Dhaka Day by Day

She Lives a Full Life

by Raffat Binte Rashid

There are a few indomitable personalities in our cultural arena, who turn everything they touch into gold, to say enphemistically. Equally spectacular is their East for life.

One of the few such successful names is undoubtedly Zebun-Nessa Jamal. In the world of music Zebun-Nessa Jamal has a special appeal for people of all ages. At her age when other women are happy being grandmas she is still busy; she never sits idle, there's always something to complete or start for her.

She almost accidentally started writing songs, in fact to fulfil a tremendous pressure created by the enthusiasm of her daughter. She writes songs for all ages. Most of the famous songs for the children, taught in the BTV programmes 'Asho Gan Shiki' were written by her.

Tagore's portrait done by Zabun-Nessa Jamal

"Not only children's song, I prefer to write romantic, patriotic, educational and modern songs, I always wanted to bring diversity in my songs. I believe songs are a strong medium through which every one can be reached and touched. We should try to use this medium in educating our rural poor in matters they are most ignorant of, such as population control, immunization, illiteracy natural calamities etc. Songs should not always be the typical 'you and me' type, it should be entertaining as well as educative.

Even though she is from an era that's old and vague to us, she says "I always welcome change and don't prefer to cling to the past. It try to adjust myself to new ideas. These days people strongly criticise the bands but I like their music and songs to a certain extent. If you listen to them carefully, you'll understand their thoughts better even though they are too much westernized, these songs have their own type of attraction. With time everything should modernize. Along with our flute, sitar and tablas, modern instruments should also be used. At the same time our own songs, their speciality should also be cultured and not be forgotten." "Actually songs are first versed, then comes the music composition and other parts. To write a song one must know the basic grammar, there's a special technique in writing songs. Nowadays most of the lyricist tend to differ from basic grammar; when you listen to their songs, faults are unnoticed, if you print these songs the hurried job is clearly observed," she says.

"I completed my Masters in Bangla literature and have Rabindranath, Nazrul in my ears, my songs are all for you to judge. So far I have printed three books — exclusively my works." "I am very satisfied with life, only regret that I have is the lack of recognition of a lyricist in our country. It's always the one who sings, carry the flame. Lyricists are neglected in our part of the world, in other countries song-composers are always well rewarded.

Basically a lyricist Zebun-Nessa Jamal lacks interest in nothing. Throughout her busy life she always did things for her own pleasure. She was never the typical house-wife. In long lazy afternoons, she kept herself busy in writing short stories or, sometimes, in painting. She has had no academic lessons in painting. Out of mere curiosity she used oil colours and painted Rabindranath and others from their snapshots. She had received many awards and prizes for paintings and writings, while working as a teacher in Chittagong Girls College and Dinajpur. Many of her writings were published in national dailies and weeklies.

Besides, she did lot of other creative works. She worked with shells and made decoration pieces. "I never wasted or threw away anything, I even kept the hardboard pieces of cakes from my children's birthdays. I made decoration pieces out of these. I made a photo stand out of my mother-in-law's old table clock. I cherish each and everything and find immense pleasure in creating new things. For a while I even did pottery painting."

She was also a radio artist conducting women's programme in the early fifties, when the radio station was on Nizamuddin Road.

Throughout her student's life she was an assiduous and diligent worker. She received a gold medal in her intermediate Bangla paper from Lady Brabourn College in Calcutta. She also received many other awards and prizes throughout her satisfying busy life.

Now in her Dhanmondi residence she is busy helping her daughters to bring out their own cassettes and only her highly active mind knows what she'll do next.

The DC-10 aircraft of Biman Bangladesh Airlines which skidded off the runway at ZIA Tuesday (top), and some female workers digging earth to release the wheels (above) yesterday. — Star photo

Mixed reaction over JU VC's action

By JU Correspondent

There was mixed reaction among the teachers of the Jahangirnagar University yesterday at the rescinding of the expulsion orders against two student leaders by the Vice Chancellor Monday in the presence of the Information Minister.

"The decision of the Vice Chancellor has to be ratified by the Syndicate within seven days, as per varsity regulation," said President of the Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) Professor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman while talking to The Daily Star over telephone Tuesday.

"If the VC really wanted to invoke his special power to resolve the crisis over the expulsion issue, he could have done it much earlier," opined Prof Khandaker, who is also a Syndicate member.

