

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Pleasures of Window Shopping

by A S M Nurunnabi



Window shopping is a sophisticated exercise meaning feasting one's eyes on the goods displayed in the shop. It may be practised casually or more seriously as a hobby. In fact, the scope and pleasures of window shopping are limitless when pursued as a hobby.

I have a friend who brags about this hobby of his. The way he talks about it seems to indicate that he has perfected it into a fine art. Perhaps he has his points. In his opinion, a person who indulges in casual window shopping wastes his time and energy. To get full pleasure out of it, he says, one should have ample time and curiosity and also a good knowledge of the topography of the well-known shopping areas to be covered in his beat.

The most important point about it is that it costs you nothing. On the other hand, the pleasures derived by a connoisseur in this line are enormous. It will be less satisfying if one tries it sporadically and in less fashionable areas. The key to a contented window shopping is to spot out the more fashionable areas. To reach the peak of satisfaction, one should fix its timing preferably in the evening when all the show cases and display arrangements glow with myriads of decoration lights and fixtures.

The friend, that I speak of, claims that he has such a heart of steel that he did not falter even in the midst of highly expensive shopping area either in Bond Street in London, or the Fifth Avenue in New York. Once he told me a story how he met a Kuwaiti at a seminar in Tokyo a couple of years ago. When that gentleman expressed his desire to shop at Ginza, a high-priced shopping centre in Tokyo, and asked my friend to accompany him, there was no hesitation on the part of my friend, because he was imbued with the true spirit of window shopping. Here an interesting scenario

emerged: a man from a poor country going with a man from a rich country on the latter's shopping expedition.

My friend, however, regrets that in this city at present there is not enough pasture for a genuine window shopper. There are a few fine shopping areas where only a selected few have the resources and artistic talents for putting up attractive display arrangements. He points out one serious flaw in the display system in most of the shops: no price tags are attached to the goods displayed. In his opinion, this shortcoming has far-reaching effect. A window shopper, when he passes by a shop, may not have the intention to buy anything at that very moment, but he always calculates in his mind, if there is a price tag, if he would ever afford the desired thing in future. The lack of price tag denies him that mental satisfaction. He, however, warns that no window shopper should commit the mistake of entering a shop and pestering the attending salesmen with questions regarding prices of articles fancied. If the salesmen find out that you have no intention of making a purchase and you are just a wandering window shopper, they may show indifference which may hurt your pride.

One should not, however, think for a moment that window shopping is a useless hobby. It has undoubtedly certain welfare aspects. As soon as it is known that you are an experienced window shopper, friends and relatives may come crowding to you asking for advice, where particular articles with good quality and reasonable price are available. You will then be able to guide them appropriately. Some of them may even go to the length of asking you to be their guide in their shopping rounds. Thus window shopping as a hobby is not all that bad. It gives one the opportunity of doing good to his fellowmen.

## Technology varsity to start with 3 faculties

The progress of work of the proposed University of Technology, Chittagong was reviewed at a meeting of the Organising Committee of the proposed UTC in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Held at the official residence of the Communications Minister and Chairman of the committee Oli Ahmad the meeting was attended by National Prof Nurul Islam, Prof Mohammad Ali, Prof MM Amin, Dr Nurun Nabi and Salahuddin Kasem-Khan.

Presided over by the Communications Minister the meeting expressed a satisfaction over the attainments towards the fulfilment of the requirement for establishing a private university according to the law of the country recently adopted by the Parliament.

It was resolved that initially the university will have three faculties — the Faculty of Medical Sciences, the Faculty of Basic and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Faculty of Business Studies.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences and some depart-

ments of Basic Sciences like anatomy, physiology, pharmacology and biochemistry are already functioning while the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Faculty of Business Studies have completed preliminaries and are now in a position to begin the course in near future.

The Chairman informed the members of the government's sincere efforts to remove session jam and to have the results of the HSC out as early as possible. The meeting resolved that the students could be admitted in various faculties for the next session soon after the results are out so that the incumbents do not lose valuable months of their life as in the past.

The Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS) is at present functioning in the Foy's Lake area, Chittagong as one of the components of the Faculty of Medicine. There are 206 students on the roll. The fourth batch was admitted during the current year and there are some foreign students as well.

## Opposition asked not to take law in hands

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia urged upon the opposition leaders not to take law in their own hands to help flourish democracy in the country, reports BSS.

The opposition parties should ensure climate so that the democratic government could run the administration for the socio-economic development as well as fulfil the pledges given to people during the election, he said.

The Minister was speaking at a huge public meeting at the premises of historical Rajbari of Jainta at Jaintapur 32 miles off from Sylhet Wednesday.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Khandaker Abdul Malik MP, Abul Haris Chowdhury, Special Assistant to BNP Chairperson, and local leaders.

Referring to the nirmul committee's demands the Minister said that a democratic government was running the country and action against any criminal would be taken as per the law of the country.

Turning to the demands raised by the local people, the Minister said that the present government attaches priority

to education and the problems related to roads, culverts, electricity, gas supply. Certificate cases of agricultural loan would be solved, he said.

The Minister also held a meeting with the members of the Mukti Joddhah Sangshad at Sylhet in the evening. Abul Haris Chowdhury an Adviser of the Sangshad was present in the meeting. The Minister assured them of solving their problems.

## BMRC workshop held

SSMCH Correspondent  
A five-day workshop on Research Methodology sponsored by Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) in collaboration with World Health Organisation (WHO) concluded at Sir Salimullah Medical College Thursday.

