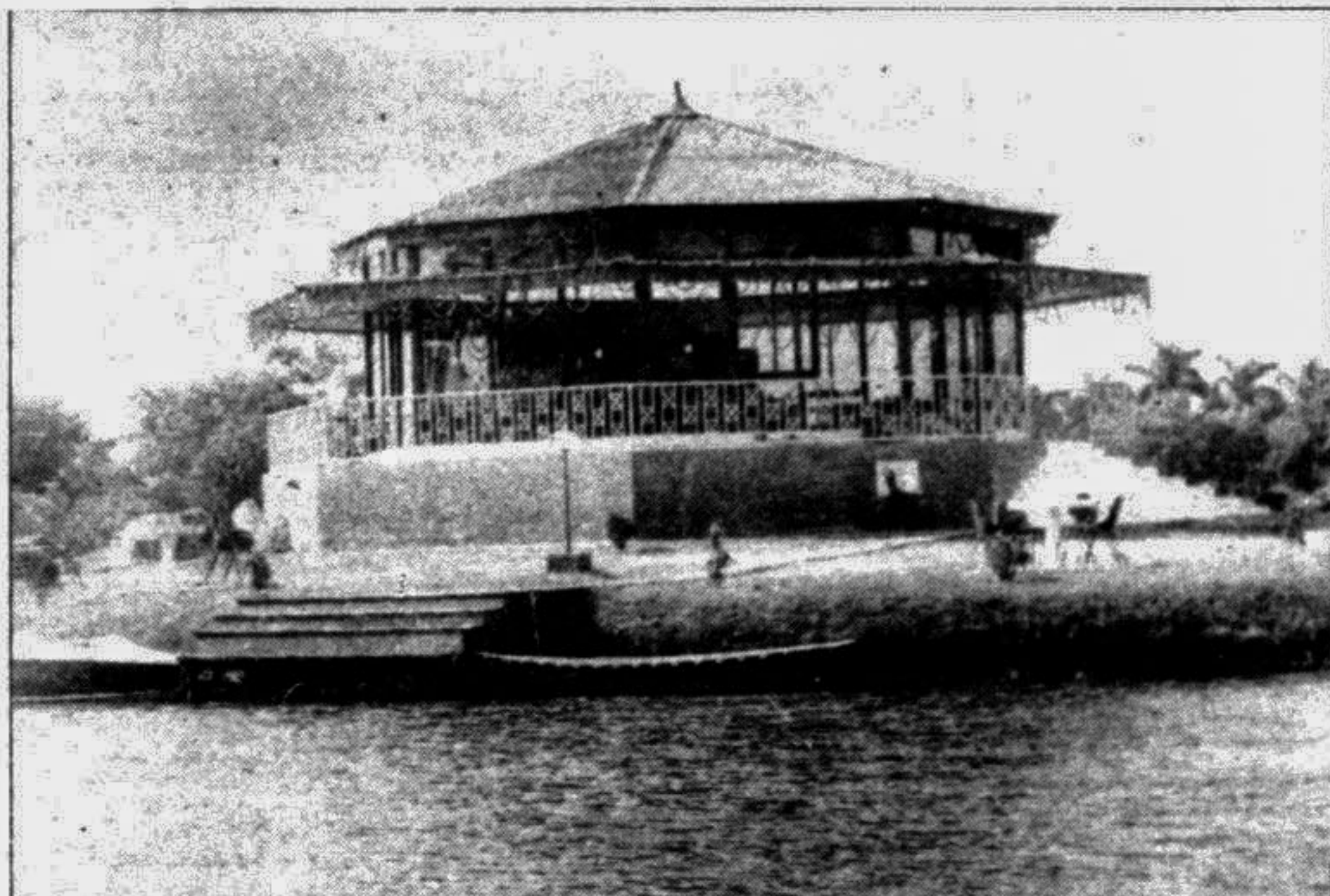


# Dhaka Day by Day

## All Dressed up and Somewhere to go

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



All dressed up and no place to go. This seems to be the plight of most young people in Dhaka today. The parks are full of junkies or 'mastaans' and most eating places are far beyond the reach of the young person with a modest allowance. The pleasures of Shishu Park and gazing at the fountain outside Sonargaon having been exhausted, there seems to be no place left to go. Parjatan Corporation has however, attempted to solve this problem by setting up a restaurant a little away from Dhaka, at Kurmitola Airport.

