Dhaka Day by Day

This City, Eid and — After

by Parveen Anam



to the full. Or at least we think we do. It must be all in the mind. Because the roads and the shops, certainly do not present a picture of either contentment or joy to the ordinary

A mass hysteria seems to overtake the public or the Dhakaite in particular. A frenetic search seems to be in progress from shop to shop. For what we do not know or do not care to know. However, the 'sighting of the moon' in the words of the 'powers that be' calms the nerves of the teeming millions and after the shopping spree is more or less under control, food lined up in order for the big day, visits made and paid, gifts duly exchanged, Dhaka seems to settle into a lethargy. It is this lethargy, which is the best part of this holiday season. Nobody seems to want to go back to work. Which suits some of us fine; the ones who want to get places, physically, can do so now with ease.

The streets of Dhaka, wear a tired, described look as if recuperating after a major illness. The mad hustle bustle is over and done with or in the works of the immortal poet, '- the hurly burly's done and the battle's lost and won and we do not seem inclined to go back to the grind again. The rickshaw pullers after making their fortune over the Eid period, go back to their villages, some till the next Eid. Because come Eid time and thousands of rickshaws converge on the city limits taxing both the facilities and the patience of the harassed motor car drivers. But once they have gone back to whereever they came from, the peace and quiet seem unbelievable. They and the majority of the Dhakaites go back to the 'village homes' to celebrate the great occasion, well beyond the period stipulated by the great authorities. It is actually quite amusing, how the powers

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speaking as chief guest at a

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dential Model College here.

The Education Minister was

Presided over by Principal

of the college Prof Mohammad

Abdul Hye, the function was

addressed by Education Sec-

retary Ershadul Hoq as special

said the present government

aims at making the students

worthy citizens of the country

for building up a prosperous

nation. He also called upon the

students to devote themselves

to study for making themselves

knowledgeable and ideal citi-

zens of the country.

The Education Minister

country, reports BSS.

Education Minister Jami-

Eid is a time for joy. We enjoy ourselves that be issue mandatory notices each year, instructing the masses to join work on such and such date and the millions, totally ignoring the summons, come exactly when and if they like - or want. Its a futile exercise, which the authorities might as well do away with. And let the masses decide for themselves when they want to come back - if at all. It would save evcrybody a lot of embarrassment all around, not that the authorities seem particularly bothered about being embarrassed though. The fact still remains that Dhaka is especially delightful immediately after the Eid. The public is away, the rickshaws are slumbering somewhere in the distance and the majority of the Dhakaite is away celebrating the holy occasion with his near and dear ones. Dhaka in the meantime heaves a sigh of relief and those few left behind love the quiet roads and quieter neighbourhoods. The Eid frenzy actually seems to be going from bad to worse each year and the reluctance to get back to work, more pronounced. And yet, in the meantime, the days following Eid definitely are getting to be more enjoyable, both from the point of view of the city wearing a most welcome deserted look to no traffic snarls. Its amusing how even the trucks and the buses seem to be taking things easy. It does occur to the wee brain of the weary Dhakaite that the newspapers, when they reappear after an endless holiday, hardly carry news of trucks and buses sending the hapless citizens to the world beyond. The Dhakaite is safe for the time being from the wrath of the monstrosity on four wheels, prowling the streets for its next victim. At the end of it all, the few gorgeous days

> Dhakaite. He can at least hear himself think, after the hassle of the Eid mania of shopping and rushing around. .

after Eid are definitely a bonus for the harassed

attack on Nirmul rally

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) alleged that the government was responsible for attack on Jahanara Imam and some other Nirmul Committee leaders on March 28.

The DUTA in an emergency general meeting yesterday condemned the police attack on Sammanaya Committee rally and procession on March 26

In a separate statement the Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) also condemned the police attacks on the Nirmul Committee leaders.

The DUTA leaders strongly protested, 'such heinous policy of repression of the government and demanded exemplary punishment of the per sons involved in those violent

The DUTA meeting was held at the Dhaka University Club building yesterday with its president Professor K M Mohsin in the chair.

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DUTA, JUTA condemn police

The emergency DUTA meeting also demanded trial of all the killers and criminals in the Liberation War in a special

The leaders demanded withdrawal of the cases against the Nirmul Committee leaders immediately.

The teachers decided to hold a joint silent protest procession on April 8 of the teachers, students, officers and employees of the univer-

The DUTA in its meeting also demanded materialisation of the joint declaration of three alliances which was taken in November 19, 1990, during the the anti autocracy movement.

The DUTA representatives later visited the house of Nirmul Committee leader Jahanara Imam and expressed sympathy.

JU correspondent adds:

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) President Prof Khandakar Mustahidur Rahman and General Secretary Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir in a statement yesterday slated the attack on Jahanara Imam and other Nirmul body workers on March 26 and 28.

Branding the police attack as an undemocratic one, the JUTA members expressed their deep concern over the activities of the democratically elected government.

