

# Dhaka Day by Day

## How Sweet Siesta is!

by Neil Ray

Nap — siesta in Spanish and a more Latin and Spanish thing than a tropical Asian affair — has nevertheless a fair share of the running of offices here, particularly the government ones. It is not quite uncommon that the entire staff of an office indulges in the luxury of snoring after lunch. The genesis of this unofficial office culture, of course, owes greatly to the heat of the tropics, but the sultry pretext has its flaws too. It is also a question of the manner of going about the business at hand and that the government offices are more prone to the practice explains heat is not all.

In fact a fabled mind, rather than a lazy body, is responsible for a man with flies before him on the table slumping in his chair and letting his head loll either in a suspended manner likening a hanged man or against the back rest of the chair. The uncomfortable position hardly deters the avid siesta seekers. Through long sessions of training and practices they have been able to muster the art of balancing on the chair made to suit the erect position of the body for office works. Where the threat of the boss is not immediate, one posture generally resorted to is to raise the precious legs up and rest them on the table. That way perhaps the backbone gets a little more relief from the contrived bending rehearsal of sleep.

Of course, the reclining chairs do offer some positional advantages to the nap-snatchers. It is precisely for this reason some big bosses keep a couch beside — just in case! But others are not in the least averse to punctiliously follow the health rule, so would they quickly add. How healthy is the regular falling into slumber after the mid-day meal? Controversies abound. But the Chinese insist it invigorates one after taking a post-lunch nap. They have set aside an hour or so for the day-doing and starting anew the days works. The Latin people have no qualms about their siesta. A recess of no less than four hours between two sessions of office in the noon give them the ideal opportunity to wallow in their beds. The problem with us, like the Indians and Pakistanis, is that we refuse to nationally recognise the phenomenon and its great

beneficial influences on our health and efficiency. But there are indeed wise ones who would hate to allow a single opportunity to slip away without taking full advantage of snapping a snore or two.

There are of course other lazy birds who seem to have nothing to do in this big-fish-eat-small-ones world. In the parks, under the trees and every convenient places they stretch their bodies or huddle to have a long sleep oblivious of the busy life. They may have their tales to tell of a life-size drama, but they are for obvious reasons not the ideal type of the siesta hunters. The ideal one certainly would be the clerk or officer who usually has to involve at night in prolonged

bitter wrangles with his irate wife, or even the old man suffering from insomnia or other nagging diseases. Still more ideal perhaps would be the character of a newly married young man or woman who has wondered, 'how quickly the treacherous time flies'. But today let us leave all such characters and concentrate on a big boss of a Mottijheel office. The man's imposing personality is a thing he savours most but he is equally in love with the afternoon nap. In his cosy room, few dare enter without prior permission. But at least one creature showed the temerity to take the opportunity one day. A fly, sly is the apt epithet to describe its dare-devil offensive, sat stealthily on his lips first and paused a while before making further advance. Every time it tries to enter his parting lips, he makes a feeble attempt to move. The fly is on its wings and soon settles on his lips and attempts further forays. Finally, it made the dash of its life into the boss's nostrils and that was enough to wake him up from his premature nap. But the fly has by the time made good its escape. It was now the man's turn to endlessly sneeze.

The fact that the personal bearer of the boss found the drama being enacted fascinating and did not try to intervene has its own reason. He also left the scene unnoticed. Did the fly take for the low-paid man a revenge on the boss who was not particularly famous for his treatment with his staff?



### Khaurazan Bridge open to traffic

The 360 feet long and 10 feet wide Khaurazan Bridge over Khaurajan Khal of Bogra is now open to traffic, reports BSS.

The bridge was formally opened by Communications Minister Oli Ahmad Bir Bikram Saturday.

The three span steel-bridge on permanent concrete structure has been constructed at a cost of Taka 80 lakh in only nine months time.

### Khaleda hints at manpower export to Mauritius

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday hinted at the possibility of manpower export to Mauritius following demand placed by the island-country for Bangladesh workers, reports UNB.

"The hint was given when the outgoing High Commissioner of Mauritius, Anand Prtyay Neewoor, made a farewell call on the Prime Minister at her office in this afternoon.

They discussed matters of mutual interest, including strengthening of economic co-operation between the two countries.

Begum Zia attacked importance to sharing experience in the fields of sugar, garments, jute, tea, tourism and shipping between Bangladesh and Mauritius.

She appreciated free-market economy and the preference given to the private sector in the independent group of islands in the Indian Ocean.

The New Delhi-based envoy also praised a rapid growth of Bangladesh during the last couple of years and the restoration of democracy in the country.

