## Dhaka Day by Day

## Emotions Flowing from a Flute

by Ehsanul Haque



Perhaps, no human being would we meet a, flute does not move whose heart - does not tug at the heartstrings, especially when he or she is all alone and all ears. In the subcontinent the bamboo flute has a great appeal to the soul They prize it for its power to express pains and suffering. While it also can represent idyllic happiness, it excels in venting out sorrows. Some great musician once commented: "It is better to move them than to amaze them." And the flute moves.

Lutfor Rahman's flute delight the audience with beautiful plaintive and poetic melody. Much as he is an amateur, his performance is not at all amateurish. He has won for himself a place among the influential performers of the country. When asked if the bamboo flute, a very simple musical instrument, can follow the precision, order and structure, of classical music, he answered in the positive and said, "Long ago it has got onto a near equal footing with the Sitar and Sarad as a solo concert instrument. The flute of Pannalal Ghosh, Hari Prashad, Chaurasia and Gour Goswami reached tremendous heights. Once exposed to their music I wouldn't enjoy much the wails extracted from bassoon or clarinet." You would have great difficulty producing captivating tune on a flute just blowing it and doing some finger movement. It demands perseverance. Sitting like a Yogi, holding one hole to the lips, his fingers moving swiftly and smoothly along the other six holes to open and close them, a flutist practices concentration.

Lutfor Rahman showed his flair for this

particular musical instrument in his boyhood. However, with no formal coaching within reach he had to go through hassles and toils at the outset. Gaining mastery over the intricacles and subtleties of the classical modes was quite time-consuming. Finally, connoisseurs have acknowledged his ability. He stood first in various flute competitions several times. While in Qatar on his job, he gave a 30-minute interview on flute in the English language channel of Qatar Radio. Beside the he takes active interest in singing, composing and other branches of mu-

He now performs regularly as a casual artiste of Radio Bangladesh, and runs a musical school in Narayanganj. As to the earning of a flutist he says that a solo outside the electronic media gives Tk 500 to Tk 1000 and even upwards; for Cinema a flute accompanyist gets about Tk 300 per recording but it is only Tk 100 that he earn from a radio performance.

Behind his carefree appearance Lutfor Rahman has no different mentality is a man confident of the future of true music. He is not worried about rock music. He thinks even though it would creep in, the charm and grace of classical music will not give in to the rockglamours: "Although flute does not sound loud, it sounds far," he says.

He complains BTV does not give importafree to classical music, still less does it to flute." The flute, rievertheless has a very important role to play in helping classical music reach out to a wider audience."

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State Minister for Religious

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The State Minister handed

Thursday

Al Quran

Tarunnaya

Debate

10:30

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

6 am today (Thursday) says dry weather will prevail over the

country while the day temperature may remain nearly

Weather forecast valid for the next 24 hours commencing

The Met office forecasts, rainfall activities are likely within

The maximum temperature of 33.9 degree Celsius was

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.09 pm and rises

The maximum and the minimum temperature and

humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of

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19.0

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18.0

reported from Rajshahi yesterday (Wednesday) and the

11:45 Closing

-Star photo

minimum of 14.9 degree was from Rangpur.

Cities/ Towns Temperature in degree Celsius

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tomorrow (Friday) at 6.04 am.

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Weather

unchanged.

a week.

Dhaka

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Bogra

Opening announcement

Programme summary

Magazine programme

Mahe Ramzan, Haam'd

Drama of the week: Nel

Film Show: China Beach

Tomorrow's programme

Humidity in percentage

27

37

9am

Special programme on Abul Mansur Ahmad

News in Bangla

News in English

Khabar/The News

News in Bangla

his heart valves damaged.

#### Bangabandhu's birth anniversary observed in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 17: The 73rd birth anniversary o Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in the port city and elsewhere in the district today through day-long programmes, reports BSS.

Awami League and its front organisations and different socto-cultural and literary bodies chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day which included hosting of the national and party flags, placing of wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu, playing of his historic speech, art competition, discussion meeting, iftar party and milad mahfil.

The organisations which observed the day included Chittagong South, North and city chapters of Awami League, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-

### Pitu's killers yet to be

The Ganatantrik Chhatra Otkya (GCO) brought out a procession followed by a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday morning in observance of the first death anniversary of its leader Yasir Arafat Pitu.

Pitu, a leader of the JSD (Inul backed Chhatra League (B-K) was shot dead on the Raishahi University campus in a clash between GCO and Chhatra Shibir last year.

The rally was addressed by Ragib Ahsan Munna, Ismail Hossain and Abul Kalam Azad with GCO leader Ruhul Quddus

The leaders at the rally alleged that the killers of Pitu belong to the Islami Chhatra

the report of probe committee on Pitu murder was not published sc far.



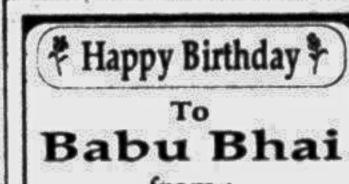
in the city yesterday in observance of Mass Killing Day on -Star photo March 25.

#### Maintain law, order: Abbas

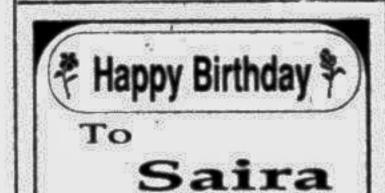
Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas MP yesterday called for maintaining law and order in every spheres of social life for a sustained development in a favourable atmosphere, reports BSS.

Mirza Abbas was speaking at a discussion meeting held under the auspices of Lalbagh Thana Jubo Dal. Among others, Jubodal Dhaka City Chief Abu Sayeed Khokon and General Secretary Giasuddin Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

The city Mayor urged to Jubodal members to consolidate the organisation for strengthening the democratic process. He also asked them to stand united against the socalled leaders who were hatching conspiracy against the country.



from: Colleagues of The Daily Star



My ever loving fiancée Many Happy Returns of the Day Love

Nadeem



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Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS) an International NGO wishes to fill-in the following senior positions:

Assistant Programme Co-ordinator to be based in Rangour: The candidate for the position must be a woman with drive and initiative and commitment to rural development. She must be 35 to 45 years of age with a University degree in the social science discipline.

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possible.

## Affatrs Prof MA Mannan yesterday visited Suhrawardy Hospital to see a minor boy suffering from acute heart disease, reports UNB. dent who hailed from Jessore, was admitted to Suhrawardy Hospital recently with both of over a cheque of Tk 50 thousand to Niamat from the government's Zakat fund for meeting his treatment cost. The Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students Council brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding

#### DU student bodies slate arrest of

release of Sanchaya Chakma immediately.

Sanchaya By DU Correspondent . Different student organisations yesterday condemned the arrest of a Dhaka Uni-

Chakma. Sanchaya, a Third Year student of the Department of Political Science of the DU and a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, was arrested from the Jagannath Hall early hours Tuesday.

versity student Sanchaya

The Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students Council yesterday held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club to protest the arrest.

The rally addressed among others by student leaders Ahad Ahmed and pro Awams League BCL (M-I) President Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury demanded release of Sanohaya immediately.

I), Jatiya Sramik League.

#### arrested: GCO By DU Correspondent

Babu in the chair.

Shibir who were not yet arrested.

The leaders regretted that