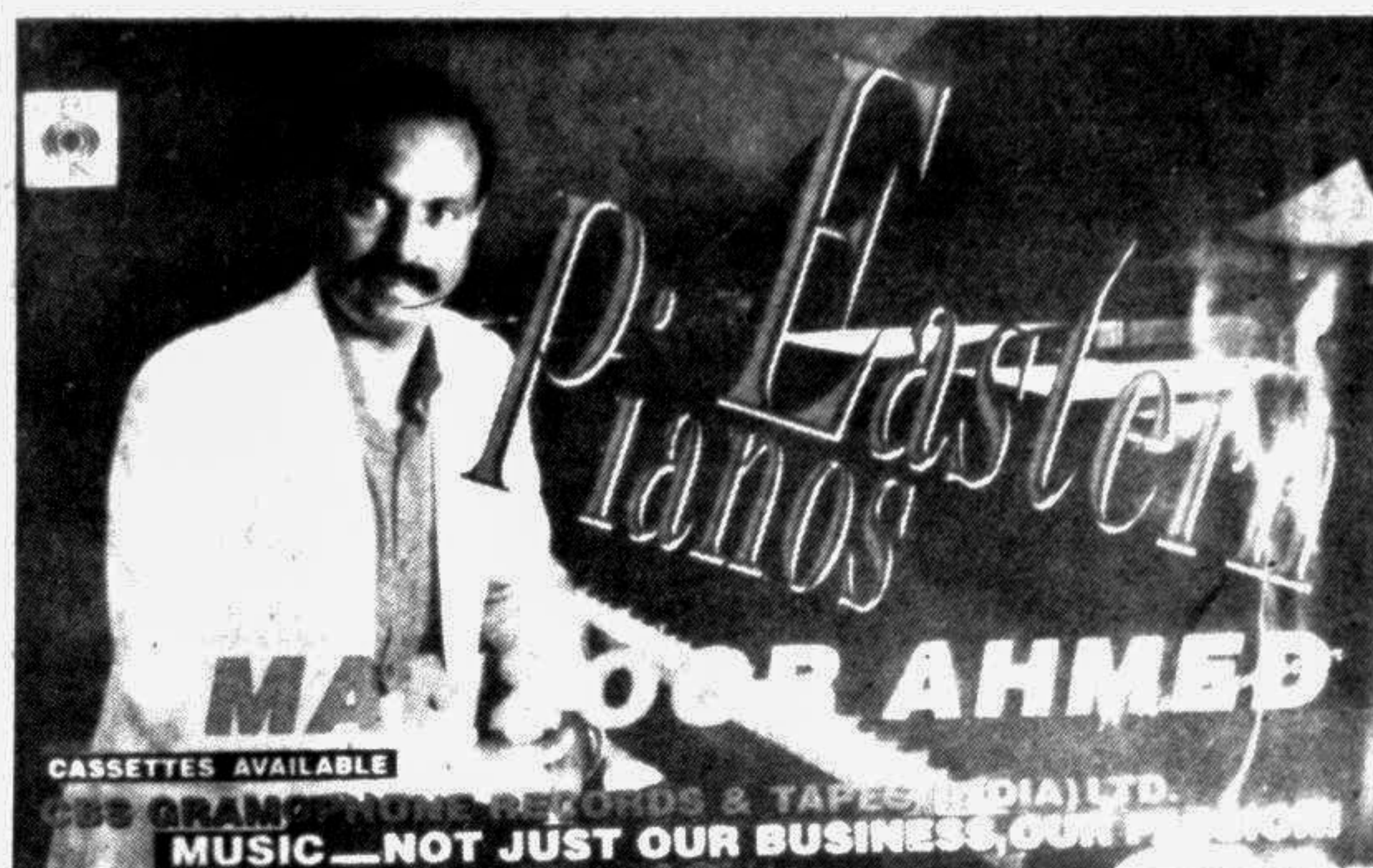


Dhaka Day by Day

Old Wine in a New Bottle

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



A pianist with a difference

Folk music and mystic songs are, compared to other types, closer to the heart of Bangladesh. The delightful notes of the 'ektara', 'dotara' or 'tabla' and moving lyrics of folk songs reverberate timelessly in our minds, in our souls. But how would these songs sound like when played on a Western instrument — say a piano? Manzoor Ahmed, a pianist from Dhaka has introduced an unconventional approach to folk music. He has brought out a cassette of popular folk songs played on the piano with a few traditional accompaniments. The album titled Eastern Planos and recorded by CBS Gramophone Record Company (India) integrates the music of different parts of Bangladesh such as Lalou Gecet, Hason Raja, Bhatiali and other traditional folk songs — all played on the piano.

When asked why he decided to use this novel approach Ahmed promptly says that he always wanted to project his culture through a Western instrument like the piano which the outside world could relate to. In addition, Ahmed wishes to introduce the piano to a culture, namely ours, that is somewhat apathetic to this instrument. Says this innovative musician, "Everybody knows what these songs are. They have been with us for generations. This music will appeal to people because it captures the emotions of songs which they are familiar with and which represent their culture, their way of life."

