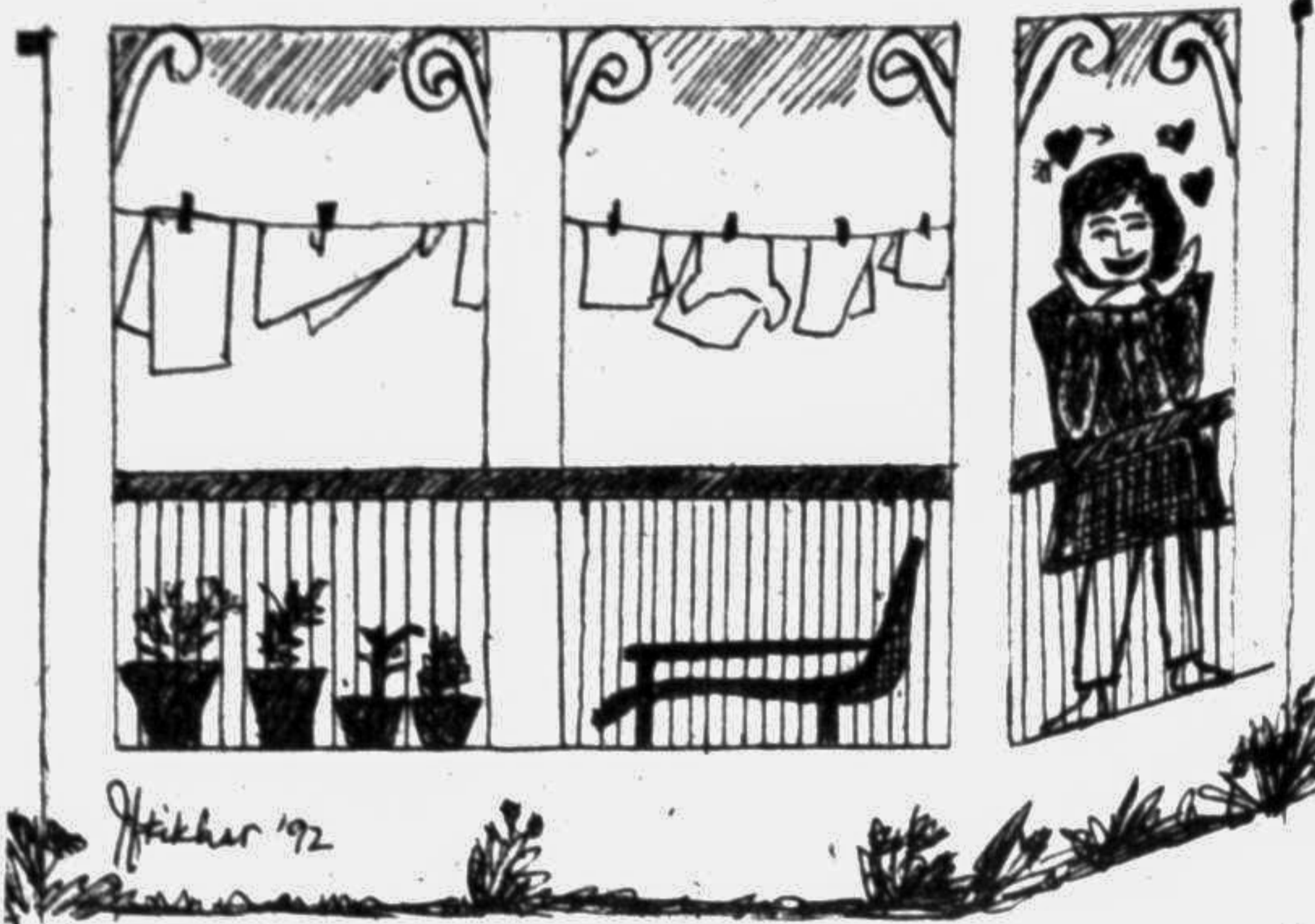


# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Lure of a Veranda

By A S M Nurunnabi



The caption of this piece introduces a romantic note. This may be appreciated by those who live in congested urban areas. In fact, the appeal of a veranda in a habitat is universal, particularly in a tropical climate like ours. In the villages, they have, by and large, their open courtyards which meet the inner craving of all for open space. But in urban areas, the craving which is latent in everybody cries out for fulfillment.

Verandas or windows are normally favourite subjects for poets. Many a story or lyric has been spun against the background of a veranda for the creation of appropriate romantic effects.

A veranda is defined in the dictionary as an open portico or gallery alongside of a house without roof or with roof supported on pillars. The word has Portuguese origin. It is also used synonymously with the word balcony. The word carries historical significance. In olden times, when the subjects wanted a glimpse of their kings and emperors, the latter used to oblige by making an appearance on the veranda. The subjects then used to respond with cheers. The tradition is sometimes followed by modern day rulers to fulfill the desire of the ruled.

