

Dhaka Day by Day

A Feel of Olympic Pulse

By Nilratan Halder

Their eyes glued to the mini screen, TV viewers had a high hope of enjoying a sporting feast. But they are disappointed, to say the least. The disappointment of those who have lately procured dish antennae is specially greater to the extent of breaking their hearts. Dubbed as the idiot box, BTV has not, however, completely disappointed its viewers.

thanks to a number of trading and manufacturing companies.

On this count, both the elite and the common TV set owners are equally helpless. Apart from football final and the opening and closing ceremonies, no other competition has been set to be telecast by the BTV. And the much-ballyhooed opening of the Barcelona Olympics games simply failed to live upto people's expectation here.

This has dampened, to some extent, the enthusiasm of sporting fans of this country. But then the Olympics highlights shown every night after the English news at 10 pm is considered too little too late for viewers who have waited for long four years for the occasion. By the time those are shown, sport-lovers have already known the outcome. The thrill and suspense that go into the making of sporting events so captivating have disappeared.

More enthusiastic fans tune to the foreign radio broadcast and somehow feel the mood reigning in the swimming pools or the stadiums and other sports arena in Barcelona. Yet compared to the TV coverage, the one by radio is a poorer means to capture the mood and give the sensation one feels seeing the events on the TV screen.

In fact, TV acts as the pulse of the mood of the sport fans in a country that can send very few people to the place where the world's

greatest sporting show is taking place. But unlike the football World Cup, a multi-disciplinary event like the Olympics cannot be expected to be the talk of the city for obvious reasons. Not all people are interested in all of the games. Such discerning tastes have a lot to do in dissipating concentration on the games.

Yet some of the most household names add

glamour to the Olympics and sport fans follow every move made by them both on and off the field. There indeed is a common ground for people to participate in an animated discussion. But this again is an exercise confined in a most erudite section of the fans. When the athletes become a subject of heated debate, it manifests — rather than the opposite — a country's sporting culture.

No doubt, sports as a culture is yet to develop here. The interests in sports can be rightly appreciated, if it grows from an understanding in the games in question. Sadly, we lack this appreciation of sports. The sadness deepens further when we look

at the achievements of our sportsmen and women. Sahana Parveen, the champion shooter and gold medal winner at the SAF games, could manage only the 39th position among 45 competitors. The rest of the small contingent representing Bangladesh at the Barcelona Olympics are not expected to fare any better either.

All this is a fair reflection of our sporting behaviour and tradition. Our enthusiasm will indeed find its true perspective if we can excel even in one or two disciplines. Until then it will continue to be misplaced most of the time, in most of the cases. The tumbling of records will still excite us, make us happy all the same. Here the feeling though, is not misplaced.



People of greater Dhaka urged to work for a better future

Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called upon the people of greater Dhaka district to contribute their mite in their respective fields of work to promote national development, reports BSS.

Speaking at an eid-reunion function at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium, he said it was the duty of all to work for a better future for the posterity.

Organised by the Agrani Bank Greater Dhaka District Officers Welfare Samity, the function was addressed by Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Reazuddin Ahmed, Agrani Bank Officers Society's Central Committee and Bank Federation President Enamul Huq, and General Secretary of the samity Abul Kashem Sikder. President of the samity Shamsul Huq presided over the function.

The Deputy Leader of the House called for checking moral degeneration and said "the famine of character" had now gripped the nation.

He urged the working people to discharge their duty honestly and efficiently.

Prof Chowdhury recalled the generosity and simplicity of the people of the greater Dhaka and urged his audience to maintain such tradition.

Speaking on the occasion, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said the government had been installed in power through a democratic election and its main objective was to ameliorate the condition of the masses.

He called for preserving the glorious tradition of the people of greater Dhaka.

The Information Minister said all the policies of the BNP government were people-oriented.

He assured the audience that the people of greater Dhaka would be given their due like the people of other districts.

State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan urged the Agrani Bank officers to render dedicated service to the clientele.

He praised the sincere work of Agrani Bank in rendering service to the clientele rising above self.

BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed gave stress on writing books and history of the greater Dhaka, projecting its tradition and culture.



Eminent child specialist Dr M Q K Talukder addressing a press conference at Press Club yesterday to mark the World Breastfeeding Day today (Saturday). — Star photo

Plant trees to create healthy environment: RCC Mayor

RAJSHAHI, July 31: Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minsu today called upon the people to plant trees to create forest resources and a healthy environment in the country, reports BSS.

The Mayor was addressing a function on tree plantation programme organised by Sipaipara Sporting Club here.

The Mayor said plantation of trees was economically profitable. He said the trees would not only save our life through generating oxygen but it would also be our asset in future. He stressed the need for motivating the people to take part in the plantation programme highlighting the economic aspect of tree plantation.

The Mayor said the BNP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had attached top priority to afforestation programme to save the country from environmental degradation. Under the programme ten lakh saplings were being planted in Rajshahi city, he informed.

The function was addressed, among others, by Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi N A Habibullah, Chairman of Rajshahi Education Board Gazi Abdus Salam and Associate Professor of Rajshahi University Saikh.

