

Dhaka Day by Day

The Beauty of Rains

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'Rimiki Jhimiki Jhoray Bhadorero Dhara, Mone Jay Kemono Koray, Holoa Dishara'

The monsoon is immortal. At last, we have a sigh of relief. But apparently we are not the only ones, sighing. From time immemorial, poets have waited anxiously for this season and peacocks reserve their dances for it. We have beautiful songs to welcome the rains and dances to greet it. The Banglae loves the rains and the aura of romance with it. Tagore, the most celebrated poet of the language, disliked being away from Bengal when the rains arrived, the months of 'Aash' and 'Sraban' and innumerable poems he has written in sheer joy, as the dark clouds come over the horizon, the win blows and it begins to pour. The parched earth, after the heat and sweat of the month of 'Chaitra' is rejuvenated and the farmer breathes easy, with a sense of eternal hope.

The rains give us every reason to curl up with a book, a cup of tea and a bag of peanuts, to spend a quiet afternoon by ourselves.

The birds which refuse to come out in the hotter months, venture out now and the 'doyel' and the 'koel' delight us with their wonderful chirpings, almost prompting us to borrow the immortal lines 'o blessed bird, this earth we pace, again appears to be, an unsubstantial fairy place, that is fit home for thee'. The earth is greener, the flowers are profuse and mother nature seems kind. It's the time of the year for the eternal 'kodomo phool', whose blossoms remind us that the rains have arrived and all is not yet lost. Remember, 'Badal o diner prothome kodomo phool'—?

Hard would be the heart, which has not sung for joy, as the rain clouds make the tall coconut trees sway majestically, as the harbingers of the

monsoon, to stand mutely again, as it pours and pours for days on end. The frogs come out of hiding and the evening is resonant with their croaking; but not for long, we are afraid, as the greedy ones leap on them, to fry their legs for the dinner plates. Not that it has stopped the frog, anyway. He is yet to understand the higher morals of man, we guess. And his greed.

But then, there are those, who would profess that they prefer the heat and the drier months, to the wet months. The clothes remain wet and things go damp, they claim rather pompously. Their hearts are probably as parched as the earth in the dry season. It must be difficult, to remain unmoved by the beauty of the rains, the ants sense the rains long before the 'weather prophets' have had time to study their sophisticated equipment and make their 'knowledgeable' predictions. They would do well to study the movement of the ants, who move to the drier spots of the households and buildings, in a flurry of activity, much to the disgust and chagrin of the housewife (!) just before the rains arrive.

Mother nature has never let man down and certainly sends one of her messengers, the ants, if only we had the time and the humility to watch them, to alert us to the 'perils' of the rains. More often than not, those little fellows, bring us hope and we say to ourselves, 'if the ants are here, can the rains be far behind? Of course there are drawbacks of the season, one admits candidly, but let our 'cup be half full' and let us only look at the beauty of this beautiful season. Joy in the simple things of life, seems to be so scarce these days.

6 to vie for 3 posts of deans in JU

JU Correspondent

Six candidates for three posts of deans and 66 for the 33 teachers representatives to the Senate of Jahangirnagar University submitted their nominations yesterday for the polls scheduled on August 18.

Election Commission sources said, the nominees for the post of dean in the arts and humanities faculty are Prof Ataur Rahman Khan of History Department and Dr Nurul Islam, founder Chairman of English Department.

Prof Md Masum of Economics Department and Associate Prof Mirza Mozammel Hoque are the candidates for the same post of the social science faculty.

In the science faculty, Prof Md Amir Hossain Khan and Prof Md Salimullah of the Physics Department are the contestants.

Earlier the Election Commission published a final voters' list of 200 voters.

Tagore's death anniversary observed in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Aug 6: A number of socio-cultural and literary organisations here today observed the 51st death anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore through discussion, musical soiree and poetry recitation, reports BSS.

Udichi Chattagram Zila Sangsad held a discussion on 'Tagore and universal humanism' at Buddhist foundation auditorium.

Leo Club of Chittagong progressive and Chittagong chapter of Rabindra Charcha also held discussions and musical soiree to mark the day while Radio Bangladesh, Chittagong put up a special programme highlighting the literary evaluation of Tagore's poetical works.

Hasina condemns attack on AL procession in Netrakona

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina Thursday strongly condemned the armed attack on her party's procession in Netrakona Wednesday which caused injuries to Awami League MP Mosharraf Hossain and 50 others, reports UNB.

