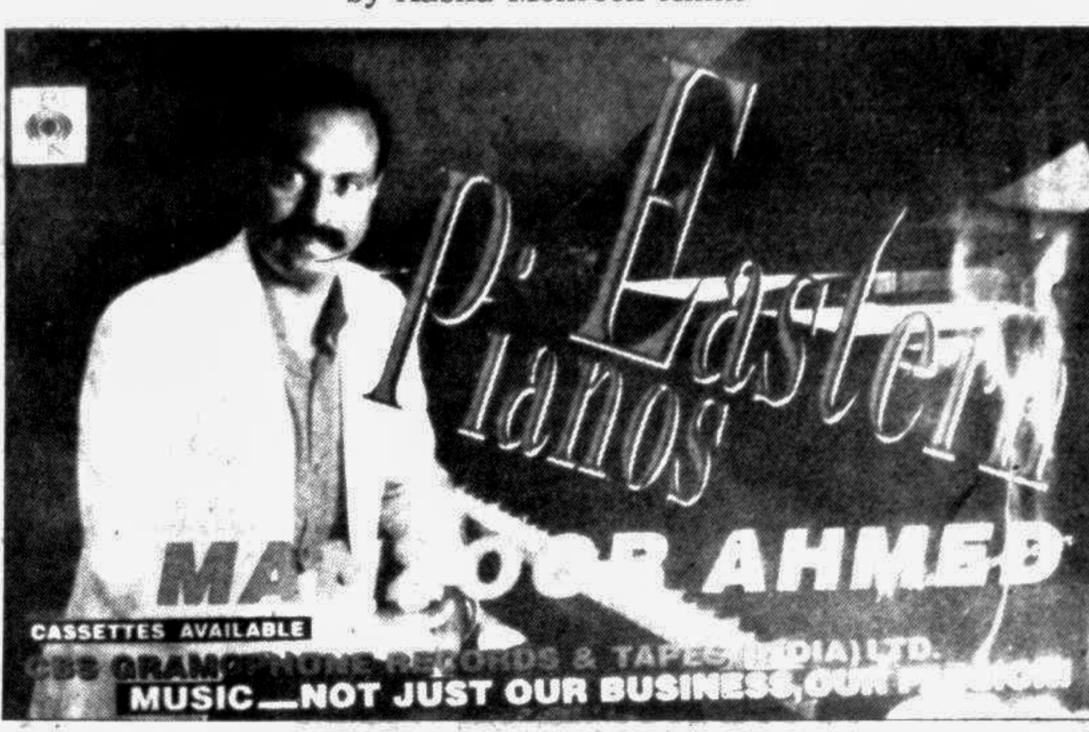
Old Wine in a New Bottle

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



A pianist with a difference

Folk music and mystic songs are, compared ate timelessly in our minds, in our souls. But times mixing eastern and western tones. all played on the piano.

world could relate to. In addition, Ahmed wishes sophistication to the tune. culture, their way of life."

training. Ahmed's relationship with the piano piano and because I wait to introduce our east ented family Ahmed started to play the piano next time I don't think I will," explains Ahmed. since he was barely 12 years old. As a young man the German Cultural Institute then in Motifheel, which had piano recitals by famous German waters and simple village folk artists. "I was totally taken by the way they could ment," says Ahmed, Later, Ahmed took lessons open and I knew I would play any notation."

With this basic foundation, Ahmed began to to other types, closer to the heart of Bangladesh. learn as much as possible through books, tapes The delightful notes of the 'ektara', 'dotara' or etc about modern piano music. During this time tabla' and moving lyrics of folk songs reverber- he created a few of his own compositions, some-

how would these songs sound like when played But bringing out Eastern Pianos seems to be on a Western instrument - say a piano? Manzoor his real dream come true. Listening to it, it is Ahmed, a planist from Dhaka has introduced an easy to see why the music would appeal to most unconventional approach to folk music. He has people. Ahmed plays soft, mellow notes that are brought out a cassette of popular folk songs consistent throughout all the songs. There is played on the piano with a few traditional ac- nothing very tumultuous or intense about the companiments. The album titled Eastern Pianos music. Yet it is very smooth, soothing and sweet and recorded by CBS Gramophone Record Com- In Hason Raja's Loke Bale, Bale Rc, Ahmed's pipany (India) integrates the music of different ano seems to bring out the tranquillity of a vilparts of Bangladesh such as Lalon Geeti, Hason lage seem with sweet, fluttering trills. In 'Kolo Raja, Bhatiali and other traditional folk songs - Kolo Chholo Chholo (Abdul Aziz), he catches the overtones of happy optimistic village folk in When asked why he decided to use this novel their simple pleasures. 'Khachar Bhitor Achin approach Ahmed promptly says that he always Pakhi' is probably one of the best pieces of this wanted to project his culture through a Western album. The piano manages to capture a hidden instrument like the piano which the outside pathos while at the same time gives an added

