Dhaka Day by Day

Fun from Cloth, Sticks and Straw

by Fayza Haq



A scene from the 'Flash puppet' show

ing and absorbing puppet show at the American Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. School at Baridhara. Different aspects of life were treated with cleverness and dexterity.

"Flash Puppets" one learnt that she had been French Literature and Russian before that. She longer," he commented. met a band of puppeteers in her free time and ,but now he is very proud of her.

plete work. I make the puppets with my hands Himalyalas and learnt a lot from the Buddhists. and work with my limbs. I create the scene and As for the people of the Subcontinent they are provide the story.lt gives you a tremendous very different from the people of France people. An American film producer once said spiritual," he commented. that in a film you need to 'hook' the attention of The first story was based on a small provinthe people all the time," Corine commented cial place which was full of trees, flanked by doll about her work.

said,"I find the subcontinent very interesting. There was the Spanish maid-servant, sick of her Life is very different and difficult to understand broom; a tormented painter; an old spinster in the east. You can't jump to any conclusion crazy about grand opera, a young immigrant lady about the condition of women or the political Aziza; a rock "punk" girl, a "pop" white slaver and economic situation. I enjoyed walking and his girl friend. There were also Lulu and through the streets and seeing all that I could. Anatole two youngsters who teased Charclot, an People say everywhere that the people of undesirable tramp. As time passed, all was well Bangladesh are very poor and wretched but I that ends well in the small world. found them smiling . I also felt that they had a sense of unity."

TV, as they are busy and have limited funds."

been working for seven years, said that he did every age you can have a lover, "Corine commenteresting from A to Z. I have learnt a bit but I am the heart" the faces were made of latex, a mateof the puppet, the story and the animation very expression so close to reality that one felt a disinteresting," Michael said.

had several odd jobs before he joined Corine. and something different for viewers in Dhaka in Talking about his impressions of the search of cultural diversions. Not only children, Subcontinent he said that he was fascinated by but adults could sit back and view something the thousands of rickshaws, lorries, cars and new and distracting. The programme was con-

The Allaince Francaise arranged an interest- was very impressed by the historical places of

Nehlig Gerdi, another electrician working with the puppet show said, he has been doing Talking to Corine Linden, the leader for the such work as his for 15 years. "I've come to India ten years ago and I like the Subcontinent working for 12 years. She was a student for very much and wish I could have stayed on much

Loup Bruxer, who comes from Ranrupt, was got fascinated by them. At the beginning her fa- the road manager. He said he found the populather thought she was crazy to follow this line tion in Bangladesh fascinating as he had come from a place as big as Dhaka with only a popula-"I like the puppet work because it is a com- tion of 200. "I've been to the mountains of sense of fulfillment. The difficult part is how to Everything material comes easy to the people of tell the story in such a way that fascinates the the west while the people in the east are more

houses, where behind each window, lived a per-Having travelled in the Sub-continent she son represented with accuracy, rigour and irony.

The second part "Memory of the Heart" was deep and disturbing. An old lady retraced the Asked if a lot of people in France go out to milestones of her life. There was the time she watch public shows like the puppet show Corine was a child with her mother; she met her first said, People prefer to stay at home and watch lover, a musician in a bar; she was shown moving on to her second lover; in the third scene she Michel Klein, the other puppeteer who has was old but dancing with her third admirer . "In photography, interior decoration and electrical ted. A succession of lively and incisive portrayals work before joining Corine. To do a show is in- led to the intense final scene. In "Memories of always learning. I find my job of looking for parts rial whose flexibility and mobility make the comfort. This was exactly what Corinne wished.

Grussner Pascal, the technician said that he The work was a fine piece of craftsmanship



A discussion meeting was held on World Bank's policy in the industrialisation of Bangladesh organised by different workers' organisations at Press Club auditorium - Star photo yesterday. (Story on Page 12)



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Necessary steps to be taken for peace: Matin

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury has said present government would take all necessary measures to ensure peace and stability in the society for bringing positive changes in the lot of teeming millions, reports BSS.

He underlined the need for spontaneous people's participation and cooperation in this

The Minister was addressing a spontaneous gathering at Beldi Darul Hadis Aliya Madhrasha premises in

Narayanganj Friday. Presided over by local BNP leader Fazlul Haque Manik the function was addressed, by Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Ali Ahmad Abdel Wahab, Principal of Beldi Aliya Madhrasha Strajul Islam, local B P leader Nuruzzaman Khan and student leader Fazlul Haque Milon.

The Home Minister said. government had already generated a momentum in the pace of economic development. He said government is pledge to change the lot of people and to fulfil all its preelection commitments. In this connection, he underscored the need for maintaining law and order situation in the so-

IFRC chief arrives tomorrow

Dr Mario Enirque Villarroel Lander, president of the International Federation o Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), will arrive here tomorrow on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, a press release of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society said here yesterday, reports BSS.

