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**Dhaka Day by Day**

**Some Impressions Of Our TV and Radio**

by Fayza Haq

Speaking to Bernard Wegmeyer, the head of the Bangla Section at Deutsche Welle (Voice of Germany) one gathered that we could improve our radio in Bangladesh if it were an independent organisation, and if it were not controlled by the government. In that way, the radio expert explained "you can have free access to information and free flow of facts".

When asked how the radio broadcasting could improve Mr. Wegmeyer said, "There is one way to improve the reception quality of the broadcast. You should use the FM frequencies. Furthermore, you should ensure that the radio sets are widely distributed in the country, especially in the rural areas. Where the radio is the only pervasive media in society with high rate of illiteracy, a low distribution rate of TV and low circulation rate of newspapers."

Talking about the quality of the programmes on Radio Bangladesh Mr. Wegmeyer commented, "the information programme could be more interesting if they are being prepared free from any kind of 'control and supervision' and as long as this situation prevails people of Bangladesh would tend to listen to foreign radio stations such as BBC, VOA and Deutsche Welle, and watch CNN and even the information from BBC, if they had the 'dish' antenna, in order to get additional information they miss from local stations. In contrast to the situation to the electronic media I see no barriers in the printed media. The print media could partly fill the information gap which has been left open by the electronic media of Bangladesh."

What was his opinion of the Bangladeshi newscasters? he replied, "I have watched them on TV in English and Bangla and I find them professional in their appearance and the presentation of the news. The English news is well edited and there is a balance between domestic and international news."

"I have been to Dhaka regularly, every year, since '85," he continued about the presentation of the news in general in the news media. "There are improvements in both the radio and TV. As a foreigner, I find that there are decisive improvements, especially where the print media is concerned, where I find more freedom of press, more variety of information, and more outspoken commentaries."

Asked about how the racial discrimination in

Germany is being handled in order to pacify the neo-Nazis he replied, "There are a lot of programmes to pacify the neo-Nazis on radio and TV and the newspapers. There are many actions of organisations that are being held against racism and neo-Nazis in Germany. The programmes in the radio deal with the subject culturally, economically and politically."

Dwelling on the unification of Germany, when asked to give his opinion, he said, "The unification has brought a lot of problems — social and economical — to Germany, and it will take some time before we are assured that we can overcome this problem."

How does Deutsche Welle collect its information? Mr. Wegmeyer replied, "The news and information are prepared from national and international news agencies and from our own findings from the journalists." "BBC is the traditional source of information in Bangladesh but Deutsche well is getting to be very popular and we can match the quality of BBC but let the listeners decide the comparison," he said, when asked to give his opinion as to which radio station was the best in broadcasting. Talking about the Bangla Section of Deutsche Welle, Mr. Wegmeyer informed, "the Bangla Section opened in