This is the Water Front Restaurant, the primary attraction of which is not its food that has room for improvement, but for its pleasant and congenial atmosphere. A miniature lake surrounds the restaurant while small newly planted trees that promise to grow tall, line the lake giving it the green tranquility that is so hard to find nowadays. But the best part of this 'restaurant on water' are the boating facilities. An hour long boat ride will cost from 20 to 40 taka depending on whether one takes a row boat or a paddle boat, while a motor boat may cost a little more.

Needless to say this is a great place for romance. Couples of all ages can be seen all over the area walking hand in hand, arm in arm, taking a romantic boat ride or watching a beautiful sunset while sipping hot cups of tea. The sounds of airplanes whizzing by or landing on the tarmac are an interesting addition to this romantic ambience.

The restaurant, circular in shape with a pointed dome, is fairly clean and has about a dozen round tables. The crowd is noticeably young, energetic and mixed. Hordes of young men and women between 15 and 25, can be seen drinking endless cups of tea or coffee and engaging in the favourite Bengali pastime of all—adda. The food, which consists of pastishe, pastries sodas and other uninspiring tidbits, is

not particularly tasty, but reasonably priced. The only interesting item is root beer which is more or less ignored by the clientele.

An added attraction is a small boat shop that sells hot kabab on skewers in the evenings. Around the restaurant is a circular verandah where the tables may be a little wobbly making it hard to place one's elbows on them but where one can get an excellent view of the lake—and the smitten couples who try in vain to be out of sight!

The crowd starts to pick up from 3 pm. The person at the counter claims that around 400 to 500 people come everyday, the number increasing on weekends. For the most part, people just like to hang out here and enjoy the scenery. Most of them are from adjacent areas such as Uttara and Cantonment, but a few come from as far as Old Dhaka. The most popular activity, is of course, going on the boats and usually one has to make an advanced booking for the next turn. The water is only about 6ft deep and the ticket man keeps an eye on the boats most of the time in case someone decides to jump off the boat. Tickets in the form of coupons have to be bought from the counter after which the guards diligently check them before letting anyone on the boats.

One thing about the place, that may appear to be a little out of the ordinary and this may be of great interest to our male readers, is the number of females that come here. Dressed to kill, these young ladies arrive, some with their lovers, others in groups of three or four. There is an air of freedom and spontaneity about them that indicates a sense of security so rare in the city.

With its decent crowd and safe environment, the Water Front Restaurant is sure to be a success for people who believe in clear affordable fun. As long as the mastaans stay away, that is.

## Dakar may import rice from Dhaka

The new Ambassador of Senegal in Dhaka, Papa Abdou Cisse, said here yesterday that the internal and foreign policy of Bangladesh had been widely acclaimed throughout the world, particularly in the western countries, reports BSS.

Cisse conveyed this to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia when he called on her at her office.

The Senegalese ambassador said his country was considering the import of rice from Bangladesh. He also had talks with the Food Minister in this regard.

The Prime Minister welcomed the new ambassador in Bangladesh and assured him of her government's full cooperation in the discharge of his duties here.

Begum Zia said Bangladesh had attained self-sufficiency in food and laid emphasis on the growth of private sector enterprises. She told the ambassador that Senegalese entrepreneurs could come forward in investing in Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister also told the ambassador that Senegal could import jute and jute goods, tea, leather and ready-made garments from Bangladesh.

## PM condoles death of BNP leader

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed her deep shock at the death of BNP vice president of Gazipur district Md Abdul Mannan Fakir, reports BSS.

In a condolence message Begum Zia said in his death the party had lost a dedicated worker.

Fakir died of prolonged illness Wednesday night. He was 70.

## Mirpur JCD goes on rampage

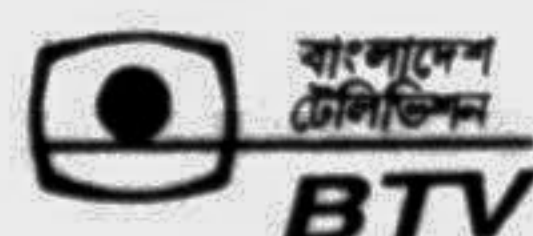
By Staff Correspondent

Several vehicles were damaged when a group of students belonging to ruling party student wing Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) went on a rampage at Mirpur-10 in the city Wednesday noon.

Police, however, confirmed damage of one microbus belonging to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Limited.

Sources said JCD brought out a procession protesting the arrest of one of their leaders. They accused some of their rivals of instigating the arrest.

At one stage, the procession turned violent and started pelting brick-bats at the vehicles, creating panic in the area, witnesses said.



