

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Zing, Zest and Demonic Dedication

by Fayza Haq



Members of "Trio Aulus" accepting their accolade at the end of their performance.

If one's heart ached and one's senses were numb, one had only to listen to "Trio Aulus" who performed with brilliance at the Goethe-Institut, Dhaka recently winning applause all around. They played Bach, Shumann, Yun, Goldmann and Beethoven, with concentration of those possessed.

Speaking to Burkhard Glaetzner, who came from Leipzig, and who had begun his music lesson at the age of seven, beginning with the flute, and next progressing to the oboe, one realised that conventional classical western musicians like him felt the eastern and western music should not be combined. Burkhard said, "I think that they should be kept strictly apart because both streams of music are of such high standards that they cannot be combined and this applies to the efforts of R. Shankar and Y. Menuhin, who have played together."

The oboe teacher and player added, "I do have some idea of eastern music, but as you know in the eastern part of Germany, we are not exposed to the ragas of the east, as is the case in say USA, UK, Australia and Western Europe."

Dwelling on the rating of performances and composition of western music, Burkhard commented, "In all the countries of Europe, there are good composers and players. It is difficult to decide which are the best. Every country has its own favourites and history of music. Bach, Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin are played more often in Germany than elsewhere. Rameau is perhaps very popular in France. In Italy it is Antonio Vivaldi, who might be the hot favourite. Different composers are preferred perhaps in USA, and I cannot speak of the standard there, as I have not been there myself. Similarly, I believe that Russians have a high standard of performance, such is the case in Japan, Korea and China, which my group has toured earlier. It is not fair to compare and contrast. However, the training in Russia, is definitely comparatively intense and admirable."

Asked how many hours one must practice, and how much of time the students should dedicate to music, Burkhard replied, "You must practise for as many hours as you can every day. For wind instruments it must be about four hours, while for the piano it must be eight hours. The time devoted to music also varies according to the aptitude and ability of the student. Being a musician is not an easy task. Normally students at school have heavy schedules of other studies and they must divide their time as they feel best, as music is not the only profession to be pursued in life."

How has he taken the unification of Germany? Burkhard replied, "Life is there to be accepted with its changes, and one must take them in one's stride. It is difficult for the average individuals who are being laid off, and now have different schedules, leading to confusion in their private, and social and economic lives." He has a wife and a daughter.

Wolfgang Weber, who played the violoncello, was encouraged by an uncle, who gave him a cello when he was 14. Dwelling on the problems that he faces, Wolfgang said, "I get my monthly salary, and that is enough. I find some students more attentive than the others, and I must take it at that."

Discussing the possible variation and gradation of compositions and performances of western music, he remarked, "I will not say that this or that country is foremost in music. I only know that whoever wishes to excel in the musical profession must dedicate his entire life to music."

Dwelling on possible discontentment with the unification of Germany, he said, "I have never been impressed by consumerism and luxury items that the unification may offer."

Giving his impression of Dhaka, Wolfgang said that he enjoyed his few hours at Sadarghat and the shopping areas. He also found the city marvellously clean, when compared with its neighbouring city, Calcutta. The trio had been to Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, Katmandu, Bangalore, and earlier in January had been to New Delhi, Hyderabad and Pakistan. The present trip was sponsored by the Goethe-Institut, incidentally.

Gerhard Erber, jovial and yet dedicated, like the rest of the trio, was originally from Essau, and like his colleagues had won many awards. Talking about his favourite pianists, he said that he had 20 in mind, of which he had Wilhelm Kempf of the 60's as his favourite. He also liked Rubenstein, Yovovitch and Arturo Michelango. He also ran into Japanese and Korean composers too. He has been teaching in Leipzig since '53, and preferred male students to the female ones, as he felt that they took their work more seriously. Dwelling on Neo-Nazis which is now spreading fast in Germany, he felt that it was "dangerous and despicable." He and his wife Victoria have five children.

The notes of the players that varied from tender ones to ones of high passion, which were pristine and non-pareil. One learnt quite a bit about the German mastery over western music by the performance, and pined for more.

### Baishakhi Mela at Dhanmondi Club begins tomorrow

A week-long Baishakhi Mela begins tomorrow (Wednesday) at Dhanmondi Club ground on the occasion of Bengali New Year, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate at 3pm the fair, organised by the Design Centre of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation to welcome the year 1400, says a BSCIC press release.

The mela will facilitate exhibition, purchase and sale of various handicraft and cottage industry products. The commodities include cane, bamboo, leather, wood, metal, earth and jute products and goods produced by tribals.

Arrangements have been made for staging Kabigan, Baigan, lathikhela, Garo dance, tribal dance

## Huda for transfer of DPRK technology to Bangladesh

The North Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh, Chang Won Sik, called on Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda at the latter's office here yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the Information Minister said the present democratic government was pursuing the policy of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to strengthen further the existing friendly relations between the two countries, according to a PID source.

