# Of Books, Bangles, and **Basic Things**

by Fayza Haq

Visiting the Ekushev Mela, and talking to various buyers, who had taken time off to visit the "mela", one found that the variety of products were of a better quality and wider range than before. The only factors that appeared to bother the buyers was the heat, between 3 and

4 p.m. yesterday. "As the Dhaka University is close by, my friends and I come here almost daily. This is to buy books, posters, toys and cassettes. Our sisters come here too, to buy their own hair clips," and other trinkets. There is still plenty of time to buy more items laters, re-

living in Bonani. He had bought a poster of Bipasha, a TV actress for Tk. 15, and a cassette of the "Bongo Bondhu Shilpo Gushti" which carried all types of Ekushey songs. He was accompanied by his friends, Mahbub Alam, 22, a first year student of the Finance Department of the Dhaka University, and Raqibul Hussain, 21, of the Accounting Depar-

tment, from the sa-

me university.

marked Sanaullah

Sohail, a 21-year old

candidate for the

Dhaka University,

"It is good to have this Ekushey Mcla. We must have 'melas' such as this, as often as we can, as it is the only way we can obtain handicrafts from the villages. Of course, at this particular 'mela', we find books that are essential for the mind. It remains a tremendous attraction for thousands," remarked Aglima Akhtar Banu, a 40-year old advocate from the Dhaka Bar. She had bought a doll of cotton for Tk. 110, she added.

Kamrun Nehar, a 25 year-old student of Political Science at the M.A. level, at the "mela", said, "I'll come later to buy books." At 3 p.m. there isn't much fun. However, I've done a little shopping, getting "Thakurmar Jhuree" for Tk. 38, for my sister Sanam, who studies in class IV. I hope Sattyajit Roy's, and Sanjeeb Chattapaddhya's novels. Kamrun was 'dressed to kill" with bangles, all her nails on her toes painted and shaped, with even her shoes matching her beautiful attire , which she termed as "nothing much".

Dr. Shawkat Asghar, from the Government College from Manikganj, who taught Bangla, complained," as I've done my Ph.D. in modern poetry, I'm naturally searching for something

CHITTAGONG, Feb 11: The

Communications Minister Oli

Ahmed today underscored the

importance of a concerted ap-

proach by the public and the

private sectors to expedite the

pace of national development

stone laying ceremony of the

Bangladesh Kidney Foundation

as the chief guest, the minister

Speaking at the corner-

and progress, reports BSS.

to suit me. I have come here six times so far, and yet I can get nothing to my taste or requirements. I wanted a book by Virgil in English but failed to find one so far. I am also in search of books on folklore but cannot ob-

> Nasima Akhtar, a 21 year-old student of the Dhaka Medical College, originally from Manikganj, dressed in lemon and pink "shalwarkameez" set, and matching slippers. had come with her husband ,Dr. M.S. Hassan, a dental technologist at Dhaka Dental College. had come to buy cosmetics and had already bought a set of car-tops for Tk. 10. She hoped to carry home the goodies" in her large black carry bag, and with the help of her husband.

A set of three friends from Jahangirnagar University, appeared to one as a jolly set of friends, with their ready wit and amicable replics. Md. Ahsan Ibno Masood, a 21-year old student of the Bangla Department, had bought a collection of Rabindranath Tagore's poems in two volumes. costing Tk. 60 in all:

"Modhushudon O Din O Bondhu Miter" for Tk.75 and "Meghnadh Bod", which they considered as the first "epic in modern Bangla Literature". They said that it was a pity that they did not have more funds to buy very much more, although they would have loved to have

There was another group of friends, students of Dhaka College and Fine Arts Department of D.U. living at Old Dhaka, who bought posters for Tk. 25 each, apart from a clay bell for Tk. 20, as decoration pieces. Abu Nasim Khan Bhashani (Porog), remarked, "this 'mela' has been much better than the ones before, although the heat prevents us to look around more. We will naturally come back again, specially on February 21st.

One spoke to many others, families, friends in groups - of both sexes, and found them all in festive attire, buying books, trinkets, and other items of everyday life, each one bargaining as much as possible. It is wonderful indeed to have a fair such as the "Ekushey Mela", which catered to the need of the average middleclass families, and suited their pockets. Of course,"... glancing, romancing" were included in the "mela" but c'est la vie.

almighty Allah," Ahmed added

Eye Infirmary and Training

Centre near Foy's Lake here.