Vice Chancellor and head of the Syndicate Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed used his special powers under Section 12 (3) of the University Ordinance, 1973 to retract the Syndicate's punitive measures against two students expelled earlier from the university for their alleged misdemeanour with a hall provost.

The JCD activists resorted to a hunger strike 'unto death' Sunday following a series of violent incidents centred around its demand for withdrawal of the expulsion orders.

Irked by the Syndicate's punishment, JCD activists opened fire, observed strikes, ransacked teachers' rooms and even suspended the plying of the varsity transport on several occasions.

Two cabinet ministers had to intervene on December 3 last to bail out nine Syndicate members held hostage by the defiant JCD activists.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda went to the JU campus at 8 O'clock Monday evening to end the hunger strike by members of the ruling BNP's student wing.

Meanwhile, questioning the legal validity of the Syndicate's punitive decision Dean of the Arts and Humanities faculty Prof Ataur Rahman Khan said 'the Syndicate had overruled the recommendation of the disciplinary committee which had nullified the punishment.

He, however, expressed his 'relief' at the dissolution of the stalemate.

"The students have already paid enough for their misconduct," said one teacher requesting anonymity.

"Expelling students for a year for a reported misbehaviour is to severe," the teacher added, hoping normalcy would now be restored in the campus.

Another teacher felt that the government minister should not have interfered in the varsity's affair.

"The crisis could have been easily solved by the university itself," he added.

HAPPY BIRTH DAY
HAPPY BIRTH DAY TO MY EVERGREEN FRIEND.
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EID FASHION SALE
Date: 22nd to 25th May
Venue: *SHUROVI*
Rd-5, Dhanmondi.
Time: 10.00-5.00
S-169

Orchid Show for Orchid Enthusiasts
An Orchid show will be held at NW-(K) 8 Road No 50, Gulshan on Friday, May 21 from 9 am to 6 PM.
Orchid Society of Bangladesh
D-347

Forestry Master Plan aims at maximising plantation

Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al Noman said, the main objective of Forestry Master Plan is to maximize the utilisation of land for tree plantation as the forest areas are gradually decreasing due to ever-increasing pressure of population, reports BSS.

He was addressing the inaugural function of a two-day national forum on "Forestry Master Plan" held at the Planning and Development Academy here yesterday.

State Minister for Environment, Forest and Fisheries and Livestock Goyeswar Chandra Roy also spoke on the occasion.

The Environment Minister said it has been possible to create resourceful forest and generate high output from meagre forest land like many countries. But use of modern technology, genetic engineering and scientific management practices combined with proper accountability are the necessity. He said we need not only to preserve the existing forest but also to improve ecological balance and environmental conditions.

Referring to the important role of the trees in preserving the environmental balance, Noman said Bangladesh is a forest-hungry country and the existing natural forests are confronted with unfavourable distribution in the country. The situation has not only created serious problem in the demand and supply of forest products but also affected the environmental equilibrium very adversely.

The Environment Minister said the "Forestry Master Plan" is being formulated to meet the gap between demand and supply of forest products through an innovative and appropriate resource management strategy within twenty years.

State Minister Goyeswar Chandra Roy said the contribution of forest resources in our national economy is significant. He said massive plantation in our community life through different processes will greatly help in the successful implementation of the poverty alleviation programme of the present government.

Presided over by Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest Abdus Salim, the function was addressed, among others, by the Chief Conservator of Forest, N M A Katibi, team leader of the Master Plan MC Fax Lane, Deputy Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Yang Weimin and Project Director of Master Plan Mozammel Hossain.

