

Metropolitan

# Govt will combat criminals with help of people : Matin

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday said government would eradicate criminals and terrorists through people's active participation and cooperation with the law enforcing agencies, reports BSS.

He said anti-criminals and anti-terrorists ward committees of Dhaka city could ensure this participation.

The Minister was speaking to the opinion leaders, elite and educated people of Mirpur at the local community centre.

Home Secretary, Inspector General of Police, Additional IG, DMP Commissioner were present.

Among others, Abdul Aziz.

Ahmed Hossain, Haji Deen Mollah, Obaidur Rahman and Subedar Ali spoke on the occasion.

Home Minister said members of the anti-terrorist ward committee would be fully non-political person.

He assured that criminals and culprits would be given punishment irrespective of their party affiliation.

Later, Home Minister held another meeting with the leaders of Mohammadpur thana at Mohammadpur Preparatory and Girls High School.

A total of 16 ward committees, 11 from Mirpur and five from Mohammadpur were constituted at the meeting.



Daniel D Morrisor, course conductor, speaking at the inaugural function of a training course for photojournalists in the city yesterday. —Star photo

## HERE and THERE

### Lioness Club of Dhaka Mahanagar

Lioness Club of Dhaka Mahanagar yesterday arranged a seminar on 'No alternative to breastfeeding for healthy child' on the occasion of the International Breastfeeding Week at the Midway Clinic of the city.

Lion Governor Anwarul Haq attended the seminar as the chief guest. Chaired by the club president Zinatara Begum the function was addressed, among others, by Dr Sultana Begum, Dr Sultanul Islam, Member of the Jatiya Sangsad, MA Alamgir, Lion Humayun Zahir and Anwara Haq.

### Samajtantrik Sramik Front

A meeting of the executive body of Samajtantrik Sramik Front Tuesday expressed grave concern over the 'failure' of the government to maintain law and order of the country.

The meeting, presided over by Abdullah Sarker, blamed the government for terrorism and anarchy at the industrial and transport sector.

General Secretary of the organisation Abdur Razzak read out a report on the recent situation at the industrial and transport sectors.

### Republican Party

National Republican Party held a condolence meeting Tuesday at the killing of Ratan Sen, leader of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB).

The meeting presided over by Dr Zahir Khan was addressed, among others, by Nazmul Huq, Khan Azmal Hossain, SM Omar, Mizanur Rahman and AKM Mominul Huq.

### Lekhak Forum

Lekhak Forum has launched a initiative to enroll new members in the organisation.

Poets, story writer and journalists throughout the country have been requested to collect membership forms from its central office at 55 Dilkusha commercial area (5th floor) Dhaka-1000 if interested.

### BCSIR officers' Association

The installation ceremony of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Administrative Officers Association was held yesterday at the seminar room of the Institute of Food Science and Technology of BCSIR here, according to a press release.

Chairman of BCSIR Dr M Waliuzzaman was the chief guest at the function while president of the association M Shahidullah presided.

The function was addressed, among others, by Vice-President of the association AKM Shamsuzzaman and general secretary Abdus Sattar Mia.

### BCCI depositors ASSOC

BCCI (O) Ltd Depositors Association yesterday thanked the Prime Minister, Finance Minister and all other persons concerned for the decision to refloat the bank.

It further said if the government takes necessary steps, the depositors would not draw their deposits from the bank, instead would continue their transactions.

### Int'l Free Trade Unions

A five-day training seminar for the trade union leaders began Tuesday at the Bangladesh Management Development Centre (BMDC) under the auspices of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

ICFTU Bangladesh council Chairman Iskandar Ali inaugurated the training course while the function was addressed, among others, by adviser of one of the projects, of ICFTU Nazrul Islam Khan, Member Secretary of the ICFTU MA Gafur, General Secretary of Jatiya Sramik League Mojibur Rahman Bhuyan and General Secretary of Bangladesh Free Trade Union Congress Mamunur Rashid Chowdhury.

As many as 20 trade union leaders participated in the course.

### Nirmul Committee

A meeting of the Jagannath College unit of the Akattor Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee was held at the college auditorium with Rashed Hossain Shamal in the chair.

The meeting demanded trial of Golam Azam, ban of the Jamaat and other religion-based parties, punishment to the killers of Ratan Sen and terrorists of Shibir.

