

Dhaka Day by Day

Re-shaping Images of Third World

by Rahat Fahmida

"It we step back to see — what is development? — it is change," said William Drayton. He is the current chairman and president of Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, who was in Dhaka on a brief official visit very recently.

Ashoka is an international non-profit organisation that supports innovative public service entrepreneurs from developing countries. The philosophy behind this organisation is that the people most capable of bringing change are the

creative individuals from the developing countries. Drayton said to 'The Daily Star'. To carry this out, Ashoka provides its fellows with a living allowance for a period of one to three years. This support allows the fellow to devote himself/herself full-time to its project. Ashoka doesn't want to limit a project's success to any one village or area, rather it wants to help someone implement a new idea whose impact will reach beyond the local level. The Fellows must also help one another in critical moments.

Talking about Ashoka's work in Bangladesh, which began in 1987 and is now headed by Tahereah Huq, the president of the organisation said — "In Bangladesh the work is marvelous. What they are accomplishing in the projects here is still small as it is new. But certainly there is a great deal of talent and innovation. I must say Ibrahim Sobhan's work here is absolutely brilliant.

"This country is in a central position for development. Here our project will expand more in the coming years."

With a brilliant academic background, MacArthur Fellow, William Drayton, founded Ashoka in the belief that important social change, like private sector innovation, starts when an individual has the vision to see "the next step" and the entrepreneurial qualities to motivate others to join him or her in taking it.

In supporting these "public entrepreneurs," Ashoka acts very much like a capital firm. It scouts Third World countries for promising candidates, who then receive grants over an average two-to-four-year period. Currently, there are some 150 Ashoka Fellows, representing countries that make up two thirds of the population of South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Africa. Their solutions address areas ranging

from literacy to sex and caste discrimination, from day care to resource development.

"What differentiates Ashoka Fellows from mere idealists," says Drayton, "is that for these rare men and women, an idea can bring satisfaction only when it is realized. Possessing an unstoppable drive, they define new issues and create new approaches. Their innovations then set new yardsticks of performance for society's larger bureaucracies."

The president, in his late 40s, explaining his organisation's work said, while small in comparison to the kinds of money usually allotted for development, Ashoka grants can provide an enormous investment yield. For an average annual cost in India of \$2,500, in Indonesia of \$3,000, and in Brazil of \$7,000, Ashoka Fellows are, very concretely, improving the lives of millions of people.

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Tributes paid to Mujib

Speakers at a discussion meeting yesterday paid tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and called for establishing his dreams for an exploitation-free society, reports UNB.

The discussion at the National Book Centre was organised by Dakkhin Bangla Jubo Kallayan Samity on the occasion of his 17th death anniversary.

Presided over by vice president of the Samity Hanif Mia, it was also addressed, among others, by Abdul Jabbar, S M Zahid Reza, Shaheen Nabi and M A Jaiil.

Recalling the role of Bangabandhu during the independence struggle, they called upon all to materialise his ideals and uphold the spirit of the Liberation War.

The speakers resented what they called the government's hobnobbing with the defeated forces of 1971 and called upon the pro-liberation forces to launch a united movement against them.

Anniversary of JCD leader's death observed

By JU Correspondent

Students of Jahangirnagar University vowed Wednesday to unite against fundamental forces during the observance of the third death anniversary of students' leader Habibur Rahman Kabir.

Late Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Kabir was killed on this day, three years back by the Jamaat-e-Islami backed Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists.

Since the killing, students of Jahangirnagar University have jointly resisted the politics of Islamic Chhatra Shibir on the campus.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a mourning procession on the campus in remembrance of their former leader.

In a meeting held after the rally the JCD leaders accused the fundamentalist forces for pushing the country toward anarchy.

The meeting was addressed among others by JCD, JU unit leaders, Masud Hasan Talukder, Aminul Haq Alam, Wahiduzzaman Appollo, Abdul Wahid.



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Zaki calls on Khaleda

The visiting SAARC Secretary General Ibrahim Hussein Zaki called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

The SAARC Secretary General informed the Prime Minister about the achievements of the SAARC.

The Prime Minister said SAARC would continue to play an effective role to improve the lot of the teeming millions of the region.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabbani was also present on the occasion.

SAARC summit will yield positive results: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his firm belief that the forthcoming seventh SAARC summit to be held here would bring positive results in expanding relationship among the regional countries, reports BSS.

He said this when visiting SAARC Secretary-General Ibrahim Hussein Zaki called on him at Bangabhaban.

President Biswas said that the SAARC countries had no reason to be lagging behind in development efforts than other nations of the South-Asia region.

He stressed the need for an integrated programme to raise the per capita income of the people of the SAARC countries.

Referring to the initiative of the SAARC Secretariat in strengthening the bonds of

socio-economic cooperation, he said that continued peace and harmony would be the means of development and progress of the region.

He also appreciated the activities of the poverty alleviation programmes initiated by a group of experts of the SAARC countries and said that their views should be evaluated properly for removing poverty from the regional countries.

He also highlighted the contribution of Shaheed President Zia in the formation of SAARC and hoped a new era in achieving economic order suited to the needs of the regional countries will dawn through concerted efforts.

Exchanging views, Ibrahim Zaki shared the sentiment expressed by the President and hoped next SAARC summit would be a milestone in the history of relationship among the SAARC nations.

He informed that a proposal on the formation of South Asian development fund would be submitted for a close review in the seventh SAARC summit.

