Dhaka Day by Day

Beating Indefatigable Mosquitoes

by Parveen Anam

BUZZ OFF! OLD TIMERS

WITH NOUNS CAN'T BRING

HIGH TIME POR

OUT OF THAT NET!

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Man is marvellous at invention. It's fascinating to see what lengths he will co to invent something, which will satisfy his needs. But then his needs vary from time to time as it does from country to country. What can be a life threatening problem in one society, can pose no problem at all in another. And amongst all the problems which we face in this wonderful city of ours, which is of course a part of the problem

ridden universe, is the problem of the mosquitoes. The powers that be' do not seem particularly bothered (but then, are they ever bothered about anything but their own welfare, I hear some of my readers chortle). Those mosquitoes, which attack the hapless Dhakaite with a vitality and a vengeance seem an end in themselves. No room for compassion in those little vicious creatures. They will attack regardless of sex. colour or creed.

The desperate Dhakaite, fed up of the tall claims by the authorities, have to defend themselves as best they can against these marauders of sanity, and are seen

rushing off to the marke place, to buy that eternal life saver, the wor derful mosquitoe net. Now, the mosquitoe net is a story by itself. It must be one of the most wonderful inventions ever, by mankind. Oh, the cynical amongst us will certainly smile at this claim, but there is only one option at night when those hordes of buzzing, biting mosquitoes descend upon us with no thought about our welfare: we can only say a silent prayer of thanks to the creator of the mosquitoe net as we sit inside the net watching gleefully, the mosquitoes vainly dashing against the net, desperately trying to get at your precious blood. It's marvellous to see the sedate Dhakaite, the meeting attending, brief-case clutching, tie-clad human being, sitting inside that net, gloating and rubbing his hands in joy

as he outwits the little horrible mosquitoe. Or so

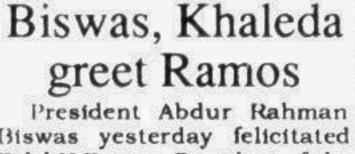
We sometimes wonder, how we can entrust the welfare of the nation into wee hands, which are not smart enough to kill the tiny mosquitoe. But then, perhaps the hand is so big that it can only handle the large things. While we, who have always wondered but have been too inhibited to ask, marvel at the astuteness of these guys.

Coming back to the mosquitoe net, if you are unfortunate enough to have just one mosquitoe wriggle its way into it at night, its 'goodbyc sleep, for the remainder of the night No room for sympathy there. He will make your life a living hell, as you sit up in the net trying to locate the little menace slapping and clapping your hands until you are excommunicated by the rest of your family members for disturbing their slumber. As you mutter incoherently to yourself, entangling your arms and your legs helplessly within the confines of your net,

ou present quite a

omical sight actu-

ally. Only, you are hardly in a mood to appreciate the humour. Not at that hour anyway. Choice adjectives ride supreme and the ancestry of both the 'authorities' and the mosquitoe are taken to task. Especially interesting is the concept of that same sedate sober Dhakaite back at work the next morning, bleary eyed and short tempered trying to figure out ways to rid himself of that mosquitoe and all the while trying to appear at his creative best. While the 'powers that be' are totally nonchalant about the entire situation. Perhaps they are in cohesion with the mosquitoe net manufacturers. While the mosquitoe thrives. And stranded somewhere in-between, is the long-suffering Dhakaite, contriving to beat the mosquitoe, the net and the 'authorities'. Dare we be checky enough to wish him luck?



Biswas yesterday felicitated Fidel V Ramos, President of the Republic of The Philippines on the occasion of his country's National Day today, reports

In a message of felicitations President Biswas extended his best wishes for good health and happiness of Ramos as well as for the progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Philippines.

In a separate message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also congratulated Fidel V Ramos, on the same occasion.

The Prime Minister said, "I am confident that the existing friendly relations and cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come."

She wished personal well-being of Ramos and the progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Philippines.

JCD hails budget

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal vesterday brought out a procession and held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club hailing the national budget for 1993-94, reports BSS.