In a statement Awami League President Hasina alleged that the terrorists, under the cover of the administration, launched bomb and gun attacks on the peaceful procession of Awami League and Chhatra League at Purbadhala.

'This attack once again proved that lives and property of the people are not safe in the hands of the present government', she said. Failing to solve the people's problem, the ruling party has become intolerant to the opinion of others, she added.

Hasina demanded the authorities to find and punish the culprits.

Navy seizes smuggled goods in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 6: Bangladesh Navy ship Tawfiq during her routine anti-smuggling and anti-piracy patrol yesterday apprehended 'FB Ali Reza' from off Kutubdia steamer ghat with smuggled goods with 10 cartons of foreign cigarettes and arrested 13 crew of the boat, reports BSS.

'Anti-terrorism Bill' will be tabled in JS: Matin

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury said here yesterday that some vested quarters were hatching conspiracy to aggravate law and order situation and create panic in a very organised way to tarnish the image of the democratic system, reports BSS.

The local leaders demanded enactment of a stringent law to curb terrorism and to remove the lengthy process of application of law in handling the terrorist activities.

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The minister was addressing the local leaders and elite of Lalbagh Thana at Azimpur Community Centre here.

The Home Minister said the proposed anti-terrorism and anti-crime ward committee would be a non-political one. He assured the meeting that the criminals and terrorists would be severely punished irrespective of their political identity.

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The Home Secretary, the IG of Police and the DMP Commissioner were present.

Local leaders Nazim Hossain, Abul Kashem, Hazi Md Selim, Feroz Khan, Nurul Haq Jinnah, Harun-ar-Rashid Khan and Naser Iqbal spoke.

What's on today...

- MP Club**
Parliament members' club has arranged a meeting at the club conference room today (Friday) after Asr prayers to condole the death of former deputy speaker Sultana Ahmed Chowdhury and parliamentarians Shahid Ali Khan, Anwar Uddin Sikder and Abdul Wazed Chowdhury.
A milad mahfil will also be held on the occasion to seek divine blessings for the peace of the departed souls.
- Unmesh Film Society**
Unmesh Film Society has organised a month long film screening programme beginning from today (Friday) at the auditorium of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka in observance of its one year of revival.
A French film 'The Milky Way' by Luis Bunuel will be screened at 3.15 pm following a discussion programme which will be presided over by Akhtaruzzaman Elias.
- Publication ceremony**
The publication ceremony of 'Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal: Andolon Shingaramer Ek Joog' written by Samsul Alam Liton will be held at the National Museum at 4 pm (Friday).
Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest.
- Mymensingh Zilla Samity**
A discussion meeting of the Executive Committee of Mymensingh Zilla Samity will be held today (Friday) at 5.00 PM in the office of the Samity at 384, Moghbazar in the city.
- Lions Club of Dhaka Lalbagh**
The monthly meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka Lalbagh will be held today (Friday) at 78 Siddeswari at 5.30 PM.
- Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti**
A tree plantation programme of Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti will be held today (Friday) near the Mirpur Zoo beginning at 10.30 am.
- Editorial Guild Bangladesh**
A meeting of Assistant Editors, Feature Editors, Editorial Assistants and Columnists working in daily newspapers will be held under the auspices of the Editorial Guild Bangladesh today (Friday) at the Shantinagar office of Dainik Janata starting at 4 pm.
- Jatiya Ainjibi Parishad**
The convention of the Jatiya Ainjibi Parishad will be held today (Friday) at the Taher Auditorium beginning at 10 am. Convenor of the coordinating committee of different lawyers associations Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury will preside.
- Kushtia Samity reunion**
The Eid reunion of greater Kushtia Samity will be held today (Friday) at Engineers' Institute at 4.30 PM.
Speaker of the Parliament Shakh Razzak Ali will be the chief guest of the function.
- Painting exhibition**
A painting exhibition of Kanak Chandra Chakma and K M Mithu will begin today (Friday) at the La Galerie in Banani at 5.30 pm. Henricus Gajentaan, Ambassador of the Netherlands, will be the chief guest on the occasion.
- Khetmajur union unification confce**
Two groups of Bangladesh Khetmajur Union, Nazrul-Strajul and Elias-Saiful, will merge into one group under the same name through an unification conference to be held today (Friday) at 10 am at the Dhaka Zila Krira Samity auditorium at Motijheel.
The conference will be inaugurated by Workers Party president Amal Sen. It will be attended by 520 representatives from 48 districts of the country.
- Nirmul committee meet**
The Motijheel unit of Ekattorer Ghatok Dal Nirmul Committee will hold a meeting today (Friday) at the Motijheel T&T Colony field at 5 pm.
Central leaders of the committee including Jahanara Imam, Kazi Nuruzzaman, Shahriar Kabir will be present.

