

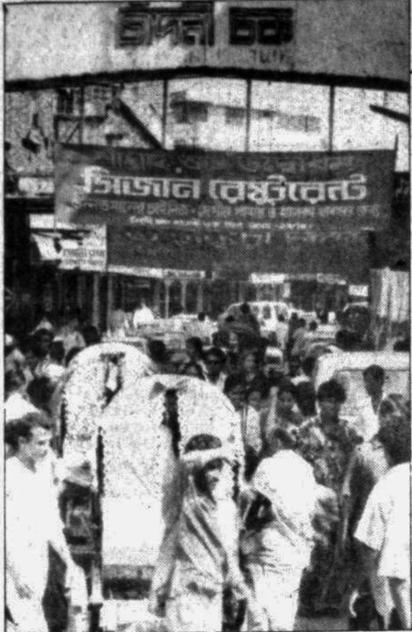
Dhaka Day by Day

A Shopaholic's Paradise

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

Chadni Chawk is not one of Dhaka's most elegant spots. But for shopaholics it is paradise. This is a place where one can buy just about anything from hair bands to real hair! At any time between 10 am and 8 pm Chadni Chawk which has been here for over a decade, is jam-packed with people feverishly looking for something to buy.

One of the first things one notices upon entering this market are the varied types of shoppers, the majority of which, one must admit, are female. The most prominent are the pairs of well-groomed matrons sheepishly followed by their daughters or nieces on their weekly changing the wardrobe expeditions. Young college students also stroll through this place, strolling along the narrow alleys of this haphazard arcade, window shopping or trying out the various snack bars. Older women in full 'Christmas tree' gear and enough war paint to fight the most fearsome chieftain, are also regulars at the 'Chawk'. They are usually trailed by their ever faithful spouses whose expressions of forced placidity barely conceal the pain of having three precious hours wasted for, in their opinion, meaningless activity. Last but not least (actually too many) are the hangers on whose main function is to ogle at women and make them feel as uncomfortable as possible.



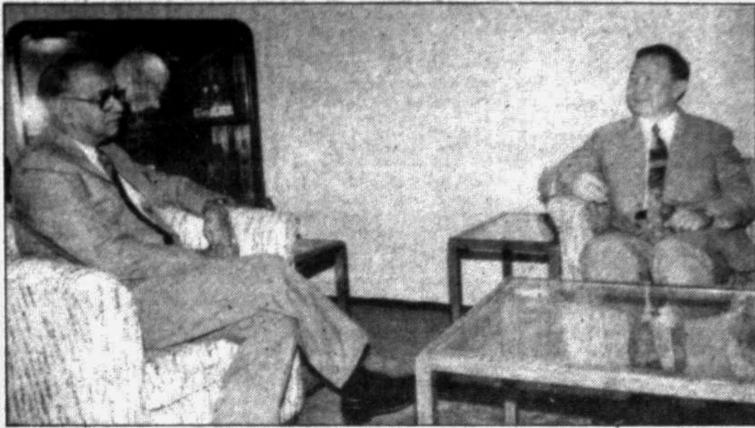
Chadni Chawk — crowded round the clock.

where everything that glitters is gold. Rows of these shops stand together, sparkling windows displaying their dear goodies. Multi-layered necklaces with 'mina' work, heavy bangles or 'balas' with floral designs and 'jumka' earrings are common items. Although sales have dropped significantly this year, business is always good as the wedding season peaks during winter. Young women can be seen with their relatives trying desperately to explain to the shopkeeper what the design of a particular necklace to be worn at their own weddings.

should be. Hours and hours are spent in trying to decide which tiara looks best on them or which necklace will look heavy enough to outdo what the groom to be's family will give. Shopkeepers are, of course, on their best behaviour, ordering gallons of coke and seven up for their customers, when attempts at flattery fail to do the job. Once in a while one may also see a harassed male or two, whose heart sinks to his toes as he realizes that his beloved has set her soul on the most expensive item in the store. He may wonder to himself when that 'sweet little undemanding thing, he married, acquired such diabolic lust for gold, but nevertheless feign his approval with a conspiratorial grimace.

The jewellery shop is often, however, out of bounds for whom we call, the average person. Yet she, which is invariably the case, has many other less financially depleting options. Rows of stores are lined across the narrow alleys, selling all sorts of costume jewellery at affordable prices. Oxidized trinkets seem to be the rage nowadays and fill the counters to the brim. To go into these shops is like entering accessory heaven. Bags, shoes, belts etc — its all there for you to pick. Cosmetics from Revlon to 'Devlon' are also in abundance.

