

Dhaka Day by Day

Polite and to the Point

by Fayza Haq



Salih Bogach Guldere of the Turkish Embassy, seen in Sylhet.

Twenty-seven year old Turkish Charge D'affaire, Salih Bogach Guldere, speaking on the subject of whether Turkey has been helping Bangladesh economically and culturally, talking with confidence and suavely, "If you are talking about aid in a big way, Turkey is not one of the donor countries."

"On the other hand," he continued, "We are offering possibilities of cooperation in a whole spectrum of fields, ranging from training in the cement factories to other industries." Guldere said that the Turkish authorities in Bangladesh had invited Bangladeshi experts to be trained in Turkey. The same applied in the field of agriculture, fertilisers etc.

Dwelling on Turkish assistance, the diplomat spoke of the financial assistance and the equipment that were being provided to the "Ataturk High School" near Feni. "We are assisting this school for a couple of decades. The school was named after Ataturk in 1936. We are trying to help in the widest possible way. We are, at the same time, trying to build a students' hostel at the University of Sylhet, which will be called the "Ataturk Hall".

Continuing on the matter of the hall, the diplomat added, "We will make the feasibility, build the building and hand it over." He also talked about Turkish being taught in the future at the Institute of Modern Languages at the University of Dhaka, "This fall," Guldere pointed out "the first Bangladeshi will go for training to Turkey and will become a teacher of the Turkish Language. As it is, there are a couple of tutors and they have been provided books etc."

"Guldere informed the Daily Star that in February '92, there had been joint economic "Turkey-Bangladesh" commission in which a good number of decisions had followed up naturally. The entire spectrum of economic relations and technical cooperations have been discussed and followed up. The diplomat added that technical cooperations have been regularly discussed. "We have talked of subjects ranging from trade relations to economic aid in industries such as leather industry, fertilizer industry, the textile sector, handicrafts, glass work, the tobacco agriculture, and number of other topics have been taken up," he said.

Guldere continued, "A second round of talks have reached a conclusion, air service between Turkey and Bangladesh. This has materialised and the necessary documents have been formulated and initiated." He said that Turkey needed the legal framework for this, as



Shabana Azmi and Farooque Shaikh, two noted cine artistes of India, are seen in the picture. They will perform in the play 'Tumhari Amrita' to be staged in Dhaka on September 20, 21 and 22.

AL, JP unleashing terrorist activities: Mosharraff

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondokar Mosharraff Hossain yesterday called upon the people to wage an all-out movement to curb terrorism and improve law and order situation in the country, reports BSS.

Addressing an anti-terrorism rally organised by the Sutrapur Thana unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, the youth front of the BNP, Dr Mosharraff, who is also the Joint Secretary General of the party, said, "Terrorism can't go together along with development and education."

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor and Jubo Dal President Mirza Abbas, State Minister for Forest and Environment Gayeshwar Chandra Roy also addressed the rally.

Sutrapur Thana Jubo Dal President, Nasiruddin Patwari presided over the rally which was also addressed by the city and central leaders of the Jubo Dal.

Dr Mosharraff said when the democratic government under the uncompromising leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was trying to restore discipline in the economic sector and had taken

Shabana Azmi, Farooque Shaikh to visit Dhaka

Noted Indian artists Shabana Azmi and Farooque Shaikh will visit Bangladesh to perform in the play 'Tumhari Amrita' a Gold Leaf Theatre presentation to be staged in Dhaka on September 20, 21 and 22, says a press release.

Organised by Theatre School, the play has been written by Javed Siddiqui and directed by Ferroz Khan. The play involves two performers who read love letters to each other, written by two people over a period of 35 years.

"Tumhari Amrita" has been inspired from A R Gurney's 'Love Letters'. A new form of theatrical presentation has been explored in the play which is a welcome deviation from the traditional norms of drama.