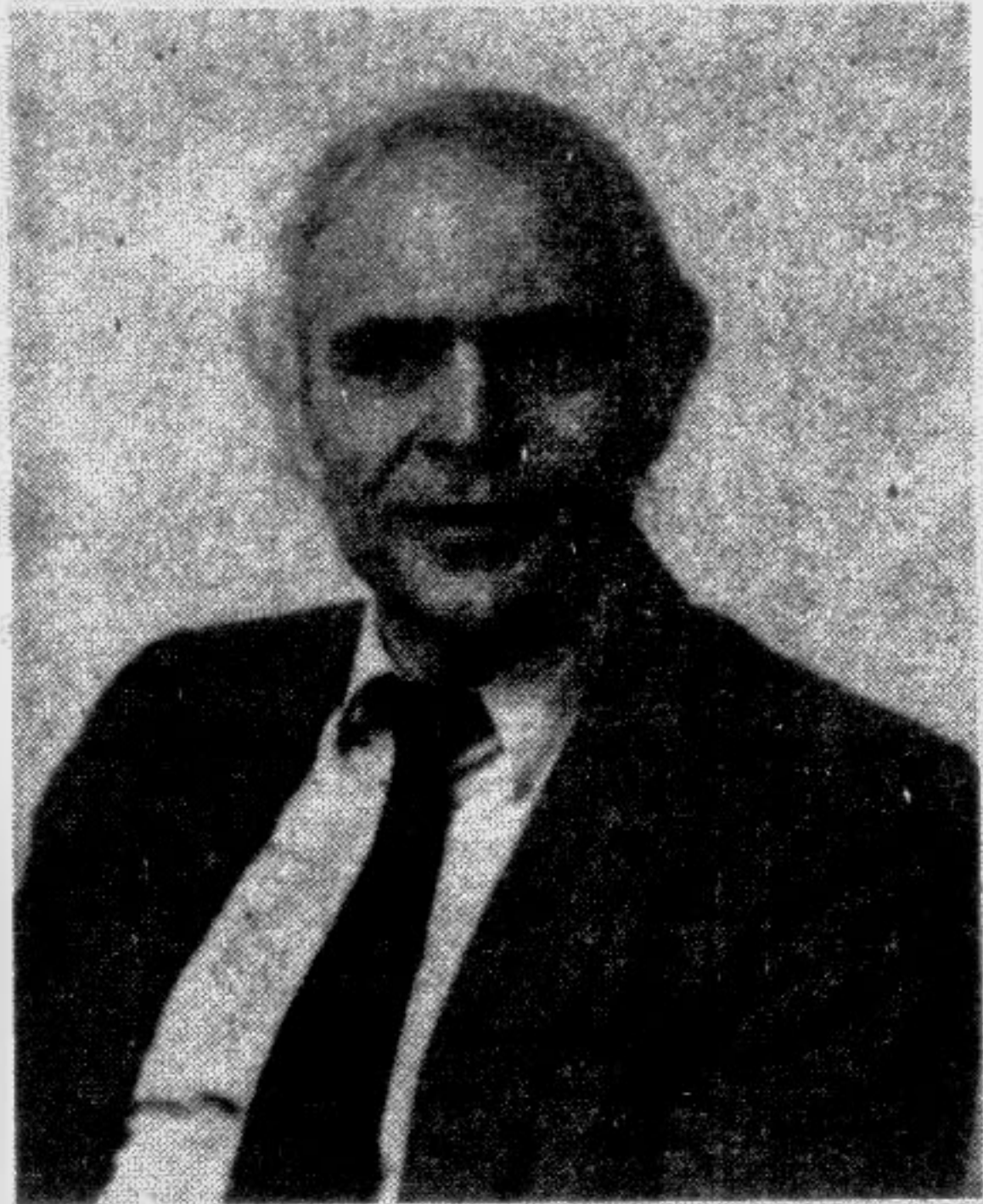
'75 as a reaction to the foundation of the state of Bangladesh. In the light of the fact that Bangla is among the ten mostly spoken languages of the world with highly developed culture and literature. Presently there are six people from Bangladesh and West Bengal are working as permanent editors in the Bangla Section of Deutsche Welle."

Mr. Wegmeyer has been in the radio since 25 years in Germany. Before that he worked as an editor with NHK Japan (Japan Overseas Service) for four years.

Mr. Wegmeyer was holding a seminar in Dhaka at the Goethe Institute about which he said, "it was very useful for the eradication of illiteracy which is still one of the main reason for the poverty and the lack of developments."

His hobbies are reading, sports, jogging and bike racing, and he has a daughter called Sandra.

The visits of technical experts and their advice is always welcomed in our country as we can learn and improve from what they have to say and believe.



Bernard Wegmeyer

**Tk 500cr earned through shrimp export last year**

The government earned about Taka 500 crore by exporting about 18,000 metric tons of shrimps during the last year, reports BSS.

During the year shrimps were cultivated in about 270 thousand acres of land under the coastal districts of the southern part of Bangladesh.

This was disclosed yesterday at the second meeting of the cabinet sub-committee on "Shrimp cultivation management and export" here with Commerce Minister MK Anwar in the chair.

The convenor of the sub-committee and Industries Minister M Shamsul Islam Khan, Minister for Fisheries and Livestocks, Forest and Environment Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Land M Kabir Hossain, State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, State Minister for Irrigation, Water Resources and Flood Control Mosharaf Hossain Shajahan and secretaries and senior officials of the concerned ministries were present in the meeting.

The meeting was informed that the government had taken up an ambitious programme to increase the production of shrimps by four times and thus earn about Taka 2,000 crore annually by 1994. With this objective in view necessary inputs like pumps, electric cables, generator, PVC pipe and other inputs would be

supplied from the Saudi Arab-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company (SABINCO), a multinational money lending organisation, through Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSSCIC), Bangladesh Technical Assistance Corporation (BTAC) and other financial organisations to the genuine entrepreneurs. The money may be refunded in instalments.

With the implementation of the project about one lakh two thousand people would get permanent employment opportunity, while another 25 thousand people would get jobs twice a year for de-heading and de-peeling of shrimps. Besides that a large number of people would be also engaged in transportation, packaging and insurance activities for the purpose.

The meeting reassured that the government would render all possible help and assistance to the exploring foreign market of the shrimps.