Tender Notice

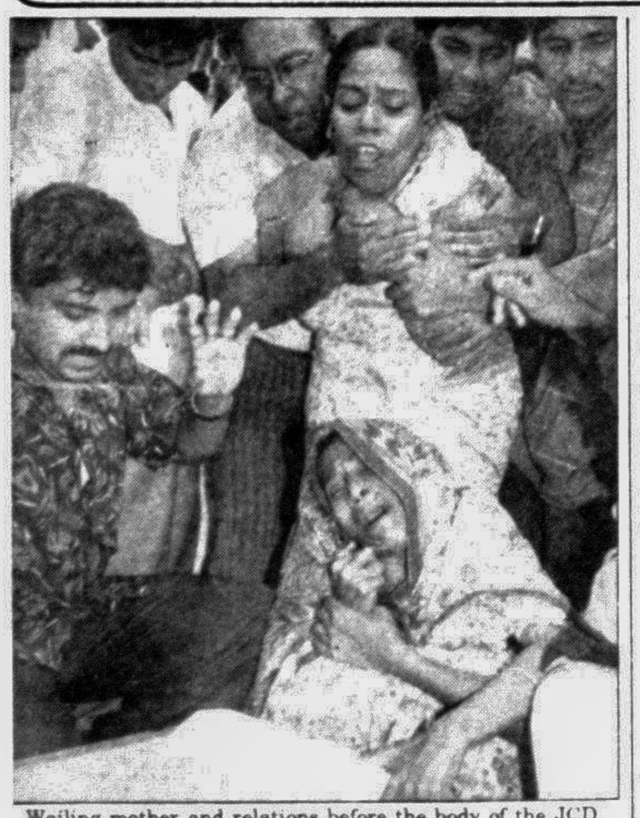
বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Tenders in Form T-2 under sealed cover are invited from PDB enlisted all class of contractors with valid certificate & bonafide carrying contractors for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be available at the undermentioned price from Chief Engineer, central zone, PDB, 41 Chamelibag, Shantinagar, Dhaka & Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance circle, PDB, Mymensingh and Janata Bank, main branch, Kishoreganj upto 26-5-93. Written permission will have to be obtained from the above heads of office prior to purchase of the tender.Tenders will be received at this office as well as the above offices upto 12-00 Noon of 27-5-93 and opened on the same day at 12-30 p.m. in presence (if any) of the tenderers. All tenderers should quote their rates in figures & words It may be noted that the undersigned is not bound to accept the lowest rate. The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender, change Partially, or reject all the tenders. At the time of purchase of any tender schedule, affidavit of the owner of the firm and in case a representative is sent on behalf of the firm, then authorisation letter from the owner, shall have to be produced. And that should be attested by a Ist class magistrate, otherwise permission for tender will not be given.

Serial No	Description of work	Estimated cost	Price of tender
1.	Carrying poles from Distribution Division, PDB, Kishoreganj Divisional Stores to Sararchar (camp) stores.	Tk. 1,25,500/=	120/=

Biddut/Jana-1309(4) 92-93
DFP (BA) 4127-11/5
G-657

Executive Engineer
Distribution Division, PDB
Kishoreganj



Wailing mother and relations before the body of the JCD leader Bahauddin (Janu) of Mirpur Govt Bangla College, who was shot dead by miscreants Tuesday in the city. — Star photo

JN College teachers meet President

A delegation of Jagannath University College Teachers Council led by Principal Dr Q A I M Habibur Rahman called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

The teachers stayed with the President for some time and discussed academic matters and overall development of the Jagannath University College.

Among others, Prof Ashraf Ali Khan, Vice-Principal, Prof M Junaid, Prof Harunur Rashid, Prof A Hasan, Prof Ayubur Rahman and Prof A Sayed were present during the discussions.

Court grants ad-interim injunction on BCIC

The court yesterday granted ad-interim injunction restraining BCIC to consider the tender of SGS Bangladesh Ltd (Finance offer) until further order, reports UNB.

AKM Zahir Ahmed, Sub-judge 3rd court, also passed an order to show cause within 7 days as to why a temporary injunction shall not be granted.

The court passed the order in a declaratory suit filed by Mahmud Hasan, Proprietor of Pre-shipment Company Inspectorate, Bangladesh, against BCIC and others.

Advocate Khondoker Mahbubuddin appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

HERE and THERE

Mahila Parishad

President of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (Dhaka city unit), Dr Nurun Nahar Faizunnesa and General Secretary Rakhee Dash Purakayastha yesterday in a statement regretted that film advertisements have been using obscene pictures of women for commercial purposes for a long time. Thus women are being used in the films as commodity.

They warned the cinema hall owners against such malpractices.

BIBM

An 18-day training course on 'Foreign Trade and Foreign Exchange' concluded at the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) at Mirpur.

Aim of the course was to help develop required skills for dealing with foreign trade and foreign exchange business efficiently.

Thirty four officers from different banks participated in the course.