Death anniversary

First death anniversary of former Chairman of RAJUK and Director General of the Department of Environment Al-Haj SHM Abul Baahar will be observed today (Thursday), reports UNB. Milad mahfil and Quran khawant will be arranged on the occasion after Aar prayer.

Separation of judiciary demanded

By Staff Correspondent
Jatiyatabadi Aini Forum at a meeting of its executive body Thursday demanded separation of the judiciary from the legislature to ensure rule of law in the country.

The forum also decided to arrange a meeting of its representatives with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to place its specific proposals for enacting a law in this regard in the next session of the parliament.

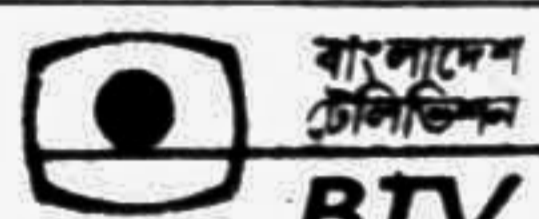
The meeting presided over by Justice T H Khan, Convenor of the forum was addressed among others by Member Secretary Abdul Wadud Khandoker, Fazlur Rahman Khan, Sanaullah Mia, Zainal Abedin, Sayedur Rahman, Bazlur Rahman Khan, Shahjahan Khan and Kazi Mokhlesur Rahman.

Justice Khan urged the government to take stern action against the terrorists despite their political affiliation to restore law and order in the country.

He stressed the need for appropriate application of law in containing terrorism adding that the trouble-mongers would move freely in the society if it is not applied strictly.

JS body on Foreign Affairs meet held

The sixth meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs headed by Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman held at Sangsad Bhavan yesterday, reports BSS.



Thursday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 The Cuckoo Sister
- 6:00 Desh O Biggan
- 6:30 Jiboner Alo
- 7:05 School Debate
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama of the week
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Mukhomukhi
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Friday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

Friday

- 8:00 Morning Session Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 8:10 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Sports World
- 8:40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9:00 Campus
- 9:30 The spectacular world of Guinness Record
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:05 Maner Mukurey: Sangsaptak
- 11:15 Children's drama series: The Girl from Tomorrow
- 11:45 Documentary
- 12:30 Evening's programme summary and closing

Evening Session

- 3:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 3:10 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3:15 Aior Dishari
- 3:40 Movie of the week
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:30 Sports programme
- 7:05 Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy series
- 9:00 Ujjiban (Religious programme)
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: L A Law
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light rain or shower may occur over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Noakhali and Sylhet and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

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

The maximum temperature of 35.5 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Wednesday) and the minimum temperature of 22.0 degree was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6.07 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.43 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		Humidity in	percentage
	Max	Min		
Dhaka	33.5	27.4	70	66
Chittagong	33.2	25.6	72	66
Rajshahi	34.6	26.2	79	72
Khulna	32.4	26.3	90	78
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.8	76	80
Sylhet	33.3	22.0	68	74
Dinajpur	33.5	26.0	80	75
Barisal	31.0	26.4	86	90

Make people aware about cyclone preparedness: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) volunteers to make aware the people about the emergency measures for cyclone preparedness and ensure their massive participation in facing the natural disasters, reports BSS.

He said the volunteers should play their due role in implementing the cyclone preparedness programme effectively with active support of all.

The President was addressing as chief guest the 20th anniversary of the cyclone preparedness programme of the BDRCS at the Justice BA Siddiky Nursing School premises of the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital in the city this morning.

Presided over by Chairman of the BDRCS, Syed Shahidul Huq Jamal MP, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan, member of the Red Crescent managing board Abu Yousuf Mohammad Khallur Rahman MP, acting head of the delegation of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society Mosaki Ohashi and Vice Chairman of BDRCS, Alhaj Siddiqur Rahman and Volunteer Malik Mo-

hammad Ayub of Patharghata thara.

President Biswas said geographically Bangladesh is in cyclone-prone zone where the people for the years together suffered due to natural catastrophes.

He said, the people courageously faced the challenge by taking intensive measures of relief and medicare for the victims.