All too soon it is time to go and one leaves this world of temptation with a sigh of resignation. A mental note is made, of all the things one has not bought and of course, a solemn promise — to come back. Real soon.



The visiting Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Xu Duxin called on Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman at his office yesterday. — PID photo

Journalists architects of changing society: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon all irrespective of party-affiliations and opinions to contribute their mite in the process of polarisation of development with democracy, reports BSS.

She was addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of Barisal Press Club here. Begum Zia said the present government had initiated a process of development.

She hoped that the journalists who had played a leading role in establishing democracy would put in their contributions to maintain the process of development in the right direction through creating public opinion.

Begum Zia said: "We shall have to bear in mind that the country belongs to all. Development of all is the development of the country and democracy and development are interrelated."

The Prime Minister said journalism was not only a mere profession, it is a mission.

Describing journalists as the architects of changing society the Prime Minister said journalists' task was to create a

positive spirit and not making a stunt.

She said credibility is the main driving force of any information medium and advised the journalists to uphold credibility for increasing qualitative standard of news.

The journalists must go close to the people to highlight their viewpoints to fulfill their obligation and commitment to the society.

The Prime Minister said after the restoration of democracy in the country, people today have waged a movement to protect it (democracy) well.

She said the process of development would have to be accelerated to consolidate democracy. "We shall have to overcome the vicious circle of poverty," she added.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the present government was working relentlessly to improve the condition of the people and develop the country and said: "We want to see the journalists play a pioneering role in this efforts, too."

Begum Zia described a free press as the main factor of democracy and said unity in

diversity is our goal.

Welcoming the recent wave of publication of newspapers, the Prime Minister said we want newspapers to come out not only from Dhaka, but also from remote places of the country.

She said the present government considers news media as a two-way traffic. That is why we have given importance to honest and neutral journalism. The courage to appreciate the good works side by side with constructive criticism is the hallmarks of objective and neutral journalism, she said.

Paying tributes to the memory of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq, Begum Zia said 75 years ago in 1917, while protesting against the then Indian Press Act, Sher-e-Bangla had said, "Waging movement against autocracy is the human nature. It is the birth right of man to express their own viewpoint without any hesitation."

Begum Zia said: "We have defeated autocracy and ensured freedom of the press and freedom of expression to establish the birth right of the people and thus dream of Sher-e-Bangla has been realised."

DU exam dates shifted

The comprehensive examination 1990 of Honours final year of Sociology Department of Dhaka University will now be held on November 9 instead of 8 due to unavoidable situation, reports UNB.

A DU press release said yesterday the examination would be held at the examination centre of Arts Faculty (3rd floor) at 9 am.

Masters final year examination 1989 of Bengali Department (course No-407 and 508) and comprehensive examinations of Islamic Studies, Philosophy and Public Administration will be held on earlier schedule on November 8, the press release said.

Meanwhile, the examination of course No-315 of MSS Preliminary examination 1990 of Social Welfare students will also be held on November 9 instead of November 8.

Works Minister visits on-going beautification projects

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday visited the on-going road development and beautification projects of the metropolitan city taken by RAJUK in connection with the forthcoming SAARC Summit conference to be held here in December, reports BSS.

600 development schemes being implemented by RCC

RAJSHAHI, Nov 4: About six hundred various development schemes are being implemented by Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) for overall development of the city during the current fiscal year.

The city corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu told BSS that the government has sanctioned Taka eight crore — the highest ever allocation since liberation — for implementing development schemes.

He said that six pump houses are being built at a cost of Taka one crore 50 lakh during the current fiscal year. Besides, 300 hand pumps and 185 semi-deep-tubewells are being set up in Padma river side for supply of pure water to the city dwellers.

The Mayor said that a water treatment plant is being set up here with the cooperation of

Japan government at a cost of Taka 135 crore. The work will start soon, he said adding that an agreement has already been signed by Japan and Bangladesh for implementing the project.

Mizanur Rahman said that the corporation has already planted 65,000 various saplings in different graveyards and road side recently for maintaining ecological balance in the region.

He said that Bhubonmohan Park has been renovated at a cost of Taka ten lakh and it will be opened for children from December 16.