Barrister Huda recalled his visit to Pyong Young as the leader of a BNP delegation and said during the rule of Shaheed Zia, the relations between Dhaka and Pyong Young flourished through bilateral

cooperation in various development programmes. The Information Minister said exchange of information, radio and television programmes and visits of cultural teams could contribute to further promote relations between the two countries.

He emphasised transfer of North Korean technology for the development of science and technology in Bangladesh.

Barrister Huda referred to the just concluded Seventh SAARC Summit in Dhaka and said as the newly elected Chairperson of SAARC the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would provide an opportunity to carry

forward development activities in Bangladesh.

The Information Minister iterated that the nuclear power should be used for the cause of peace and human welfare. The unification of the two Koreas depends on the will of the people of those two countries, he added.

Ambassador Chang Won Sik lauded the steps taken by the present government for the welfare of the people of Bangladesh and expressed his belief that Bangladesh would achieve progress under Prime Minister Begum Zia's leadership.

He assured North Korea's cooperation to the development efforts of Bangladesh.

Happy Birthday

To

Tausif Karim (Sohan)  
Greetings from his parents and brother  
41/14-A, Zibatola, Dhaka

### Sonargaon Hotel programmes on Pahela Baishakh

Sonargaon Hotel on the occasion of "Pahela Baishakh" has chalked out elaborate programmes to welcome the New Year, says a press release.

Guests of the hotel will be able to go on horse cart rides for one hour beginning 6:00 am till 10:00 am on the day free of charge.

The Management of Sonargaon Hotel will also distribute ice cream at the children's hospital. At the same time a magic and comedy show for the children has been arranged at the hospital. Hotel staffs — comedian Zillur and Magician Jalil will perform for the youngsters.

A Bangladeshi buffet will also be served on the night at Cafe Bazar restaurant of the hotel. Traditional Bangladeshi cultural programme will also be performed at the restaurant during dinner.

### Ration shops, post offices to remain closed tomorrow

All ration and employers shops in the Dhaka rationing area will remain closed tomorrow on the occasion of Bengali New Year, reports UNB.

Those who will not be able to draw ration that day have been advised to do so on any working day in the next rationing week.

All post offices in the country will also remain closed on the day.

GEP and EMS services will, however, operate on that day.

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**BTV**

Tuesday

5:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:25 Esho Para Shikhi

5:45 Debate

6:50 Open University

7:20 Sangeeta

8:00 News in Bangla

8:40 Drama serial: Abdullah (Episode-1)

10:00 News in English

10:30 Film show: ENG

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:40 Tomorrow's programme

### Urs mobarak

By Staff Correspondent

The holy Urs mobarak of Hazrat Maulana Abul Hasan Munsef will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Mazar Sharif at Kadam mobarak in Chittagong after Asr prayers.

Great grandson of Munsef Alhaj Syed Muhammad Haidyul Islam, Additional Tax Commissioner and Chairman of Wills Little Flower School will attend the function.

Relatives and followers of Munsef have been requested to attend.

### Weather

#### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says rain or showers and hailstorm accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places.

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

The Met office adds, weather may improve gradually after a week.

The minimum temperature of 18.0 degree Celsius was reported from Rangamati yesterday (Monday) and the maximum of 32.6 degree was from Satkhira.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.19 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.38 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country recorded yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	28.6	19.6	68	72
Chittagong	29.0	18.7	75	73
Rajshahi	31.0	20.2	82	73
Khulna	32.0	21.0	71	-
Barisal	29.6	18.6	79	70
Sylhet	27.0	19.1	78	77
Rangamati	28.8	18.0	77	66
Dinajpur	29.5	19.4	78	68

নতুন শতাব্দীর উদ্‌যাপন

১৪০০ সাল

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অভিযান

JOHN PLAYER

**GOLD LEAF**

শেষ হয়ে যাচ্ছে ১৩৯৯। সমুখে ১৪০০ সাল, নব শতাব্দীর দ্বারপ্রান্ত। শুরু হচ্ছে বাংলা সনের আর এক নব অধ্যায়। শত বছরের বাংলায় নব শতকের আয়োজন। নতুন সময়ের নতুন জীবনের নতুন পথচলা।

নতুন শতাব্দীর আগমনের এই মহাকাণ্ডে চিরায়ত বাংলার কিছু অন্তরঙ্গ মুহূর্ত নিয়ে আপনার জন্য গোল্ড লীফ নিবেদন করছে অন্তরঙ্গ বাংলাদেশ।

আনোয়ার হোসেন -এর আলোকচিত্র প্রদর্শনী

উদ্বোধন : বিকেল ৫টা, মঙ্গলবার ৩০শে চৈত্র ১৩৯৯।

১৩ই এপ্রিল '৯৩

সময়কাল : ৩০শে চৈত্র ১৩৯৯ থেকে ১১ই বৈশাখ ১৪০০।

১৩ই এপ্রিল থেকে ২৪শে এপ্রিল '৯৩

স্থান : জাতীয় যাদুঘর প্রধান মিলনায়তন করিডোর