

Dhaka Day by Day

Fuss about Food

by Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury

Hunger has let its presence known always and in the most unlikely times and places. In man's battle against this, which pull from within the stomach, it has always been hunger that has won. Even hermits, yogis or shadhaks who practice restraint over all kinds of worldly desires shared considerable interest in food. In filling the gaping hole of the stomach, man has through the ages proved his slavish obedience. So right food at the right moment remains as one of the fundamental need for mankind.

But the office-goers of Dhaka, who attend a nine-to-five office find difficulty in solving their need for food during the lunchtime. Some who have developed a characteristic aversion to food can do with less. But those who feel uneasy and incomplete without a full course meal have now-a-days arranged a unique way that serves both ends.

They usually employ a needy teenage boy, who is known to them, to carry their tiffin to their places of work at lunchtime from their home for a very nominal monthly salary. Moreover the boy is not employed individually, but collectively. Say about ten or more inmates of an office employ the same boy to carry their food. Each pays about taka fifty at the end of the month to the boy and their purposes are mutually served. Those who prefer home-made food can do enough

to please their gustatory faculty and an unemployed is blessed with the opportunity to earn a small, though very useful income.

One thing his employers make sure is that the boy's identity is known to them. Because most of these food-puritan apprehend that the boy may disappear or escape with their tiffin carriers or boxes, which are usually expensive. Perhaps, some do not stop fearing that the contents of those boxes might as well vanish. But such cases are very rare. Because to the boy his job is more important than the tiffin carriers or the food that only temporarily gets into those boxes.

"Our saviour is Anukul, a fifteen-year-old boy," says Anisur Rahman, an insurance executive with a contented smile. "We were fed-up with the under-quality food served in most of the restau-

rants at Motijheel and what is more, that it took a heavy toll on our purse. So, I along with seven of my other colleagues decided to employ Anukul, who is a nephew to one of our office orderlies, to carry our lunch from home. Collectively we pay him an amount of taka six hundred at the end of the month. Although not much, it keeps Anukul and his family a little well-off, I suppose. He is very punctual. But at the beginning when once or twice he reached the office late, we doubted his arrival at all. But gradually he has gained our confidence. Now we know that at lunchtime he is going to be here for sure."

However, speaking to Anukul we learnt that he was not so much content with his employers, as they were with him. A sharp chap Anukul softly complains. They pay me six hundred taka collectively. But you see, some of them live quite far away. They should actually pay me according to the distance from their home to the office. I can't hop on board a bus with all those loaded tiffin boxes. So either I have to walk or I may come by a rickshaw. But availing a rickshaw everyday would cost twice the amount they pay me. So my only alternative is to walk."

Apart from salary, is there any other benefit that he receives from his employers? "Well, after they are done with lunch, they allow me to have the left overs. Still, there are a couple of 'shahabs' who are very generous. They do not give me left-overs, but they give some food from their's before they start to eat. So I usually enjoy a good meal. If the left-overs are in abundance, I pack them into a polythene bag and take it home with me. At home we cannot afford food quite so well. I have two younger brothers who await eagerly to see what I have brought for them. If they see me reach home empty-handed their faces become gloomy. So I try my best to take something for them," concludes Anukul, who from his very tender age has known the sordid fact that he has to struggle hard to sustain. Even if that struggle meant carrying food for people, while his family members starved — an irony no one would appreciate better than Anukul.



Carrying food for the hungry.

KUIL official due today

H K Kim, Executive Managing Director of KUIL a renowned automatic flat bed screen printing machine of South Korea, will arrive in Dhaka today (Tuesday) on a five-day visit to Bangladesh. He will be accompanied by Shin, Textile Consultant for Dyeing and Finishing of Saangyong Corp of South Korea, says a press release.

During their stay in Dhaka, they will have discussions with Bangladesh Textile Mill owners regarding their problems with textile dyeing and printing machineries and ascertain their future requirements. Interested parties may contact Saangyong corporation's Dhaka liaison office at 13, Dilkusha Commercial Area.