Director General of the BIBM A H M Nurul Islam Chowdhury presided over the concluding session of the course

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid for the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Thursday) says, rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at a few places over the divisions of Chittagong and Barisal and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded in Jessore and the lowest 18.6 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:13 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	30.1	20.4	64	71
Chittagong	31.5	21.0	75	65
Rajshahi	32.7	21.7	80	69
Khulna	33.6	21.3	80	69
Barisal	31.0	20.0	82	81
Cox's Bazar	33.6	23.0	81	67
Sylhet	31.5	21.8	75	61
Rangpur	30.0	22.6	80	73

Customs Auction Tender Notice

Various kinds of unclaimed, confiscated and uncleared goods viz. TV, VCR, VCP, Two-in-one, cosmetics, cloths etc. will be sold on "as it is where it is" basis through auction tender by order of the Collector, Custom House, Dhaka on 26 & 27 May, '93 during office hours. Intending buyers can submit tender in the prescribed form in the Tender Box kept at the office of the "Joint Collector (Sadar)," Custom House, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Customs, Excise and VAT, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka by the prescribed time. Tender can be submitted by post but that should reach by 1.30 pm on 27 May, '93. Otherwise that will not be acceptable. Tenders will be opened on 29 May, '93 at 12.00 Noon at Dhaka Custom House in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Earnest money at the rate 25% of the highest value in Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Collector, Custom House, Dhaka from any scheduled bank should be deposited separately with each tender, otherwise tender will not be acceptable. Prior to submitting tender, persons intending to buy the goods can inspect the auctionable goods during office hours by collecting tender schedule with terms and conditions and goods catalogue/lotsheet from 'Auction Section,' Custom House, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

The authority reserves the right to accept in whole or reject all tenders or any tender without assigning any reason.

For Collector of Customs
Messrs Al-Amin Traders
(Govt. Auctioneers)
28, KP Gosh Street, Dhaka
D-353

বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন
BTV
Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.25	Debate
6.15	Esho Para Shikhi
6.50	Jibaner Alo
7.15	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.35	Drama of the week: Bahata Eshana
10.00	News in English
10.30	Film show : China Beach
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11.45	Closing

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়
গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তর বিভাগ নম্বর-১,
খুলনা।
দূরালাপনী-২১৯৬৯

দরপত্র আহবান করার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। এতদ্বারা নিম্নে বর্ণিত কার্যের জন্য গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের অনুমোদিত ১ম/২য় শ্রেণীর ই/এম বৈধ এ, বি, সি/ বি, সি লাইসেন্সধারী ঠিকাদারগনের নিকট হইতে ২৯১১ নং বাংলাদেশ ফরমে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। উহা নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তর বিভাগ-২, খুলনা/বাগেরহাট/সাতক্ষীরা কর্তৃক স্ব স্ব কার্যালয় ৩১-৫-৯৩ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ইং পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিন ১২-৩০ মিনিটে আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

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ক্রমিক নং	কাজের নাম	প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য	জামানতের টাকা	ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা
১।	খুলনার খান জাহান আলী থানায় নির্মিত ও সি এর কোয়াটার, এস আই কোয়াটার (২ ইউঃ) এবং এ এস আই কোয়াটার ২ (দুই) ইউঃ এর বৈ/সংস্থাপণ।	টাঃ ১৮৫৬১৭/-	৩৭১৩/-	১ম ও ২য় শ্রেণীর ই/এম ঠিকাদার (গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের)
২।	খান জাহান আলী থানা চত্বরে বৈ/ওভার হেড ডিষ্ট্রিবিউশন লাইন স্থাপন।	টাঃ ১৯৩৪৫৫/-	৩৮৭০/-	"
৩।	খান জাহান আলী থানায় ১০ অশ্বশক্তি বিশিষ্ট টারবাইন পাম্প মটর সরবরাহ ও স্থাপন।	টাঃ ২২৮৬২৫/-	৪৫৭৩/-	"

৩। দরপত্র কাজের সিডিউল বিশেষ শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলী নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তর বিভাগ-২, খুলনা/বাগেরহাট/সাতক্ষীরা-এর কার্যালয়সমূহে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র দেখিতে পাওয়া যাইবে এবং নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। ৩০-৫-৯৩ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে।

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