Presided over by JCD President Fazlul Haq Milon the rally was addressed, among others, by DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP, General Secretary of JCD Nazimuddin Alam and its leaders Maniruzzaman Monir, Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Kamruzzaman Ratan and Shahiduddin Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman and GS Khairul Kabir in a separate statement, hoped that the budget would be able to play an effective role in improving the lot of the common people.

SPRG Chittagong unit meet held

CHITTAGONG, June 11: A meeting of the stranded Pakistanis held at Muslim Institute Hall here today demanded their repatriation to Pakistan, reports BSS.

The meeting presided over by President of Chittagong branch of Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPRG) Sami Mansuri, was attended by a large number of stranded Pakistanis in Chittagong including Alhaj Nasim Khan, Chief patron of the committee.

The meeting also called upon authorities concerned to supply basic necessaries among the stranded Pakistanis living in different camps and repair damaged camps in Dhaka and Chittagong.

One killed in Barisal

By Our Correspondent BARISAL, June 11: One Shaheb Ali Jamadder was shot dead in broad daylight by a group of armedmen at Pratapbari on the outskirt of Barisal town today.

The victim, 30, was called out of a tea stall by the miscreants - numbering five - and was shot with a rifle three times at point-blank range.

Babuganj police sent the body to the Barisal General Hospital morgue for autopsy

BNP leaders who hailed the Budget included President of Khulna City BNP M Nurul Islam, Vice President Golam (Sarawar) Jamadar, A K M Shafiuddin, Morshed Alam, Shamsul Alam, Nazrul Islam Manju, Maniruzzaman Mani, Ruhul Azim Rumi, Kazi Mohammad Rashed and Iqbal Hossain. Advocate Manzurul Imam, President of Khulna City Awami League and Acting Secretary Md Lutfor Rahman in a statement said that the budget has not reflected the hopes and aspirations of the people

New budget for '93-94 fiscal

Mixed reaction in Khulna, Ctg

Acting Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad speaking at the Awami League Parliamentary Party meeting

the budget. Khulna city Jamaat-e-Islami in a statement said this budget would create more problems in the fields of agriculture and industries sector instead of solv ing their problems and create markets for Indian goods.

and demanded withdrawal of

Chittagong

Reports from Chittagong said south district BNP welcomed the national budget highest allocation for education sector.

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasir Uddin hailed the budget calling it realistic, development and welfare oriented one.

In a statement here he said, the budget has reflected the hopes and aspirations of the people, particularly it aims at improving the lot of peasants and workers.

The city mayor further said, the presentation of such a realistic budget could be possible only by a democratic government and expressed the hope that it vill bring about necessary changes for better days in future.

The Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Tayebur Rahman hailed the new budget. He said the budget would help create a condition for building economic infrastructure and bringing about further development in various sectors and putting the nation to path of prosperity.

1500 workers of Karnaphuli Cotton Mills join BNP

-Star photo

CHITTAGONG, June 11: Over 1500 members of Karnaphuli Cotton Mills Workers Union joined Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal at a meeting held at the mills gate here yesterday. a press release of the union said today, reports BSS.

While joining the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, the union leaders and workers said that they were impressed by the ideals and socio-economic programmes of BNP which stands for promotion of Bangladeshi nationalism.

Messrs Mamunur Rashid Mamun and Muhammad Solaiman, President and General Secretary respectively of Karnaphuli Cotton Mills Workers Union, BNP leaders Advocate Kabir Chowdhury Jamal Uddin Ahmad Chowdhury, Fauzul Amin Chowdhury, Mosharraf Hussain were present on the occasion.

Vienna confce to focus on global human rights abuses

The World Conference on Human Rights beginning in Vienna on June 14 is due to review progress in the implementation of human rights throughout the world in the light of impediments being created in its way, according to a report received in Dhaka yesterday, repots UNB.

It will also take stock of the remorseless violation of human rights in the strife-torn world focussing attention on human predicaments in Bosnia-Herzegovina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Bolivia, Peru, South Africa, Liberia and many other coun-

A six-member Bangladesh delegation, headed by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, is to participate in the conference.

Information Minister Barris ter Nazmul Huda will act as alternate leader of the delegation.

The week-long conference is expected to voice deep concern at the growing tendency to hitch human rights issue to politics of expedience.