Move to expel Shibir activists Signature collection starts at JU

By JU Correspondent

A mass signature collection programme begins at Jahangirnagar University today (Tuesday) to mobilise students' support for expulsion of 14 Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists.

This was disclosed yesterday at a meeting of Sarbodol Chhatra Oikya (SCO), a newly formed student alliance of all party student bodies at the central cafeteria of the university.

The meeting reiterated its firm determination not to allow the fundamentalist forces

doing politics on the campus.

SCO set September 25 deadline for the authorities to take action against the enlisted 14 ICS activists for their alleged involvement in secret activities.

The alliance will take further action programme if their demands are not met by the time.

ICS is reportedly engaged in a secret plan to enter into the campus, campus sources said.

Students of the Jahangirnagar University have been resisting the Jamaat Shibir forces from doing politics in the campus since the killing of a Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Habbibur Rahman Kabir three years back.

The rally was addressed among others by the local JCD GS Aminul Hoque Alam, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) President Md Mahibullah, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front GS Kazi Shahed and Bangladesh Students Union GS Atikul Akand.

The SCO raided some rooms of alleged ICS members of Nawab Patunnessa Hall and recovered some secret papers on Sunday.

The recovered documents proved the secret activities of ICS on the campus.

Meanwhile, two hand-made explosives were recovered from the adjoining garden of Al-Beruni Hall of Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

Body of Saleheen arrives tomorrow

The mortal remains of late Mushfiq-us Saleheen will arrive in Dhaka from London by Biman Flight No BG-002 tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. Saleheen died at Brompton Hospital in London, says a press release.

The body of late Mushfiq-us Saleheen will be brought to his residence at 134 New Eskaton, Dhaka where his relations, friends and admirers will pay their last respects. His namaj-e-janaza will be held the same day at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Asr prayers.



Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition addressing a discussion meeting at the National Museum auditorium yesterday commemorating the first death anniversary of renowned freedom fighter Ruhul Quddus. —Star photo

'Persons like Ruhul Quddus needed to surmount crisis'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion meeting yesterday lauded the historic contributions of Ruhul Quddus to the country's War of Independence.

The meeting was organised to mark the first death anniversary of Ruhul Quddus, a close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, an organiser of the Liberation War and the first Principal Secretary of Independent Bangladesh, at the National Museum auditorium in the city.

The speakers while addressing the meeting observed that as a patriot late Quddus's contribution to the emergence of Bangladesh was invaluable as he was associated with the concept of Independent Bangladesh.

Freedom Fighter Ruhul Quddus's First Death Anniversary Observance Committee arranged the discussion in the afternoon.

Presided over by the Committee Chief Prof Kabir Choudhury, the meeting was also addressed by Awami League leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad, Ganatantri Party leader Peer Habibur Rahman, former Finance Minister M Sayeduzzaman, ex-Secretary A K M Ahsan, M Sirajuddin, former Deputy Attorney General Barrister K Z Alam and an accused in the Agartala Conspiracy Case Commander Abdur Rouf and late Quddus's son Ehsanul Alam.

Abdus Samad Azad termed persons like Ruhul Quddus as national assets, and said that such people demonstrated outstanding courage and exceptional moral integrity for the land and the people.

Despite being a senior government official, Azad pointed out, Quddus showed the rare guts of speaking for the people of former East Pakistan in those days of erstwhile Pakistan. His role with the patriots in the so-called Agartala Conspiracy Case and during the Liberation War distinguished him from other people in the country.

The Opposition Leader alleged that conspiracy was being hatched to turn Bangladesh into a 'mini Pakistan' in the name of politics using Islam.

Peer Habibur Rahman said that late Quddus patronised

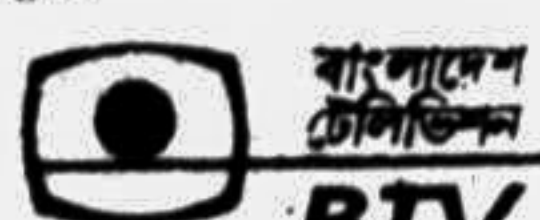
BNP, AL amity to curb terrorism

A decision has been adopted at a meeting of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Barguna district unit with local Awami League to curb terrorism and maintain peaceful atmosphere in the area, reports BSS.