### Saudi meat handed over

Sacrificial meat from Saudi Arabia was formally handed over at Mongla Port Saturday, reports BSS.



Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad addressing a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia offering munajat after planting a Orocharia sapling on the occasion of Tree Plantation campaign of the Bangladesh Navy at the Naval headquarters at Banani yesterday.

## World Population Day observed

### Need for checking population explosion stressed

A discussion was held here yesterday in observance of the World Population Day under the auspices of the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The speakers stressed the prime need for checking population explosion in the country. They said that unless the alarming growth of population was controlled effectively all development programmes launched in the country would be affected.

Presided over by M A Matin, vice-president of the association, it was addressed by Mahbubuddin Chowdhury, secretary-general, Dr Merazul Islam, Aftab Ahmed, Sharif and advocate Elias.

The theme of the discussion was "Population Explosion and Environment". They also impressed upon those who are engaged in the task of population control activities to work with selfless dedication to make the people aware of the scourge of population boom.

The World Population Day was observed here today in a befitting manner today as elsewhere in the country.

Various programmes were taken by the Department of Family Planning and different social and voluntary organisations in observance of the day. The programmes included: rally, procession, seminar, discussion and documentary film show.

A colorful procession was brought out from Khulna Circuit House premises which paraded the main city thoroughfares chanting different slogans in favour of small family.

Bangladesh Family Planning Association, Khulna branch, organised a discussion on the significance of the day at Umesh Chandra Public Auditorium.

Another discussion on the theme of this year's day: The Individual and The World: Population, Migration and

Development in 1990s, was held at Noishati Family Welfare Centre under Rupsha thana.

Participants of the discussion underscored the need for combating population explosion by creating social awareness among the common masses for alleviating poverty as well as ensuring social peace and saving ecological balance.

Later, a documentary film exhibition was held.

World Population Day was observed here today as elsewhere in the country with an aim to creating awareness among the people towards family planning.

A colourful procession was brought out in the city in observance of the day, which starting from city corporation premises parading the main city streets ended at district family planning office.

The processionists carried colourful banners, festooned and placards while marching. Led by Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Saifuzzaman, the procession was participated by officials and workers of family planning and health department and Rajshahi City Corporation and members of NGOs.

District family planning office also organised a discussion and documentary film show at Baragachhi Family Welfare Centre.

## Population of Dhaka may go upto 1.2 cr this century: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday made a clarification call for all irrespective of cast and creed to come forward to work together with the international community for solving the multi-dimensional problem of overpopulation, reports UNB.

Listing the hazards of overpopulation, Biswas said illiteracy, unemployment, poverty, famine, lack of medicare facilities, terrorism, crimes, war and social and cultural as well as economic and possessive discrimination between men and women were on the rise owing to the population boom worldwide.

"Escalation of population growth in the developing countries is threatening their efforts for development and meeting basic needs of the people," he said speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of World Population Day 1993 in the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday morning.

Expressing concern over the population increase in the metropolis, the President said the population of Dhaka city would go up to 1.22 crore at the end of this century. "Now is time for us to plan the future Dhaka."

President Biswas lauded the success of family planning activities in the country which was appreciated by the United Nations in a recent report.

"We have to extend and implement our successful population control programmes," he said, adding "the main philosophy of our family planning programmes based on mother and child healthcare is people's welfare and to help accelerate overall development of the country and upgrade standard of life."

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Deputy Minister Mohammad Sirajul Haq, United

Nations Population Fund Representative S K Alok, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed and Director General of the Family Planning Department A K M Rafiquzzaman also addressed the function.

A large number of people were forced to migrate internationally and internally due to shortage of resources, he said adding that people of remote areas were leaving their homes to find out jobs in the urban localities.

### BNP fulfils poll-pledges, says Sircar

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said the present government is making all-out efforts towards improving the lots of the people, reports BSS.

He said, BNP always believes in people-oriented politics and works for the welfare of the people through devotion, honesty and sacrifice.

The Education Minister was addressing a cross-section of people on the occasion of foundation laying of Naya Bazar College at Keraniganj thana here.

Presided over by Shusen Chandra Roy, Principal of the College, the function was addressed by local MP Amanullah Aman and President of JCD Central Committee Fazlul Hoq Milan.

The Education Minister said BNP believes in production-oriented politics and has fulfilled its election commitments despite resources constraints. He added that the present government is committed to eradicate illiteracy from the country by the year 2000 for building up a happy and prosperous country.

