

Dhaka Day by Day

Drinking Life to the Lees

by Ahmed Yusuf Walid

No doubt lean he is. With specs on his nose, bit of pouches on sides, and shrunk shanks inside a white pantaloons, naughtily inclined but ingeniously desisted from compelling the

wearer to summon his hands, with a quick, SME (Save Me from Embarrassment), ASM Mahmud is a partial paradigm of 'sixth age' in Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'. The title of this famous comedy sums up Mahmud's idea of life fittingly. He would make you believe that it depends a lot on how you wish life to unfold before you. This world is a stage which leaves you with the choice to appear in masks ranging from a renouncer to that of a lover and 66-year-old successful businessman. Mahmud has one.

Revered as one of the oldest players in local lawn tennis circuit, he is intent on drinking life to the lees. Quiet still flows the passion for tennis although the man has entered the twilight zone of his life.

Neither lure of lucre nor anxiety has so far been able to detach Mahmud from tennis. The unrequited zeal which was developed in the 30's is still alive in the managing director and chairman of Syed Group of Companies.

He dashes off to Dhaka Club from his office at 12:30 pm everyday. A quick luncheon is followed by an absorbed, non-competitive session of tennis, which normally ends with sunset.

For a man who did not get enough exposure at the competitive level, Mahmud did well to pay tribute to his father's training, winning the Khulna district championship way back in

1968. He finished runner up in Khulna Divisional championship the same year.

Although occupational obligation cut short the career of an aspiring tennis player, Mahmud managed time to remain involved in tennis as an official. His 11-year tenure in the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (from 1976 to 1987) as a member of its executive committee was illuminated by a few on-court achievements too. For two consecutive years — 1985 and '86 — he was the veteran national champion. He was the runner up in the same competition in 1987.

An admirer of Stefan Edberg and Steffi Graf in world tennis, Mahmud is not at all happy with the state of tennis in Bangladesh. Culling the nine years (1980 to '89) as the best period for the growth

of the game in Bangladesh, the happy, family man attributed the present dismal, deserted look of the courts to red-tapism and apathy of the guardians towards sports.

Not one of those prejudiced pack who play down the importance of sports in life, Mahmud gets his grandson to be at the tennis courts of Dhaka Club almost everyday. Not unbecoming of a man who has discovered *foie de vivre* in tennis and the secret of a remarkably sound health.



A local band, War Faze, in concert at Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Gold Leaf sponsored the programme. — Star photo

Commemorative stamp on Abdus Samad to be released

The Bangladesh Post Office will release a commemorative postage-stamp of Tk 2.00 denominated the 29th death anniversary of football wizard Syed Abdus Samad on Feb. 2, reports UNB.

JB regional confce held

The annual conference of Regional Chiefs of Janata Bank (JB) under Dhaka and Chittagong divisions was held at its Head Office yesterday, says a press release. Imamuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman, Board of Directors of the bank inaugurated the conference as chief guest.



Imamuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Janata Bank speaking at the conference of Regional Chiefs of Janata Bank under Dhaka and Chittagong divisions at the bank's head office yesterday.

People urged to elect honest candidates

State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan yesterday said the nationalist government was working for the welfare of the people, reports BSS.

The government was working selflessly to make the country self-reliant with the help of the people, he added.

Addressing a public meeting at Bindubasini High School ground, the State Minister said it was time to project Bangladesh to the international community.

Referring to the forthcoming pourasava elections, the State Minister said vote is the fundamental right of the people. He called upon the people to elect honest competent and sincere candidates.

The State Minister said those rejected by the people for their anti-people activities, are trying to create anarchy and indiscipline in the country by calling unnecessary hartals.

UNICEF to produce 12 more episodes of 'Meena' film

The UNICEF will produce another 12 episodes of 'Meena' an animated film series depicting a girl child of South Asia going to school, reports BSS.

The first episode of the series produced recently was screened in Bangladesh Television and acclaimed wide appreciation.

This was stated by Neill Mckee, Chief of Communication and Information Section of UNICEF, Dhaka, while talking to a group of journalists at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday morning.

The first episode is a part of package of communication materials, promoting the status of the girl child in South Asia.

Mckee said the film has been made in five languages

such as Bengali, Hindi, English, Nepali and Urdu.

He said since the SAARC countries had declared 1990s as the 'decade of the girl child,' the film had made an effort to focus the problems of female children in terms of education, nutrition, health and social status.

He said the project represented a joint initiative for the South Asian region. A team of UNICEF communication and women's development officers, media specialists, artists and animators from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan worked together to evolve the regional design, he said.

Morten Giersing, Regional Adviser of Communication and External Relations of UNICEF was also present.

What's on today . . .

Flower Show Competition

The International Pen-Pals Club will hold a day-long National Flower Show Competition-'93' today (Friday) at Parjanta Hotel Abakash, Mohakhali.

Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the show at 10 am.

Ceramic Society Meet

The first general meeting of the proposed Bangladesh Ceramic Society will be held today (Friday) at 9 am at the auditorium of BCSIR.