Abbas visits Maghbazar, Nayatola area

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mirza Abbas MP Wednesday paid a surprise visit at the Moghbazar-Nayatola

area. The Mayor while inspecting the road construction works in the area at Chairman Lane expressed his dissatisfaction at its poor quality and ordered cancellation of entire road

work contract. The Mayor in presence of other DCC high officials and people of the locality has ordered to take necessary actions against the construction firm responsible for the poor road works.

Bangladesh will be badly affected by global warming'

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that as a lower riparian coun-

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affected by activities in the

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said deforestation in neigh-

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from common rivers has crea-

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re directly affecting the agri-

culture, forestry, fisheries,

livestock and navigation threa-

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the increase of population and

migration from rural to urban

areas was putting tremendous

pressure on the existing in-

The Minister also said that

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problem.

Secretary General of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Prof GOP Obasi yesterday called on Forest and Environment Minister Abdullah-Al-Noman at his office in the secretariat, reports BSS.

They exchanged views on different aspects of global climatic change and its impact on environment at global, regional and national level.

The Minister apprised Obasi the various steps taken by the government including formation of a broad-based national environmental council headed by the Prime Minister to ensure a sound environ-

The Minister told the WMO chief that Bangladesh will be badly affected by global warming with consequent sea level rise and disruption of monsoon pattern on which the agriculture of the country is dependent. He said with a rise

Saudi envoy

meets Prof

Mannan

Ali Abdul Wahab yesterday

called on the State Minister

for Religious Affairs Professor

M A Mannan at his secretariat

State Minister for some time

and discussed matters of

bilateral interest particularly

Haj management for Bangla-

Wahab stayed with the

office, reports BSS.

deshi hajis for 1993.

The Saudi Charge D'affaires

frastructural facilities leading Mosharraf leaves for USA

State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan left here yesterday for the United States to attend a seminar on "Flood in Bangladesh and its Alternative Remedial Strategy the country, reports BSS. there, reports BSS.

The three-day seminar to be organised by Illinois University of the Michigan State will begin tomorrow.

to creation of different environmental problems. Bangladesh may lose 12-15 per

He, however, said that the government was taking various measures for reducing birth rate and creating income generating activities in the rural areas which is expected to slow down the rate of migration to the urban areas.

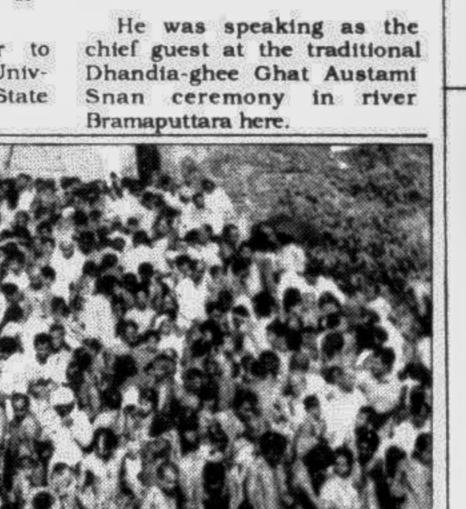
Obasi termed the global climatic change and environmental situation as alarming as well as challenging.

Giving strong emphasis on strengthening climatic and meteorological research he said extensive efforts were needed to collect relevant data and analyse them to detect the problems and find out the solutions.

Forest and Environment Secretary Abdus Selim and WMO Regional Director for Asia and South-West Pacific Dr R P Sarker were present.

Maintain heritage of communal harmony: Hannan

Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah yesterday called upon the people of all walks of life to maintain the heritage of communal harmony prevailing in



Hindu devotees taking dips in the river in Langolbandh, Narayangani, on the occasion of Maha Astami yesterday. -Star photo

the exhibition.

Khaleda greets French PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated Edouardo Balladur on his appointment as the Prime Minister of France, reports

Begum Zia in a message to the new French Prime Minis ter said, "The government and the people of Bangladesh join me in extending to you our warmest felicitations on your appointment as Prime Minister of the Republic of France".

She wished him all success in carrying out the onerous responsibilities that have been reposed on him.

Begum Zia said "I am confident that under your able stewardship the existing excellent bilateral relations between France and Bangla desh would continue to grow and expand in the years

My government, Begum Zia said, "looks forward to working with your excellency in maintaining and developing peace and economic progress in the world."

Japanese envoy hosts reception Ambassador of Japan and

Mrs Toshio Saiki held a reception last evening at their Gulshan residence to say goodbye on completion of his assignment in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The reception was at tended, among others, by Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzaque Ali, several ministers, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, MPs, editors, ambassadors, high civil and military officials and elite of the city. Ambassador Saiki leaves

here for Japan on April 8. \smile_{BTV}

Thursday

Opening announcement Al Quran Frogramme summary liews in Bangla TV school debate Esho Para Shikhi 6.05

SAARC programme Country: India 6.55 Jiboner Alo 7.25 Nazrul songs News in Bangla Drama of the week: Shonar Moyna Pakhe 10.00 News in English

10.30 Film: China Beach

11.30 Khabar/ The news

11.45 Closing

... and tomorrow

(Thursday) at 6 pm.