The workshop started on September 13. At the opening session of the workshop Prof M Kasimuddin, Principal of the college said standard of medical treatment in our country can not be raised without re-

## Plea to handover power to Suu Kyi

The Bangladesh-Myanmar People's Solidarity Council Friday held a meeting and brought out procession in the city demanding immediate release of Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

By Staff Correspondent

The meeting was also addressed by JSD General Secretary Hasanul Huq Inu, BSD Convenor AFM Mahbubul Huq, BSD (Khaleque) leader Shubhrangshu Chakrabarty, Ganatantri Party leader Mahmudur Rahman and the council's member-secretary Dr. Mostaq Hossain.

The day coincided with the grabbing of power by the military junta in 1988 crushing a

democratic movement in Myanmar.

The speakers demanded a safe and honourable repatriation of the refugees, known as Rohingyas, housed in camps in Cox's Bazar.

They accused Myanmar intransigence for the delay in repatriation.

They urged the world community to impose a ban on economic [Related Story on Page 5]

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Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing the seminar on "Economic Liberalisation and Trade Unions" organised by the South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC) at a city hotel yesterday. —PID photo

## SAARC govts urged to ensure job security of workers

A two-day meeting of the trade union leaders of SAARC opened in Dhaka (Friday) with speakers calling on the governments of respective countries to ensure job security of private as well as public sector workers, reports UNB.

The speakers also urged the working class in the SAARC countries to fight unitedly for removing poverty.

The two-day 5th executive board meeting of the South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC) was inaugurated by Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at a local hotel yesterday morning.

Presided over by SARTUC President and Sri Lankan Minister for Rural Industrialisation and Tourism S Thondaman, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by SARTUC General Secretary Gopeshwar, Member Secretary MA Bakul, and Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Srarnik Dal President Eskander Ali and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan.

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said trade union rights are enjoyed only by a section of those who are employed in different establishments while others are yet to be conscious of their rights and interests.

"The reality is that in some sectors of business and industry, trade union right are either denied or restricted, on grounds that are not always found tenable by dispassionate observers," he pointed out.

The SARTUC reflects not only the need for cooperation among the working people, but also embodies the determination and good will with which it has been initiated, the Minister observed.

Bhuiyan congratulated the leaders of trade unions in these countries for taking such a forward looking step.

Speaking on the occasion, the SARTUC President called upon the governments of SAARC countries to help them to strengthen trade unions in the region.

He said the trade unions in South Asian region can play a vital role in contributing to economic development through democratically run movement.

The SARTUC President also stressed the need for forma-

tion of trade unions in Bhutan and the Maldives to establish the just rights of labour there.

"Our struggle is for life, for poverty alleviation, we should continue our fight for better conditions of the working class," said SARTUC General Secretary Gopeshwar.

He said both regionally and internationally, the working class is the worst victim of poverty.

Some 15 trade union leaders from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and host Bangladesh are participating in the meeting.

The inaugural function was followed by presentation of country reports and a seminar on "Economic Liberalisation and Trade Unions."



Time	Programme
5.00	Opening announcement
5.05	Al-Quran
5.10	Programme Summary
5.15	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Triptak
5.25	Amra Notun
5.30	Cartoon film
5.35	Mati O Marush
5.40	Banshahi (Folk songs)
5.45	News in Bangla
5.50	Probaha
5.55	Shatabdir Prante Dar
6.00	News in English
6.05	Drama series: Dallas
6.10	Khabar/The news
6.15	Sunday's programme summary
6.20	Closing

## What's on today . . .

**DCCI workshop**  
The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in cooperation with the UNDP will hold a three-day workshop on 'Generalised system of preferences' today (Saturday) at 10-30am at the Chamber auditorium.  
Commerce Minister MK Anwar will inaugurate the workshop.

**Seminar on Prophet Mohammad (SM)**  
Islamic Foundation Bangladesh will hold a seminar on 'Prophet Mohammad (SM) in Establishing the Ideals of Equality and Co-existence' today (Saturday) after Asr prayers at the foundation auditorium.

**Workshop on Power Sector**  
A six-day workshop on the 'Health and the Security Trainers in the Power Sector' begins today (Saturday) at 9-30 am at the BMDC auditorium at Sobhanbagh in the capital.  
Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the workshop, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Jatiya Biddut Srarnik Karmachari Union and the Public Service International.

**Press conference**  
Golam Mostafa, a former Member of the Parliament, will hold a press conference today (Saturday) at 11 am at the Jatiya Press Club on the present situation of the country.

**Musical soiree at Alliance Francaise**  
Sodarang Sangeet Samaroha will stage a vocal classical music session at Alliance Francaise in the city today (Saturday) at 7 pm.

**Lioness Club of Dhaka Banani**  
The installation ceremony of the newly elected office bearers (1992-93) of the Lioness Club of Dhaka Banani will be held today (Saturday) at 4-30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon.

## Weather

### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent  
Temporary light rain or shower may occur over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Noakhali, Mymensingh and Sylhet and weather is likely to remain mainly dry else where over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

The Met office forecast day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.  
The maximum temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Friday) and the minimum of 21.6 degree was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 5.58 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.47 pm.  
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	8am	6pm
Dhaka	32.5	25.6	79	68
Chittagong	31.5	24.9	82	78
Rajshahi	34.3	25.4	66	66
Khulna	34.3	25.2	78	68
Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.0	81	77
Sylhet	32.5	21.6	89	74
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Barisal	34.5	25.0	79	84

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