

Dhaka Day by Day

Bangladesh, her Second Home

by Fayza Haq



Rossana Massari at her piano, her favourite pastime.

Rossana Massari, cultural and information attaché, at the Italian Embassy, has been here in Bangladesh for 20 years. "One of the incidents that amazed me was that I thought I was coming to a typical Muslim society when I found that there was a culture here that was partly Hindu and of other religions. I saw the children and married women dancing and singing. I felt the toleration for other religions very large hearted on the part of the society in general."

Before coming to Bangladesh in '72, Massari had begun her thesis "From Bengal to Bangladesh" She had to come to Bangladesh to finish her thesis by working in the libraries and talking to the people. Before that, while in Italy, she had based her thesis on reports from 12 newspapers including "La Monde". "I had Italian, French, American, Chinese and Russian press to choose my material from. I had always been interested in the East. I had studied Hindi for three years in Rome."

"When I first came in '72, I spent time in the villages in Comilla. I tried to help the villagers in income generating sources. I taught them how to make silk, grow vegetables, and improve their animal husbandry. I was working on a voluntary basis with my husband. We spent our own money and energy," Massari added.

"I have been to almost every place in Bangladesh from Cox's Bazaar up to Sylhet, down to the Sunderbans. The people of the countryside are the real soul of Bangladesh. They are more natural. They are more natural and have not the Western influence as they do in the capital city. They have indeed a golden heart. During the '74 famine I found that everybody shared and helped each other to survive. I became a real Bangladeshi when my house was completely flooded and I had a meter of water in the house. I had to move out with my friends. The only things that survived were two cats that climbed on to the roof," she continued about her life in Bangladesh.

"In Sylhet I went in for 'hash', a running expedition in the jungles of Srimangal and tea gardens, a lot of local people joined in too. In

the Chittagong and Cox's bazaar area I saw Buddhist temples. I also visited many missions run by women in Rangpur, Dinajpur, and Satkhira. I was delighted by the fact that though Bangladesh is an Islamic country yet women are being honoured and respected," Massari added about her experience. "I find it fascinating that the leader of the ruling party and the head of the opposition in Bangladesh are both women. This is admirable in a country where women are supposed to be subjugated. I also find that the people help each other willingly," Massari remarked.

"As for my opinion of Old Dhaka, I admit that the roads are better now, yet I feel that the place had more character before and that it was more beautiful. I really admire the architecture and the carvings of the place and much prefer it to an area like Motijheel," she added.

"I have visited the National Museum and it reflects the rich culture of the country dating back to Mahamati, Paharpur, Mahastan and such places. I have witnessed a lot of cultural evenings with the 'sitar', 'sarodi' and the 'tabla'. I have studied the 'sitar' too for some time," Massari continued.

"I have studied the boat people too and I find them most fascinating at places like Narayanganj where you can see the Buriganga and the Sitalakhya. I find the nomadic, aquatic life fascinating indeed. I have travelled in the boats themselves as when going to Comilla. I find it interesting that the big boats have to stall while the small paddle boats glide by. I found the small boats so much like the gondolas of Venice. I also love the fishermen's song. This is not to say that I do not care for Rabindra shangeet and Nazrul geeti."

Massari is proud to be a working woman. She narrates how her great-grandmother was one of the first nurses in Italy, her grandmother too worked, followed by her mother who was involved in fashion. Tahira, her daughter by her Bangladeshi husband, who passed away 10 years ago, works on computers at Swindon, UK.

OP-1 winners begin hunger strike

By Staff Correspondent

Some 200 winners of US OP-1 immigration lottery winners who were not issued visas, started an indefinite hunger strike in front of the National Press Club demanding issuance of visas.

They had earlier planned to stage the strike in front of the US Embassy building at Baridhara diplomatic enclave but they were not permitted there because of security reasons. The strikers included 10 women.

The US Embassy in Dhaka declared the programme ended here last year after issuance of 6,324 visas leaving 730 winners amid uncertainties who have been agitating since the programme was closed.

The embassy again replied their agitation by saying that "The programme is completed."

The American government had launched the OP-1 programme to get 20,000 immigrants from 104 countries worldwide during the year 1989-91.

Radio Bangladesh, Khulna

Live programme on Lalan Oct 16

Radio Bangladesh, Khulna will broadcast on Oct 16 (Friday) "Achin Pakhi" a live special audience programme to mark the death anniversary of the mystic poet Lalan Shah. The programme will be held at the auditorium hall of the Polytechnic Institute of Kushtia at 3.05 pm.

Rly award for outstanding contributions

The government has introduced "Communication Minister's Award" for the railway officials and employees for outstanding contribution in their respective fields, reports UNB.