A veranda exercises great attraction for some persons who in some way suffer from a sort of claustrophobia. Such persons when they seek a house for rent are exploited by house-owners having houses with verandas. These persons pay for their weakness by way of increased rent.

I have a friend who has an intense love for verandas. He is a poet. Sometimes he would spend his entire days on his veranda composing his verses. I warn him by way of joking against this overwhelming love, saying that a veranda can be a good springboard for committing suicide in a fit of depression.

Washing dirty linen in public is undesirable, but drying washed linen in public on verandas may be a virtue. This good quality comes into conflict with my friend's determination to use his veranda all for himself for the purpose of composing verses. This determination often buckles under the trade of his wife. At that time my friend beats a hasty retreat within.

If the weather is sultry and if as a result of load shedding, power goes off for electric fans and airconditioners and we are thrown into a primitive existence, a veranda then offers immense relief from a choking atmosphere.

People in colder climates are perhaps unable to appreciate the manifold blessings offered by verandas, because their covered designs of housing make it impossible. With that situation in view, people in warmer climates sometimes wonder how romantic types in those countries react to a full moon on a clear sky or to the vast vista of star-studded firmament.

Those in urban areas who have a penchant for potted gardening will find ample scope for it on verandas. In fact, statistics may show that most potted gardening is located on verandas.

When winter comes, the touch of sunshine flooding a veranda is so soothing that often the whole household come out to huddle on it to feel its blissful warmth.

We have recounted a hundred and one points in praise of the veranda, but we find not a single point against it.

### BCL leaders' release demanded

**By DU Correspondent**  
The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) Sunday at a rally demanded immediate release of their leaders arrested Wednesday last.

The BCL leaders at the rally held in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday noon said that the government was harassing the party workers of south city unit by arresting their leaders.

The leaders said that Shaiful Islam President, south city unit and Akhter Hossain, General Secretary of the same unit, were arrested without any cause at that night before the hartal which was called to protest the attack on Menon.

The leaders condemned the government role for not taking any action against Jamaat Shibir and Jubo Command.

The rally was addressed among others by the BCL President Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury, General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim, and DU unit President KHM Liza.

Earlier the BCL brought out a procession from central office at Bangabandhu Avenue which paraded different city roads.

### JU first year viva begins

**By JU Correspondent**  
The viva voce examinations of the candidates for the first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University begins today (Monday).

The viva voce examinations will continue up to August 26 (Wednesday).

This was disclosed yesterday (Sunday) at the meeting of the admission committee with Vice Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed in the chair.

The merit and waiting list of the admission tests will be published on September 5. Admissions from the merit list will commence on the same day and it will continue up to September 28.

Candidates from the waiting list will be admitted in between September 3 and September 24, official sources said.

A total of 901 students will be admitted in the university this year.

### Shishu Academy invites paintings from children

Bangladesh Shishu Academy has invited paintings from Bangladesh children for participation at the 'Asian children art contest' to be held in Japan, reports BSS.

Paintings on any subject and in any medium having minimum size 38 by 55 centimeters could be sent for the contest, according to a press release.

Children between six to 12 years have been requested to send their paintings within September 14 next to Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Old High Court area, here.

The name of the painter in block letters in English, age, date of birth, sex, class, full address, name of the painting and date of the painting should be written on the back side of the paintings.

### Carpenter gets wheel chair

Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka yesterday handed over a wheel chair to a carpenter who lost his both legs in a recent accident, a press release said, reports UNB.

Jainal Abedin, under treatment at Pangu Hospital, thanked the club for the donation.

Inner Wheel leaders Bulbul Alam, Lutfunnesa, Inu Shamsuddin, Nazneen Mahbub and Hasina Farid were present when the chair was donated at Pangu Hospital.

### Weather

## Temperature may fall

**By Staff Correspondent**  
Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Khulna and Chittagong divisions and a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday. Meteorological office forecast.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period over the country.

Light rainfall was recorded in Dhaka, Bogra, Ishordi, Chandpur, Satkhira, Khulna, Bogra, Mymensingh and Bhola yesterday.

The sun sets today (Monday) in Dhaka at 6:24 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:37 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.4	26.5	85	78
Chittagong	32.6	24.9	74	83
Rajshahi	32.0	25.8	86	89
Khulna	32.7	26.2	79	88
Barisal	30.1	25.5	88	87
Cox's Bazar	31.8	25.0	75	85
Sylhet	33.6	23.8	74	63
Mymensingh	32.4	26.3	75	85
Dinajpur	32.0	25.8	88	75



Artistes rendering songs at a function at the Institution of Engineers auditorium yesterday organised by Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha. — Star photo

## Dhaka firm to make SAARC effective body: FM

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman yesterday reiterated Bangladesh's firm commitment to contribute to make SAARC an effective regional body, reports BSS.

