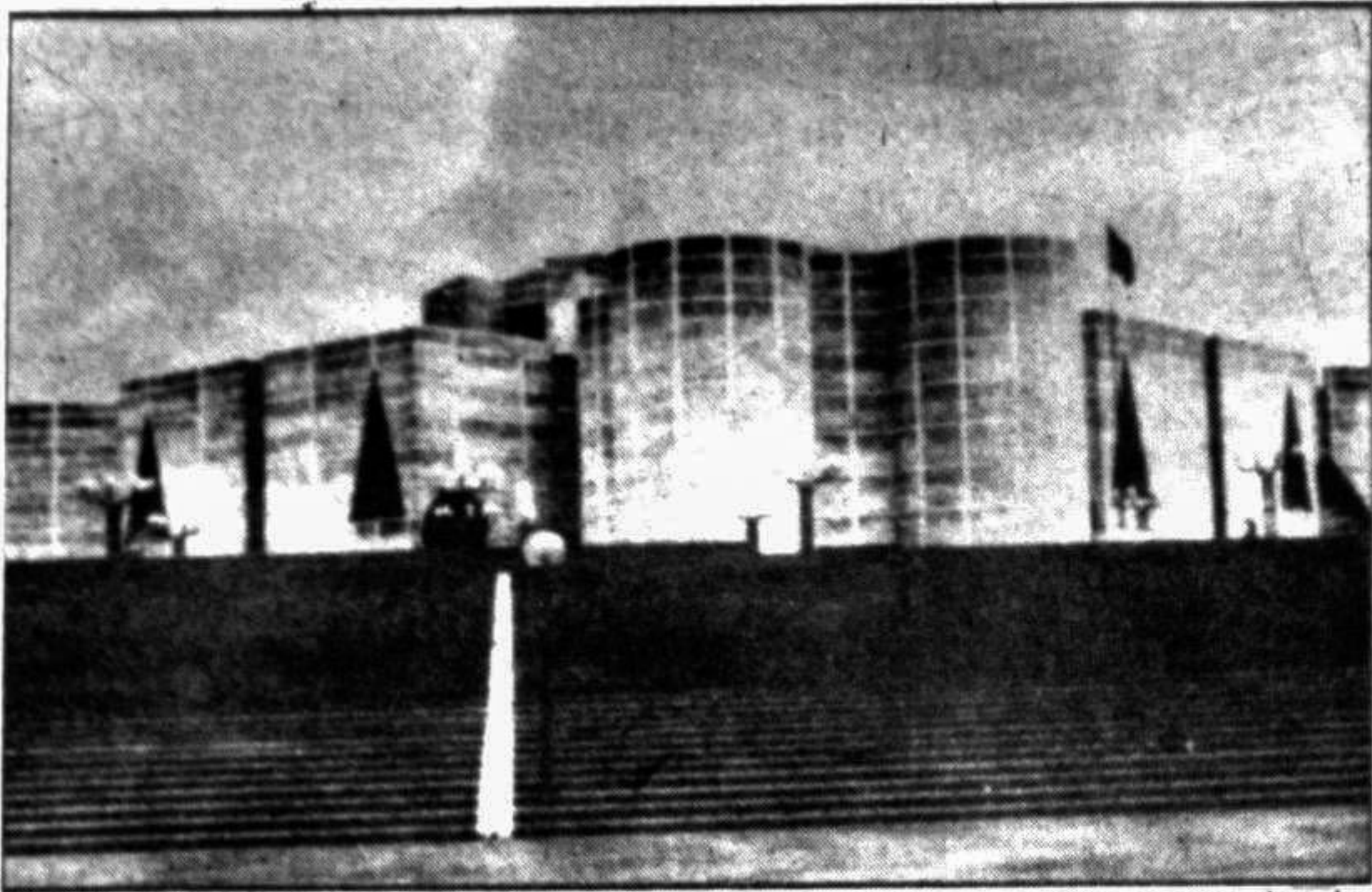


Dhaka Day by Day

Park With a Difference

by Parveen Anam



On a hot sultry evening, it is nice to take a walk in a park; and better still, if the park is a lush green and you are accompanied by your near and dear ones. But alas, the average Dhakaitte, is denied this right to relaxation and more often than not, has to put up with staying indoors, for the simple reason, that there are simply no parks in this beloved city of ours. The exception of course is the usual Ramna Green with a smattering here and there of a couple of others. Yet, the Dhakaitte has not lost his love for the park. He has managed to discover areas, where he is determined to go and enjoy himself, and relax as in a park. A walk down the Sangsad or the parliament area, on a hot evening will bear out the truth of this observation. The mammoth concrete structure, without a blade of grass, to its credit, is the scene of hundreds of people, young and old alike, enjoying the evening air. The convenient presence of the snack 'walla' starting from the 'chat-patti' to the 'phuchka' to the 'amra' to the indomitable peanut man, not to be outdone, adds a wonderful aura of a carnival to the entire scene and gladdens the heart. It is innocent pleasure and as yet, no dramatic incident of snatching or mugging during 'peak hours' on the 'sangsad park' has been reported. Perhaps the muggers have not yet managed to reach the precincts; they have been too busy with the university areas, hunting the honourables, etc. But of course, the city fathers and the powers that be, manage to take away this innocent recreation of the city dwellers too. Come session time of the Parliament, and they seal off the entire area, to 'protect' the law makers, from the people. If it had not been so funny, it would have been outrageous; the entire situation, Apparently, for some very odd reason, deciphered only by the powers that be, the law makers have to be protected from the very people, without whose vote, it would not have been possible for them to sit within those precincts.

Odd. This change of heart. With the election fever on, you could swear they would live and eat with the common man. Finish the voting, and what a quick turn about. Not only is the 'park' out of bounds, for the ordinary mortals, the entire area is sealed off, for motor vehicles of lesser mortals. The detour to get from one end to the other, skirting the Sangsad area, is enough to make one grind one's teeth and mutter under his breath that never is the going to vote for this bunch of clowns again. If that clown is so afraid of the masses that he cannot allow them to enjoy a peaceful sunset, the masses in their turn can do very well without the wisdom of the honourable. And all the 'park starved' Dhakaitte actually wants to do is enjoy the splendour of the concrete 'park' in a city sadly bereft of parks.



Md Harunur Rashid, Director General of Bangla Academy presiding over the publication ceremony of 'concise Bangla Dictionary' at the seminar room of the Academy yesterday. — Star photo

'Anti-terrorism ordn timely, pragmatic'