and tomorrow

- DU Saidur Rahman Foundation**
The Saidur Rahman Foundation ninth lecture series will begin tomorrow (Saturday) at the Institute of Business Administration Auditorium at 10 am. Vice Chancellor Professor Manruzzaman Miah will inaugurate the opening session which will be presided over by the chairman of the foundation and Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed.
- Jute market abroad regained, says Hannan**
Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah Thursday said that the businessmen in the private sector had to take a leading role for the expansion of country's jute market abroad side by side the government initiatives, reports BSS.
Inaugurating the office of the Bangladesh Jute Exporters Association here the minister said publicity campaign was being geared up for the marketing of jute and jute goods abroad.
Hannan said we had already regained the lost jute market abroad through government efforts.
Jute Secretary M Akhtar Ali was the special guest on the occasion.
- Familiarise children with Tagore's works, says Tariq**
Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday underscored the need for familiarising children with the literary works of the world famous poet Rabindranath Tagore to make them realise poet's affection for children and his patriotism, reports BSS.
He was addressing a discussion meeting at the Shishu Academy here in observance of the 51st death anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore.
Renowned litterateur Dr Ashraf Siddiqui also addressed the function.

Modernisation of audit system suggested

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts has pleaded for modernisation of the audit system for speedy completion of audits of public accounts, reports BSS.

Briefing newsmen in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, LK Siddiqui, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, said the timely completion of the audits could help improve public accounting system.

Siddiqui also suggested computerisation of the audit system.

The committee, which placed its second report before the Jatiya Sangsad Wednesday, directed each ministry to settle audit objections and give reply to all audit objections within three months.

Siddiqui recommended for electing an 'action-taken' committee from within the members of the mother committee to work with the secretarial support of the parliament secretariat to supplement the committee's work in implementing the recommendations.

The committee chairman observed that it was the responsibility of the concerned ministries to implement the recommendations of the standing committee on public accounts within the stipulated time.

He further said the committee had directed the Establishment Ministry to take appropriate steps for printing

Mostafiz, Nasim discuss planned repatriation
Leader of the Stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh M Nasim Khan called on Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman at the latter's office Thursday, reports UNB.
They discussed matters relating to the planned repatriation of 2.38 lakh Pakistanis.

IN MEMORIAM
The late Syed Mustafa Ali, writer, humanist and civil servant, on the occasion of his 15th death anniversary today.
Remembered by his wife, his children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and relatives and friends.

Price hike of newsprint protested

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation Thursday gheraoed the BCIC building and held rally and a procession in the city protesting the price increase of newsprint.

The rally presided over by its central president Ahad Ahmed was addressed, among others, by Sanjay Chakma, Habibur Rahman, Rakib Parvez, Matru Rahman, Nur Hossain.

The organisation also headed by the central vice president Maruf Hossain Uday Paul gheraoed the Khulna Newsprint Mill. The leaders said that the price hike of the newsprint was made according to the prescription of the World Bank and IMF. Such a move would make the newsprint industry a losing concern, they said.

The organisation handed over a memorandum demanding decrease of newsprint's price to the chairman of BCIC.

Measures to stop Modhumoti erosion being examined

Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control M Majid-ul-Huq told the Jatiya Sangsad Thursday that he would send engineers to the site of Modhumoti River erosion in Bagerhat district to examine the possibility of taking up some temporary measures to stop erosion there, reports BSS.

The minister was replying to a private member's resolution moved by Awami League member Dr Mozammel Hossain seeking arrangements of 'park piling' to protect the market, food godown and the villages of Achatil, Udatpur and Gtrishnagar from the erosion of Modhumoti river in Molarhat thana under Bagerhat district.

JS body on special privilege meet held

The 15th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Special Privilege was held in Sangsad Bhaban Thursday with Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The committee reviewed the Parliament Secretariat Bill and took some decisions.