to introduce the piano to a culture, namely ours, A criticism, could perhaps be made regarding that is somewhat apathetic to this instrument. the overuse of other instruments in the compo-Says this innovative musician, "Everybody knows sitions which sometimes seem unnecessary. The what these songs are. They have been with us for 'ektara, 'dotara', 'tabla', 'flute' and 'shanai' are generations. This music will appeal to people used as accompaniments but at times seem to because it captures the emotions of songs which dominate the compositions and drown the pithey are familiar with and which represent their ano. Ahmed agrees that the piano is such that it does not need other instruments. "Because this Although he never went through much formal is the first time I am introducing folk music on has been long and lasting. Born into a music-ori- ern instruments I have had to compromise, but

The compositions of this album however are during the 60s he used to be a regular visitor at successful in capturing Bangladesh in its screne beauty of golden mustard fields, endless rippling

Although a businessman by profession bring out such intensity from a single instru- Ahmed's real passion in life is the piano. in the near future he wishes to bring out at least four from Father Banas of Notre Dame College and new albums - one of patriotic songs of 1971. then from Khondokar Nurul Alam for two years. one of Rabindra Sangeet, one of old Hindi popu-Says Ahmed enthusiastically, "When he (Khon- lar hits and one of American Country music. His dokar Nurul Alam) taught me the mathematical main intention seems to be to bring back a glofraction of piano notation, everything became rious past and preserve it with a new approach as he has done with 'Eastern Pianos'.

DPRK envoy calls on Salam

The DPRK envoy in Bangladesh Kang Dal Son yesterday called on Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at his office, reports

They discussed matters relating to bilateral interests. The Minister expressed his optimism that the existing friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and DPRK would grow from strength to strength in the coming day's. The DPRK envoy handed over an invitation from Workers Party of his country to the LGRD Minister.

IT is expected that a BNP delegation of two to three members led by party General Secretary and LGRD Minister will visit DPRK sometime late this year or early next year.

Promulgation of Anti-terrorism Ordn hailed

Leaders of Chittagong Unit of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum and Jatiyatabadi Shikkharti Parishad yesterday hatled the promulgation of Anti-terrorism Ordinance by the government.

In a joint statement, Member Secretary of the Forum Advocate Abdus Salam Mamoon and Joint Convenor of the parishad Oahbubullah said. promulgation of anti-terrorism ordinance is very timely as some stringent measures are needed to root out terrorism perpetrated by anti-social elements in the country.

Tk 1.5 cr electric goods seized

A special squad of Detective Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) recovered electric goods worth about Taka one and a half crores from a godown at Agrabad in Chittagong yester-

According to a CMP press release, acting on secret information the detectives raided a godown at Agrabad and found a stock of electric poles, electric metres.



Sri Lankan Minister for Tourism and Rural Development S Thondaman was received by State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

BNP pledge-bound to bring back discipline in trade sector

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan yesterday said that government was determined to bring back discipline not only in the trade and business arena, but also in the overall activities of the trade bodies, reports BSS.

He was addressing a meeting of the committee constituted for examining the existing law and regulations of the country's trade bodies. A 12 member committee was constituted earlier with Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan as its Convenor to formulate necessary recommendations about the existing laws of the trade bodies.

The meeting was attended, among others, by President of FBCCI Mahbubur Rahman. President of MCCI Morshed Khan, President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association Mossarraf Hossain, President of Bangladesh Dress Makers Association Nayamat Ullah Sabu MP, and concerned officials and representatives of

different trade bodies. The meeting discussed at length the various law and reg ulations which is conducting

affairs of the trade bodies. The meeting constituted a working group of 8-members to provide the necessary inputs to the committee within 30 days with Mahbubur Rahman, President FBCCI, as

The Planning Minister called upon the members of the frade bodies to play an active role for development of trade and commerce. He said, the function of trade bodies should be strong so that a future leadership could come up from trade field.

The minister opined that there should be minimum government intervention so that the operation of market economy could function smoothly.

Obituary

Abdul Quayum, Principal Officer, Sonali Bank, Principal Office, Narayangani branch died of a heart attack on Tuesday last at his Narayanganj residence, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, two daughters, two sons and a host of admirers to mourn his

BFUJ, DUJ call to withdraw increased price of newsprint

The leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists' (DUJ) Yesterday called upon the government to withdraw the increased price of newsprint considering the prevailing crisis in the country's newspaper industry, re-

In a joint statement the President and Secretary General of BFUJ Reazuddin Ahmed and Amanullah Kabir and the President and General Secretary of DUJ Shahjahan Mia and Altaf Mahmud said, the mismanagement in distributing the public advertisement and payment of bills has created economic crisis in the newspaper industry. Increased price of

newsprint would further aggravate the situation, they said.