Although he never went through much formal training, Ahmed's relationship with the piano has been long and lasting. Born into a music-oriented family Ahmed started to play the piano since he was barely 12 years old. As a young man during the 60s he used to be a regular visitor at the German Cultural Institute then in Motiheel, which had piano recitals by famous German artists. "I was totally taken by the way they could bring out such intensity from a single instrument," says Ahmed. Later, Ahmed took lessons from Father Banas of Notre Dame College and then from Khondokar Nurul Alam for two years. Says Ahmed enthusiastically, "When he (Khondokar Nurul Alam) taught me the mathematical fraction of piano notation, everything became open and I knew I would play any notation."

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 BSS.

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 days. 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 Ordinance hailed

Leaders of Chittagong Unit of Jatiyatabadi Anjib Forum and Jatiyatabadi Shikkharhi Parishad yesterday hailed 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 Oahubullah 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 yesterday.

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. — PID photo

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 MCCCI Morshed Khan, President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association Mousarrafi 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-

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, reports BSS.

In a joint statement the President and Secretary General of BFUJ Rezauddin 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 welfare 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 Khatun.



Friday (morning session)

- 8-00 Opening announcement
- 8-05 News in Bangla
- 8-15 Khelar Jagat
- 8-40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9-00 Tarunnya
- 9-30 Film show: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-05 Moner Mukure
- 10-30 Sangsaptak (9th episode)
- 11-15 Children's drama series: Girl from tomorrow
- 11-45 Documentary
- 12-25 Evening session's programme summary
- 12-30 Closing

Friday (evening session)

- 3-00 Opening announcement
- 3-05 Al-Quran
- 3-12 Programme summary
- 3-15 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3-15 Alor Dishaar
- 3-40 Bengali Film
- 5-10 News in Bangla
- 6-30 Sports programme
- 7-05 Sangita
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9-00 Antaranaga
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Drama Series: LA Law
- 11-30 Khabar/The news
- 11-40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11-45 Closing

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or shower likely to occur 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 yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree	Humidity in percentage	Celsius
	Max	Min	9am
Dhaka	33.5	26.8	83
Chittagong	30.0	24.5	90
Rajshahi	34.1	26.1	86
Khulna	33.5	26.5	85
Cox's Bazar	30.5	25.0	80
Sylhet	28.5	20.5	100
Dinajpur	31.7	25.1	95



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 unseat 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 19-point development programme of President Ziaur Rahman through establishing new mills and factories to generate new employment opportunities and to fulfill the five basic requirements of the people food, shelter, clothings education and medicare.

The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Rahimuddin Bharsa, President of the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, local Deputy Commissioner Afzal Hussain, general manager of local Sonali Bank, Rezaul Huq and Azrul Huq.

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 this non development was

Referring to the government's resource constraints, said the government alone could not accomplish such programme unless voluntary organisations come forward with a mission. She urged the members of Inner Wheel Club to help distressed women develop as work force. The State Minister lauded the activities of Inner Wheel Club for its outstanding community services programme. District Governor of Rotary 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 spoke on the occasion.

Tk 4.35 lakh contrabands seized in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Sept 17: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized today contrabands worth Taka 4.35 lakh, reports BSS.

The smuggled goods included cow, saree, blouse piece, cloth, sugar, country boat, tomato, pulse, bi-cycle, spare parts of bicycle and motor cycle, and official press release said.

The seized goods were deposited to the Customs Department and 10 cases were filed in this connection.

DU gets photocopier from French mission

The embassy of France in Bangladesh yesterday donated a photocopier to the Dhaka University Institute of Modern Languages, reports BSS. Serge Degallix, Ambassador of France in Bangladesh handed over the copier to the Vice-Chancellor Professor M Maniruzzaman Miah, at a simple ceremony at the Institute of Modern Languages.

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 determination expressed for continuing struggle to help establish socialism in the country.



From: Abbu & Ammu

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

TERRE DES HOMMES

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

Terre des hommes supports a programme providing a wide range of services to poor children and their mothers in a 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 local independent organisations at an appropriate time and staff must be committed to bring about this change.

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

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

Age: 35 years - 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 training 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 conditions of service and salary levels will depend on personal circumstances.

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

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

শাখা স্থানান্তর

আগামী ৪ঠা আশ্বিন, ১৩৯৯ (১৯শে সেপ্টেম্বর '৯২) রোজ শনিবার খুলনা জেলাধীন সোনালী ব্যাংক, ডুমুরিয়া শাখাটি বর্তমান অবস্থান প্রট নং-৩৩৪, খতিয়ান নং-৬০, মৌজা-ডুমুরিয়া, থানা-ডুমুরিয়া থেকে প্রস্তাবিত নতুন অবস্থান প্রট নং-২৭৩, খতিয়ান নং-৫৫২, মৌজা-ডুমুরিয়া, থানা-ডুমুরিয়া, জেলা-খুলনায় স্থানান্তরিত হবে এবং ঐ দিন নতুন অবস্থানে নিয়মিতভাবে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করবে।

আমাদের সম্মানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্ঠপোষক ও শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের নতুন ঠিকানায় ১৯ শে সেপ্টেম্বর '৯২ হতে তাদের প্রয়োজনীয় লেনদেন করতে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।



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