Committee leaders Shahrier Kabir and Shamim Akter, Kamal Hossain, Anisul Huq, Azad Hossain, Rasha, Taher Ahmed, Shaifur Rahman were present at the meeting.

### 300 jute traders, exporters sitting idle

Nearly 300 jute traders and exporters have been sitting idle because of their huge 'accumulated bank shortfall', reports UNB.

This was disclosed during a joint emergency meeting of Bangladesh Jute Association and Bangladesh Jute Exporters Association in Dhaka Tuesday.

Jute traders at the meeting expressed grave concern at what they said continued inaction of the authorities to resolve the bank shortfall issue.

# Dhaka Day by Day

## His First Love Brings him Home

by Rahat Fahmida

"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man", said Francis Bacon ages back, which is apt for this Bangladeshi journalist. One of the first fifteen students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University, he is now an editor at a renowned publishing house John Wylie and Sons, in New York. Jyoti Prakash Dutta, now in his 50s, has spent quite a number of years teaching journalism in renowned institutions in the United States of America (USA).

This calm and composed editor, who is also a well-known Bengali short-story writer spoke to 'The Daily Star' at length. Staying and working in the States for the last 23 years, he gave an insight into the situation of Bangladeshi immigrants in America.

Earlier, it was mainly the professionals like doctors, teachers, engineers and others who went for their higher studies, stayed on in the States. But recently, there has been an enormous change in this trend. For the last five to ten years influx of immigrants have shot-up. The recession problem in the Western world has added fuel to the fire, so far as the problems of immigrants are concerned.

Dutta explained, "Large number of the Bangladeshis (recent immigrants in USA), do not have valid papers for employment. Those who do have the papers lack in proper training, right education and, over and above everything, their greatest drawback is the language problem. I feel sorry for them, as many have sold their properties at home, in order to make it to the USA. They are now in a miserable situation." The struggle for living a decent life went to such extremes for some that there are even stray cases of suicide.

Their desperation compels the immigrants to go for odd jobs at the restaurants, news stalls, retail stores and similar other business houses. This ultimately results in their poor housing conditions. Most of them tend to stick around a particular area where they are overcrowded as the places are, huddle together. Hence their health conditions deteriorate. And the health treatment is extremely expensive in the States.

It is not all gloomy for the immigrants, observed the noted journalist. "As the children start going to school, they tend to do very well. And once in the university, most of them usually get financial assistance or scholarships for their outstanding performance. That is a bright side," he smiled.

It was learnt from Dutta, Bangladeshis in New York, are quite active in their own world of publication. They publish four Bengali weeklies — *Prabashi*, *Thikana*, *Bangali* and a recent one *Biswa Bangala*. Their monthly magazine in Bengali is *Parichay*, while the English one is, *Voice of Bangladesh*. They have radio and television programmes, too. Jyoti P. Dutta is also the editorial advisor of *Prabashi* and a regular columnist of *Voice of Bangladesh*.

Starting his career as an assistant compilation officer with the Bangla Academy, he later



Jyoti Prakash Dutta

moved on to The Bangladesh Observer, where he worked for three years in the Sunday magazine section. This English newspaper then published a tabloid magazine with a four-colour cover, which was unique for that time. Dutta later went off to States for his doctorate with the University of Missouri, where he completed his main thesis on 'mass communication and national development'. For six years he had been teaching in various institutions in America. Studies serve for delight, for ornament and for ability, this could be clearly seen through this journalist.

With all-round expertise in the field of journalism and communication, Dutta's practical experience in the area stretches for about 15 years' and has five years' experience in public relations. Unlike many now well settled in the USA, he earnestly wants to come back and work in Bangladesh and concentrate on writing, which is his first love. As he admitted with humility, "my passion is still writing". He won the literary award of Bangla Academy in 1971 for short stories. Indeed, he has a distinctive style of story-telling. The style is measured with wits and humours flashing like gems on a necklace. He started writing at a time when the nation was in the throes of expectation! A political revolution ran its violent course. It was a time of new impulses in thought and expression, impulses felt by men unknown to each other but bound together through culture and language.

Dutta concludes, "During all these years abroad, I have spent much of my earnings for visiting my country. Now, I am looking forward to come back within a year and settle here. I hope to carry on with my plans as soon as I solve my property-related problems in the USA."



