

# Dhaka Day by Day

## This City, Eid and — After

by Parveen Anam



Eid is a time for joy. We enjoy ourselves 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 souls.

A mass hysteria seems to overtake the public or the Dhakaites 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, deserted 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 wherever 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

# 'Bangladesh will be badly affected by global warming'

Secretary General of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Prof G.P. 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 environment.

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

in sea level by one metre, Bangladesh may lose 12-15 per cent of the land area further worsening the poor land-person ratio.

Noman also apprised Obasi that as a lower riparian country, Bangladesh is adversely affected by activities in the upper riparian countries. He said deforestation in neighbouring countries, and unilateral withdrawal of waters from common rivers has created serious environmental problems.

He said these activities were directly affecting the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, livestock and navigation threatening the entire economy and total life style of the people.

The Minister also said that the increase of population and migration from rural to urban areas was putting tremendous pressure on the existing infrastructural facilities leading

to creation of different environmental problems.

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.

# 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 Gislam 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 rural areas.

## Introduction of second shift in educational instts stressed

Education Minister Jami-ruddin Sircar yesterday laid emphasis on introduction of second shift in good educational institutions for expansion of quality education in the country, reports BSS.

The Education Minister was speaking as chief guest at a function marking the introduction of second shift in Residential Model College here.

Presided over by Principal of the college Prof Mohammad Abdul Hye, the function was addressed by Education Secretary Ershadul Hoq as special guest.

The Education Minister 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 citizens of the country.

## DUTA, JUTA condemn police attack on Nirmul rally

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 and 28.

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 persons involved in those violent incidents.

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

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

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 university.

The DUTA in its meeting also demanded materialisation of the joint declaration of three alliances which was taken in November 19, 1990, during 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 slammed 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 Maghbazar-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.

## Saudi envoy meets Prof Mannan

The Saudi Charge D'affaires Ali Abdul Wahab yesterday called on the State Minister for Religious Affairs Professor M A Mannan at his secretariat office, reports BSS.

Wahab stayed with the State Minister for some time and discussed matters of bilateral interest particularly Haj management for Bangladesh hajis for 1993.

## 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' there, reports BSS.

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

## 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 the country, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the traditional Dhandia-ghee Ghat Austami Snan ceremony in river Bramaputtara here.



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

## Khaleda greets French PM

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

Begum Zia in a message to the new French Prime Minister 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 Bangladesh would continue to grow and expand in the years ahead".

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 attended, 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.

**BTV Thursday**

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 5.10 Programme summary
- 5.25 News in Bangla
- 5.35 TV school debate
- 6.05 Echo Para Shikhi
- 6.30 SAARC programme
- Country: India
- 6.55 Jiboner Alo
- 7.25 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 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

## What's on today . . .

**Painting Exhibition of Ilse Hilpert**  
A solo painting exhibition of Ilse Hilpert begins at La Galerie today (Thursday). Artist Mahmudul Haque will open the exhibition.

The exhibition — titled 'Another Vision' includes 30 pictures and it will remain open up to April 7, 9 am to 8 pm daily.

**Mahila Parishad national conference**  
The two-day eighth national conference of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will begin today (Thursday) at the Engineers Institute auditorium. Chief Election Commissioner Abdur Rauf will inaugurate the conference at 9 am.

The function will be presided over by Poet Sufia Kamal.

**Zahir Raihan Film Society**  
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a film 'Amarcord' by Federico Fellini as the film maker received 1993's Oscar award. The film will be screened at Goethe Institut today (Thursday) at 6 pm.

## and tomorrow

**Paediatric Association conference**  
The 11th national conference and scientific sessions of Bangladesh Paediatric Association will be held tomorrow (Friday) and the day after in Shahid Dr Milton 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 yesterday (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:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.8	16.4	40	33
Chittagong	31.7	17.8	74	51
Rajshahi	34.8	14.3	81	30
Khulna	33.3	17.4	71	50
Bairasi	33.0	17.4	64	56
Cox's Bazar	32.5	18.4	37	56
Sylhet	31.0	16.9	62	35
Dinajpur	33.5	14.4	35	26

**To Preeti**

Be Happy & Contented Wherever you are

Fayza & friends at "D.S"

**Bonne Chance, Adieu**

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—Fayza & friends at "D.S"

**Happy Birthday**

To

Yasmin & Salim

Many happy returns of the day

Apa-Dulabhai

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A NISSAN BLUE BIRD 1600 cc Sedan Car Model 1985 with Sun Roof, Built in Air Conditioner, Power Steering, Power Window, Automatic Door lock & other special features in running condition, is available for sale.

The car may be inspected on appointment with Personnel Manager or Purchase Manager in the telephone numbers 231130, 255928, 238942, 242107 on any working day from Sunday to Thursday between 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The quotation should reach Singer Bangladesh Ltd., 39, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka by 7 April, 1993.

**Office Accommodation Wanted**

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, Dhaka requires a house/office space measuring about 15,000 (Fifteen thousand) square feet for its Executive Office in and around Gulshan, Banani or Baridhara. Two adjacent houses may also be considered.

Interested owners of the house are requested to contact the Authority and submit their proposal in writing at the earliest.

Secretary  
Phone : 415230, 419384, 401612

**This day four years ago we lost you**

Ashraf Dowla (Abir)

In fond remembrance

The bereaved family and friends

**BCIC International Tender Notice**

Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation on two envelope system for supply of Mortar, Super temp. board, Gasket paste, white Metal etc. under Tender No. UFPL/FP-PM/2/92-93/662 on C&F (C) Chittagong Sea Port/Dhaka Air Port basis. Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM on 05-05-1993. Tender documents will be available at Taka 50/= from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka (2) BCIC, 6, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong & (3) UFPL.

No Tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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