Committee members State Minister for Law Md Aminul Hoq, Tofael Ahmed and Babu Yusuf Md Khalilur Rahman were present in the meeting.

No loss in Railway by '96, minister hopes

Bangladesh Railway is expected to be a loss and deficit free organisation from 1995-96, reports BSS.

This was stated by Communications Minister Oh Ahmed at the first meeting of the railway advisory committee held in the Ministry yesterday.

The Minister said the achievement of the target was largely depending on the success of the revolutionary steps taken by the government including recovery programme.

Ahmed said despite the adverse effects of two big consecutive floods of 1987 and '88 and the unprecedented catastrophe of the cyclone and tidal surge of 1991, the government through some steps and sincere efforts of the railwaymen was able to bring down the loss to Taka 105 crore in the year just concluded.

At one stage, the Minister said, it was feared that the loss might stand at about Taka 180 crore.

The minister said that Bangladesh Railway carried five crore 23 lakh passengers during the year 1991-92 and earn Taka 114.49 crore which is about Taka 12 crore more than the target fixed for the period.

Ahmed said it would be judicious to go for steps to increase the facilities for the railway passengers only after making the organisation free from loss and deficit. Otherwise, he cautioned, the yearly loss would go high and the purpose of the multi-pronged railway recovery programme would confront a setback.

He said there was no addition to the AC carriages, procured last time in 1962 and most of the engines were in dilapidated condition for long. In spite of all these the yearly loss has been brought down through improvement in maintenance and mechanical efficiency, he added.

Weather Heavy rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Intermittent moderate or moderately heavy rain or shower is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi-Chittagong divisions and at many places over Khulna-Dhaka divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday).

Day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius over the country, the Met office forecast.

Heavy rainfall warning: Occasional heavy rain fall is likely to occur one or two places over Dhaka-Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 24 hours.

The Met office says rainfall activities may decrease within a week.

Meanwhile, the country experienced rainfall at most of the places yesterday (Thursday). The highest rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm was 85 mm in Dhaka. The chief amount of rainfall recorded in some other places were: Sakthira 66mm, Barisal 49mm, Rangpur 43mm, Comilla 40mm, Chandpur, Iswardi and Dinajpur 33mm, Sylhet 28mm, Khulna 23mm, Rajshahi 21mm, Teknaf 22mm, Cox's Bazar and Tangail 20mm each.

The sun sets today Friday at 6.38 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5.31 am.

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.7	26.6	85	96
Chittagong	29.0	23.5	95	85
Rajshahi	27.0	25.5	98	95
Khulna	30.8	26.8	90	100
Cox's Bazar	29.0	24.0	85	85
Sylhet	30.0	23.0	100	93
Dinajpur	26.0	24.0	97	97
Barisal	30.2	25.4	90	100
Comilla	32.0	25.0	89	98

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Friday

- Morning session**
- 8.00 Opening announcement
 - 8.15 Al-Quran, Programme summary
 - 8.30 News in Bangla
 - 8.40 Khejar Jagat
 - 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 - 9.10 Tareenya
 - 9.30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.05 Moner Mukurey
 - 11.15 Drama series: The Girl from Tomorrow
 - 11.45 Documentary: Survivors
 - 12.30 Closing
- Evening Session**
- 3.00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
 - 3.10 Tripitak Path
 - 3.15 Alore Dishart
 - 3.40 Full length Bengali feature film
 - 5.10 News in Bangla
 - 5.30 Sports Programme
 - 7.05 Sangeeta
 - 8.00 News in Bangla
 - 8.30 Eurotopa
 - 9.00 Driahitkone
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.30 Olympic highlights
 - 11.40 Khabar/The News
 - 11.50 Saturday's programme summary
 - 11.55 Closing

Secretary Wanted

Executive Secretary required for Head of Mission of Leading UN International Organization in Dhaka. Must have: Good educational qualifications, proven shorthand speed of not less than 100 WPM, fluency in English, Word Processing ability, WP 5.1, not less than five years experience as a Senior Secretary, ability to draft correspondence, deal with government officials, Heads of International Organizations, arrange meetings etc. Applications are requested from qualified candidates with a preference to women with English mother tongue (for example family members of personnel on mission in Dhaka or highly qualified local personnel) to reach PO Box No. 5039 New Market by 20 August, 1992. Marked newspaper applications. Only candidates with all above qualifications will be considered.

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