Raise consciousness to solve problems: Speaker

KHULNA, July 31: Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali today called for raising consciousness among the masses by spreading education in order to solve national problems as well as to ensure overall development of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural function of the newly established Book Sales Centre of Bangla Academy here.

Presided over by Director General of the Academy Prof Harun ur Rashid, the function was addressed by Prof Jahannara Begum, State Minister for Cultural Affairs and Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation as special guests, an official handout said.

Shaikh Razaque Ali said the present democratic government was doing everything for enriching our traditional language and culture with a view to sustaining our national identity.

Lauding the activities of Bangla Academy in preserving and publishing Bangla literature, he called upon the authority to strengthen its research work on our beloved language and culture. He urged the people of Khulna to avail of the advantages of this centre.

In her speech, Prof Jahannara Begum assured that all possible assistance would be extended by the government to promote this centre as a full-fledged branch of Bangla Academy.

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Chemicals worth Tk 1.5 lakh recovered

CHITTAGONG, July 31: Doublemooring police in a tip-off recovered 42 bales of plastic manufacturing chemicals worth Taka 1.5 lakh from a house at Hazaripara, Halishahar here yesterday, a police press release said today, reports BSS.

The goods are used in moulding different types of plastic net polythene.

No arrest was made in this connection.

Work with sincerity, Minister to officials

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday called upon the government officials to work with sincerity in implementing development programmes, reports BSS.

He said one of the objectives of the government was to build a strong economy through ensuring continued production with the concerted efforts of the people and the administration.

The Minister was addressing as the chief guest a function at Tongibari in Munshiganj marking the laying of foundation stone of Tongibari Thana Officers Club.

Islam said the main characteristic of the people-oriented administration system pursued by the BNP government was to take immediate measures to redress the sufferings of the common people of the remote areas.

He stressed the need for formulating proper plans by the local leadership and officials for ensuring appropriate use of the resources.

Among others, the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of Munshiganj district were present.

Two get Ibne Sina Trust Award

'Ibne Sina Trust Award-1991' introduced this year, has been given to late National Professor Dr Mohammad Ibrahim and eminent child specialist Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, reports UNB.

The awards were handed over to the recipients at special seminars here last morning.

Begum Sikina Ibrahim received the award on behalf of her late husband Dr Ibrahim while the other recipient, Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury accepted the award personally.

Deputy Leader in Parliament Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury was the chief guest at the seminar, attended by the Trust chairman and members as well as some eminent physicians.



Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- Al Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Triptak
- 5.25 Film show: Tom's Midnight Garden
- 6.00 Breastfeeding Day: special discussion
- 6.00 Ma O Manush
- 6.00 Banashree
- 6.30 News in Bangla
- 6.30 SAARC Audio Visual Exchange
- 9.00 Bolon Dekhi
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Olympic highlights
- 11.40 Khabar/The News
- 11.50 Sunday's programme summary
- 11.55 Closing

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What's on today . . .

Joy Bangla Oikya Jote

Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote will hold a citizens' rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital today (Saturday) at 4 pm as part of its fortnight-long programmes chalked out in observance of the August 15, the day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's assassination.

Today's rally to be followed by cultural function and protest procession has been organised to demand, among other issues, trial of Mujib's killers, repeal of the Indemnity Act, autonomy of the radio-television and ban on communal politics.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad, Justice K M Sobhan, Dr Zillur Rahman Siddiqi, Poet Shamsur Rahman, Gazul Haq, Syed Hasan Imam, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury and others will address the rally.

Exporters' press conference

The Federation of Exporters' Association of Bangladesh has convened a press conference on the effects of some provisions on exports in the proposed budget for '92-93 fiscal at Hotel Sheraton today (Saturday) at 12 noon.

BSFIC cultural programme

The sports and cultural committee of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) will hold its annual cultural programme today (Saturday) at the Engineer's Institution starting at 6 pm.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of 'Bangla Bazaar' a vernacular daily will be held today (Saturday) at the Victoria Park beginning at 10 am. Muhammad Nasiruddin will attend the ceremony as the chief guest.

Opening of BCU's new office

The new office of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) at 6/1, Naya Palton in the city will be opened today (Saturday). Former president of the organisation Advocate A K Badrul Haque will formally open the office at a simple ceremony at 5 pm.

Weather

Light rain, gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am Saturday.

Met office forecasts day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country experienced rainfall at places yesterday (Friday). Chief amount of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm were: Tangail 118 mm, Barisal 54 mm, Khulna 23 mm, Dhaka 14 mm, Ishurdi 10 mm, Jessore 9 mm, Sitakunda 7 mm, and Rangpur and Rajshahi 5 mm.

The maximum temperature of 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Sylhet yesterday and the minimum of 24.0 degree was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.28 am.

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

Cities / Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.8	25.3	95	82
Chittagong	31.5	24.2	82	85
Rajshahi	29.5	25.0	98	85
Khulna	29.4	26.5	90	85
Sylhet	33.2	24.6	86	78
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.5	86	86
Dinajpur	31.5	25.0	85	83
Barisal	30.2	26.8	86	88

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