

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Amazing world of animals

by Raffat Binte Rashid



Caged pets for sale at Kantaban.

The animal world never fails to amaze you, even when caged! The innocent, cuddly, little animals displayed on the sidewalk of Kantaban road really catch your attention.

The usual, boring, cumbersome scenario of that road, lined with tyres, pipes, tools and car equipment, is completely replaced by attractive flowers and pets for sale.

When you step into these pet shops, the only sentence that pops into your mind is "Oh! what to buy now? the birds, rabbits, the fish, or the tiny turtles, no, the puppies." The poor little souls look at you so tenderly and helplessly, that you simply cannot resist the temptation of buying them all. But don't worry — the price tag will be there to bring you back to your senses!

Birds are definitely one's first and favourite choice. You will find so many different species of them here. The ones available here are not all common. The unknown obviously hold your attention, especially such elegant, colourful little things. The Budgerigar, Javanese sparrow, Golden finch, Cockatiels, or the multicoloured parrots, or the love birds, which sell for Tk 3200 per pair.

Then there are the aquariums full of wonders of the sea. These underwater surprises actually have the power to draw you near them. They tend to hold some sort of secrets of their world, and you keep on gazing at them as if they are about to reveal some any moment. They are of various colours, sizes and shapes.

There is this particular kind, the glass cat, which really looks like a crystal decoration piece. It is absolutely transparent, and belongs to an inexplicable species. The only visible part of its structure is its bone and black head. Then you have the bubble eye, the lion head, guppies, goldfishes, multicoloured fighters and

many others. The most incredible things that you can find here are the tiny green turtles which are hardly two inches long. Their prices range from eighty taka to three hundred taka per pair.

This particular sidewalk has enough options. If you are not really fond of fish, birds or guinea pigs, then you have the puppies. These cuddly little creatures are laid in front of you, as if they are rehearsing for their upcoming fashion parade.

But these poor small puppies seem a bit bored and lost, in their confinement. They stare at each other, trying to communicate, looking for the first chance to break away. They stand on top of one another trying to look over the edge of their boxes, or bark constantly as if saying, "Set me free!"

The shopkeepers are completely unaware about how they feel, even though they are very careful about their meals, and feed them twice daily with rice and meat. Many of these puppies are a fortune for them and at the same time have cost them a fortune too. Their prices are as high as 5,000 taka. All these animals are imported from Germany, Thailand and Singapore. The shopkeepers have enough knowledge to advise their customers on how to take care of their pets, but there is doubt whether anyone listens to them. Especially seeing how they take care.

It is a pathetic scene. These cages are on the sunny pavement, and there are no proper sanitation facilities. Undoubtedly you feel sorry when you look at these soft little puppies suffering in such condition.

The condition is same for all shops. Among these shops selling so many forms of life what is "Chiro Biday?"

This shop caters to the dead: they sell shrouds.

## UN aid to check population boom will continue: Nafis

The visiting Executive Director of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Nafis Sadik yesterday called on the President, Abdur Rahman Biswas, at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

The UNFPA Chief appreciated the endeavours of Bangladesh government in the implementation of its population programme attuning it with other development activities.

She also praised Bangladesh's utilisation of available resources and foreign assistance in combating its population problem.

The initiatives of the government to reduce dependence on others, she said reflected the stress the government gave to sustainability and self-reliance.

The UNFPA Chief informed the President of the UN conference on population and development to be held next year in Cairo to discuss at a political level the pressing population problem as well as the questions of international migration and labour problems.

Dr Nafis assured of continued UN support and assistance to Bangladesh to help check and stabilise its population growth.

The country, she said, has already achieved successes in the implementation of the population programmes.

The country, the President said, needed international co-operation and assistance in combating population growth so that development initiatives undertaken by the present government could achieve the desired results of providing the benefits to the people.

The country's untapped resources, he said, ought to be tapped for reducing the problems faced by the people. Over population, he said, only accentuated the problem.

The present government,

he said, was striving to bring changes in all spheres of national life despite resource constraints.

The success achieved in population programme, he said would help accelerate the pace of Bangladesh's future development efforts.

Praising UNFPA for its support to Bangladesh, he said such cooperation in future would help the country solve the pressing problem.