Syed Hossain dead

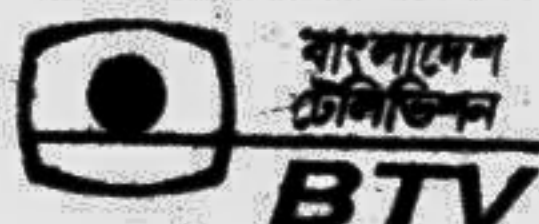
ATM Syed Hossain, former Additional Secretary of Establishment Ministry and husband of younger sister of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, died of cancer at his Dhanmondi residence yesterday at 2.15 pm, according to Awami League press release here. He was 72, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, a son, three daughters and host of relations and admirers to mourn his death.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Syed Hossain will be held at Baitul Aman Mosque at Road No 7 Dhanmondi after Juma prayers today (Friday). He will be buried at the Banani graveyard. General Secretary of Awami League Zillur Rahman expressed his profound grief at the death of Syed Hossain, uncle of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina.

In a condolence message Rahman prayed for the peace of the departed soul and expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

UNB adds: Hearing the news, Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina left Habiganj for Dhaka last night cancelling her scheduled programmes in Moulvibazar and Sunamganj.



Friday

**Morning Session**

- 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Alor Disharee
- 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
- 9.00 Khelar Jagat
- 9.30 Comedy Show: Candeed Camera
- 10.10 Drama Serial: Sangshaptak
- 11.10 Shikhya Dikhya
- 11.25 The Girl from Tomorrow
- 11.45 Avinandan, Closing

**Evening session**

- 3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 3.15 Cartoon: Return of the Dogtanium
- 4.00 The President Gold Cup International Football Tournament '93
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 6.00 Football Tournament '93
- 7.05 Sangeeta (modern songs)
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Comedy series: Perfect Stranger
- 9.00 Anturanga (magazine programme)
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: L A Law
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.45 Closing

**Need for enunciating consensus stressed**

Speakers at a discussion here yesterday observed that rapid industrialisation was essential in the country to ensure maximum utilisation of local products, reports BSS.

They said the use of foreign goods would ultimately be discarded when the nation would attain self-reliance in all fields of production through a firm

national economy free from foreign influence.

The discussion on "Industrialisation: an integrated basic national responsibility," was arranged by the national committee of "Bangladeshi Pannya Babahar Andolan" (movement for increasing use of local goods) at the national sports complex auditorium.

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan attended the function as chief guest while committee President Shajahan Sheikh presided.

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan stressed the need for enunciating a national consensus to solve various national problems. Terming industrialisation as a gigantic task before the nation the Minister said the government alone could not do it. "It needs an integrated national thrust," he added.

**OBITUARY**

Mrs. Shahida Khatun, Wife of Late Abdul Munim Choudhury of Bhadeswar, Sylhet, and daughter of Late Khan Bahadur Sharafat Ali Choudhury of Shilghat, Sylhet, died in her sleep in the early hours of Thursday 7th January, 1993. She was 85 years old.

She was a pioneer in women's movement in Assam and Bengal and, in the 1930s and 40s, organized and became Commandant of the Muslim Women's National Guard. In that capacity she played a leading role in the Independence Movement and in the Sylhet referendum in 1947. Subsequently, she continued to be active in APWA and other social activities.

She is survived by her three sons, Nazim Tarek, Nazim Koils and Nazim Kamran Choudhury and her grand and great grand children.



A week-long solo painting exhibition by Tania Tabassum began at the Institute of Fine Arts yesterday. — Star photo

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Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Suppliers of Photo-Copier Machine in BWDB's T-2 Form for the following works.

Description of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor
1. Supply of Photo-Copier	Tk. 1,70,000/-	2.5% of quoted rate	Tk. 100/- (Non-refundable)	Bonafide suppliers of Photo-Copier Machine
2. Tender document will be available				Office of the Director General, Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO), House No. 27, Road No. 18, Sector No. 3, Uttara, Dhaka.
3. The office where tender will be received				Office of the Chief Scientific Officer (Tech), WARPO, House No. 27, Road No. 18, Sector No. 3, Uttara, Dhaka.
4. Last date of selling Tender document				20/01/1993
5. Last date & time of receiving tender				21/01/1993 2:00 hrs (noon)
6. Date & time of opening tender				21/01/1993 1:00 pm
7. Time allowed for supply				15 (fifteen) days from the date of Work Order

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Md. Tutar Rahman  
Chief-Scientific Officer (Tech)

**Weather**

**Dry weather likely**

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or drizzle likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Sylhet and weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain unchanged during this period.