Expressing their deep concern over the fresh decision to enhance the prices of newsprint the leaders urged the government to withdraw the decision in the interest of healthy growth of the industry.

Eunus assures to solve pry teachers' problems

A forty member delegation of Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association yesterday met the State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Eunus Khan at his office, reports BSS.

Matters relating to creation of posts of the Assistant Teachers and sanction of separate scale, regularisation of pay of the teachers whose services were transformed from development heads to revenue heads, sanction of separate scale for the teachers having higher training and removing complexity in establishing wel fare trust were discussed in the meeting.

The state minister gave patient hearing to the problems of the teachers and assured them of solving these problems in the shortest possible time. He also called upon the teachers to be united for making the Mass Education and Compulsory Primary Education Programmes successful.

The meeting was attended among others, by President of the Association Fazlur Rahman and Secretary General Sufia



4	Friday (morning session)	
	8-00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
ı	8-10	News in Bangla
ı	8-15	
ı	8-40	Cartoon : Teenage Mutan Ninza Turtles
П	9-00	Tarunnya
	9-30	Film show : The Spectacular World of Guinnes Records
П	10-00	News in English
П	10-05	Moner Mukure
	11-15	Sangsaptak (9th episode) Children's drama series Girl from tomorrow
П	11-45	
П	12-25	Evening session's
	12-30	programme summary Closing
	Frida	y (evening session)

Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary Recitation from the Tripitok Alor Dishari Bengali Pilm News in Bangla Sports programme News in Bangla

Comedy series : Perfect Strangers Antaranga News in English Drama Series : L A Law Khabar/The news

Saturday's programme 11-40

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda addressing the inaugural ceremony of the daily Juger Alo in Rangpur Wednesday. - PID photo

Terrorism is part of a conspiracy: Huda

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said in Rangpur that an identified quarter, isolated from the people, was engaged in conspiracy with the aim to unscat the elected government through terrorism and anarchy, reports BSS.

The Information Minister said this quarter was doing this only to obstruct the welfare-oriented programmes of the government so that desired progress could not be achieved and mills and factories could not be built.

inaugurating the newly established R V Edible Oil Industries here, Nazmul Huda said the government was engaged in implementing the 19point development programme of President Ziaur Rahman through establishing new mills and factories to generate new employment opportunities and to fulfil the five basic requirements of the people food, shel-

Dateline

CHITTAGONG, Sept 17:

State Minister for Social

Welfare and Women's Affairs

Sarwari Rahman has called

upon the voluntary organisa-

tions to help make rural

women self-reliant through

She was speaking at the

The State Minister said the

imparting vocational training.

12th installation ceremony of

Inner Wheel Club of Chittagong

best way of providing succour

to the poor, destitute and

helpless women was to organ-

ise various training course suit-

sent government had initiated a massive programme for im-

parting training on computers

Tk 4.35 lakh

contrabands

seized in

Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Sept 17

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) setzed

today contrabands worth Taka

cluded cow, saree, blouse

piece, cloth, sugar, country

boat, tomato, pulse, bi-cycle,

spare parts of bicycle and mo-

tor cycle, and official press re-

posited to the Customs De-

partment and 10 cases were

filed in this connection.

The setzed goods were de-

The smuggled goods in-

4.35 lakh, reports BSS.

operation for unemployed lit-

Keeping it in view the pre-

at Agrabad on Tuesday.

ing the need of the hour.

erate women, she added.

reports BSS.

ter, clothings education and medicare.

The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Rahimuddin Bharsha, President of the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. local Deputy Commissioners Afzal Hussain, general manager of local Sonali Bank, Rezaul' Hug and Azizul Hug.

Huda said the Bangladesh Nationalist Party came to power thrice with the support of the people, which could not be achieved by any political party. He said a vested quarter was trying to destabilise the democratic progress by becoming jealous of BNP's popularity. Huda also said that the people should be united to foil any conspiracy against BNP.

