's a huge project, this business of warning, and delivering the signals in time. Another factor that has to be kept in mind, if for example, you are making embankments, you have to be careful about the ecology. It might have grave after effects. You have to be careful about it, although it is imperative that something should be done in time."

Analysing the causes of floods the professor said "It is because of the heavy precipitation during that monsoon that the trouble begins. There is another factor: the monsoon is fluctuating. We are beginning to understand only now why the monsoon is changing. There are problems in the Tropical belt, particularly in the Pacific Ocean, which affects Asia and the Asian monsoons."

He added, "The memory of the people is so short that it didn't happen before. From the data that I gathered there have been droughts and floods in Bangladesh since 1875."

Asked about the types of cyclones and floods, Dr Cadet replied that each time it rained too much there have had floods, unless one puts dams and embankments, as has been done in Europe. "We use the energy of dams in Europe for electricity, as you know. In 1902, Paris had been flooded too," he added.

"The cyclones are a very big phenomena. They are different in the varied parts of the world, and they give different names in different places. In the China Sea they call it 'typhoons', in Bangladesh it is termed 'cyclone', Dr Cadet replied, when asked about the different types of cyclones. He himself has never eyewitnessed the after effects of cyclones but has seen the reports on television.

Dr Cadet has been educated in Europe and USA, and is living 'happily ever after' with his wife, Lisette, whom he met as a student, along with his two children.



Dr D L Cadet



State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Lutfar Rahman Khan receiving documents for US relief equipment from American Ambassador William B Milam.

## PDB takes disciplinary actions against 900

Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) has taken disciplinary actions against 900 officers and employees of the board for their failure in reducing system loss upto the desired level, reports BSS.

The measures, carried over a period of eight years beginning June 1984, so far punished 715 officers and 182 employees.

The board sources Sunday said since the drive to contain system loss has been intensified from January this year, 61 staffs including 48 officers have been punished and cases have been instituted against 87 officers and employees for their failure to attain the target. Disciplinary cases against

253 officers and employees over a period of eight years are awaiting disposal, sources added.

Power Development Board, in the meantime, under an action plan has fixed 20 per cent system loss to be attained by June 1993. The authorities have also declared awarding reward and punishments to officers and employees on their performances.

System loss in June, 1992 was found to be 25 per cent, when board's account receivable was 5.5 months. Under the action plan, the amount receivable will be brought down to 3.5 months by next June.

The punishment included

dismissal, removal compulsory retirement from service. Recovery of loss caused to the board because of failure to attain target (system loss target) and withholding of increment in salary are also included in punishment.

The reward announced by the board to encourage officers and employees work for reducing system loss included honorarium equivalent to salary ranging from 15 days to 45 days.

Performances of persons are being assessed and likely to be announced next month, sources added.

The action plan approved by the Energy Ministry became effective from this month.

## Bangladesh may export 110m carbon electrodes

Bangladesh is expected to get an annual export order of 110 million pieces carbon electrodes from Senegal and Iran, reports UNB.

Kay and Que (Bangladesh) Ltd, the country's lone manu-

facturer of Carbon electrode drycell battery said this in a press release issued here yesterday.

The export order will constitute more than 50 per cent of Kay and Que's installed production capacity.

The company has already exported 38.50 lakh pieces of carbon electrodes to Senegal during the month of July this year.

It recently has received

firm export demands for its product from Iran, Pakistan and West African Republic of Senegal, Cameroon and Mali.

Certain quantities of the product have already been exported to some of the buyers on trial basis during the current year, the release said.

Kay and Que set up under technical collaboration of STC, South Korea, in the private sector, resumed its production at the end of 1989.

## Mahmood Ali made envoy to Germany

Additional Foreign Secretary AH Mahmood Ali has been appointed Bangladesh's Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, an official press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

A career diplomat, Ali joined erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service in 1966 and held different important posts at home and abroad.

He served as the First Secretary and Acting Consul General of the country's missions in New York from 1971 to 1975 and later was the Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi. Ali was the deputy chief of mission in Beijing before he became Ambassador to Bhutan in 1986.



Dr Rahim B Talukder, Director and Professor, Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, distributing certificates to the participants of the Management Training Course conducted by Rapport Bangladesh Limited as chief guest recently. M Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport also seen in the picture.



**Monday**

5:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Pro-gramme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:20 Recitation from the Geeta

5:25 Euro Cup'92 Semi final: Denmark vs Netherlands

7:05 TV debate

8:00 News in Bangla

8:30 Aponar Shasthya

9:00 Barnal

10:00 News in English

10:25 Parliament roundup

10:35 Film show: Hill Street Blues

11:30 Khabar/The news

11:40 Tuesday's programme summary

11:45 Closing

## What's on today . . . .

### Meet with Pak team

A bilateral meeting between the visiting team of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) will be held today (Monday) at the BJA building at Narayanganj at 11 am.