Giving details of how politics is being played on human rights issue, a diplomatic source told UNB that those who are raising hue and cry over much-trumpeted violation of human rights in China and other developing

Two get 5-yr term each for snatching money

CHITTAGONG, June 11 Anti-terrorism tribunal judge Abu Bakar Siddique here yes terday sentenced two persons to five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka one thousand each in default to suf fer six months more RI on charge of terrorism and snatching away money and watch from a security guard. reports BSS.

The two convicts were M. Yusuf S/o Ledu Meah of Chandgaon and Muhammad Alamgir S/o Abdul Khaleque of Pativa.

The prosecution story in brief is that a security guard of Azim-Mannan Garments was proceeding towards the factory to the morning of March 4, 196 but he was stopped by two youngmen who snatched away watch and money from the security guard at knife and sword point. But they were caught by local people and later handed over to Chandgaon po-

The judge examined four witnesses in the case and found the accused persons guilty.

Special Public Prosecutor Kafiluddin Chowdhury and Advocate Rafiqui islam Chowdhury appeared on behalf of the state

countries seem to have taken a lukewarm attitude towards unprecedented violation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzego-

The forthcoming World Conference on Human Rights, sponsored by the United Nations, is to be the culmination of meetings of the regional groups. As part of the preparatory process, the Latin American group held its meeting at San Jose in Costa Rica, the African group at Tunis and the Asian group at Bangkok.

The conference in Vienna will consider views expressed by the regional groups and try to integrate them into a composite document, to be known as Vienna Declaration, reaffirming man's solemn commitment to uphold human rights in the face of all odds and obstacles.

Bangladesh has already signed the conventions on elimination of racial discrimination, suppression and punishment of the crime of apartheid, rights of children, elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, the slavery convention

Weather

recorded in Sylhet.

vesterday were:

Dhaka

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Ratshaht

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

(Sunday) at 5.10 am.

(Saturday).

of 1926, and the 1953 protocol amending the 1926 conven-

The country which has also signed convention on abolition of slavery trade, suppression of traffic in persons and exploitation of the prostitution, surprisingly enough, has not yet signed the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights as well as that on civil and political rights.

The relevance of Bangladesh participation in the world conference on human rights may be questioned in view of her failure so far to sign the covenant on civil and political rights as well as those on social, cultural and economic rights.

Bangladesh position with regard to human rights can be summed up by saving that it whole-heartedly supports the Bangkok Declaration adopted on April 2, 1993. Bangkok Declaration reaf

firms the Asian nations commitment to principles contained in the charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised a Dance

The academy will stage 'Shunnay-A-Buke' at 7 pm today.

Drama Week '93 at the academy auditorium beginning today

State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

Movement for Sylhet Division

ple of Sylhet residing in Azimpur and its surrounding areas will

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

day says light or moderate rain or shower accompanied by tem-

division and a few places over Dhaka, Rushahi, Bar all divi-

sions and at one or two places over Khulna division.

