

Dhaka Day by Day

The Months to Come

by S Bari



From Drik's 1993 calendar.

What is the first thing you do when the calendars for the new year arrive? There's the initial period of flipping through the pages morosely and shaking your head with disbelief that another year is gone. Once this painful reality is accepted, you begin to take some interest in the matter of the calendar. After all, you certainly don't want to look at grinning Japanese girls draped over shiny new cars for the next 365 days.

Drik's new calendar eases the transition into 1993 very nicely. A compilation of photographs from Drik Picture Library, this black and white calendar has become an annual year-end ritual. The pictures are usually grouped around a theme; given Bangladesh's geographical profile, this year's choice of Water and Life is more than appropriate.

Though the odd postcardish shot does crop up, most of the photographs are original in content and style. The cover shot of a woman wading through the '88 floods is sleek, almost sexy, in its texture and light. There is none of the sentimentalization that so often mars pictures of floods.

In fact a lack of sopiness is what gives the calendar its charm. Here is rain in a humorous spirit; through the traffic, a drenched family weaves its way towards a bus. Here is the life-giving face of water; a boy cups his hands to drink sparkling tubewell water.

The river eats away at homes, and in a shot of Hatia, a partially destroyed house perches precariously on an erosion-hit bank. That same river brings stones down from the lower Himalayas; the rocks lie glistening in the water, in Sylhet.

The two best frames, perhaps unsurprisingly, are of women. On the Chakma New Year, tradition, women scoop water from

troughs and splash it over each other. In this picture taken by Abdur Rashid Talukder, the water arches through the air, bringing a wonderful sense of movement and festivity to the shot. Photographer Shafiqul Alam Kiron catches two women drawing water from a well; the billow of the saree and swing of the rope are fluid and alive, making this the most eye-catching photograph of the collection. Taken by Hasan Saifuddin Chandan, another wry look at city life during the monsoons shows only a rickshawpuller's feet as he rests them on the seat while he takes a short break in the passenger section. It's an intriguing new look at a familiar sight.

Though Drik founder Shahidul Alam insists on black and white, and the choice does provide uniformity to the calendar, some of the pages might have benefited from colour. Colour in Abdul Malek Babul's bus and scooter picture would have added vitality to the shot. Similarly, Anwar Hossain's stock shot of the *bedeys* could do with a splash of colour to bring in some depth. Even though *ghaats* have been overworked in photography, Shafiqul Alam's Hindu bath is a welcome addition to the calendar; but the poor man just cries out for a bit of colour.

Though Drik has been operative since 1988, it became a formal picture library in 1989. It is the only one of its kind in the country. Drik's calendars are available at Aarong and other shops for Taka 200.

If you want a calendar, to jot down those important days and then gasp in despair when you've missed them, you need a compensatory factor. Drik's selection of photographs and uncluttered month planning pages are guaranteed to make up for not sending your boss' husband a birthday card.

ASEAN bids farewell to '92

The community of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Bangladesh last night observed the Asean night bidding farewell to 1992 and welcoming 1993, reports BSS.

The Asean Club-Dhaka hosted a colourful programme on the occasion, in which Asean diplomats and their dependents and Asean residents in Bangladesh took part in different programmes like song, dance and fashion show.

Ambassadors of Asean countries, the USA, Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Burma and some other countries and officials of Bangladesh Foreign Ministry were present.

Later prizes were distributed among the winners of Asean Cup table tennis, volleyball, badminton and mini-marathon. Indonesia won all the titles of different events in table tennis and badminton and volleyball.

Ctg Samity Mejban '93 held

By Staff Correspondent

The Chittagong Samity in Dhaka yesterday arranged "Mejban '93" an annual festival on the traditional hospitality of the Chittagonians.

The samity holds the festival every year with a view to strengthening the ties among the Chittagonian people living outside the region and also those who have relatives and professional links in the area by feeding them traditional feast of Chittagong.

At this year's festival, organisers said, 15,000 people of the aforesaid categories attended a luncheon at the Institute of Engineers yesterday.

The occasion was also marked by exhibition of paintings by the children, sale of books and presentation of Chittagong's folk songs.

Prominent among the attendees were, former ministers Jamaluddin Ahmed, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Ziauddin Bablu, politicians Abdus Samad Azad, Sajeda Choudhury, journalist Gias Kamal Choudhury, physician Prof Nurul Islam and educationist Dr Anisuzzaman.

Chittagong Dist Council to spend Tk 1.25 cr for uplift projects

CHITTAGONG, Jan 1: Chittagong District Council will spend Taka 1.25 crore for implementation of various development projects, reports BSS.

The projects included rural development infrastructure including development of destroyed road network and construction and reconstruction of Union Parishad (UP) Bhabans.