According to a press release yesterday, after three-hour discussion in a meeting of the local leaders of both the political parties, it was decided that the cases filed by the two parties against each other would be withdrawn from the next week.

It was further decided that both BNP and Awami League would not give shelter to those engaged in terrorism and expelled those party workers involved in terrorist activities forthwith.

Local people hailed this decision and congratulated the leaders of both BNP and Awami League.



Tuesday

5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
5.10	Programme summary
5.20	News in Bangla
	Recitation from the Gesta
5.25	Cartoon film
6.00	Shikhyadikkhya
6.30	Maeder Jannet programme for mothers
7.05	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Drama serial Aaroy
10.00	News in English
10.30	Mini series Fortunes of War
11.30	Khabar/The news
11.40	Wednesday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

the pro-people and pro-liberation political forces with his democratic and patriotic spirit and noble mentality.

He said that lakhs of patriotic leader like Quddus were needed now-a-days to free the nation from the present crisis and the intrigues of the Rajakars.

Peer Habibur Rahman thanked Jahanara Imam for launching the anti-Rajakar movement in the country and criticised the political parties for not playing due role in eliminating the defeated forces and the Liberation War.

Prof Kabir Choudhury in speech observed that the nation could bitterly pay tributes to the country's great leaders like Quddus by remembering

and discussing their invaluable contributions. He criticised the absence of any government programme in observance of Quddus's death anniversary.

He alleged that religion was being used in the country to obstruct the way of progress although no religion including Islam speak against progress.

A K M Ahsan said that late Quddus was somewhat different from the rest of senior government officials of former East Pakistan, because he was exceptional.

M Sayeduzzaman said that Quddus was prophetic when he had remarked on October 7, 1958 following promulgation of Martial Law that 'it is the beginning of the end of Pakistan'.

What's on today

UNAB symposium

The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium today (Tuesday) at the auditorium of the UN Information Centre in observance of the International Day of Peace.

Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman will be main speaker at the function scheduled to be held at 5 pm. Winston Temple, Acting Representative of UNDP will be the guest speaker on the occasion.

The symposium will be chaired by UNAB President Professor M Innas Ali.

La Galerie

La Galerie at 54 Kemal Ataturk Avenue at Banani will feature a 40 piece miniature painting exhibition of pastel, watercolour, and mixed media of artist Bulbul Osman from today (Tuesday) till September 22.

The French Ambassador to Bangladesh Serge Degallatix will open the exhibition at 5-30 pm which will remain open every day from 9 am to 8 pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at Hotel Sonargang.

Rotary Club of Motijheel

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Motijheel will be held today (Tuesday) at 5:30 pm at Hotel Purbani. The meeting will be followed by Club Assembly.

Sramik Front meet

A general meeting of the Central Committee of Samajtantrik Sramik Front (SSF) will be held today (Tuesday) at its central office at 10 am.

The meeting will be presided over by Abdullah Sarkar.

Jubo Union reception

Bangladesh Jubo Union will accord a reception in honour of the Haripur Oil Contract Public Investigation Commission today (Tuesday) at 5:00 pm at "Rendezvous Sundgram" a hotel at Motijheel.

BCL Council meet

The Central Council meeting of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will be held today (Tuesday) at the TSC, Dhaka University at 10:00 am.

Jahanara Imam will inaugurate the function while Kazi Aref Ahmed, Hasanul Haq Inu, Sharif Nurul Ambia, Abdul Kader will attend. Mokhesur Rahman will preside over the meeting.

Nirmul Committee rally

The women's wing of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a women's rally in front of the National Press Club today (Tuesday) at 4 pm.

The rally will be attended by Jahanara Imam as the chief guest while it will be inaugurated by Lt Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzzaman.

Rotary Club of Dhaka meet

The club assembly of Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held at 4:30 pm followed by the regular weekly meeting at 5:30 pm today (Tuesday) at the Gulshan Club Ltd, Dhaka.