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan today termed the proclamation of Anti-terrorism Ordinance '92 as timely and pragmatic saying its proper implementation will help curb terrorist activities to a great extent, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at a seminar on Ordinance '92 in curbing lawlessness, held at the Municipal Model High School auditorium here, the Planning Minister said, the lawyers have responsibilities in making the Anti-terrorism Ordinance effective and useful and if they take a negative stand that will be very frustrating one for the nation. He called upon the lawyers to contribute their mite in curbing terrorism and help establish justice in the society.

The seminar held under the auspices of Chittagong chapter of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum

was presided over by its convener Advocate Kabir Chowdhury, central committee secretary Advocate Abdul Wadud Khondakar attended the seminar as special guest while the chapter member secretary Advocate Abdus Salam Mamun presented main article on the subject. Dr Muhammad Mohbob Ullah and Dr Yusuf Sharif Ahmad Khan of Chittagong University, Chittagong District Bar Association president Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmed Mirza, Advocate Abu Saleh Chowdhury, Advocate Badul Alam, among others, participated in the seminar.

Zahiruddin Khan said, the so-called Gono Adalat was against the law of the land as well as humanity. He posed a question as to what prompted some people to form Gono Adalat after 20 years of Liberation War.

NGO help sought to combat tuberculosis

Deputy Leader of the House in Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called for active cooperation from the voluntary non-government organisations and international agencies in combating tuberculosis, reports BSS.

He was addressing a national convention of the National Anti-tuberculosis Association of Bangladesh (NATAB) at the Academy for Planning and Development in the city.

Secretary General of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (IUATLD), eastern region, Dr KW Harris and Advisor Dr NC Sengupta, Director of Bangladesh Micro-bacterial

Disease Control (BMDC) AKM Ahsan Ali and NATAB Secretary General Swakawat Hossain also spoke on the occasion.

NATAB councillors from different parts of the country attended the convention.

Dwelling on the progress of the treatment of tuberculosis Prof Chowdhury said inadequate treatment would be more harmful than no treatment at all. He said there should not be any drop out of the tuberculosis patients while undergoing treatment without completing a treatment period.

Prof. Chowdhury said AIDS disease has got relation with tuberculosis.

President advises students to learn int'l languages

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has called upon the students to work for creating mass awareness about the environmental degradation along with their pursuit of knowledge, reports BSS.

The President was talking to a 25-member delegation of "Banglabhasay Parisork Gayan Charcha Sangha" of Geography Department of Dhaka University when they called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday morning.

Khan Mohammad Jamal, Convenor of the Sangha led the delegation.

President Biswas said the government was determined to introduce Bengali at all spheres of national life.

Appreciating their efforts for translation of the text

books in Bengali from English, he hoped that this would inspire others to remove the obstacle to higher education and technology in our own language.