Taka 33 lakh for construction and reconstruction of 15 UP Bhabans, Tk 8.53 lakh for construction of passenger sheds, and Tk 55.05 lakh for the construction of roads and bridges have been allocated in the development projects.



The Nepalese students in the city held a mini-marathon Thursday starting from the International Hotel of Dhaka University to promote SAARC spirit. It went through different areas including the Press Club, Doyel Chattar and Shaheed Minar where they paid homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement.

Weather

No change in night temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecasts that dry weather will prevail all over the country during the next 24 hours commencing from 6:00 am today (Saturday).

Night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country today, Met office says.

The maximum temperature 27 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar while the minimum 9 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 5:24 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6:42 am.

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

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius			Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	9 am	
Dhaka	25.0	11.5	89	77
Chittagong	25.5	14.0	85	69
Rajshahi	22.4	9.4	74	89
Khulna	25.0	11.2	92	77
Cox's Bazar	27.0	15.4	77	58
Sylhet	26.0	13.4	85	77
Barisal	25.2	10.4	92	86
Dinapur	21.6	11.0	97	82



Long March Implementation Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press for rebuilding Babri Mosque and making today's long march a success. (Story on Page 1) — Star photo

Freedom fighters asked to discard politics of division

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed yesterday called upon the freedom fighter to help implement the development programmes of the present government, reports BSS.

He was inaugurating a conference of the Ramna thana unit of Bangladesh Jatiyabadi Muktiyoddha Dal yesterday afternoon at Fulbaria here. Food Minister M Shamsul Islam, State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan and Jatiyabadi Muktiyoddha Dal leaders Amin Sarwar, Lebu Kazi, Nazrul Islam Montu, Aminul Hoque and Abdus Sattar also spoke on the occasion. Ramna Thana unit chief Mohsin Reza presided.

The Communications Minister urged the freedom

fighters to help build the country discarding the politics of division, confrontation and destruction.

Blaming a political party for creating confusion by its divisive politics in the name of the spirit of Liberation War, Ahmed said that particular party had welcomed the most corrupt autocrat Ershad on March 25, 1982 and had participated in parliamentary polls in 1986 under Ershad betraying the spirit of the War of Liberation.

He also criticised the role of the Gatak Dal Nirmul Committee.

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam said late President Ziaur Rahman had founded Bangla-

desh Nationalist Party in 1978 when there were 95 political parties in the country but people had voted BNP to power thrice in 1979 1981 and again in 1991 supporting its politics of development.

Similarly the Food Minister said the Jatiyabadi Muktiyoddha Dal would also emerge as the most popular forum of the freedom fighters of the country.

The State Minister for Textiles said BNP was the only political party which can safeguard the independence of the country, can uphold the inspiration of the War of Liberation and lead the nation march forward on to the path of development and progress.

'Govt will utilise MBA talents to promote economy'

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman yesterday called upon the experts in business administration to contribute their mite towards successful implementation of the policy of 'free market economy' undertaken by the present government, reports BSS.

As management is an important factor in all spheres of life, right from the family to state level, the government would put in all out efforts to utilise the merits and talents of the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) to promote national economy, he said while inaugurating the 'Alumni Day 1992' of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Alumni Association at a city hotel.

Founder Director of the IBA Prof M Shafiqul Islam, present Director of IBA Dr M Shamsul Haq and President of the IBA Alumni Association Erfanuddin Ahmed also spoke at the inaugural function.

The association awarded four distinguished personalities for their outstanding contributions in different fields of management and management education.

The recipients of the awards were Prof Mohammad Yunus, Managing Director of Grameen Bank, Syed Manzur Elahi, Chairman of Apex Group of Industries, M A Sabur, Chairman of UCBL, and M A Samad, Chairman and Managing Director of Bangladesh General Insurance Company.

Earlier, the IBA Alumni Association elected Tamuzuddin Ahmed and Arifur Rahman as its president and general secretary respectively for 1993.

The Foreign Minister said free market economy was the main basis of MBA education. The students of this discipline performed a unique task combining their individual initiative, labour and talent.

The Foreign Minister said the present government emphasised trade with foreign countries instead of seeking aid.

He said as Bangladesh was a poor country the limited available resources should be utilised properly for socio-economic development.

Mostafizur noted with appreciation that during the last 27 years the IBA did not face any session jam.

Dhaka-Beijing agri ties to increase

Collaboration between Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council and Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) will increase Agricultural research between Bangladesh and China, reports UNB.

This was expressed by a Chinese delegation when they called on Dr M Sujat Ullah Chowdhury, Executive Vice Chairman, BARC on a farewell visit yesterday.