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the foreign countries the min-

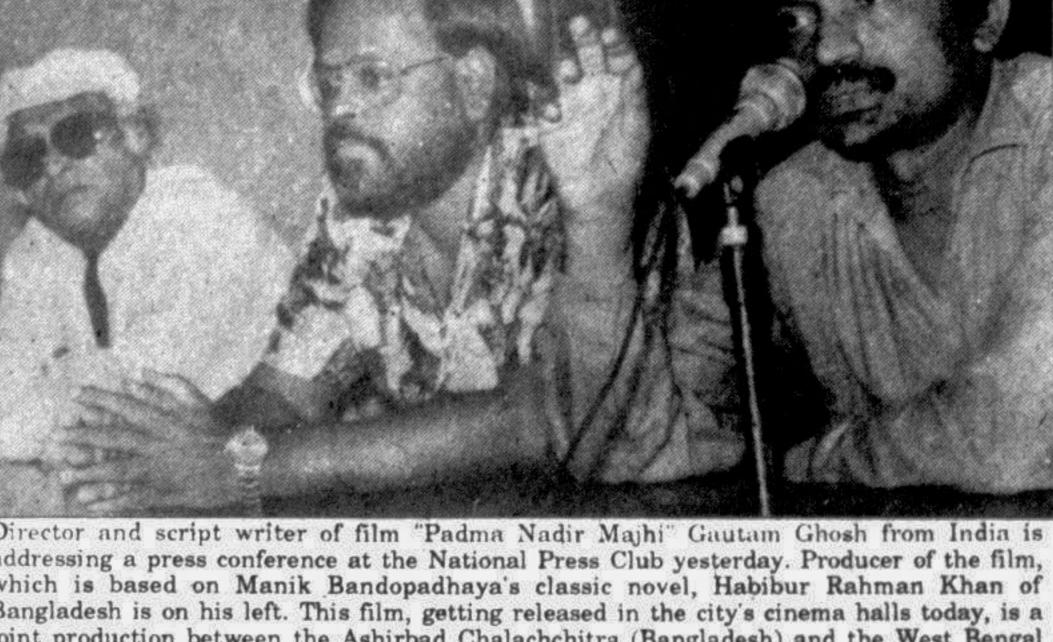
ister said medicare facilities

could not be ensured to the

needy by the government

Held at the Imran Hall of

Referring to the health sys-



Director and script writer of film "Padma Nadir Majhi" Gautam Ghosh from India is addressing a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. Producer of the film, which is based on Manik Bandopadhaya's classic novel, Habibur Rahman Khan of Bangladesh is on his left. This film, getting released in the city's cinema halls today, is a joint production between the Ashirbad Chalachchitra (Bangladesh) and the West Bengal government. - Star photo

# Setting up of International

Law and Justice Minister

He went to Kampala, capital

The Law Minister, who was elected unopposed the Vicepresident of AALCC led a three member delegation to the

Commission framed the outlines of the court at its 44th session and placed the report before the consultative com-

The establishment of an International Criminal Court would forestall international disputes and conflicts and meet the needs for trying certain international offences unsuitable for trial by national courts, the proposed report

cover ordinary crime. But will be confined to those that most

genocide, state terrorism, serious breaches of humanitarian law and rule of warfare and serious cases of international

ensure safety and security of refugees staying at various countries was also outlined at

tee advocated for establishment of a safety zone for the displaced persons in their native country and urged the member countries to find out and remove the causes that force the refugees to leave their own lands.

The model will be placed at the next session of the committee to be held next year for

its secretariat to continue efforts to promote and ensure the Law of Sca, which deals with dispute between countries over sea territory and sea bed resources of the member countries.

sharing of Ganges with India and repatriation of Rohingya refugees with Burma were also raised in the session but no commentary was made, the minister said.

AALCC headquarters at Qatar. Qatar offered to set up the

office and provide free accommodation for its officials and other facilities.

India, the present headquarter of AALCC also gave similar offers and is under consideration of the committee.

## SYSCOM opens branch at Mahakhali

By Staff Correspondent

Systematic Computing Ltd (SYSCOM), exclusive distributor for Dell Computer Corporation of USA in Bangladesh inaugurated it's branch at Mahakhali yesterday.

Prof Md Shamsul Huq, Chairman of University Grants Commission attended the inaugural ceremony as chief

Shahidul Haque, Managing Director of SYSCOM in his welcome speech described Dell Computer Corporation as a very dynamic and fast growing computer company. He said Dell is now the fifth largest computer manufacturer in the world and holds 3.5 per cent share of the market.

Haque outlined the objectives of SYSCOM and laid emphasis on the company's ability to provide highly efficient and effective services and support for the Dell products.

He also claimed that Dell products have already achieved reputation in the market of the country and said large installations of Dell computers have been made in USAID, Ford Foundation, FSRP, Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Biman.

# Chehlum

. Chehlum of Alhaj Rajab Ali Molla, a philanthropist and social worker, will be held today after Jumma prayers at his residence at 39 Justice Lalmohan Das Lane, Kolutula here, reports BSS.