The minimum of 10.0 degree Celsius was reported from Rangpur and Srimongal and the maximum of 28.3 degree from Satkhira and Feni.

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	27.2	14.6	64	69
Chittagong	28.0	15.2	88	82
Rajshahi	23.8	12.2	87	87
Khulna	28.0	14.5	79	79
Barisal	27.6	12.5	83	86
Cox's Bazar	28.0	15.8	73	79
Sylhet	24.6			57
Dinajpur	15.8	10.0	100	100



Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology  
Dhaka

**Admission Notice  
Academic Session 1992-93**

No. D-1978(6)

Dt. 6/1/93

Applications in prescribed form are hereby invited 'Admission Test' examinations for admission into the first year degree classes of all Faculties of this University for the academic session 1992-93.

**FACULTIES OF ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING.**

**ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TEST :**

1. Candidates must be citizens of Bangladesh either by birth or by domicile.
2. Only those candidates who have passed HSC examination or its equivalent in 1991 and 1992, subject to fulfilment of the conditions (3) & (4) as under, are eligible to apply.
3. Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 50% marks on the average or equivalent grades.
4. Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 65% marks on the average in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and minimum of 50% marks in each of these three subjects separately or equivalent grades in these subjects.
5. A merit list on the basis of the marks of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only of the HSC examination or the equivalent grades in these subjects will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand and five hundred candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination. All the candidates in the three thousand five hundredth position having equal marks, will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination.

**SUBJECTS OF ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION :**

The admission test examination will be held in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only on the basis of the Syllabuses of HSC examinations conducted by the different Boards of Bangladesh in 1992. In order to test the suitability of the candidates some questions of basic and elementary nature on the subjects may also be set.

**NUMBER OF SEATS :**

The maximum total number of seats in the first year B.Sc Engineering degree course in the Faculties of Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical & Electronic Engineering is 510 of which 3 seats are reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh. Candidates from Tribal Areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the College from which they passed HSC Examination or First Class Gazetted Officer or the Chairman of Local Union Parishad and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to Tribal Area. Candidates for these reserved seats must also fulfil the minimum qualification requirement for the Test Examination. There will be no separate Admission Test examination for the reserved seats for Tribal students.

**FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING**

**ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TEST :**

1. Candidates must be citizens of Bangladesh either by birth or by domicile.
2. Only those candidates who have passed HSC examination or its equivalent in 1991 and 1992, subject to fulfilment of the conditions (3) & (4) as under, are eligible to apply.
3. Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh securing minimum 50% marks excluding marks of additional subjects or must have passed equivalent examination securing equivalent grade.
4. Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent securing at least 45% marks in Mathematics and minimum 50% marks excluding marks of additional subjects.
5. A merit list on the basis of the marks obtained in HSC examinations (excluding marks of additional subjects) or its equivalent will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination. All the candidates in the three thousandth position having equal marks will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination.

**SUBJECTS OF ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION :**

The Admission Test examination will be held in the subjects of Mathematic General Knowledge and Science, Design and Free-hand Drawing and Writ Discussion.

**NUMBER OF SEATS :**

The maximum total number of seats in the first B. Arch. course of 5 years duration is 50 of which one seat is reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh. Candidates from Tribal Areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the College from which they passed HSC examination or First Class Gazetted Officer or the Chairman of Local Union Parishad and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to Tribal Area. There will be no separate Admission Test examination for the reserved seats for tribal students.

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION :**

Time-Schedule for Admission Test Examination	All Engineering Departments	Architecture Department
a) Last date of submission of application either directly or by post :	Thursday 28th January, 1993. 3-30 PM	Thursday 28th January, 1993. 3-30 PM
b) Date of publication of list of eligible candidates selected for Admission Test Examination :	Thursday February 11, 1993.	Thursday February 11, 1993.
c) Date and Time of Admission Test Examination :	Wednesday, February 17, 1993. 9 AM to 12 Noon	Thursday, February 18, 1993. 9 AM to 12 Noon (both parts)
d) Date of declaration of the names of the selected candidates for admission :	Sunday, February 28, 1993.	Sunday, February 28, 1993.

**PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS (ALL FACULTIES) :**

Application form and prospectus explaining details of submission procedure may be obtained directly from the Registrar's Office on cash payment of Tk. 200/- (Two hundred) or by sending Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk. 200/- only in favour of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology drawn on Sonali Bank in any Branch in Dhaka City together with a 255x115 mm. or 10x4 1/2 inch size self addressed envelop with postal stamps of Tk. 10/- (Ten) only.

Admission forms for Engineering and Architecture are separate. Candidates who want to get it by post must clearly mention the exact Admission Form they need.