

Dhaka Day by Day

Beginning of the New Season

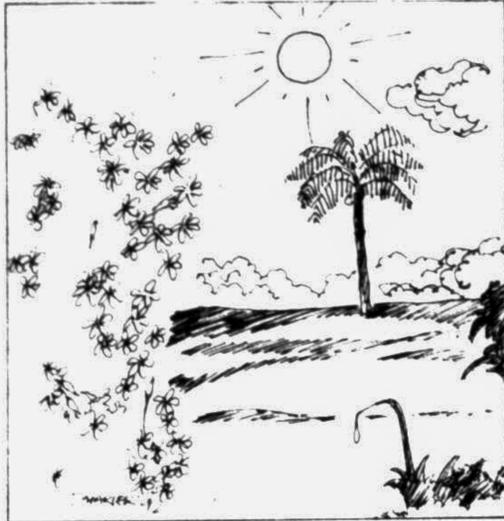
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The Bengali month of Bhadra is the beginning of a new season; it is when the dew drops begin to fall gently in the dead of night and yet the days are full of the clearest skies and the brightest sunshine. Perhaps that is why the poet has compared it so aptly with the tender awakening of the fifteen-year-old girl, on the threshold of womanhood, and yet a child. She looks back with longing but looks forward with hope, dreams and trepidation. Dare she step into the unknown? But of course. And what a

lovely comparison, because this is the month, when the first 'sheul' flowers, those eternal flowers, with the white petals and the orange stems, gently blossom at night, to lie in an innocent carpet, at the foot of the tree, at the crack of dawn. The month is as short-lived as those flowers, we often say to ourselves. Or our own innocent childhood.

It is the time of the year when the connoisseur of the palate looks forward to the lovely, aromatic fruit, the 'taal', so similar in looks to the coconuts but so different in taste. The bright sun ripens the fruit just right and it can be heard to fall resoundingly in the still of the night, much to the delight of the children and the housewife, who will cook it into a most delicious concoction, with milk and sugar, first thing in the morning! To be savoured by the 'master of the house'. It is a delicacy, reserved only for



the month of Bhadra. But the housewife remains busy in this month for other more important reasons too. This is the time of the year when she does her 'airing'.

The bright sunshine is the time to drag out all those woolies, in preparation for the winter, which is just round the corner, and air them. It is the time for her other precious little bits and pieces to be aired and put away for another year. She dusts away the mildew and the moths, after the rains have gone and caressing-ly packs away her sarees, with perhaps a quiet tear brushed away quickly as memories of her own innocent girlhood come crowding in to tear asunder her complacent demeanour. But here is not to dwell on the past. That is the privilege of the poets — and the lovers.

But the quiet beauty of the month cannot be denied. The drops of gentle dew, covering the tree tops through the hearts of many, a tremor of joy, certainly, because the beginning of the 'sharai' which Bhadra heralds, is also the beginning of the end of the hot months of summer and monsoon, and one can look forward to the delights and delicacies of winter. The innocent dew certainly reminds us of the months ahead, crowded round the fire in the open, with the 'pithas' roasting. In spite of the vagaries of life, there is so much to look forward to, always.

JU VC, JUTA condemn attack on Menon

Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed yesterday condemned the assault-attack on Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, MP, reports UNB.

In a statement, he demanded immediate arrest of the assailants and exemplary punishment to them.

The VC also called upon all to unitedly resist terrorist activities across the country. Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) President Khondkar Mostafidur Rahman and acting General Secretary Atiqur Rahman also condemned the attempt on Menon's life.

They said in a joint statement that the attack on Rashed Khan Menon and killing of Ratan Sen in broad daylight followed the same blueprint.

Blaming the collaborators and killers of 1971 for the attack, they urged upon all to resist the anti-liberation elements.

Training course on arts begins

A three-month long training course on 'The History of arts and its understanding' began yesterday under the auspices of Performing Arts Training Project of Shilpakala Academy in the city, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the course, the Director General of the Academy Mobarak Hossain Khan said the sense of arts and the knowledge on its gradual development were a must to attain the excellence in arts.



The Malaysian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Ahmad Fuzi Bin Abdul Razak called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. —PID photo

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Malaysian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Ahmad Fuzi Bin Abdul Razak called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office here yesterday, reports UNB.

This was his first call on since he took over charge of the High Commission recently.

