

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Signs of the Times

by S Bari



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Pretty soon Dhaka is going to replace Bangkok as the favorite retreat of men in need of leisure time. Patpong move aside, Bijoy Nagar is catching up. Either that, or in these overpopulated times, our tastes are running dangerously towards the cannibalistic. When a restaurant signboard says "Flesh Pots Restaurant," what conclusions can the discerning diner reach? Perhaps it's a package deal: enjoy your bit of flesh and eat it too.

Dhaka is making its mark in many ways on the world gastronomic map. Michelin guides will now have an entry on an eatery in Banani which is the only place on the face of the globe to offer "English Chins and Thai food."

English Chins are an innovative delicacy indeed, especially half a world away from England. Anywhere else but Dhaka, of course, the sign would have read, "English, Chinese, and Thai food." Though what English food is, if it is food at all, is a mystery to most.

Signboards in Dhaka are notorious in the way they vie with each other to see who can produce the most puzzling or pretentious names. Generally the restaurants excel in this art, but there are others just as talented.

So many modest gentlemen decorate their front doors with a procession of meaningless initials: BSc, MRCP, PhD. One fine morning I

fear, one of them will have the idea of starting even further back in his illustrious academic past, and we will be confronted by signs announcing the residence of Dr F Mushtaque, KG, SSC, HSC, etc. One lawyer's household advertises a heady list of qualifications, and then, in case you've missed the point, the words "House of Law" are emblazoned across the door.

If initials after names are intended to make matters very clear, there are those who believe signboards should evoke bewilderment. Some of these people are very successful, as any of us who have pondered over the significance of "Toronto" as the name of a bakery, or the implications of "Hotel de Amazon" will know.

Shops advertising their wares are often unaware of the effect of their attempts at English slogans on the passerby. The prize in this category goes to a lamp shop on Topkhana Road.

A message on the window urges the shopper to admire the glittering shades on display with the words "Look at your front." This explains why pedestrians can be seen hastily glancing down to check if anything is unbuttoned. I'm sure the shop-owner could claim tax exemption on the grounds that he is performing a social service.



Harun-ur-Rashid Khan, Chairman, Monno Group of Industries, distributing prizes among the successful deaf and dumb students of the HSC & SSC exams Friday at the 5th Annual Conference of Dhaka Badhir Sangha. Mohammad Shahidullah, Chairman, Shahidullah Group of Companies was present as special guest. Rtn M Ali Hossain, President, Dhaka Badhir Sangha presided.

### Extortionists obstructing construction at Lalbagh

By Staff Correspondent

A group of extortionists are allegedly obstructing the construction work of a community centre at Rasulpur, Lalbagh in the city.

K R Builders Limited, a construction firm that won the Dhaka City Corporation tender for building a community centre at Rasulpur complained to Lalbagh police that some extortionists were demanding a fat amount of money from them and were also threatening their workers at the work-site.



### Sunday

- 5.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Bible
- 5.25 Sports programme: Cricket
- 6.20 Cartoon: I Want to Know
- 7.05 Tagore songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 SAARC Audio-Visual Exchange programme
- 9.00 Oshin
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament round-up
- 10.35 Sur Lahari: Classical music
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Monday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

### Allahwala Building handed over to Youth Ministry

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday formally handed over the Allahwala Building at Motijheel to the Ministry of Youth and Sports on the eve of the National Youth Day today Sunday, reports BSS.

The building now called 'Jubo Bhaban' will house the office of the directorate of youth development.

Speaking at the handing-over ceremony, Islam said youth forces are the best forces for the uplift of any nation.

Speaking on the occasion, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain said in a poor country like Bangladesh the best way to employ the youths is to create self-employment opportunities through providing them with necessary training and assistance. His Ministry has put in its best efforts in this regard, he said.

### Happy Birthday

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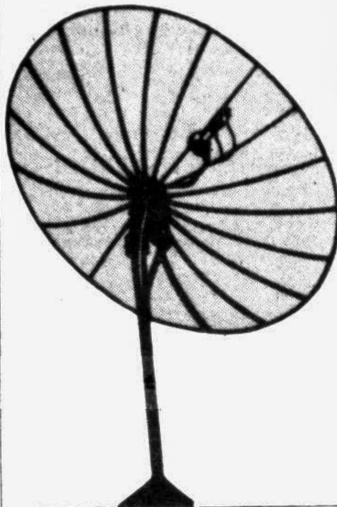
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### Prof Qureshi off to Paris

Mahmud Shah Qureshi, Professor of Cultural and Intellectual History, Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Rajshahi University, left for Paris yesterday at the invitation of Sorbonne University, reports BSS.

### Obituary

Arham Chowdhury, Managing Director of Levis Garments, died of heart failure Friday at 4 pm. He was 53, says a press release.

Late Chowdhury left behind his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

He will be buried at the Azimpur graveyard after Zohr prayers today and his qul khwan will be held on November 2 after Asr prayers

### Weather

## Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain dry across the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday). Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during this period.

The Met office forecasts night temperature is likely to fall. The maximum temperature of 34.6 degree Celsius was reported from Feni yesterday (Saturday) and the minimum of 17.4 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5.19 pm and rises tomorrow Monday at 6.05 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.6	22.5	65	69
Chittagong	33.0	24.5	93	73
Rajshahi	33.0	20.0	72	83
Khulna	33.5	22.6	71	78
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.8	80	85
Dinajpur	31.5	17.4	72	83
Barisal	34.0	21.3	77	86
Sylhet	32.4	22.8	72	71