Lauding the role played by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, the President said, the society itself, with active co-operation of the international organisation contributed immensely in providing succour to the cyclone affected people.

The President appreciated the services of the BDRCS volunteers during the tidal surge that hit the coastal areas last year when 22 of their colleagues sacrificed their lives while performing their duties.

He informed that 40 cyclone shelters, being constructed by BDRCS after the last tidal surge in the coastal belts, are nearing completion. The works of other 62 shelters meanwhile had been completed, he said.

He called upon the people to keep the interest of the country above all and help build the nation self-reliant in

all aspects.

In his presidential speech, Syed Shahidul Huq Jamal MP, Chairman of the BDRCS said the construction of forty cyclone shelters in the coastal areas was nearing completion to bring the total number of shelters to 102. He said more such shelters would be built with the support of the sister societies and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

He also referred to the allocation of fund by the IFRC for the BDRCS for the cyclone preparedness programme and said that these cooperation would continue in future.

He thanked the President, ministers, members of parliament, members of the managing board and officials and workers and volunteers of the BDRCS who attended the meeting.

Earlier, one minute silence was observed in memory of the volunteers who died during rendering their services in the cyclone-hit areas in 1991. Special munajat was also offered.

Later, the President distributed among the volunteers cyclone warning equipment and bicycles which were provided by the BDRCS.

ICFTU concerned at alleged harassment of Abu Jafar

By Staff Correspondent
The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) expressed its concern over the alleged harassment of Jatiya Samik Party President Shah Abu Jafar who was an executive of the local chapter of ICFTU.

In a letter to the Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, Secretary of ICFTU, Asian and Pacific regional organisation, Takashi Izumi said that his organisation was deeply concerned about the condition of Jafar.

Izumi said that if there was a warrant of arrest for Jafar then such warrant should specify the charges against him.

The ICFTU executive also urged the Prime Minister to ensure that the trade union and other human rights of Jafar were not violated.

ADAB chairman honoured

The University of Bath in the UK has conferred honorary Doctor of Law to Qazi Faruque Ahmed, Executive Director of Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra and chairman of Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), reports UNB.

A press release said the degree has been conferred upon him for his contribution and untiring efforts for socio-economic development in the country during the last two decades.

Nepalese team calls on Badruddoza

The visiting Nepalese parliamentary team called on Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House in Parliament, at his official residence Wednesday, reports BSS.

They discussed the matter of bilateral interest and parliamentary activities of the both countries.



Charti Chhatra Sangathan brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding repeal of all black laws including Special Power Act. —Star photo



Nazma Jesmin's death anniversary Saturday

By Staff Correspondent
The third anniversary of death of eminent writer and educationist Dr Nazma Jesmin Choudhury will be observed on Saturday.

Dr Nazma died of cancer on September 12, 1989.

To commemorate her death, "The Third Nazma Jesmin Choudhury Memorial Lecture" will be held Saturday at 4.30 pm at the Institute of Modern Languages of Dhaka University.

Professor Anisuzzaman will deliver this lecture. The subject of the lecture is "Women in the eyes of the educated Bangladesh of the nineteenth century". Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of the university, will preside over the function.

In observance of the day, a milad mahfil will be held at a local orphanage for girls in the city.

Alpana's paintings adjudged best in London exhibition

Paintings of Murshida Arzu Alpana, lecturer, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University had been adjudged as the best overseas entry in the annual open exhibition organised by the Royal Overseas League of London, reports BSS.

Dr A F M Yusuf, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in UK received the reward on behalf of Ms Alpana Tuesday from Lord Grey, President of the Royal Overseas League, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 4 lakh seized

RAJSHAH, Sept 9: BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized incoming and outgoing smuggled goods worth Tk 4 lakh 44 thousand and arrested three smugglers today, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

The seized goods included sugar, cow, heroin, leather, salt, country-boat, polyester net and chilli.

The goods were deposited with custom office and the arrested persons were handed over to police.

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