

Dhaka Day by Day

Raising Funds for Khwaja Baba

by Sharier Khan



Many of Harris's comrades living in the same slum in Mirpur, section two, invest on baking and selling *pithas* in winter as an extra source of income. But Harris hates small profit-generating schemes. He has better plans.

So early one December morning he contacts Babul, a small trader and a former muscle-man of the area.

"Let's raise some money to celebrate *urash* (a religious programme) of Khwaja Baba," Harris told Babul, "we will feed the poor too on the *urash* day."

Babul took the message between the lines. He liked it. "Okay, let's start!"

The next morning they selected a site at a residential zone of Mirpur. They framed-up a small room half-open from all sides with bamboos and *lal shaloo* (red cloth), hung four bulbs from the room's ceiling and decorated the place with gaudy paper flowers.

Now comes the point of interest: the big pot - capable enough to retain at least one lakh taka.

They placed the pot in the middle of the room.

Lighting up the bulbs posed a problem. But not to Harris. He set an electric cable with a metal hook at its top on a bamboo and then hooked that with the road side electric cable.

Now there was constant electric supply, and Babul provided a tape recorder and some cassettes containing devotional songs on Khwaja Baba.

The stage was set.

Nobody could voice a word against it; no matter how wrong it was, for it had a sacred cause - raising funds for Khwaja Baba.

They started playing the cassette player. A tremendous stream of noise was unleashed. Slum kids were attracted like locusts swarming around a fire. Late slumbers were shaken



Five Party alliance brought out a procession yesterday demanding trial of the persons involved in attack on the JSD office. —Star photo

Release of city BNP leader demanded

Hazaribagh Anti-terrorism Committee at a meeting here yesterday demanded immediate release of local BNP leader and a member of the committee KG Karim, reports UNB.

Karim, who was the chief coordinator of Begum Khaleda Zia's election campaign in word number 17 in the last parliamentary polls, was arrested Saturday, said a press release of the committee.

Agreement signed to support Grameen Bank project

United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), GOB and the Royal Netherlands Government have recently signed an agreement to support Grameen Bank (Grameen Krishi Foundation) to manage Deep Tubewells assets and to sell water inputs and provide extension and other agricultural services to farmers in Rangpur and Dinajpur area, says a press release.

The project at a total cost of US\$ 21,199, 300 will raise the productive potential of the 650 DTWs now under GKF's management and assist crop diversification efforts of farmers within these DTW command areas.

21 JU teachers demand withdrawal of cases against Nirnul body men

By JU Correspondent

A total of 21 Jahangirnagar University teachers Monday demanded the withdrawal of false cases against the Nirnul committee activists and leaders filed by the Jamaat-Shibir forces.

In a joint statement issued by the teachers criticised the false murder charges against freedom fighter and Senate member of Rajshahi University Advocate Firoz Ahmed, ABM Nurul Alam, Commander Mojibur Rahman and student leader AKM Beduin.

The teachers alleged that Nirnul body leaders and activists throughout the country were being harassed by the false charges filed by the conspiring Jamaat forces.

Md Rafiq, Nurul Islam Manzur, Sharif Hossain Khan, Anu Muhammad are among others, the signatories to the statement.

10 get Kamaluddin Awards

Ten students of the Life Science Department of the Jahangirnagar University were awarded Kamaluddin prizes Tuesday for their outstanding academic achievement.

Chaired by the Director of the Life Science Institute Prof Abdul Ghani, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed distributed prizes and certificates among the students.



Anniversary of Sirajuddin Hossain's death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 21st death anniversary of Shaheed Sirajuddin Hossain will be observed today at his residence "Purbanchal", 3/11 Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur. A *milad mahfil* will be held after Magreb prayer.

Sirajuddin was the Executive and News Editor of the *Dainik Ittefaq*.

He was killed during the War of Liberation by Pakistani forces in collaboration with Al-Badr, Rajakar and Al-Shams men who were backed by Jamaat-Shibir and Muslim League.