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Paediatric Association Lecture

The Academic and Scientific Sub-Committee of Bangladesh Paediatric Association will hold a lecture on updating the knowledge of recent advancement in the management of childhood tuberculosis tomorrow (Wednesday) at 12 noon in the auditorium of BICU, Dhaka Shishu Hospital.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

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

The Met office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of 35.1 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Monday) and the minimum of 21.0 degree Celsius was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:45 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 Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33.5	26.4	76	71
Chittagong	31.9	25.3	74	81
Rajshahi	33.2	25.4	72	
Khulna	34.2	25.8	86	72
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.0	77	78
Sylhet	29.2	21.0	97	62
Dinajpur	32.4	24.0	82	75
Comilla	32.5	25.6	85	90

Art competition for children begins

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman inaugurated an art competition for children on environment at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Speaking on the occasion she said guardians should inspire and guide their wards for taking part in such kind of competition. This would help flourish children's latent talents, she added.



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University of Dhaka: Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up the following posts:-

1. Assistant Professors

- Department of Marketing - 1 permanent post.
- Department of History - 2 permanent posts.
- Department of Chemistry - 2 posts (one permanent and one temporary).

Pay scale — Tk. 4800-175-7250/-.

Qualifications: Candidate must have 1st class either in Honours or in Master's degree in the relevant subjects or in both or an equivalent degree from foreign University with at least high second divisions in SSC and HSC examinations. They should have at least three years teaching and research experience in a University. The above requirement may be relaxed in the case of those who have PhD degree or research publications in standard journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contributions to different areas of University activities specially in guiding the overall in educational and Co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualifications. Other qualifications being equal preference will be given to those who have M Phil degree.

In case of appointment of Asstt Professor in the Department of Marketing Lecturer may be appointed if consequential vacancy arises.

2. Lecturer:

- Department of History - 2 posts (against leave vacancy).
- Department of Chemistry - 1 post (against leave vacancy).
- Institute of Modern Language - 2 permanent posts.
- Department of Psychology - 2 posts (against leave vacancy).

Pay scale — Tk. 2850-125-3725-EB-130-5155/-.

Qualifications: Candidate must have 1st class either in Honours or in Master's degree in the relevant subjects with at least second divisions in SSC and HSC examinations. If candidates with above qualifications are not available the conditions may be relaxed. Other qualifications being equal preference will be given to those who have M Phil degree.

In case of appointment of Lecturer in Chemistry candidates specialised in Physical Inorganic branch and who have higher degree will be given preference.

Qualifications for the post of Lecturer in German and Japanese language. Candidates must have 1st class either in Honours or in MA in the relevant language with at least second divisions in SSC and HSC examinations. Preference will be given to a candidate having a post graduate degree or diploma in the teaching of the relevant language as a foreign or second language or a post graduate degree in Linguistic or applied Linguistic. If candidates with above qualifications are not available, one of the conditions may be relaxed. Special consideration may be given to a candidate having an MA degree in any language and post graduate degree or diploma in the relevant language.

8 copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and mark sheets along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 30/- only, payable to the Registrar (for Lectureship in German and Japanese languages Bank Draft/Pay Order of the value of Tk. 30/- only payable to the Director of the Institute of Modern Language) should reach him on or before 7-10-92.

Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel. Applications for the post of Lecturer in German and Japanese Languages are obtainable from the office of the Director, Institute of Modern Language.

Vacancy Announcement

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) needs the services of a local consultant for its Integrated Maize Promotion Project. The position will initially be for a period of 18 months extendable for another 3-6 months.

The main job of the consultant will be to promote the cultivation and consumption of maize in the country and development of market for maize by establishing linkage between the producers, processors and other users.

The consultant will have to work closely with the DAE, BARI, BADCO, NGOs and the private sector agencies.

Persons applying must have a post graduate degree in Agriculture and at least 10 years of working experience in any govt. dept., autonomous body, NGO or foreign agency in crop production, extension and marketing. A good command of English with report writing skill will be given preference.

Please apply in writing to the Executive Director, PIU, CDP, Khamarbari (6th Floor), Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 with detailed CV and recent passport size photograph within 25th September, 1992.

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