Janata Dal Meet

The executive committee of Bangladesh Janata Dal will hold an emergency meeting at its party office today (Friday) at 3.30 pm. It will be presided over by its Chairman K M Obaidur Rahman.

Sociological Assoc Conference

Bangladesh Sociological Association will begin its two-day long third national conference today (Friday) at the Institute of Nutrition and Food Science auditorium, University of Dhaka.

The inaugural session will be held at 10.30 am. Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed will attend the session as chief guest.

AGM of Carmichael College ex-students

The Carmichael College Praktan Chhatra Samity will hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM), foundation day and reception to the talents at the local Girls' Guide auditorium today (Friday) at 8.30 am.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will attend the occasion as chief guest. Barrister Mainul Husain, Chairman, Editorial Board of Ittefaq will be present as special guest.

Bangladesh-Australia Students' Assoc

A meeting of Bangladesh-Australia Students' Association will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at the Teachers-Students Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University.

All members of the association have been requested to attend the meeting with identity cards.

Lack of patronage hampers growth of poultry

By Staff Correspondent

Lack of government incentives and absence of favourable loans are bottlenecks for the growth of dairy and poultry farms of the country, according to the Dairy and Poultry Federation of Bangladesh (DPFB).

The DPFB, in a press conference held at the National Press Club yesterday, said that the growth of the poultry and dairy sector was slow due to increasing Value Added Tax (VAT) on veterinary medicines, lack of sufficient number of laboratories to experiment with the livestock, shortage of some types of imported poultry feed and absence of bank loans for such farms under favourable terms and conditions.

The press conference addressed by DPFB Convener Shah Alam was also attended by its members — Haji Mohammad Hasan, Fazle Rabbi, and M A Mobin.

Alam said the egg market was threatened by Indian eggs as they were cheaper.

The federation demanded that the Livestock Directorate should be divided into 'Livestock Production' and 'Livestock Hospital' so that dairy and poultry farmers could get better services from the Directorate.



Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- 8.10 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 8.15 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Aor Dishary
- 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9.00 Moder Garab Moder
- 9.30 Comedy show: Candid Camera
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Moner Mukure
- 11.15 Shikhyia Dikhyia
- 11.30 Drama series: Danny Wills Family Collection

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- 3.15 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 3.15 Cartoon: The Return of the Dogtunium
- 3.40 Full length English film: Oliver
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 7.05 Modern songs programme: Malancha
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Comedy show: Perfect Strangers
- 9.00 Magazine programme: Absar
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film show: L A Law
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country with partly cloudy sky over the regions of Rangpur, Dinajpur and Bogra during the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Friday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over Bangladesh.

The minimum temperature of 6.2 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi yesterday (Thursday) while the maximum of 26.0 degree was recorded in Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 5:43 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6:41 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	25.0	10.6	81	70
Chittagong	25.0	12.4	88	66
Rajshahi	25.8	6.2	66	72
Khulna	25.4	8.4	89	60
Bairasi	25.2	8.6	88	85
Cox's Bazar	25.0	13.3	78	70
Sylhet	26.0	12.0	85	65
Dinajpur	24.8	9.6	92	78
Iswardi	24.0	8.0	76	63

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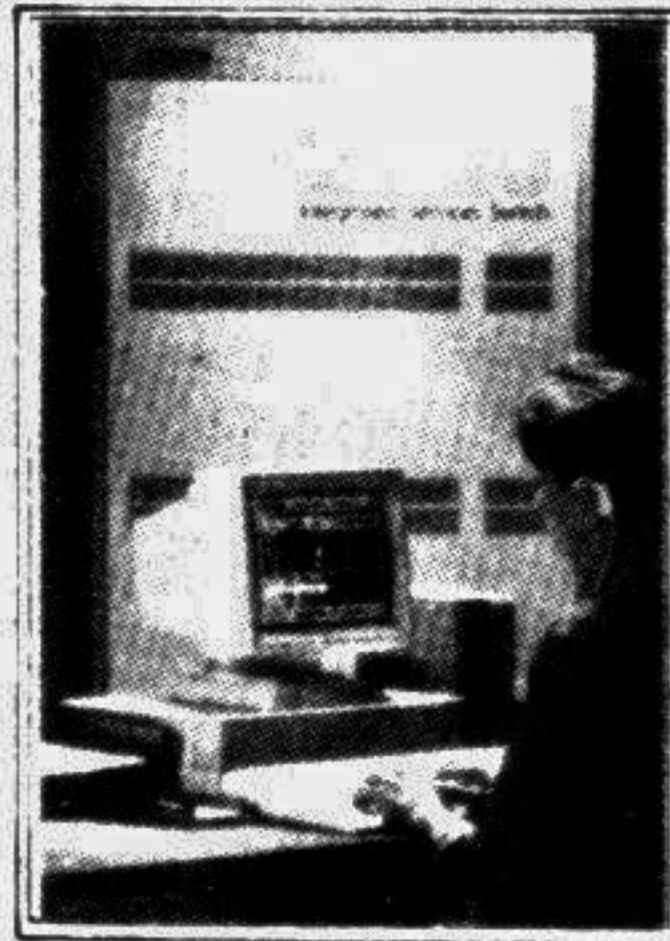
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