Among others, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, Secretary to President Ataul Haq, ERD Secretary Lutfullah Mazid and UNDP Representative Charles M Larsimont were present on the occasion.

## Khaleda releases commemorative stamp on Haji Shariat Ullah

Bangladesh Post Office yesterday issued a commemorative postage stamp of Tk 2.00 denomination and a first day cover valued Tk 5.00 on the occasion of the 223rd birth anniversary of Haji Shariat Ullah (R), reports BSS.

A special canceller was used and a leaflet containing a short life sketch of the great leader was also published.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia released the stamp at a simple ceremony at her office in Dhaka yesterday.

Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Muhammad Keramat Ali, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabbani, Secretary, Posts and Telecommunications Dr A M Shawkat Ali and Director General of Postal Department A B M Siddique were, among others, present.

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## BDR qirat contest begins

Bangladesh Rifles' inter-sector qirat and azan competition '93 began here yesterday at the Peelkhana Central Jame mosque, a press release said, reports BSS.

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Happy Birthday

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## DPRK envoy calls on Speaker

Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Chang Won Sik called on Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed bilateral and parliamentary issues.

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## People urged to pay zakat

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan called upon all to maintain sanctity of Ramadan and to pay zakat to Islamic Foundation Zakat Fund for rehabilitating the distressed and the destitute, reports UNB.

He was addressing as chief guest at a religious function organised by the authority of

Motijheel, Jameya Diniya Shamsul Ulum Madrasa here yesterday afternoon.

Presided over by the President of the Madrasa and Principal of Ideal School and College Alhaj Foyjur Rahman, the function was addressed, among others by Maulana Imdadul Haq.

## Russian envoy meets Huda

The Ambassador of Russian Federation, E S Shevchenko yesterday called on Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda at his office here, reports BSS.

The minister, during the meeting, referred to transition of parliamentary democracy in the country.



Thursday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- 5.00 Al-Quran
- 5.10 Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Esho Pari
- 5.50 Mah Ramzan
- 6.15 Hamid Nath
- 6.25 Campus
- 6.55 Debate
- 7.30 Jiboner Alo
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Weekly drama
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Parliament round-up
- 10.40 China Beach
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

## Stands first class first

Mohammad Enayet Mowla (Kallol) stood first class first in the Dhaka University MSS (Final) Examinations in International Relations, says a press release.

He also stood first class first in the BSS (Hons) Examination from the same Department. Enayet is the eldest son of Major General Muhammad Gholam Mowla, Quartermaster General, Bangladesh Army and Begum Razia Sultana and grandson of eminent educationist late A W M Kabel.

## What's on today . . .

### Bangla Academy

Bangla Academy will observe the historic March 11 today (Thursday) at 11 am through holding a discussion meeting at its seminar room.

The meeting to be presided over by its Director General Harun-ur-Rashid will be addressed among others by Abul Fazal Shamsuzzaman, Prof Rafiqul Islam, Prof Nurul Huq Bhuiyan and Bashtir Al Helal.

### Abul Quasem's death anniversary

The two-day programme organised on the occasion of the second death anniversary of Principal Abul Quasem, one of the pioneer in the language movement, will begin today (Thursday) at 11 am at the Bangla College premises at Mirpur. Today's programmes include offering fatcha and holding a memorial meeting.

### Rotaract Club of Dhaka Midtown

Rotaract Club of Dhaka Midtown will organise a literacy project today (Thursday) at 3:30 pm at the Mahila Kalyan Samity at North East Dadda on the occasion of the World Rotaract Silver Jubilee Year Celebration.

### Seminar on women's leadership

A five-day seminar on BTF/EI women's leadership will begin from today (Thursday) and continue until March 15 at the Bangladesh Management Development Centre at Sobhanbagh.

## Weather

### Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or showers may occur over the region of Chittagong and weather is likely to remain dry over the country with partly cloudy sky over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of 34.2 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Wednesday) and the minimum of 12.7 degree was from Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:06 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:11 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	34.0	17.5	54	43
Chittagong	32.4	17.0	71	44
Rajshahi	34.1	13.6	48	35
Khulna	33.8	15.5	55	
Bartul	33.2	15.0		
Cox's Bazar	30.8	17.5	61	66
Sylhet	32.6	18.3	60	
Rangamati	32.3	16.4	60	57

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