On this occasion a milad mahsil will be held and destitute will be fed on the

Alhaj Rajab Ali Molla died on January 6 at his residence.



#### Friday

Morning Session 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary

News in Bangla Alor Dishary Cartoon: Teenage

Mutant Ninja Turtles Moder Garab Moder 9.30 Comedy show: Candid

Camera 10.00 News in English 10.05 Drama

Sangsaptak 11.15 Shikkhya Dikkhya 11.30 Children's drama series: The Girl From

series:

**Evening Session** 

Tomorrow

3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary 3.15 Cartoon: The Return of

the Dogtanium 3.40 Full length Bangla film: Rajanigandha

5.25 Sports programme 7.05 Malancha: Programme of modern songs 8.00 News in Bangla 8.30 Magazine programme:

Antaranga 10.00 News in English 10.30 Drama series: L A Law 11.30 Khabar/The News

11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11.45 Closing

40 arrested on various charges

Police rounded up 40 peo-ple from different parts of the city in last 24 hours on various charges, a DMP press releass

said yesterday, reports UNB. Of the arrested, four were wanted criminals, one on charge of murder, three accused in arms cases, one for kidnapping, three under the Explosive Act and two for bur-

All the arrested people were produced before court, the press release added.

Meanwhile, Kotwali police recovered a country-made pistol from a hotel room at Nawabpur Road here early hours yesterday.

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# BDR reception

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Happy Birthday 🤻



From:

Abbu, Ammu, Shaonli Jayeeta

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. MECKLINBURG V-ICE from Montreal, ex. M.V. PANAMA SENATOR V-EM304 from Khorfakkan, have been relayed to M.V. NGS EXPRESS V-1093, Imp. Rot. No. 86/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 12.2.93 from Singapore.

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# Dhaka WASA **Tender Notice**

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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st. 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors for re-construction of WASA Staff Quarters at Mohammadpur, Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at an allotted cost of Taka 2,54,216/=. Tenders will be received upto 12-00 Noon on 15-2-93 and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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fering millions. "To serve the

community participation.

A scene from Ekushey Mela

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# পুনঃ টেন্ডার নোটিশ

নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাঞ্চ সমূহের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল প্রেণীর ঠিকাদারণণের এবং পাঁচ লক্ষ টাকার ভর্ষে কাজের জন্য সরকারী, আধা সরকারী, সংস্থাম তালিকান্তক প্রথম প্রেণীর ঠিকাদারণণের নিকট হতে বাংলাদেশ করম নং ২৯১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে টেভার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আগামী ১৫/২/৯৩ ইং, ০৩/১১/৯৯বাং তারিখে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা, ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিণণের সমূথে খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে সর্বমেটি টাকার উপর উর্ধ বা নিল হারে দর অংকে এবং কথার উভয় লিখিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপর বাতিল বলিয়া পণা হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদরের অনুক্সে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিউল বাংকের ব্যাংক ছাফট/ পে অর্ডারে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে দরপরের সহিত ভ্রমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দশুর একং হিসাব বিভাগের পোন্দারের নিকট (প্রতিসেট) নির্বারিত নগদ অর্থের বিনিময়ে (অফ্রেডযোগ্য) দরণ্যের শর্তাবলী, সিভিউল ইত্যাদি ক্রয় করা যাইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ দণ্ডর চালাকালীন সময়ে

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#### Criminal Court suggested foundation of human civilisa-The 32nd session of Asian-The committee in a resolution like aggression, apartheid, tion also decided to set up the

African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC) proposed for establishment of an International Criminal Court to combat the scourge of international crimes, reports UNB.

Mirza Golam Hafiz told journalists at a press briefing here after his return from Kampala vesterday.

of Uganda on January 28 to attend the session of AALCC there held from February 1-6.

session attended by 42 nations. The International Law

mittee for discussion.

However, the court will not seriously undermine the very crimes, the minister said. A draft model legislation to the session. in the model, the commit-

approval. The committee also urged

The disputes over water



Mohna Natya Gosthi staged 'Aadap' yesterday in city as part of its Ekushey programmes. - Star photo

# Weather

# Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country while night temperature is likely to fall by about one degree Celsius over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet and remain unchanged elsewhere during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday), the Met office

The minimum and the maximum temperature of the country of 11.2 degree Celsius and 30.4 degree respectively were both reported from Rangamati yesterday (Thursday).

The sun sets today at 5.52 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:33

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		30.0	14.4	65	53
Chittagong		28.4	15.3	67	73
Rajshahi		29.3	14.1	94	63
Khulna	977	29.6	15.6	81	58
Barisal		30.0	13.4	86	68
Cox's Bazar		29.0	16.5	76	67
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