

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Firm Will in Tender Heart

by Polly Kamal



His ever-smiling face, simplicity and devotion to his work can't but draw one's notice. An embodiment of the poverty-stricken specimen of the rural Bangladesh, Munir, a ten-year old boy, hails from a remote village of Bhola of Barisal division.

A tea-boy in an office canteen in the city, Munir is one of the four children of a painting 'mistr'. In such a tender age he has been compelled to come forward with his helping hand to the 'great relief' of his father. His father is to maintain a family of six members with his petty earning. Fortunately, Munir is yet to be one of the drop-outs from the primary education. He is now a student of class three in a city government free primary school.

In reply to what his school hours are he informs, "From 8 am to 12 noon," he replied. "On return from my school I hurriedly take my meal and come to my work-place," he continued. He has to work for eight to ten hours a day without any weekly day-off or holiday. In return he receives a wage of Taka 150 i.e. Taka 5 per day. In addition to that the owner of the canteen provides him with one meal everyday.

When asked what he does with the money he earns, he said that he gives the whole amount to his father. He was very glad and proud of earning. When does he study? In reply he said, "I get up very early in the morning and study for two hours a day," Munir, who is interested in study wants to continue his study in order to have a good job on completion of his higher studies. He laments keeping himself busy in the canteen and the school he becomes exhausted and has no energy left to study more at home. But I am firm to go on with my studies upto bachelor's level because I want to bring a change in my way of living and the condition of my family.

A self-taught boy, Munir has faced the reality of life and he is not in a position to

retreat. Poverty, hard work are no longer obstacles in his forward journey to a cherished goal.

One of his maternal uncles, a driver of that office, was so kind to manage this job for him. He uttered gratefully, "It helps me, my parents a lot to maintain the family. Now my father is not the only earning member in the family." To study and to work simultaneously seems to be difficult, isn't it? In reply boy Munir said, I have no alternative. A short-cut way is foreign to me. Can you suggest me any easier way?" he asked.

Have you got new clothes, shoes etc for Eid? No' he said in reply. My father with his very little earnings can't afford new clothes (of course secondhand) for all of us. He has to give clothes to two of my younger sisters and brother.

No doubt, it is too early for him to earn. He is not supposed to shoulder the responsibilities of the family at such a tender age. Some are very friendly and kind some are cruel. "One of my 'sirs' has given me a shirt and trousers a few days back. Here it is," he showed.

I am really exhausted of going upstairs and coming back with tea-cups downstairs. I am rebuked almost everyday and sometimes even beaten for a little mistake and at those times I want to leave this job tomorrow. But I can't, really I can't. To tell you frankly, that tomorrow never comes. But my employer can sack me anyway, although he is well aware of my helplessness.

Munir's tale is not the tale of himself alone. Even in this metropolitan city, we will find thousands of Munirs. Individual help, generosity, no doubt, help them to great extent and to eke out a better life. But a lot is to be done at the state level. Hardworking, firm and determined Munirs are examples before us.

## Biswas, Khaleda greet President of Senegal

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in separate messages yesterday greeted Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal on the occasion of its National Day, reports UNB.

Biswas in his message, expressed his firm conviction that the existing friendly and cordial relations between the two brotherly countries would be further strengthened. He wished good health and happiness of Abdou Diouf.

Greeting the President of Senegal, Begum Khaleda Zia said in her message "This year's National Day is a particularly happy occasion as the brotherly people of Senegal has recently reaffirmed their confidence in your excellency's able and dynamic leadership."

She also wished good health and happiness of Abdou Diouf, and for the progress and prosperity of Senegal.

## Chinese envoy assures help

Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang yesterday called on State Minister for Shipping Harun Al Rashid at his office here, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest particularly the issues of water transportation.

Rashid apprised Zhang of the programmes taken by the government for the development of water transport sector and sought Chinese cooperation in this regard.

The Ambassador assured the State Minister of his country's interest in all possible co-operation.

Referring to the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and China they hoped that it would be strengthened further in future.

Secretary of Shipping Walidul Islam was present during the meeting.

## Private news agency in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 3: A private news agency under the name and style - "Bangladesh News Agency (BNA)" has started functioning from the port city, a BNA press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

BNA is despatching news in English and Bengali to its subscribers through fax and newspaper, the press release added.

## Islamic varsity reopens Apr 6

Islamic University will resume its classes from April 6 (Tuesday) after a closure of 56 days, reports UNB.

It has been closed since the incident at Rajshahi University. The halls will reopen for the students on Monday.

## PIB training course begins

A 10-day training course on 'Writing Population Issues for Newspapers' organised by Bangladesh Press Institute began here yesterday, reports UNB.

While inaugurating the course Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said professional skill, sense of responsibility and respect for accuracy were the cardinal virtues of population journalism.

The Minister hoped that the participants of the course would achieve skill to write effectively on population issues, said a press release.

Eminent Jurist and Chairman, PIB Board of Management, Gazi Shamsur Rahman presided the inauguration ceremony.



**SUNDAY**  
5:00 Opening Announcement, Al-Quran, Programme Summary  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Cartoon Film: The Secrets of Drawing  
5:35 Sports Programme  
6:30 Maa-o-Shishu  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Tagore Songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Probaho  
9:00 Film Show: The Wizard  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Sur Lahori  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:45 Closing



বাংলাদেশ পরিবারিক পরিকল্পনা কর্মীদের ক্যাডারে ডাক্তারদের অন্তর্ভুক্ত করার বিরুদ্ধে মানি নাই মানবো না

Bangladesh Family Planning officers staged a demonstration inside their office yesterday in protest against move to include doctors in the BCS Family Planning Cadre. — Star photo

## What's on today . . .

**Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad**  
A joint meeting of the commanders of the district and thana units of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad will be held today (Sunday) at 5 pm at the Col Taher Auditorium.