3 injured in road mishap

Three persons were injured in a road accident near Tangail bus stand on Monday, reports BSS.

The injured persons are Shahin, Mati and Humayun. They were admitted to Tangail Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

Later Shahin was sent to Dhaka Pangu Hospital.

The accident occurred when two motor-cycles collided head-on.

Weather

Night temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompany by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Barisal, Patuakhali, Khulna and Comilla and weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius across the country during this period.

The Met office adds, weather may deteriorate within two days.

The highest temperature of 32.9 degree Celsius was reported from Feni yesterday (Wednesday) and the lowest of 16.5 degree was reported from Dinajpur.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.17 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6.08 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	31.7	20.5	71	63
Chittagong	32.0	24.3	78	73
Rajshahi	31.0	18.0	69	79
Khulna	31.0	21.5	74	84
Cox's Bazar	32.8	24.8	81	74
Sylhet	32.0	20.8	77	73
Dinajpur	31.0	16.5	68	72
Barisal	31.6	21.0	73	87

People will foil conspiracy against democracy: Huda

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would root out terrorism from the country with the cooperation of people, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the publication ceremony of a book of poems dedicated to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman here yesterday night. Aktaruzzaman MP, Shaheed Zia's Chief Security Officer, M Anisuzzaman, Engineer Mohammad Yusuf, BNP Ramna thiana unit President Chowdhury Alam and Poet Ashrafur Karim Helal also spoke on the occasion.

Barrister Huda said the people would foil the conspiracy against the hard-earned democracy, development and parliamentary politics.

He regretted that the Leader of the Opposition had been propagating against the Anti-terrorism Bill, passed by

the Jatiya Sangsad although there was nothing bad in the bill.

Pointing to the comments of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina that the bill is a black law, the Information Minister said there was nothing black in the Anti-terrorism Bill and the Awami League chief should better remember that her party had passed the blackest law of the country in 1974 and had sent democracy and freedom of the press into exile by forming one-party autocracy of BKSAL.

Criticizing the misrule, widespread corruption and nepotism of the Mujib era, Barrister Huda said the initiators of one party autocracy in the country were now again trying to mislead the people of Bangladesh with their deliberate propaganda and tall talks.

But people of the country know who is what and who are their real friends and who are

now patronising terrorism, the Information Minister said, adding after the introduction of the Anti-terrorism Bill, half of the terrorism had disappeared.

Lauding the glorious contribution of Shaheed President Zia to our history, economy, democracy and nationalism, the Information Minister said the Leader of the Opposition even did not hesitate to term the slain president as an autocrat.

But he said, each and every citizen of this country knew that Zia had given the nation a multi-party democracy, replacing the one-party rule and freedom of the press instead of only four newspapers.

Shaheed Zia is in the hearts of the people of Bangladesh, he said, adding Begum Zia also had won the hearts of the people for her honesty, integrity, patriotism, dedication for democracy and development.

Congenital defects no hindrance to normal life, seminar told

"Congenital Anomaly is No Hindrance to Normal Life" is the theme of a three-day international conference that began here yesterday with call for creating awareness among the people to prevent disability, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Society of Prevention and Rehabilitation of Congenitally Disabled (BSPRCD) has organised the conference at a local hotel in collaboration with WHO and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Speaking at the opening session, Deputy Leader of the Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury said there are 400 million disabled persons in the world, of which 300 million are living in the developing countries.

Prevention is easier and cheaper than treatment of disabled people, he said calling for concerted efforts to create awareness among the people about disability in order to prevent it.

Chowdhury urged scholars, scientists and surgeons to employ their knowledge, experience and training to study and

find remedies to the problems of disabled persons.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Deputy Health Minister Sirajul Haq, Health Secretary Sayeed Ahmed, Prof K M Serajul Islam, Dr Muhammad Mostafizur Rahman, WHO Representative Dr A N A Abyeundere, Japanese expert Prof Yoshitomo and Dr Rafiqul Kabir Labu also spoke on the occasion.

President of the Society Dr Shah Md Keramat Ali chaired the inaugural session.

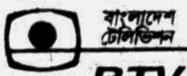
The society has also organised a week-long workshop on "disability Prevention & Rehabilitation" in connection with its first international conference being participated by 30 representatives from home and abroad.

Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said the present government is trying to improve the health condition, including health status, health delivery system, family planning and above all a sound management system in the health sector.

He stressed the need for a

comprehensive programme to improve the condition of hospitals of the country.