### National Professor Atwar Husain Gold Medal

National Professor Atwar Husain Gold Medal will be awarded to a woman Researcher for Scholarly work in Humanities or Social Science published within the period from July 1990 to June 1993. For details please contact General Secretary, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimali, Dhaka 1000. Entries are to be submitted within 31 August 1993.

**BTB**  
Monday  
5-00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
5-10 News in Bangla  
5-25 Sports programme  
6-25 Moder Garab Moder Aaha  
7-00 Open University  
7-25 Nazrul songs  
8-00 News in Bangla  
8-30 Drama on population control: Sukher Thikana  
9-00 Women's magazine: Ghare Baire  
10-00 News in English  
10-30 Film show: Multi Brown  
11-30 Khabar/The News  
11-40 Closing

**AB BANK**  
আরব বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক লিমিটেড  
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এতদ্বারা আরব বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এর শেয়ারহোল্ডারদের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, অত্র ব্যাংকের আটকেলস অফ এসোসিয়েশন-এর সংশোধনার্থে প্রস্তাব বিশেষ বিবেচনার জন্য এবং যদি অনুমোদন যোগ্য বিবেচিত হয়, তবে তাহা গ্রহণের জন্য আগামী ১২ই আগস্ট, ১৯৯৩ইং তারিখ রোজ বৃহস্পতিবার, বেলা ৩:০০ ঘটিকায় ঢাকা শেরাটন হোটেল-এ একটি বিশেষ সাধারণ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।  
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২। ব্যাংকের আটকেলস অফ এসোসিয়েশন-এর সংশোধনার্থে প্রস্তাবসমূহ বিশেষ সিদ্ধান্ত (Special Resolution) হিসাবে গ্রহণ ও অনুমোদন।  
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### Indian goods recovered

By Staff Correspondent  
The Dhaka Metropolitan Police recovered smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka 20 lakh from a truck near Babul Motor garage at Golapbagh in the city early hours yesterday.

The contraband goods include 1900 bottles of Phensidyl, a banned drug, a huge number of motor parts and some other things.

### 387 more Rohingyas go home

The 63rd batch of Rohingya refugees comprising 387 went back home Saturday, raising the number of the Myanmar Muslims repatriated so far to 28,957, reports UNB.

Repatriation of the next batch of 269 refugees will be conducted tomorrow, officials said.

### Weather

#### No change likely in temperature

By Staff Correspondent  
Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6:00 pm Sunday.

Day temperature is likely to remain near unchanged over the country during the period, Meteorological office forecast. No appreciable change would be noticed in subsequent two days.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:19 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.8	25.6	76	74
Chittagong	32.5	25.4	71	81
Rajshahi	31.5	26.5	-	91
Khulna	33.5	26.2	-	-
Barisal	32.2	26.2	90	82
Cox's Bazar	32.2	26.5	74	82
Sylhet	34.4	25.0	66	60
Dinajpur	33.4	26.5	80	86

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৪। লভ্যাংশ হিসাবে বোনাস শেয়ার ঘোষণা (Declaration of Dividend by issuance of Bonus Share)।  
৫। পরিচালকবৃন্দের মনোনয়ন/নির্বাচন।\*  
৬। ১৯৯৩ ইং অর্থ বছরের জন্য নিরীক্ষক নিয়োগ ও তাঁদের পারিশ্রমিক নির্ধারণ।  
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২। বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানের যোগ্য যে কোন সদস্য/সদস্যা তাঁর স্বপক্ষে সাধারণ সভায় অংশগ্রহণ ও ভোট প্রদানের জন্য প্রস্তুতি নিয়োগ করতে পারেন। এমন প্রস্তুতি কোম্পানীর সদস্য না হলেও চলে।  
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৪। বার্ষিক রিপোর্ট, প্রস্তুতি ফরম এবং হাজিরা পর ইতিমধ্যে ডাকযোগে পাঠানো হয়েছে।  
\* কোম্পানীর আটকেলস অফ এসোসিয়েশনের ১০৬ নং ধারা অনুযায়ী বর্তমান পরিচালকমন্ডলীর এক-তৃতীয়াংশ (ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক ব্যতিরেকে) চলতি বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় অবসর গ্রহণ করবেন। ১০৭ নং ধারা বিধান রয়েছে যে, নির্বাচিত হবার পর যে সব পরিচালক তুলনামূলকভাবে অধিককাল দায়িত্ব পালন করেছেন তাঁরা অবসরগ্রহণ করবেন এবং কোম্পানীর আটকেলস অফ এসোসিয়েশনের ১০৮ নং ধারা অনুযায়ী তাঁরা পুনর্নির্বাচিত হওয়ার যোগ্য।