Nazneen Mahbub, President of Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, addressing the second installation ceremony of the Club held at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

## 13 projects for women welfare undertaken

The government has undertaken thirteen projects for the welfare of the distressed women and help them participate in different development activities, reports UNB.

This was disclosed by State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman while addressing the 2nd Installation Ceremony of the Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka, a front organisation of Rotary Club, here yesterday.

Termining women as a great force, the Minister said they could not be considered aliens in the mainstream of development activities.

She urged the women to participate in the development activities in a larger scale.

Begum Sarwari mentioned the contribution of women in India and Sri Lanka and said they along with their menfolk play a vital role in the development activities.

She said that in our country women are lagging far behind and to change this situation awareness should be created by women's organisations like the Inner Wheel Club.

"We have to go a long way", she said and urged all non-government organisations and voluntary organisations to work for the socio-economic welfare of the distressed women as well as the humanity.

Congratulating the newly elected office bearers of the club the Minister wished that they play their due role in helping the distressed women. Bulbul Alam, International Inner Wheel Representative,

highlighted the various activities of the club and said though new, it is a traditional and famous one.

She urged everyone, specially the rich, to help the suffering humanity.

In her speech the outgoing president of the club Inu Shamsuddin thanked all members for their cooperation during her tenure and wished that in future the club can play a vital role in the activities for the well-being of the distressed community.

Nazneen Mahbub, the incoming president of the club, expressed her firm determination to uphold the themes "understanding" and "cooperation" of the club and hoped that the club members engage themselves in the movement rendering humanitarian services.

## Abdus Sobhan retires

Abdus Sobhan, outgoing Press Secretary to the Prime Minister and Additional Secretary to the government, proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement on Monday, reports BSS.

Abdus Sobhan, who was a senior member of BCS (Information) cadre, was Principal Information Officer, PID, Director General, DFP and Mass Communication Department.

Abdus Sobhan was appointed Press Secretary to the Prime Minister on October 26, 1991.

## Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of HSC examinee Fatema Khanam Lovelce (18) will be held today (Wednesday) at her Mirpur residence after Asr prayers, reports UNB.

Lovelce, daughter of Noor Mohammad Khan, Assistant Manager, Corporate Affairs of Btman and Vice President of Btman Officers' Association, died Sunday after a speedy minibus hit her rickshaw near Kazipara.

She was buried at Shaheed Buddhijibi graveyard at Mirpur, said a press release.

## Death anniversary

The 8th death anniversary of Amirul Haque Imran, a flight steward of Bangladesh Btman, will be observed in city and his village home Austagram today (Wednesday) through Quran-khani, Milad Mahfil and feeding destitute, says a press release.

In city milad mahfil will be held at his brother residence at 42/43 Purana Paltan.

## Weather

### Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or shower is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

Rainfall activities may increase within a week, the Met office adds.

The maximum temperature of 34.7 degree Celsius was reported from Bogra yesterday (Tuesday) and the minimum of 23.5 degree was reported from both Sylhet and Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.39 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.30 am. The maximum and the 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	32.2	26.0	77	73
Chittagong	31.8	25.6	77	79
Rajshahi	33.5	25.1	81	92
Khulna	32.3	25.6	82	82
Sylhet	32.8	23.5	80	80
Dinajpur	33.5	26.0	88	66
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.0	76	80
Barisal	30.0	24.7	88	86
Bogra	34.7	26.5	79	69

**BTV**  
Wednesday

5.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran.  
Programme summary  
5.10 News in Bangla  
5.20 Recitation from the Geeta  
5.30 Sports programme  
5.40 Moder Garab Moder Aasha  
7.05 Hijal Tamal  
8.00 News in Bangla  
8.30 Dance programme  
9.00 MacGyver  
10.00 News in English  
10.25 Parliament Roundup  
10.35 Olympic Highlights  
11.40 Khabar/The News  
11.55 Closing

## Photography — a significant document: Huda

Information Minister Barister Nazmul Huda Tuesday said that the government would render all-out supports for the development of photo journalism in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the inaugural function of the ten-day training course for the photo journalists arranged by Bangladesh Press Institute (PIB) in collaboration with US Information Centre in Dhaka at the PIB auditorium here.

Termining photography as a significant document the minister said it helps in finding the facts and to verify the authenticity of any incident. He called upon the photo journalists to play their due role in building up a democratic society.

Huda hoped that the collaboration of the eminent US experts would help the photo journalists participating in the course in developing their professional skills.