The journalist is well remembered for his activities during the war.

Sirajuddin was awarded posthumous "Ekushey Padak" in 1980 for his contribution to the nation.

Anniversary of Nazmul Huq's death tomorrow

The 21st death anniversary of Shaheed intellectual-journalist Nazmul Huq will be observed on tomorrow with due solemnity, reports UNB.

On December 10 of 1971, two famous journalists Syed Nazmul Huq and Sirajuddin Hossain were picked up by Al-Badr Bahini and brutally killed at Rayer Bazar after being tortured.

Nazmul Huq was the chief reporter of the then Pakistan Press International and Resident Representative of CBS (Columbia Broadcasting Service) in Dhaka.

Syed Nazmul Huq Smriti Sangsad has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day, says a press release.

The programmes include Quran khwant at 10 am, feeding the destitutes at 1 pm and *milad mahfil* at 4 pm at 5, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather will remain mainly dry over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday). The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The minimum temperature of 9.6 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur and Isurdi yesterday (Wednesday) and the maximum of 28.0 degree was reported from Satkhira.

The sun sets today at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.31 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	26.4	12.2	65	67
Chittagong	26.0	15.2	83	69
Rajshahi	26.0	9.6	70	78
Khulna	27.0	12.4	89	79
Cox's Bazar	26.5	15.0	66	61
Dinajpur	25.4	9.4	74	71
Sylhet	25.8	13.5	71	71
Barisal	26.8	12.4	83	80



A JCD peace procession in the city yesterday. —Star photo



City wing of Awami League brought out a peace procession in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Demolition of Babri Mosque condemned

Call to maintain communal harmony continues

Several organisations and teachers of the Dhaka University yesterday strongly condemned the demolition of historic Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, India and urged the people to refrain from any provocation on the pretext of the incident, reports BSS.

In a joint statement, 52 teachers of the Dhaka University expressed concern at the destruction of Babri Mosque and urged the Indian government and people to rebuild the mosque immediately.

They appealed to the people of Bangladesh to maintain communal harmony. Fanatical emotion is always a threat to democracy and humanity, the teachers added.

The signatories to the statement include Dr Mohammad Masud Chowdhury, Prof Azad Chowdhury, Prof Sultana Shafi, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Dr Anwar Hossain, Prof Q A I M Nuruddin, Prof Ahsanul Huq, M Aminul Islam, Dr Saroj Kumar Saha, Dr Azzaun Nahar, Dr Abul Bashar, Dr Sakawat Ali Khan, Dr Nurur Rahman Khan and Dr Ansur Rahman.

Condemning the demolition of Babri Mosque, Zia Academy demanded reconstruction of the sacred mosque.

It appealed to the people of Bangladesh to remain vigilant so that no interested quarters could indulge in anarchy centering the Ayodhya incident.

World Muslim Congress in a statement also urged the countrymen to demonstrate utmost patience and tolerance to maintain peace and order in the country.

Another BSS report says: Aminul Islam Bedu and Zakaria Shrazai, Executive Vice-President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Humanist Society, condemned the demolition of the Babri Mosque in India by the communal Hindu fanatics.

In a joint statement they called upon the people to maintain peace and communal harmony and to resist the communal forces at all cost.

They also condemned the burning of CPB office and Indian High Commission Library at Motijheel.

We should not discriminate women from men, says DU VC

By DU Correspondent

The Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Emazuddin Ahmed said that we should not discriminate women from men in the contribution to the society for national progress.

He was speaking as the chief guest in an annual function organised by Rokeya Memorial Foundation at the Rokeya Hall auditorium of the university in observance of Begum Rokeya Day yesterday.

The hall provost ZN Tahmina presided over the function while Professor Razia Khan Amin of the English department of the university presented the key note paper on 'Socio-Economic Position of Women'.

Professor Razia in her speech said that united effort of men and women was the only way of social development. Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed also attended the function as the special guest.

Congratulations to Pupu & Hitu on 20 years of matrimonial harmony —Sagheer & Jeehan

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