Community participation is needed to provide adequate facilities to the disabled, the minister said urging the people to extend their cooperation to the disabled.



BTV
Thursday

5:00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5-10	News in Bangla
5-20	Recitation from the Geeta
5-25	School debate
6-20	Cartoon: Peter Pan and the Pirates
6-50	Campus
7-20	Jiboner Alo
8-00	News in Bangla
8-40	Drama of the Week
10-00	News in English
10-30	Parliament round up
10-40	Film show: China Beach
11-30	Khobar/The News
11-40	Friday's programme summary
11-45	Closing.

ECNEC okays 2 projects

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved two development projects involving a total outlay of Taka 890.85 crore with a foreign exchange component of Tk 707 crore, reports UNB.

The approval was given at an ECNEC meeting chaired by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at Secretariat cabinet room here.

The approved projects are reconstruction of Fenchuganj Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory renaming it as Shah Jalal Fertilizer Company limited under the Ministry of Industries and reparation of 220 buses of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) under the Ministry of Communication.

The Fenchuganj project will have an annual urea production capacity of more than 3.30 lakh and have electricity generation plant capable of distributing commercially despite meeting up the requirement of the fertilizer project.

Bangladeshis earning foreign exchanges abroad will be induced to buy shares of this company, said a PID handout.

Besides, the ECNEC meeting approved a report prepared by Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation Division (IMED) for development of 76

intermediate colleges of the country giving emphasis on science studies.

The meeting was attended by Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Huq, Local Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, Industries Minister M Shamsul Islam Khan, Commerce Minister M Keramat Ali, Education Minister Barrister Zamir Uddin Strcar, Planning Minister A M Zahir Uddin Khan, Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries and high officials of concerned ministries.

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The containerised cargo ex. M. V. DSR SENATOR V-EE243 from Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg have been relayed to M. V. FONG SHIN V-9233 Import Rotation No. 824/92 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 5-11-92 from Singapore.

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LGED Tender Notice No-01/1992-93 (2nd call)

Tenders are hereby invited from pre-qualified contractors of Rural Development Project-3: Infrastructure greater Sylhet district for the year 1992-93 of Sunamgonj district to implement the following schemes.

S/No	Name of work	Schedule value Tk	Amount of Earnest Money Tk	Completion time of work
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Construction of 13.80m 4 vent Box culvert at the ch: 776m on Jagannathpur-Rusulgonj Bazar Road.	1600/=	37,876/=	90 days
2.	Construction of 17.10 m 5 vent Box culvert at the ch: 914m on Jagannathpur-Rusulgonj Bazar Road.	1800/=	43,264/=	90 days
3.	Construction of 6m x 4m Box culvert at the ch: 1380m on Jagannathpur-Rusulgonj Bazar Road	700/=	15,841/=	75 days
4.	Construction of 6m x 4m Box culvert at the ch: 5970m on Jagannathpur-Rusulgonj Bazar Road	700/=	15,758/=	75 days
5.	Construction of 6m x 4m Box culvert at the ch: 6255m on Jagannathpur-Rusulgonj Bazar Road	700/=	15,841/=	75 days
6.	Improvement of Sunamgonj-Mongalkata Road (Ch: 00-900m) = 0.90 km.	2200/=	52,858/=	90 days
7.	Improvement of Sunamgonj-Mongalkata Road (Ch: 900-1888m) = 0.988 km.	2400/=	58,629/=	90 days

- Earnest money : Bank Draft/Pay Order/Jatiya Sanchay Patra/Pratirakha Sanchay Patra etc should be enclosed with the tender document in favour of "XEN LGED Sunamgonj."
- Date & time of purchasing Tender documents : Up to 20-11-92 during office hour submitting Bank Draft in favour of "XEN LGED Sunamgonj."
- Receiving & opening of Tender : 21-11-91 at 1.00 PM & 1.30 PM respectively.
- Selling & Receiving Officer/ Officer of Tender document : Project Director, RDP-3, LGED 5/7 Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207. Executive Engineer, LGED, Dist Sunamgonj/Sylhet/Moulvibazar/Habigonj.
- Analysis of Tender document : Item-wise correct analysis should be submitted with the Tender.
- Contractors/Firms who have completed successfully bridges/culvert amounting to Taka 10 (ten) lakh in a single work order will be able to purchase schedule showing their original completion certificates.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any Tender without assigning any reason.

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