## Friday Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- Al Quran
- Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Alor Dishari: Islamic teachings programme for children
- 8.40 Natun Kuri: Talent competition programme for children
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Moner Mukurey
- 11.15 Film: Tarzan
- 11.40 Educational programme
- 11.55 Film: Border Town
- 12.30 Closing

## Afternoon Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- Al Quran
- Programme summary
- 3.10 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3.15 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3.40 Movie of the week: Lies of the Twins. It is about a beautiful model Rachel Marks (Isabella Rossellini) who is romantically involved with Jonathan Macevan (Aidan Quinn), a respected psychotherapist. Rachel loves Jonathan's sensitivity and integrity, but she finds him to be a bit too predictable. At an art exhibition, Rachel meets Jonathan's identical twin, James (Aidan Quinn), also a psychotherapist. He is as handsome as Jonathan and twice as exciting. But soon Rachel sees the dark side of James who enjoys abusing women and tormenting his brother. The climax of the film ends with the two brothers in a struggle with a gun. The gun goes off. James is dead...or is it Jonathan? Watch to find out.
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 7.00 Open University
- 7.25 Malancha: Modern songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9.00 Magazine: Ityadi
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: LA Law
- 11.30 Khabar/ The News
- 11.45 Closing

## Agri Ministry's ADP reviewed

Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Haq yesterday instructed the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture to complete all the development projects of current financial year within the stipulated budgets and scheduled time, reports BSS.

He was addressing a review meeting of Annual Development Programme (ADP) of the Ministry of Agriculture at the conference room of the ministry.

The meeting was informed that about taka 337.22 crore had been allotted in the last financial year to complete 58 development projects of the ministry.

## 'Govt firm to establish corruption-free admn'

KHULNA, July 29: State Minister for Ports and Shipping Harun-ul-Rashid said that government officials must be accountable for their activities to the concerned authority and added that the present government was pledge-bound to establish a corruption-free administration, reports BSS.

He was addressing members of Customs Department and departmental heads of Mongla

Port Authority at Benapole yesterday. Among others Secretary of Ports and Shipping Walul Islam, Chairman of Mongla Port Authority Rezwanaul Haq, Collector of Customs Abdul Kayum and Deputy Commissioner Jessore district were present on the occasion.

The meeting discussed various issues including the quick handling and preservation of import goods, checking of wastage, auction of perishable goods and security measures. The state minister was apprised that massive development programme for enhancing facilities and development of the dry port at Benapole was being undertaken by the Mongla Port authority.

The programmes included construction of warehouses, transport shed trans-shipment yard, residential accommodation, dormitory and rest house.

On completion of these development programmes the present facilities at the dry port will be doubled. As a part of this programme two transport sheds and two storied office building will be constructed at a cost of Taka one crore and eleven lakh.

The state minister was also apprised that huge imported goods were handled through this port during the last fiscal year. From this port Mongla Port Authority earned about Taka five crore and seven lakh while the customs authority earned Taka two hundred and sixty crore as duty during the same period.

By the order of the Court  
**Hafiz Ahmed**  
Sheristader,  
Subordinate Judge, Bogra.

## FRCP for Dr Sufia

Dr Sufia Rahman, Associate Professor of Cardiology, National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), Dhaka has been elected on fellowship to the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP), Edinburgh, reports BSS.

Dr Sufia is the second recipient of this award.

A graduate of Dhaka Medical College, Dr Sufia later joined the British National Health Service and obtained her MRCP (UK), in 1982.

## In the matter of Notice upon the parties U/s 5 (Ka) of the Arthorin Adalat Ordinance 1992.

In the Court of the Subordinate Judge Arthorin Adalat, Bogra 122/92 Misc, Case, Petitioner Plaintiff

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank,  
8, DIT Avenue,  
Shilpa Bank Bhaban  
Dist-Dhaka.

Op. Party : Delft.

1. M/S. Star Paint Industries Ltd., Bogra, BSCIC Industrial Area, Bogra.
2. Shah Afzal Arefin Abu Nasch, S/o. Late Khaliluddin Haider Abu Zobair, Rajabazar, (Raja Lodge), Bogra town.
3. Md. Khademul Islam, S/o. Late Kader Baksh Pk, Fulbari, Shariakandi, Bogra.
4. S.M. Kamruzzaman, S/o. Abdur Rouf, Scuzgari (Moiz Miah's house), Bogra.
5. Abdul Latif, S/o. Late Ebadat Mondal, Scuzgari (Moiz Miah's house), Bogra.

Petition for realisation of loan money according to Bangladesh Shilpa Bank Ordinance, 1992.  
Claim: 41,00,181.00 (up to 30-06-92)

Whereas the petitioner Bank has filed a case to realise the loan money Tk. 41,00,181.00 up to 30-06-92 and also to get interest of it till the realisation of the money, and whereas notice was given to all through Nezarat and registered post and you have avoided to receive the notice, as such this case is delayed to dispose of.