**YMCA**  
The foundation stone of the office building of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will be laid today (Sunday) at 11 am at its site at Kakrail. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend the function as chief guest while State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain will be present as the special guest.

**Lions Club of Dhaka Classic**  
The monthly board and general meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka Classic will be held today (Sunday) at B145 New DOHS, Masjid Road, Lane-22, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

**Aulos Trio concert**  
On invitation of the German Cultural Centre Goethe Institut the music ensemble Aulos Trio comprising of B Glaetzner (Oboe), W Weber (Cello) and G Erber (Piano) give a chamber concert with works by J S Bach, R Schumann, Isang Yun, Beethoven a. o. at the GCC auditorium today (Sunday) at 6.30 pm.

The trio, founded in 1968 in Leipzig, takes a special place in the world of chamber music, if only for its unusual instrumentation of oboe, violoncello and piano. The repertoire of the ensemble extends from the Baroque to worked especially composed for them by contemporary composers like Isang Yun.

**Art exhibition at Shilpakala**  
A week-long art exhibition on graphics prints, directed by renowned artist Monirul Islam, will begin at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy today (Sunday).

The show will be inaugurated by Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at 5 pm at the seminar room of the Academy, said a press release.

The art works were completed in a training project of Fine and Performing Art of the Shilpakala Academy under the supervision of the Department of Fine Arts.

**Nazrul Instt**  
Nazrul Institute will hold a discussion and cultural function today (Sunday) at 4:30 pm at the auditorium of the institute at Dhanmondi here in connection with the observance of Independence and National Day and eid-reunion.

Chairman of the institute and Saugat Editor Mohammad Nasiruddin will preside over the function while journalist Obaidul Huq will be the special guest.

## . . . and tomorrow

**Bangladesh-Japan Joint Committee**  
The sixth meeting of Bangladesh-Japan Joint Committee for Commercial and Economic Cooperation will be held tomorrow (Monday) at 9:45 am at the Hotel Sonargaon under the auspices of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend the function as chief guest and inaugurate the meeting. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan and Commerce Minister M K Anwar will be the special guests at the meeting.

## Happy Birthday



To  
**TAHIA**  
from  
Bhaiya, Nanu, Babu, Ammu, Mama, Khala, Khaloo

## Change of Address

American Bangladesh Economic Forum (ABEF) has moved to the undernoted new location to serve as an office for the ABEF Secretariat.

**American Bangladesh Economic Forum**  
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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M. V. CHOYANG WORLD V-EE313N EF316 from Felixstowe, Rotterdam, Bremen, Khorfakkan, ex. M. V. DSR BALTIC V-WF315 from Hongkong, Yokohama, Busan have been relayed to M. V. NGS RANGER V-4793 Imp. Rot. No. 259/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 4-4-93 from Singapore. Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act.

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## Condolence

On behalf of the BGMEA the president, the Office bearers and the Members of the Executive Committee deeply condole the sad demise of late M.A. Malek, Managing Director, Boston Garments Ltd Dhaka and the wife of Al-Haj Khalilur Rahman. Chairman of the KDS Garments Industries Ltd Chittagong Who breathed their last on 31-3-93 in Dhaka and on 1-4-93 in Los Angeles respectively.

The association prays for the salvation of their departed souls.

## COMPUTER COURSES

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) offers computer courses for those who are working and those who want to start a career in computer field. Fees Tk. 3000 per course.

- WORD PROCESSING-April 10-June 14, '93 at 05:30-08:00 p. m.
- LOTUS 1-2-3 - June 19-July 29, '93 at 05:30-08:00 p. m.
- DBASE III + IV - August 1-Sept. 9, '93 at 05:30-08:00 p. m.
- DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER SCIENCE -16 months, details on request.

- ADMISSION IN PROGRESS :**
- WORKSHOP ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT for mid & field level executives, May 8-20, fees Tk. 4500/-
  - BACHELOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (BCS)
  - BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA)
  - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
  - DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

Contact : Prof. Dr. M. Alimullah Miyan, IUBAT  
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## SEARCH FOR LAND

The World Bank Resident Mission in Bangladesh is interested to buy a piece of land (ideally 2 - 3 bighas) close to VIP Mymensingh Road (between Hotel Sheraton and old Tejgaon Airport) or Eskaton/ Panthapath/ Bijoy Sarani/ and adjoining areas. We may also be interested to buy a commercial multi-storied building (may be under construction) in these areas. Interested parties may kindly contact us as early as possible but not later than 11th April, 1993.

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## ADDRESS CHANGE OF 'ASA' OFFICE

**Association for Social Advancement (ASA)** has Shifted the Central Office in it's own building at 23/3, Block-B, Khilji Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207. The Telephone, Fax, Telex and G.P.O. Box No. will remain the same.



Ila Mitra, a noted Indian politician addressing the discussion meeting in city yesterday organised by the Bangladesh Communist Party. — Star photo

## Weather

### Dry weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent  
Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today says mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over the country and day temperature may rise by one to three degree Celsius.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Saturday) of 37.1 degree was reported from Rajshahi and the minimum of 17.2 degree was reported from Rangamati.

The Sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.16 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.47 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	35.0	21.0	61	43
Chittagong	33.7	21.4	75	64
Rajshahi	37.1	19.0	64	30
Khulna	35.2	22.4	85	57
Barisal	33.8	19.4	92	74
Sylhet	33.5	19.9	59	53
Dinajpur	35.2	19.0	43	26
Rangamati	34.5	17.2	71	58

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