During his stay, Dr Mario Enrique Villarroel Lander will call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and Minister of State for Relief Lutfur Rahman.

People urged to work unitedly to build up children

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam has called upon the people, irrespective of class and opinion, to work unitedly to build up the children as worthy citizens, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing as chief guest a conference of Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathon of Mohammadpur Thana Unit at the community centre here Friday.

Among others, State Minister for Finance Mojibar Rahman also addressed the conference.

Referring to the various positive steps adopted by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman in order to develop the talent of the children, the Minister said the present government was also implementing such programmes.

Quomi Madrasa team calls on President

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday stressed the need for massive participation of the educated people in removing the curse of illiteracy from society, reports BSS.

The President was talking to a seven-member delegation of the Bangladesh Quomi Madrasa Education Board when they called on him at Bangabhaban.

Moulana Nesaruddin Ahmed led the delegation.

He said, the government is taking allout efforts to spread education and improve its quality and standard.

A group of social workers holding a press conference yesterday at National Press Club on the eve of World Bank - Star photo chief's arrival in the city.

Plea to reveal accord with WB

By Staff Correspondent

A section of intellectuals of the country yesterday (Saturday) termed the World Bank as an 'imperialist agent.' They also accused WB of politically influencing Bangladesh to serve the interest of the donors only.

At a seminar on World Bank and Bangladesh' organised by Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir, held at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), Dhaka University speakers also urged the government to 'reveal' its agreements with the WB.

The seminar, presided over by Lekhak Shibir President Akhtaruzzaman Iltas, was addressed, among others, by Ganatantrik Biplabi Jote leader Badruddin Umar, Professor of **Economics of Jahangirnagar** University Anu Muhammad, representative of the sick industries Alauddin Ahmed, Professor of International Relations of the Dhaka University Dr Abrar Chowdhury, President of Chhatra Federation Khandkar Ahad Ahmed, lecturer of the Engineering Univer sity Abdul Habib Chowdhury and others.

The speakers alleged that the economy of Bangladesh is being planned according to the World Bank prescriptions where the people and the government of the country were playing an insignificant role.

The WB, to keep up its own interest, had been pressurising

the government to retrench labourers, introduce golden handshake schemes, cutting government subsidies in the

utility and essential produc-

tions and services. 'WB's programme contrary to uplift'

By Staff Correspondent A group of social workers at a press conference yesterday termed the World Bank (WB) policies and programmes as contrary to the national development of the developing countries.

The WB is evoking bitterness and distrust among the Third World countries specially where it has imposed structural adjustment programmes. These programmes have devastated living standards in those countries, they The social workers made

their allegations and observations through a statement released on the eve of the WB President Lewis T Preston's arrival in Dhaka.

Held at the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon, the press conference was attended by a number of persons working in different organisations dealing with issues like development, environment and women's and workers' affairs.



Participants of the first round of the fourth Inter College General Knowledge Competition at Notre Dame College - Star photo auditorium Saturday.

Inter college general knowledge contest held

By Staff Correspondent

Residential Model College of the city came out first in first round of the fourth Inter College General Knowledge Competition organised by the Notre Dame Science Club. Sponsored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) it was held yesterday at the Notre Dame College auditorium.

Sixteen colleges of the city took part in the competition.

Besides, Residential Model College, five Notre Dame Blue and Dhaka College, Notre Dame Gold and Vigarunnessanoon College, Holy Cross College have reached the final round scheduled to be held on Dec 5.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday), with partially cloudy sky over Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali and Faridpur

Night temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the coastal region and temperature will remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall from the next two days. The lowest temperature of 12.5 degree Celsius was re-

ported yesterday (Saturday) from Srimangal and the highest

of 32.0 degree Celsius was reported from Barisal. The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5.13 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 6.15 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humid-

ity of some of the major cities and towns yesterday were: Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius Humidity in percentage

6pm 68 17.0 30.7 Dhaka 21.2 Chittagong 78 15.0 Rajshahi 19.0 Khulna 16.0 30.6 Comilla 17.1 Sylhet 78 28.8 14.5 Dinajpur 80 76 17.6 32.0 Bartsal

Biswas condoles Nasiruddin's death

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his deep shock at the death of former minister and an eminent lawyer Nasiruddin Ahmad Chowdhury, reports BSS.

In a condolence message here, the President said the country had lost a dedicated social worker at the death of Chowdhury. He prayed for the peace of the departed soul and expressed sympathy with the members of the bereaved fam-

Iranian envoy calls on Anwar

Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mahmoud Bayat called on Commerce Minister MK Anwar at his Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

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