Wherefore you are hereby informed by this notice that if you have any objection and wish to contest the suit against the petitioner Bank. You will do the same by or on 05-08-93 before 10-00 am. being present before the Court, otherwise the suit shall be disposed of exparte.



A rally jointly organised by Moitree Parishad and Human Rights Association for Children in the city yesterday demanding protection of Bosnian children. — Star photo

## Shri Lankan minister meets PM Bangladesh, Lanka joint efforts can help alleviate poverty: Khaleda

Visiting Shri Lankan Minister for Food, Cooperatives and Janasaviya Weerasinghe Mallimaratchi yesterday said that his country was firmly committed to the goal of its late President Ranasinghe Premadasa in further strengthening the ties between Shri Lanka and Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The Shri Lankan Minister said this when he called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office here. He said his country would also take pragmatic steps to increase trade and technical cooperation

between the two countries. Mallimaratchi, also the minister in-charge of Cooperatives, offered ten places annually for young Bangladeshi officers in Shri Lanka's cooperatives school. He said Shri Lanka was ready to welcome the first batch of these officers from Bangladesh at an early date.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia welcomed the visit of the Shri Lankan minister and emphasised the need for building special relationship between the two countries. She hoped that President DB

Wijetunga would carry forward the decisions and programmes of late President Premadasa in different fields.

The Prime Minister said the experts and concerned officials of the two countries could share experiences in alleviating poverty and increasing cooperation in the fields of trade, commerce and education.

Mallimaratchi apprised Begum Zia that Shri Lanka meets the costs of 20 scholarships annually at the graduate and post-graduate level in Buddhist studies in the country for Buddhist monks from developing countries in Asia. He offered Bangladesh to take several scholarships.

He also expressed concern at the loss of lives and properties by severe flooding in Bangladesh and wished a speedy return to normalcy and a lasting solution to this problem.

Mallimaratchi conveyed the greeting of Shri Lankan President D B Wijetunga to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, her government and the people of Bangladesh.

## Ensure better treatment of patients: Kamal

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf yesterday directed physicians to improve medicare facilities in all medical college hospitals of the country to ensure better treatment of patients, reports UNB.

"Medical professionals should put in their best efforts and develop their services to carry out their duties, no matter whatever programmes the government undertakes to develop health sector," he told doctors at a function this morning.

He stressed the need for encouraging medical students to go to rural areas.

"One of the main problems of the country is that most MBBS doctors come from rural areas, but they do not want to go back to rural areas after completing their studies," he said addressing the inaugural function of the National Consultative Meeting on reorientation of medical education and functional need assessment at NIPSOM auditorium.

Chaired by Director General of Health Services Prof M Nurun Nabi, the function was also addressed by Project Director of Further Improvement of Medical Colleges Prof M Muzaherul Haq, Principal of Dhaka Medical College Prof Z Mowla Chau-

dhury, Project Manager of Further Improvement of Medical Colleges Dr Colin Bullough and WHO Representative Dr Abye-sundere.