Paediatric Association conference The 11th national conference and scientific sessions of

What's on today

Painting Exhibition of Ilse Hilpert

A solo painting exhibition of Ilse Hilpert begins at La

The exhibition - titled 'Another Vision' includes 30 pic-

Galerie today (Thursday). Artist Mahmudul Haque will open

tures and it will remain open up to April 7, 9 am to 8 pm

Mahila Parishad national conference

Mahila Parishad will begin today (Thursday) at the Engineers

Institute auditorium. Chief Election Commissioner Abdur Rauf

The function will be presided over by Poet Sufia Kamal.

Zahir Raihan Film Society

Federico Fellini as the film maker received 1993's Oscar

award. The film will be screened at Goethe Institut today

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film "Amarcord" by

will inaugurate the conference at 9 am.

The two-day eighth national conference of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Paediatrie Association will be held tomorrow (Friday) and the day after in Shahid Dr Milon Hall of IPGMR. The inaugural session of the conference will begin at 4 pm. All child specialists and interested persons are requested to participate in the conference.

Bangladesh Itihas Samity

Bangladesh Itihas Samity will hold its tenth national conference and a seminar on "Colonial Rule and Permanent Settlement: A Reevaluation" at the TSC auditorium, Dhaka University tomorrow (Friday) at 10 am.

Weather

No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky will prevail over Rajshahi and weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday)

The Met office forecasts. day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The minimum temperature of the country recorded yes-

terday (Wednesday) of 12.6 degree was reported from Srimangal and the maximum of 34.8 degree was reported from Rajshahi.

The sun sets today at 6.15 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.50 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Humidity in Temperature in Cities/Towns degree Celsius Percentage 6 pm 9 am 16.4 Dhaka 51 17.8 31.7 Chittagong 30 Raishahi 14.3 34.8 50 71 17.4 33.3 Khulna 56 33.0 17.4 Bartsal 37 32.5 Cox's Bazar 35 16.9 31.0 Sylhet Dinajpur 33.5

Steps taken to constitute Law Reforms Commission: Hafiz

Steps have been taken to constitute Law Reforms Commission for updating some of the existing laws, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz said,

reports BSS. He said this while talking to the Ambassador of the Netherlands M H Gajentaan who

called on him at his secretariat

office here yesterday. The Law Minister said Bangladesh is a glaring example of communal harmony.

He said the present government is making all-out efforts for improving the condition of the toiling masses, especially the farmers in the ru-



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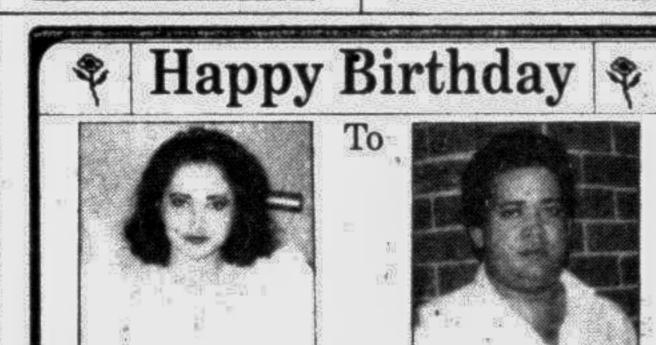
Fayza & friends at "D.S"

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Bonne Chance, Adieu, Sona

-Fayza & friends at "D.S".

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Many happy returns of the day Apa-Dulabhai

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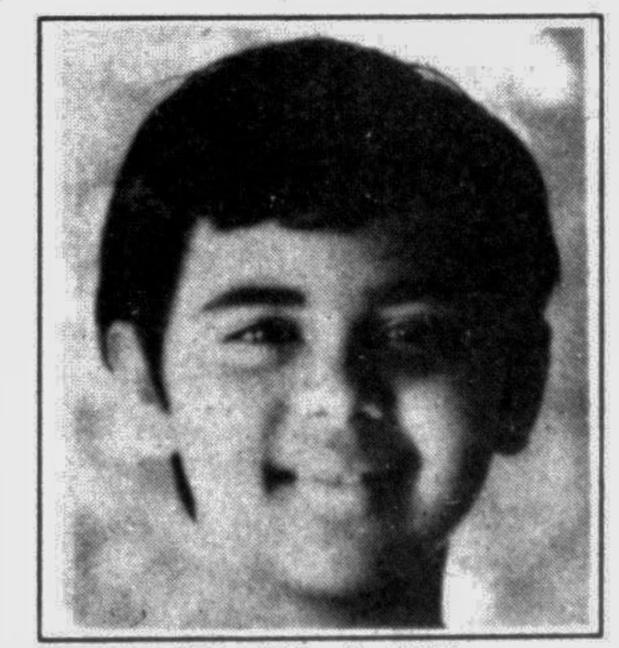
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The bereaved family and friends