### Drama show

Natyachakra will stage its new play "Hayana" today (Monday) at Mohila Samity Mancha at 7 pm.

### Bangla Academy press confce

Bangla Academy will hold a press conference today (Monday) at the academy auditorium at 5 pm on the occasion of the agreement for assembling of Bangla electronic typewriter between the academy and Saptasindhu Ltd.

### Rotary Club of Dhaka North

The 25th installation meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North for 1992-93 will be held today (Monday) at Sonargaon Hotel at 5.30 pm.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be the chief guest of the ceremony.

### Rotary Club of Dhaka Central meet

The 413th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held today (Monday) at 1 pm at family lounge of Dhaka Club. Rtn PDG Aziz-ul-Haq will be the chief guest and will speak on the 75th anniversary of Rotary Foundation.

### Musical show

Singers Saadi Mohammad and Shakila Zafar will hold a musical show at the National Museum today (Monday) at 7 pm.

### Training course on jute techniques

The inaugural ceremony of the international training course on "Specialised techniques in jute and kenaf breeding" organised by International Jute Organisation and Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) will be held today (Monday) at 9 am in the conference room of BJRI.

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### Workshop on fruits

The regional workshop on the utilization of traditional and under exploited fruits and nuts in Asia will begin tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9 am at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) conference room.

### Holy Cross School exhibition

A three-day science exhibition of the Holy Cross Girls High School will begin tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8:30 am.

## Weather

### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or shower is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday).

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country, the Met office forecasts, adding that rain fall activities may decrease at the end of the week.

Yesterday (Sunday) the country experienced rainfall at many places. Chief amount of rainfalls recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm were: Khulna 58 mm, Chittagong 29 mm, Patuakhali and Kutubdia 18 mm each, Teknaf 17 mm and Khepupara 16 mm.

The maxim temperature of 32.0 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi yesterday and the minimum of 21.4 degree was reported from Comilla.

The sun sets today at 6.48 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.23 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	30.1	25.6	89	77
Chittagong	29.0	24.0	100	90
Rajshahi	32.0	25.0	89	98
Khulna	29.2	25.2	86	100
Cox's Bazar	28.4	24.5	93	89
Sylhet	30.8	24.5	82	86
Dinajpur	31.0	24.5	90	73
Jessore	29.5	25.8		

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. Pacific Arrow V-27039 from Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama, Hongkong, M.V. Thames V- 12327 from Hongkong, M.V. Asian Venture V-05273 & M.V. Rhine Maru V- 22272 from Genoa, M.V. California Venus V-67376 from Keelung have been relayed to M.V. NEW GENLORD V-7992 Imp. Rot. No. 548 /92 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 21.07.1992 from Singapore.

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The next step was to send out applications for the research fellowship. And believe me it took some doing. Hunting for addresses. Electric-typing each application. Photocopying all the certificates. And stamps, stamps, stamps. Posted each envelope personally. Settled down to a long wait. The postman became Man of the Year. But every evening found an empty mailbox. Until a moment ago. "It's Harvard, no less!" I think I deserve a Gold Leaf now.

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## Need for planned family stressed

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Planning Strajul Huq underlined the need for a social movement in building corruption free society and for planned family in the country, reports UNB.

He was addressing as chief guest at a function arranged by the Family Planning Services and Training Centre (FPSTC) on the occasion of its 15th founding day.

They Deputy Minister also stressed the need for coordination of the on-going family planning programmes taken by the government and non-government organisations.

The function was presided over by Rafiquzzaman, Director General of Family Planning Directorate, and Director for Population Affairs, USAID. Devit Peet was present as special guest.

## NOTICE REGARDING OFFICE SHIFTING OF RECRUITING AGENCY:

Notified for all concerned that the office of the recruiting agency M/S Unique Easterns (Pvt) Ltd, has been shifted to the following new address as per permission letter no: ESRL-(3)/27/82/874, Dt. 11/07/92 issued by the Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training.

**OLD ADDRESS**  
House 32, Road 18/A, Banani, Dhaka.

**NEW ADDRESS**  
Gp-Ca-13, Pragati swami Shahjadpur, Gulshan, Dhaka

All concerned are hereby requested to contact with the responsible officers of the agency for necessary Information, Complaints, Claims if any against the agency and inform the subject matter to the Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training.

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