It should be effective not only as the instrument for generating tangible economic benefits but also as the catalyst for catching up with contemporary global meliorative trends, the minister said while inaugurating a national seminar on 'Bangladesh and SAARC: Issues, Perspective and Outlook.'

Rahman noted that now there was a recognition for redirecting SAARC programmes, geared at tangible benefits for the people and that, in most cases, definite time-bound plans and programmes were in the offing.

He said the forthcoming summit, scheduled to be held here later this year, would look into some of these vital questions.

The two-day seminar is being jointly organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International Strategic Studies (BISS) and the Department of International Relations, Dhaka University.

Chairman of the board of governors of BISS AKH Moshed, presided over the inaugural session which was also addressed by Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Maniruzzaman Mian and Director General of BISS Dr Alisarul Quader.

A cross-section of academics, scholars, researchers and analysts are taking part in the deliberations of the seminar.

The Foreign Minister said the South Asian countries were left with no option other than strengthening the SAARC process at a time when cooperation in regional context was the key word.

Rahman said SAARC had already established itself as the institutional mechanism for increasingly effective cooperation during the forthcoming summit.

Referring to the importance attached by SAARC to the problem of alleviation of poverty in the region, Rahman said the independent commission on alleviation of poverty, which was constituted in the wake of Colombo summit after Prime Minister Begum Khaleda tabled the proposition for 'Dai-Bhat', had three rounds of deliberations and was expected to submit its recommendations to the forthcoming summit.

### Noujan Sramik team calls on President

A ten-member delegation of the Jatiyatabadi Noujan Sramik Union called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the problems faced by them while performing their duties.

The President gave them a patient hearing and assured to look into their problems.

President of the Union Zulfiqar Uddin Chowdhury led the delegation.

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to  
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### Bjom new Swedish envoy

The government has accorded agreement to the appointment of Bjorn Ingemar Sternby as the next Ambassador of Sweden to Bangladesh, an official announcement said in Dhaka Sunday, reports BSS.

### Lecture on electronic machine held

**By Staff Correspondent**  
A lecture on 'Machines in Electronic World-Innovations and Development' was held yesterday at the seminar room of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB).

Prof Dr Abdul Matin Patwari was present as the chief guest and Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury as special guest.

Prof A M Azizur Rahman, Professor of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, presented keynote paper. Rahman received IAS Electric Machines Committee Chairman's Service Award 1989 and first prize paper award 1989 last July.

He discussed the application of Power Electronics, controls and computer in Electric Machines.

A large number of educationists and engineers were present.

### Obtains Ph D

The degree of PhD has been conferred on Perroza Begum (Emily) of the Department of Psychology, Dhaka University for her thesis 'Some Social Psychological Determinants of Violence and Aggression among Young Adults,' says a university press release.

She completed her PhD course under the supervision of Dr Hamida Akhter Begum, Professor of Psychology, Dhaka University.

Perroza Begum is the eldest daughter of Dr Sayyid Fazlul Haq a retired Professor of Radiotherapy, Dhaka Medical College.



The Chief of UNHCR Dhaka mission Dairough Bayandor called on State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan at his office yesterday. — PID photo

## Hasina's statement baseless: Salam

BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar Saturday described as 'baseless and with ulterior motive' the latest statement of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina alleging that the attempt on the life of Rashed Khan Menon was made at the instigation of the Prime Minister, reports BSS.

Salam Talukdar said Sheikh Hasina also claimed in her usual way many more things including that had her party been in power democracy would have been safe.

In a statement protesting the allegations of Sheikh Hasina the BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister said that although the Awami League chief was well-known for speaking incoherently, the nation at this particular moment expected constructive statements from her befitting a leader.

"But unfortunately she created doubts in the minds of the countrymen by speaking unnecessary things as usual," he said.

Salam Talukdar said, "our attention has been drawn to the statements of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina published in different newspapers. Besides, over the past few days, in her speeches and statements, she has been accusing the government of disregarding the public verdict of the movement, of playing an indifferent role towards terrorism, and of corruption and nepotism and alleged that the judiciary does not have freedom."

The BNP Secretary General noted that Sheikh Hasina had

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4.	Malee (gardener) 900-18x35-1530/=	Maximum 30 years	Class Eight passed. Preference will be given to experienced candidates.
5.	M L S S 900-18x35-1530/=	Maximum 30 years	Class Eight passed. Preference will be given to experienced candidates.

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