He stressed the need for global cooperation in tackling world-wide environmental degradation and advised the students to learn an international language to strengthen fraternity among the nations.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the President regarding conservation of environment in the socio-economic development of the nation, expansion of educational facilities in geography and resolve employment problem.

The President assured them to look into their problems.

Spread of Shishu Academy activities to remote areas under study

Commerce Minister M K Anwar yesterday said the government was determined to create a congenial and democratic atmosphere free from terrorism for our present and future generations, reports BSS.

He was addressing a function organised in observance of 18th founding anniversary of "phul-Kurr Asar" in Comilla.

Anwar said the present government was considering to spread the activities of the Shishu Academy and other juvenile organisations to the remote corner of the country with an aim to develop the latent talent of children.

M K Anwar emphasised on developing national culture and recalled the contributions of our great folk singers Abbas Uddin Ahmed, Abdul Alim, classical artist Ustad Alauddin Khan, Dance artist Bulbul Choudhury and Shilpacharya Jainul Abedin and said that they had placed our natural culture in a prestigious position in the world.

The Commerce Minister expressed his grief and said that section of people of our country had engaged themselves in cultivating alien culture.



Barrister Syed Istiaque Ahmed addressing the seminar on 'Development of newspapers and journalism' organised by Bangladesh Press Council at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Ahmed Humayun and Professor Mohammed Khaled also seen. — Star photo

'Compelling state necessity controls freedom of press'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at the second day yesterday of three-day seminar on the 'Development of newspaper and journalism' emphasised the need for responsible journalism, editorial institution and strengthening of Press Council to ensure press freedom.

They said the freedom of press tantamounts to the freedom of speech, which is one of the basic rights, and institutionalisation was necessary to end the present unstable situation.

Chaired by Daily Azadi Editor Prof Mohammad Khaled, the Daily Bangla Editor Ahmed Humayun presented the key-note paper titled 'Institutional shape of the press freedom' at the VIP lounge of the National Press

Club. Barrister Syed Istiaque Ahmed, BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed, Chairman of the Dhaka University Journalism Department Golam Rahman, poet Al-Mujahidi, Barrister Mainul Hossain, and the Joint Editor of Banglar Banj Aziz Misir discussed of the key-note paper.

Barrister Istiaque Ahmed said that most of the governments evolved different systems to control press.

Quota system and imposition of tax on newsprint were symptoms of press gag, he said. Compelling state necessity controlled freedom of the press, Istiaque said. Non-divulgence of news source was an integral part of freedom of the press but if the state

security was affected then only court could ask for divulging such source, he added.

Reazuddin Ahmed said that free access to the information was essential for freedom of the press and to ensure free flow of information, a strong editorial institution and strengthening of press council were of utmost necessity.

Barrister Mainul Hossain said that the offence of non-journalists who hold the post of Editor for "Special interest" was equal to the offence a journalist did by availing the chance of lucrative government posts.

Golam Rahman said that responsible journalism was a precondition to press freedom.

Dhaka proposes for adoption of global development agenda

Bangladesh has proposed for adoption of a global development agenda spelling out a new course of action to reactivate economic growth and development, reports UNB.

The proposal was put forward by Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Humayun Kabir while participating in a general debate on economic matters in New York on Tuesday, according to a message received here Thursday.

He expressed deep concern at the prolonged stagnation in the world economy and particularly mentioned the increase of unemployment, disease, hunger and other deprivation in the developing countries.

Ambassador Humayun pointed out that protectionist trading system, insufficient capital flows, crushing debt burden and critical problem of debt servicing, restrictions on transfer of technology and inequities in the international financial and trade systems were the stumbling blocks in attaining economic growth and development.

He said Bangladesh is presently striving hard to pursue its development goals and the economy is showing signs of progress with democratic institutions taking firm roots and free market principles

guiding the economic policies. Priority has been given to poverty alleviation, human resource development and sustainable development programme, he said.

He also informed the house that Bangladesh has achieved significant success in food production and said new and additional financial resources should be made to achieve its objective.

Mentioning the just concluded Rio Summit, Humayun stressed the need for enhancing capabilities of developing

countries to respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters.

In the prevalent deteriorating global economic situation no amount of individual action or initiative is sufficient to bring about any real change," he said adding "as our future is tied together, collective efforts based on mutual trust and support are imperative."

He reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to doing its best and contributing meaningfully in the joint endeavour to build a better future for all.

What's on today . . .

Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Assoc
A meeting of the working committee of Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Association will be held today (Friday) at its 115 New Circular Road office at 5:30 pm.

Lions Club of Dhaka Golden
The monthly board and regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Golden will be held today (Friday) at Hotel Sonargaon at 5 pm.