Welcoming the High Commissioner, the Prime Minister hoped that the friendly relations between the two brotherly Muslim countries would further be strengthened in the coming days.

Referring to the excellent relations existing between the two countries, Begum Zia said Bangladesh and Malaysia have

common positions on many international issues and cooperate with each other in many world forums like OIC, Non-Aligned Movement and the United Nations.

Begum Zia stressed the need for diversifying bilateral cooperations in trade, culture and economic fields. She hoped that Malaysia would simplify procedures for recruitment of Bangladeshi workers.

She expressed her sincere gratitude to Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad for extending total support to Bangladesh on the

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Dixit meets Mostafiz

The visiting Indian Foreign Secretary J N Dixit called on Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman at his office yesterday, reports UNB. They discussed bilateral issues and matters.

Noman for social movement against unholy activities

CHITTAGONG, Aug 22: Minister for Environment Abdullah-al-Noman has called upon the people of all sections to wage a social movement against the unholy activities obstructing the government efforts to develop the infrastructure of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a public meeting arranged by Pahartali thana BNP at the Sarajpara of the city here yesterday.

The Minister said differences in political views and ideals are natural in the democratic system which also strengthen the process of democratic practices. But all should remain united to uphold the national interests, he said.

Presided over by Pahartali thana BNP President Shamul Alam the meeting was addressed among others by Chittagong City Mayor Mir Nasiruddin, Amir Khasru Mahmud MP, Sirajul Islam MP and the acting president of the city BNP Advocate Badrul Amwar.

Plea to raise production in mills, factories

An 11-member delegation of the Bangladesh Workers Federation called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Led by the president of the Federation and former member of the parliament M A Mottaleb, the delegation apprised the President of the different problems of the workers.

While exchanging views with the delegation, President Biswas urged them to increase production in mills and factories through peaceful trade union activities.

He said trade union activities should be directed towards achieving industrial peace, which is a conducive factor to attract entrepreneurs both local and foreign for investment in the industrial sector.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at many places over Khulna division and at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Noakhali, Comilla, Chittagong, Dhaka and Faridpur during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country, the Met office forecast.

The maximum temperature of 34.6 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi yesterday (Saturday) and the minimum of 24.5 degree was reported from Kutubdia, Comilla and Feni.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.25 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.37 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	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.2	25.2	80	79
Chittagong	32.2	25.0	77	77
Rajshahi	34.6	25.7	72	72
Khulna	32.8	25.9	78	86
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.0	82	84
Sylhet	33.5	25.4	83	76
Dinajpur	32.6	26.0	85	81
Comilla	32.6	24.5	88	90

HERE and THERE

Bangladesh Scout

A delegate of the Bangladesh Scout left Dhaka on August 20 for Islamabad to join in the Fourth Islamic Scout Conference to be held in the Pakistani capital from August 23 to 25.

The delegate headed by Shafig Alam Mchedi, National Deputy Commissioner (Publication) of the Bangladesh Scout also included Afzal Hossain, Rashida Begum and Munshi Golam Mortuza.

CPB

President and general secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in a statement Saturday expressed profound shock at the killing of Kalipada Das, a leader of the Khetmajur Samity.

The leaders demanded immediate arrest and trial of the persons involved in the killing and also expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BIBM

A seminar on 'Cooperative banks and cooperative credit societies' conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) was held here yesterday.

Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank inaugurated the seminar as the chief guest.

A H M Nurul Islam Choudhuri, Director General, BIBM presided over both the inaugural and business sessions.

Vikrampur Chhatra Kalyan Samity

Sakhawatullah Khan Anu and S M G Golam Gaus were elected president and general secretary respectively of Vikrampur Chhatra Kalyan Samity at the annual general conference of the Samity held at the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) here yesterday.

Besides, Anisur Rahman and Sheikh Mohammed Abdus Sobhan were elected treasurer and organising secretary in the 31-member committee of the Samity.

The conference also elected Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury as the chief patron, Prof Yazuddin Ahmed as the chairman of the Teachers' Advisory Council and Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly as the chairman of the Students' Advisory Council of the Samity.



Sunday

- 5:00 Opening announcement
- 5:10 Al-Quran
- 5:15 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Bible
- 5:25 Cartoon
- 6:00 Sports programme
- 6:45 School Bichitra
- 7:05 Tagore's song
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:25 Probaho
- 9:00 Drama series: Oshin
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Nibedan
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Monday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing



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