nearly unchanged over the country during the period

Max 33.7

31.5

24.8

33.6

33.2

29.0

27.0

porary gusty wind may occur at many places over Contagong

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencin, 6 am to-

The Met office forecasts day temperative is likely to remain

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 34.5 degree

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.46 pm and rises tomorrow

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity

Cities /Towns Temperature in degree Celsius Humidity in Percentage

24.2

24.8

25.4

27.2

21.4

9am

74

72

73

84

93

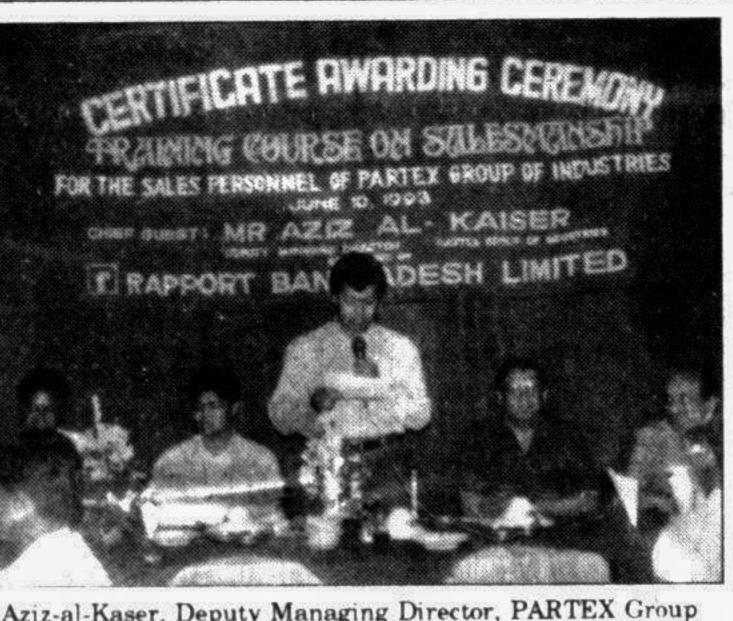
recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country

Celsius was recorded in Jessore and the lewest 21.4 degree was

A meeting of the Movement for Sylhet Division with the peo-

Barrister Md Aminul Haque will be present as chief guest.

be held at 5 pm today (Saturday) at 15/C. Azimpur road.



at its Jatiya Sangsad office yesterday.

KHULNA, June 11: Different

political organisations and stu-

dent bodies in the city ex-

pressed mixed reactions on the

new budget for 1993-94, reports

out here hailing as well as crit-

Chhatradal brought out a pro-

announcement of budget yes-

terday thanking the present

government for presenting a

out a procession in the city in

protest against the budget.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party

(BNP) Khulna city unit hailed

the budget for new fiscal year

and said that the budget has

made provisions for ensuring

the interest of the entire people

of the country including the

peasants and working class.

Through this budget the BNP

government has fulfilled the

present government's commit-

ment to people, they said. The

Awami League also brought

welfare oriented budget.

cession immediately after the

icizing the budget.

Processions were brought

Bangladesh Jatiyotabadi

Aziz-al-Kaser, Deputy Managing Director, PARTEX Group of Industries speaking as chief guest after distributing certificates among the participants of a training course on Salesmanship sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Limited Thursday. On his right is Aziz-al-Mahmud, Director, Production and on his left is M Mosharraf Hossain, Management Consultant of the Group.

due recognition: Speaker KHULNA, June 11: Jatiya Tayebur Rahman and Khulna

Intellectuals should be paid

Sangsad Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali today said that as a civilised nation we should pay due respect and honour to the intellectuals including journalists, artistes, litterateurs and poets for their qualitative role in national advancement, reports They should be given proper

recognition for their contributions towards national causes, he added He was addressing as chief

guest at Ruma Smriti Medal Distribution Ceremony and reception to talented persons in various fields at Umesh Chandra Public Library auditorium here. Organised by Aktar Jahan

Ruma Smriti Sangsad, the function was attended by Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh

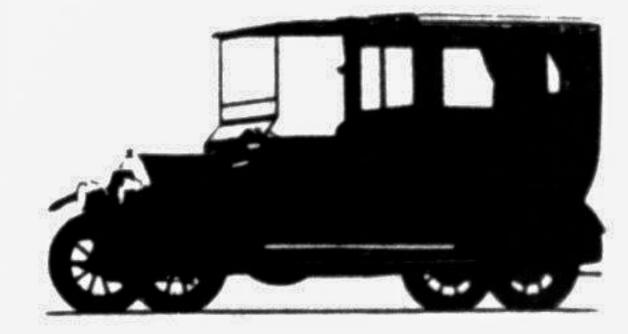
University Vice-Chancellor Dr Golam Rahman as special guests.

Presided over by journalist Monirul Huda, the function was addressed, among others, by Editor of Dainik Anirvan Prof Ali Ahmed and Secretary of Ruma Smriti Sangsad Rafiquzzaman

Shaikh Razzaque Ali called upon the talented persons to be more dedicated in solving national and social problems through their creative activities and valuable writings. In this connection he recalled the contributions of talented persons during political and social crisis in the past.

Aktar Jahan Ruma Medal was introduced in the name of founder of Dainik Janmabhumi and writer late Aktar Jahan

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