Sufi Foundation discussion
On the occasion of Feteha 'Yazdhan, the Sufi Foundation Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting at its 147 Arambagh Office today (Friday) at 4 pm.

IEDS meet
The annual general meeting of the Institute for Environment and Development Studies (IEDS) will be held today (Friday) at the PIB auditorium at 9:30 am.

Bangladesh-Australia Students Assoc
A meeting of the Bangladesh-Australia Student Association will be held today (Friday) at the Dhaka University International Relations Department at 10 am.

Kanchi Kanchar Mela
On the occasion of the 36th founding anniversary of Kanchi Kanchar Mela, a seminar will be held today (Friday) at the National Museum auditorium at 4 pm.

Film show
The Zahir Rathan Film Society will screen the film 'Trishagni' by Indian Director Nabendu Ghosh today (Friday) at the Indian High Commission auditorium at 6 pm.

DU Alumni Association AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Dhaka University Alumni Association will be held today (Friday) at 4 pm at the Planning and Development Academy, Nilkhet.

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Certificate awarding ceremony
The certificate awarding ceremony of the Mohila Polytechnic and Dhaka Polytechnic attachment trainees will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the Dhaka Atomic Energy auditorium at 10 am.

Jamaat rally
The city unit of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh will hold a rally tomorrow (Saturday) at the North Gate of Baitul Mukarram at 5 pm in protest against the 'Operation Push Back' launched by India.

Power suspension

Power supply will be suspended in different areas of the city from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, said an official source yesterday, reports UNB.

On Saturday, power supply will remain suspended at Asad Gate, Iqbal Road, Sir Syed Road, Aurangzeb Shahid, Bahi Mohallah and Market Camp area.

On Sunday: From Asad Gate to Shymoli, western side of I E Mirpur Road and Gaznavi-Humayun-Babar-Khulji Road.

On Monday: TSC, Pushti Bhaban, Science Faculty Library, Curzon Hall (DU), High Court area and part of the Secretariat road.

Ln Moslem Ali Khan made sector coordinator for Campaign Sightfirst

In Moslem Ali Khan, past Chairman Council of Governors, Multiple District 315 Bangladesh attended a three-day orientation meeting held in Bombay recently where he officially assumed his role as a 'Sector Coordinator' for Campaign Sightfirst. Lions Clubs International's US\$ 130-million worldwide fund raising effort to combat blindness, says a press release.

Lions have long been active in the cause of sight preservation and aid to the blind, and in 1990, the world's largest voluntary service organisation dedicated itself to the elimination of unnecessary blindness throughout the world.

Urs Mubarak

The annual Urs Mubarak will be observed today at Gopibagh on the occasion of the Feteha-e-Yazdaham of Hazrat Baba Peer Shahid Abdul Quader Jilani (RA), reports BSS.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent
Light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Khulna division, at a few places over Chittagong division and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours till 6:00 pm Friday.

Met office forecasts day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period across the country.

On Thursday, Jessore experienced 29 mm rain and Satkhira 6 mm shower.

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degrees was recorded at Comilla and the lowest 21.6 degrees was at Sylhet. The sun sets today (Friday) at 5:38 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:54 am.

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.5	25.2	68	71
Chittagong	33.5	26.4	82	81
Rajshahi	33.0	23.5	78	85
Khulna	34.5	26.1	72	82
Barisal	34.0	25.8	78	86
Cox's Bazar	36.6	25.0	69	75
Sylhet	34.6	21.6	71	73
Mymensingh	34.4	25.1	78	73
Dinajpur	32.0	24.0	80	80



Morning Session	
8.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
8.10	News in Bangla
8.15	Alore Dishari
8.40	Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9.00	Moder Garab Moder Asha
9.30	Film Show: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
10.00	News in English
10.05	Moner Mukurey
11.15	The Girl From Tomorrow
11.45	Wild Life on One
12.17	Closing
Evening Session	
3.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
3.10	Triptak Path
3.15	Cartoon film
3.40	Full length Bengali film
5.10	News in Bangla
6.30	Programme on Universal Postal Day
7.05	Malancha
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
9.00	Antaranga
10.00	News in English
10.30	Film: L A Law
11.30	Khabar/ The News
11.40	Saturday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga invites application for visits to USA & Australia

The Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga is inviting applications from young males and females between 25-35 age group for visits to USA and Australia under Rotary Internationals Group Study Exchange Programme. The intending candidates (non-rotarians) must be engaged in any recognised vocation for at least 2 years and must have good academic records. Five selected male candidates will visit USA in March 1993 and five female candidates will visit Australia in February 1993 for 4-6 weeks.

Please apply giving full bio-data and contact telephone No by 15 October to:
Mr A H Choudhury
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