Attack on RMCH doctor slated

Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association yesterday strongly condemned the attack on Prof Doctor Habibur Rahman of the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and demanded security of the doctors all over the country, reports BSS.

In a joint statement Dr Altaf Hussain and Dr Anul Islam Chowdhury, President and Secretary-General of the association termed the incident as "dastardly and cowardice action."

Ganatantri Party

Ganatantri Party expressed their resentment over an attack on kidney specialist of the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Professor Habibur Rahman.

Happy Birthday

to SHAAN



From: Nanna, Nana, Mamu

CHEHLUM

Chehlum of the Managing Director of Modhumita Group Late Md. Salahuddin (Farooque), the eldest son of Late Md. Sirajuddin, founder of Modhumita Group, will be observed tomorrow the 28th August, 1992 after Juma Prayer at Road No. 5, House No. 39, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the Chehlum and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Wife of Late Md. Salahuddin, his daughters, brothers & sisters.

Art exhibition on environment opens tomorrow

A week-long art exhibition on environment, jointly organised by a non-government organisation "Commitment" and Shilpakala Academy, begins here tomorrow (Friday), reports UNB.

Minister for Forest and Environment, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman is expected to inaugurate the exhibition, first of its kind in the country.

About 100 pieces of art works on environment including those of late Shilpakarya Jainul Abedin, eminent artist Kamrul Hassan, Kazi Ahsan Habib and SM Sultan will be put on display at the exhibition to be held at the Shilpakala Academy.

Meanwhile, at a press conference on the eve of the exhibition here yesterday, president of Commitment Abul Kalam Azad hoped that it was intended to help create awareness among the people

BCIC to buy 20,000 tons of salt by Oct

The eighth meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Industries Ministry was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting had detailed discussions on the ways and means to collect and purchase salt from the salt crushers of the country.

It decided in principle that the BCIC would purchase 20 thousand tons of salts from the salt crushers within October this year.

The meeting also took decision to take immediate step for purchase and stock more salt by the government for the sake of continuous achievement of the salt production of the country in future.

In the current season the country has produced a

record quantity of 7.19 lakh tons of salt.

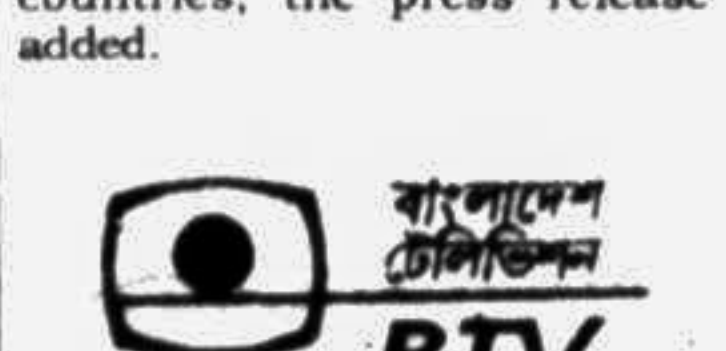
The meeting adopted a condolence resolution at the death of mother of A S M Firoz, MP, and offered munajat for the peace of the departed soul.

The members of the parliamentary standing committee Syed Manjoor Hossain, ASM Firoz, Md Abdus Sobhan, Md Sultan-ul-Kabir Chowdhury, Samsun Nahar, Khawaja Ahsan Ullah, Dr Ekram Hossain, Chairman BSCIC and concerned high officials were present.

Bangladeshi student honoured

Jerin Khan, a twelve class Bangladeshi student of the International School Of Brussels, Belgium earned the membership of the International Honour Society for the session '92-'93 by dint of her extra-ordinary merit and leadership qualities, say a press release.

This society is a USA-based international organisation which selects its members from deserving students having the above mentioned qualities studying in the international schools of different countries, the press release added.



Thursdays

5-00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5-10	News in Bangla
5-20	Recitation from the Geeta
5-25	Special programme for children on the occasion of Nazrul's death anniversary
6-30	Jebaner Alo
7-05	School debate
8-00	News in Bangla
8-40	Special drama on Nazrul's death anniversary
10-00	News in English
10-30	Special programme on Nazrul's death anniversary
11-30	Khabar/The News
11-40	Friday's programme summary
11-45	Closing



This photograph of Nazrul Islam (inset) won the Japan Airlines Prize' in the 17th photo contest in Asia and Pacific of Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) held recently in Tokyo.

Weather

No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or shower may occur at many places over Chittagong, Khulna divisions and at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

The Met office forecast, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country while weather may improve after a week.

The highest rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday Wednesday were: Rangpur 26, Bogra 22, Chittagong 12, Khulna II, Patuakhali 10, Ragamati and Kheupara 5 mm each and Dhaka, Kutubdia and Sitakund 3 mm each.

The maximum temperature of 33.4 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi yesterday Wednesday and the minimum of 23.4 degree was reported from Dinajpur.

The sun sets today Thursday at 6.21 pm and rises tomorrow Friday at 5.39 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	9am	6pm		
Dhaka	31.5	26.5	85	83		
Chittagong	31.0	25.0	90	78		
Rajshahi	33.4	24.5	98	88		
Khulna	32.5	27.2	90	93		
Cox's Bazar	30.6	25.6	89	89		
Dinajpur	29.6	23.4	95	85		
Sylhet	32.0	24.3	88			
Barisal	28.8	25.0	98	92		

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