## USAID Director meets Lutfor

The mission director of US Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh, Ms. Marry C. Kilgore, called on the State Minister for Relief, Lutfur Rahman Khan, at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed different aspects of disaster preparedness and management in Bangladesh.

U. S. Defence Attache Col. Robinson, the USAID Assistant Disaster officer, Ms. Rosalia Fanale and the Relief Secretary, M. A. Hakim, were present.

## Chinese team in city

A five member delegation of the Chinese Association for International Understanding led by Tan Ronggen arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a week-long visit to study rural development activities in Bangladesh at the invitation of the Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB).

The delegation was received at the Zia International Airport by the representatives of CDRB and Bangladesh-China Institute, says a press release.

## Date for licence renewal extended

The last date for renewal of dealing licence of yarn, cloth, steel products, cement, milk products and cigarettes (both distributor and wholesaler) has been extended upto August 15, reports BSS.

If licences of the traders are not renewed within the above date would be considered cancelled and step would be taken against them according to law.

## Task ahead to achieve self-reliance: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has called upon all to work together by shunning their political differences for the alleviation of poverty from the society, reports BSS.

He said that the present democratic system should be upheld for the interest of the country and, help the government maintaining peace for unhindered development.

President Biswas was talking to a ten-member delegation of the Zia Smriti Prochar Parishad when they met him at Bangabhaban Tuesday.

He said that the task ahead was to achieve self-reliance by meeting the basic needs including food, clothes, shelter, medicare and education of the commonman.

He said that the present democratic government was striving hard to meet these demands and materialise the dreams of Shaheed President Zia.

President Biswas urged all political parties to extend their whole-hearted cooperation to the government in its development efforts and consolidate the hard earned democracy in the country.

He also advised the youth to follow the ideals of Shaheed Zia and do utmost of implementing his 19-point programme to achieve rapid progress and prosperity of the nation.

Led by the president of the parishad, Sheikh Amir Hossain, the delegation apprised the President of their activities including research work on Shaheed Zia, setting up libraries and their mass education programmes.

Bulbul Chowdhury, Wabullah Patawari and Akhteruzzaman, among others of the parishad, were present.

## Work stoppage in JU continues

The employees of Jahangirnagar University continued with their work stoppage programme for the third consecutive day. They went into abstention from duties for three hours protesting the existing University Employees Promotion Act.

The employees demanded repeal of the Promotion Act which enables only one third of the employees to get promotion in a year.

Called jointly by the Employees Union and Employees Association the employees abstained from work from 7.30 am to 10.30 am.

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## Painting exhibition

A painting exhibition by artist couple Kanan Chandra Chakma and KM Mittu will be held at La Galerie at Banani, from August 8 to 16, reports BSS.

Ambassador of the Netherlands Henricus Gajentana will inaugurate the exhibition on August 7 at 5-30 pm.

**ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন**  
আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন  
আপনার শিক্কে টিকা দিন

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের যাত্রিক সার্কেলের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারসহ প্রকৃত গাড়ী মেরামতকারী ওয়ার্কশপ/ঠিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র আগামী ১৯/৮/৯২ তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, যাত্রিক-১, সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা এবং মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক (পরিবহণ) এর দপ্তরে সমুখে রক্ষিত টেন্ডারবাহে গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সমুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। প্রাকলিত দরের ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ) ভাগ বায়নার (ফেরতযোগ্য) টাকা হিসাবে মেয়র, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন এর অনুক্ষে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক-এর ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে। শতকরা হিসাবে দর অর্থ এবং কথায় উভয়েই পরিষ্কারভাবে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে অন্যান্য দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। শতকরা ৫% (পাঁচ) ভাগ অর্থ অথবা নিম্ন প্রদত্ত দরের জন্য দর বিশ্লেষণ (এনালাইসিস) দাখিল করিতে হইবে। প্রকৌশল বিভাগ (যাত্রিক-১) সহ ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার অফিস এবং হিসাব বিভাগের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট হইতে কাজের পার্শে বর্ণিত মূল্যের (অফেরতযোগ্য) বিনিময়ে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (যাত্রিক-১) এর দপ্তরে হইতে জানা যাইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ কোন সিডিউল বিজ্ঞয় করা হইবে না।

কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন অথবা সমুদয় দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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