Training course on Quran begins tomorrow

The Nurani method of teaching course of the holy Quran for the 10th batch will begin at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque here tomorrow, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Nurani Taalimul Quran Waqf Estate and the Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh, the 20-day long course based on scientific method of training will be free of cost.

About 1,500 people of different age groups between 20 and 70 received the practical training in reading and writing up to the 9th batch held at the National Mosque.

The hour long course from 3 to 4 pm every day except Friday is open for all age group who learn the holy Quran but forget it and who learnt it with bad pronunciation and for the freshers.

The training will be conducted by Mohaddis, Jamia Rahmania Arabia, Mohammadpur and Muallim, Bangladesh Nurani Taalimul Quran Estate and Moulana Abul Hassan Shamssabadi.

Interested persons are requested to enlist their names at the Azzan Ghar of the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque on or before tomorrow.

Acquire religious knowledge, Mannan urges students

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan yesterday called upon the students to take interest in acquiring religious knowledge for building themselves as an ideal citizen of the nation, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the annual milad mahfil and discussion meeting at Kazi Azimuddin College auditorium at Gazipur organised by the students sangsad of the college.

The state minister underscored the need and importance of education and said that the students should do their utmost to reflect the teachings and ideals of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) for developing human qualities in them. He urged the students to follow and practice the code and the tenets of Islam to halt the degradation of social and moral values.

He said that the students could become real assets of the nation and the society if they were imbued with the spirit of Islam.

Adherence to Islam will help create harmony, says Biswas

CHITTAGONG, Jan 1: President Abdur Rahman Biswas today called for strict adherence to Islamic tenets and teachings which he believed would help create a strong harmony and unity among the people irrespective of their religious beliefs, reports BSS.

He pointed out that no religion teaches hatred and that all religions stand for total welfare on mankind. By strictly adhering to our respective religions we can promote harmony, unity and amity among the members of different religions, he added.

President Biswas was addressing as the chief guest a function of Chittagong Central Eid Jamaat Committee held at the Gymnasium Hall of Chittagong Stadium here this morning.

The Eid Jamaat Committee

arranged the function to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding. Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong and Central Eid Jamaat Committee Chairman A H Abul Kashem presided over the function.

Forest, Fisheries and Environment Minister Abdullah Al-Noman, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, City Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasir Uddin, Iranian Ambassador Mahmood Bayat, Committee Vice Chairman Salahuddin Kasem Khan and Secretary General Advocate Kamaluddin Ahmed Khan also addressed it.

Present on the occasion were Shahi Jame Masjid Khatib Maulana Abdul Ahad Al-Madani, Pir Saheb of Baitus Sharaf Maulana Abdul Jabbar Serajul Islam MP, Wahidul Alam MP and local elite.

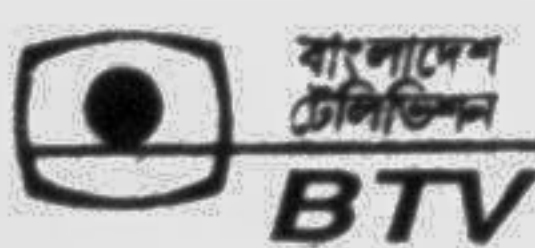
President Biswas said the followers of Islam had deviated from the path of Islam and as such they were now faced with many problems. Strong unity among Muslims and adherence to Islamic teachings could salvage us from many crises including illiteracy, he said, adding we must acquire knowledge to solve problems.

The President said Islam is a religion of peace and as such it teaches its followers to be patient, tolerant and accommodating. We have to have patience and avoid conflict of ideologies and depend on the almighty Allah to establish peace in the society and achieve progress.

He said that pirs and darvises had come to Bangladesh from time to time with the message of peace of Islam and that the country had proved to be an abode of communal peace and harmony. He said, the Quranic teachings inspire us to love man and do something for their welfare. As members of the society we are all brothers and we must live in harmony, he further said.

Biswas assured the Chittagong Central Eid Jamaat committee that he would extend necessary help to set up a central Eidgah and a central graveyard in Chittagong.

The President was given life membership of Chittagong Central Eid Jamaat Committee. He also distributed Eid Jamaat Committee Padak posthumously among eight life members and members of the committee for their commendable contributions to Eid Jamaat Committee.



Saturday

5:00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	Cartoon: Care Bears Family
6:00	Anura Natun
6:30	Open University
7:05	Banshari (Folk Songs)
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Mat-o-Marush
9:00	Boloon Dekhi
10:00	News in English
10:30	Drama Series: Dallas
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:45	Closing



A signature campaign was launched in the city yesterday by the Victory Memorial Implementation Committee demanding erection of a memorial of the martyrs of Liberation War. — Star photo

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