Turning to Rangpur, he said, despite being a resident of Rangpur autocratic Ershad did not ensure development of this region during last nine years. The main reasons of these non development was

Chittagong

Referring to the govern-

ment's resource constraints,

said the government alone

could not accomplish such

programme unless voluntary

She urged the members of

The State Minister lauded

District Governor of Rotary

organisations come forward

Inner Wheel Club to help dis-

tressed women develop as

the activities of Inner Wheel

Club for its outstanding com-

International District 3280 LK

Siddiqi MP, International

Inner Wheel Representative

Dilruba Alam, President of

Inner Wheel Club of Chittagong

Reena Nizam, past president

Shameem Ara Siddiqui and

Secretary Beauty Sufyani also

DU gets

photocopier

from French

mission

The embassy of France in

Bangladesh yesterday donated

a photocopier to the Dhaka

University Institute of Modern

Serge Degalltx, Ambassador

of France in Bangladesh

handed over the copier to the

Vice-Chancellor Professor M

Maniruzzaman Miah, at a sim-

ple ceremony at the Institute

Languages, reports BSS.

of Modern Languages.

spoke on the occasion.

munity services programme.

with a mission.

work force.

Plea to make rural

women self-reliant

his (Ershand's) coming to power through illegal and undemo-cratic means and ram pant conspiracy, he said. Ershad's source of power was not the people and as such he was not re-sponsible to the people, the minister pointed

Death anniversary

The 21st death anniversary of Engineer Nazrul Islam, a valiant freedsom fighter, will be observed to-day (Friday), reports BSS.

JSD (Inu) Chhatra League President GS elected

RUCSU GS Ruhul Quddus Babu has been elected new President and Abdullah-hil-Quayum General Secretary of the pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League, reports UNB.

Roknuzzaman Rokon became Organising Secretary of a 45-member central committee formed for a one-year term at the two-day council of the BCL that ended at TSC yesterday (Thursday).

The council session of the left-leaning student organisation concluded with determi nation expressed for continu ing struggle to help establish socialism in the country.



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

TERRE DES HOMMES

children's international foundation registered in Switzerland is seeking 2 key staff tom manage its programmes in Bangladesh.

supports a programme providing a wide range of sérvices to poor children and their mothers in remote district of northern Bangladesh, Education and healthcare programme for slum children and special project with street children in Dhaka city. These programmes will become independent organisations appropriate time and staff must be committed to bring about this change.

DELEGATE. The country Delegate represents Tdh in Bangladesh at all levels and heads the senior mmanagement team, providing support and leadership to a programme employing some 500 staff armd with a budget of more than \$1.6 million. Experience of Bangladesh and broad based management experience is essential. Knowledge rural/urban development and child care very important. The job is Dhaka based but considerable travel will be necessary.

FIELD DIERECTOR, (Assistant Delegate), North Bangladesh Rehabilitation Programme. Located in Kurigaram District the requirement is for an experienced manager able to lead a team providing hospital, vocational training and rural de velopment services to poor children and their mothers.

Age: 35 wears - 45 years.

Educational Qualification: Master's Degree, preferably in Social Sciences.

Knowledge of integrated rural development is essential, as are good interpersonal and communication skills. Personnel, financial and trairming skills also useful.

For both posts fluency in English and Bengali essential; a knowledge of French useful. Contract for a minimum of 2 years. Terms and conditionms of service and salary levels will depend orm personal circumstances.

Candidates should apply, giving a brief written background of their work experiences.

G.P. IO. Box - 268. Dhaka, Rangladesh. Last date of receipt of application 3rd October, 1992.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or shower likely to oc cur at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6am today (Friday) The Met office forecast, day temperature is likely to

remain nearly unchanged across the country. The maximum temperature of 35.0 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Thursday) and the minimum 20.5 degree was reported from Sylhet

The sun sets today (Friday) at 5.59pm and rises tomorrow Saturday at 5.46am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some major cities and towns of the country yes-

terday were: Cities/ Towns Temperature in degree Humidity in percentage Celsius Dhaka 33.5 Chittagong 24.5 34.1 26.1 Khulna 33.5 26.5 Cox's Bazar 30.5 25.0 Sylhet 20.5 100 86 Dinapur 31.7 25.1

স্থানান্তর

আগামী ৪ঠা আশ্বিন, ১৩৯৯ (১৯শে সেপ্টেম্বর '৯২) রোজ শনিবার थूनना ष्ट्रनाथीन সোনानी न्याश्क, पूर्यविद्या भाषापि वर्षमान व्यवसान প্লট নং-৩৩৪, খতিয়ান নং-৬৩, মৌজা-ছুমুরিয়া, থানা-ছুমুরিয়া থেকে প্রস্তাবিত নতুন অবস্থান প্লাট নং-২৭৩, খতিয়ান নং-৫৫২, মৌজা- ডুমুরিয়া, থানা-ডুমুরিয়া, জেলা-খুলনায় স্থানান্তরিত হবে এবং ঐ দিন নতুন অবস্থানে ন্দিয়মিতভাবে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করবে।

আমাদের সমানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্ঠ পোষক ও শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের নতুন ঠিকানায় ১৯ শে সেণ্টেম্বর ৯২ হতে তাদের প্রয়োজনীয় লেনদেন করতে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