The annual award will be given to five railwaymen — one of them receiving the highest reward of Taka 10,000 and a citation while four others Taka 5,000 each along with a citation, said a Railway press release on Monday.

Five officials and employees have already been given the special award for 1992, said the press release.

The awardees are Abdus Samad Pramanik, Senior TTI of Santahar, Abdul Mian, Loco Master (G-Grad-1) of Pahartali, Mohammad Akhtaruzaman Chowdhury, ASAI (Signal) at Akhaura, AKM Ansarul Alam, TIA at Parbatipur, Saldar Ali, gateman, DEN/Lalmoharhat.

The government had earlier announced that railwaymen would be rewarded for good performance and punished for lapses in the staggering loss-incurring sector.



OP-1 winners who failed to obtain visas begin hunger strike in front of the National Press Club yesterday.

Model, role, aid for private sector industries discussed

A presentation meeting was held in city Sunday on "Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and 'Build-Operate-Own(BOO) Financing" models for infrastructural development of industries in the private sector, reports BSS.

Asian Development Bank experts Daud Beg and C. Martin Dwelt at length on the policy, role and assistance of the government in the selection and approval of infrastructural projects in the private sector under these models.

Held at NEC Bhavan, the meeting was attended by members of the Planning Commission, secretaries of the Ministries of Industries, Energy and Mineral Resources and Shipping, Additional Secretary Finance Division, heads of public and private sector banks and relevant institutions attended the meeting which was chaired by M Mokammel Haq, member Planning Commission.

The meeting outlined how BOT/BOO models could help in financing the private sector infrastructural development projects in the light of government's resources constraint. The meeting was told that many big road development projects, construction of power stations and development of telecommunications networks were made possible in Thailand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, China and the Philippines within the purview of these models.

The meeting was of the view that these models could make significant contribution in the development process of Bangladesh also.

Preventive steps against AIDS stressed

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: Chittagong, City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin today stressed the need for taking precautionary measures against the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) to save the people from the attack of this fatal disease, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a day long workshop on prevention and control of AIDS at the city corporation auditorium here today, the Mayor urged the physicians and health officials to take up coordinated approach for turning the prevention of AIDS into a social movement.

Held under the joint auspices of World Health Organisation and directorate of health, the inaugural session was presided over by Director of health directorate AK Shamsuddin Siddiqui, Chief Executive of the City Corporation Mohammad Abu Hanif and AIDS expert DR Mustafa Kamal. A total of thirty doctors participated in the workshop.

JU cafeteria forcibly closed down

By JU Correspondent

Students of Jahangirnagar University forcibly closed down Monday the central cafeteria protesting the enhancement of food prices.

The increased price chart, effective from Monday was also ripped off by agitated students.

Sources related to the cafeteria said food prices of ten items were enhanced in view of the increase in market prices.

"The authorities will have to compensate the deficit budget, if they want to stick to the present price rate," sources added.

Vice-President of Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) Masud Hasan Talukder Liton talked the Vice Chancellor Prof Kazi Sebah Ahmed to find out a solution.

Meanwhile, General students have demanded immediate reopening of the central cafeteria.

Steps taken to utilise youths' dynamism : Huda

Information Minister Barister Nazmul Huda Monday said the present democratic government had taken a number of nation-building programmes which require the vigour dynamism and zeal of the younger generation for their successful implementation, reports BSS.

The minister said but unfortunately our youths were not given proper and correct guidance after independence of the country to utilise their dynamism for nation building thrust, he said adding "We have wasted our valuable times in unnecessary debates".

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the sixth installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Dhaka Medical College and the joint meeting with Rotary Club of Dhaka North at Sonarganj Hotel.

Among others, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Dhaka Medical College Prof SN

Samad, Head of the Anatomy Department Prof Gulshan Ara, Rotary Club of Dhaka North President Aftabul Islam, Rotaract President MA Mansur and outgoing President Ashfaq Mohammad Khan spoke on the occasion.

Lauding the role of various social and voluntary organisations, including Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, the Minister said an integrated effort was necessary to make "Our young nation" self-reliant in all fields.

He particularly called upon the Rotarians and Rotaracts to take up projects like prevention of diarrhoea, mass literacy campaign and drive against smoking for the well-being of society. The minister urged them to extend their activities upto the village level so that common masses could get benefit.

Earlier, the Minister inaugurated a blood donation programme jointly organised by the Rotarians and the Rotaracts.

Installation ceremony of DSHSU today

The installation ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel Sramik Union (DSHSU) will be held today (Tuesday) at 5pm at the Hotel Ball-Room, reports BSS.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism MA Mannan will be present at the function as chief guest.

The function will be followed by a cultural show.

Enayetullah Khan returns

Editor-in-Chief of Weekly Holiday AZM Enayetullah Khan returned here yesterday morning after a month's visit to the United States of America at the invitation of the US government, reports BSS.



Tuesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quarn Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Gecta
- 5:25 Shiksha Diksha
- 6:00 Cartoon: Adventure Under the Sea
- 6:30 Programme in memory of Golam Mustafa Nazrul Songs
- 7:05 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama series: Asroy
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:25 Parliament roundup
- 10:35 Film show: Family
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing.

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or shower is likely at a few places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and the regions of Mymensing, Tangail, Jessore and Kushtia during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Monday.

Meteorological office forecast that weather is likely to remain mainly dry with cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change

Extended outlook for another five days: Weather is likely to improve.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) in Dhaka at 5.34 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.55 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Monday were:

Cities /Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.2	26.2	76	76
Chittagong	32.0	25.2	74	77
Rajshahi	32.8	25.2	86	90
Khulna	33.2	26.0	83	85
Barisal	31.0	25.0	93	88
Cox's Bazar	32.2	24.6	75	77
Sylhet	29.0	24.4	85	92
Dinajpur	27.2	23.5	96	88

BOL suspends facilities to DMCH, SSMCH, ICDD

Bangladesh Oxygen Limited (BOL) Monday said that it had suspended all credit facilities to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Sir Salmullah Medical College Hospital and the Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases Hospital due to non-payment of outstanding bills, reports BSS.

These hospitals were not clearing outstanding bills amounting to Taka 41 lakh till June 30 this year. Some of these supplies date back more than a year, it said.

Qui-Khwani of Late Al-Haj C I Zaman

Qui-khwani of late Al-Haj C I Zaman will be held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1992 at his residence at House No. 23/A, Road No. 1, Dhamondi after Asr prayers.

All our relatives and friends are requested to attend and pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul.

Begum Atiya Zaman, Dr Najma and Justice Mahmud Reza Choudhury, Salma and C F Zaman, Tuha and Ambassador Syed Muazzem Ali, Major Samina and Major Ishraq Uz Zaman.

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INTERNATIONAL FINANCE INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE BANK LIMITED

Result of Final Written Test for Recruitment of Probationary Officers

Candidates bearing the following Roll Numbers have been successful in the Final Written Test held on 7th August, 1992 and they are advised to appear before the Interview Board at IFIC Bank Ltd., Head Office, BSB Building, 19th Floor, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Motijheel, Dhaka as per scheduled below. Letters to the individual candidates are being sent by post. For non-receipt of letters candidates may contact Head Office, Administration Department on 19th October 1992 during office hours. No T.A. & D.A. will be allowed.

20.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.08,14,15,23,60,69,118,120,138,143,157,164,175, 231,245,256,312,323,329,518,567,571,588,781

21.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.854,893,952,1118,1160,1390,1400,1683,1796,1832, 1855,1974,2011,2141,2154,2322,2390,2434,2491,2516,2586,2671,2687,2795

22.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.2832,2863,2906,3027,3032,3052,3068,3195,3202, 3206,3207,3245,3408,3448,3517,3591,3669,3756,3806,3809,3817,3941,3957,4168

24.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.4184,4209,4266,4469,4562,4622,4636,4908,5315, 5438,5475,5479,5536,5719,5929,6044,6387,6568,6683,6768,6804,6942,7005,7105

25.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.7110,7211,7264,7291,7388,7422,7503,7511,7521, 7615,7701,7743,7744,7753,7867,7885,7888,8017,8353,8551,8623,8661,8739,8766

26.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.8836,9045,9431,9445,9484,9513,9576,9580,9635, 9684,9837,9886,9920,10075,10193,10248,10250,10256,10662,10844,10860,11214, 11336,11342

27.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.11444,11506,11543,11579,11605,11822,11900, 11978,12004,12576,12674,12838,12912,12969,12970,13076,13355,13478,13680, 13768,13856,13861,14051,14160

28.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.14312,14463,14925,14980,15100,15245,15546, 15794,15999,16007,16509,16634,16649,16701,16766,16849,16904,17074,17076, 17089,17120,17125,17205,17303

29.10.92 at 3:00 P.M. Roll No.17318,17412,17482,17518,17634,17689,17715, 17797,17825,17867,17943,17961,18055,18149,18348,18427,18432,18458,18478, 18633,18645,18652



Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

অবৈধ পানি সংযোগ আজই বিচ্ছিন্ন করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors for the work 450 mm dia delivery main sewer connection with lift station at Armanitola area at an allotted cost of Taka 1,48,000/=.

Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 19-10-92 and opened on the same day at 12:30 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available from the office of the Chief Accounts Officer, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available from the office of the undersigned.

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