## Human resource development stressed

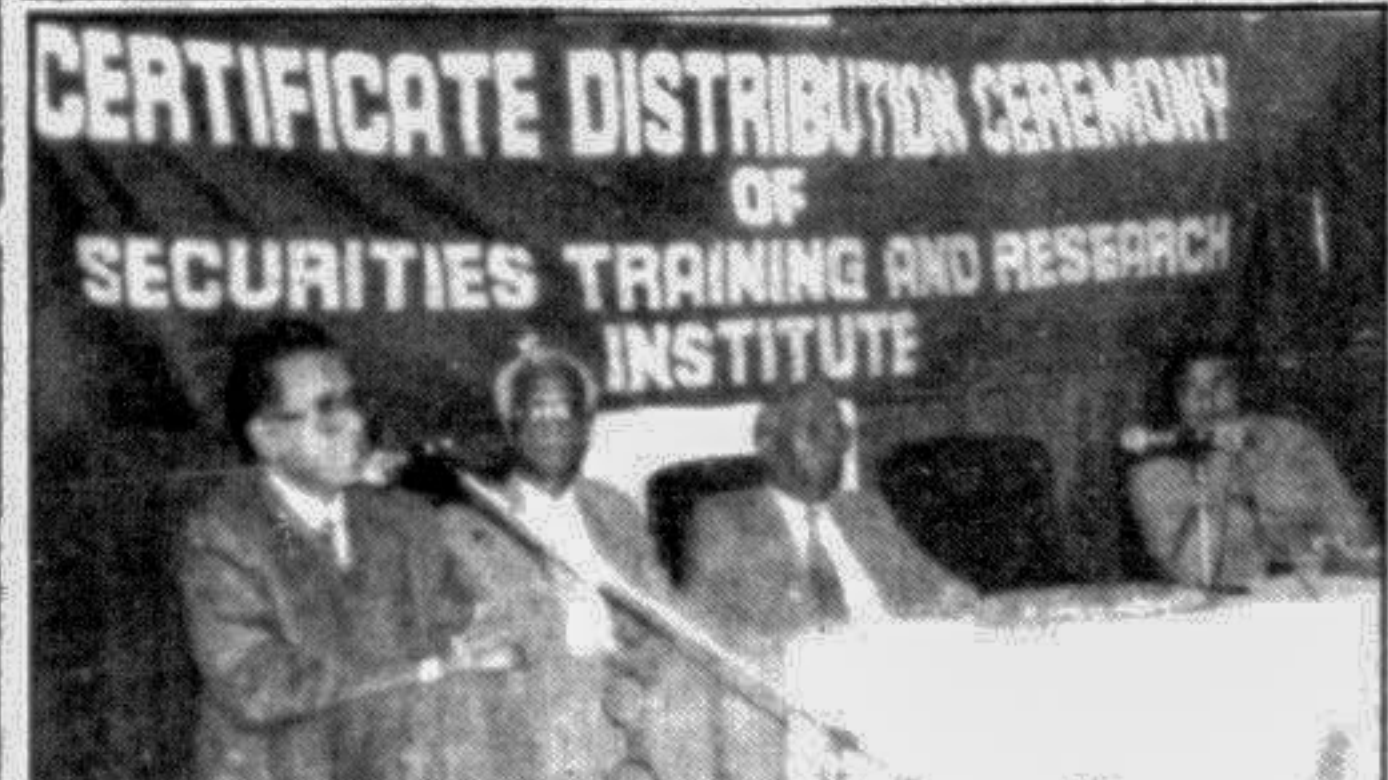
State Minister for Establishment M Aminul Haq yesterday said the existing Company Law, 1913 would be amended to make it more appropriate, reports BSS.

"We are contemplating placing a bill in the next session of Parliament in this regard," he said while addressing as the chief guest at the certificate awarding ceremony of Securities Training and Research Institute here.

Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission Sultan-uz-Zaman Khan was the special guest on the occasion while Chairman of the Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited Aminul Islam Khan presiding.

"Unless we make our people real human resources, our targets will not be fulfilled," the State Minister said.

Later, the State Minister distributed certificates among the participants.



State Minister for Establishment, M Aminul Haq addressing as chief guest the certificate award ceremony of Securities Training and Research Institute. Sitting from left Aminul Islam Khan, chairman DSE, Sultan-uz-Zaman Khan, chairman SEC and M A Quayum, honorary general secretary, DSE.

## Weather

### Thundershowers likely

By Staff Correspondent  
Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday) says light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind are likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna. The weather may remain dry elsewhere over the country.

The Met office says, the day temperature may remain unchanged over the country. The highest temperature in country yesterday was 34.5 degree Celsius recorded at Bogra and the lowest temperature 22.2 degree Celsius was at Rangpur.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5.27 am.

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

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33	27	79	69
Chittagong	32.5	26.4	78	81
Rajshahi	34	26.8	78	78
Khulna	34	27.1	84	77
Barisal	32.8	26.5	82	77
Sylhet	31.8	25.6	93	65

## Lankan minister visits Co-op Bank

Shri Lankan Minister for Food, Cooperative and Soetal Welfare Weerasinghe Mallimaratchi yesterday visited the Bangladesh Cooperative Bank, reports BSS.

Chairman of the bank Dr Abdul Motin Khan MP received the guest at the bank.

The visiting Shri Lankan minister was accorded a reception which was chaired by Dr Motin.

Mallimaratchi lauded the effort of the cooperative bank in extending help to the cooperators. He said there existed a close bond of friendship between Shri Lanka and Bangladesh in various fields including education, culture and language. He offered training facilities to 10 cooperators of Bangladesh in Shri Lanka.

## Khulna CSD godown reopens

From Staff Correspondent  
KHULNA, July 29: The Khulna CSD godown has resumed operation today after a four-month closure.

The food department godown was shut down following deterioration of law and order situation as two rival groups of miscreants clashed repeatedly over the possession of the CSD area.

More than four people were killed and hundreds of others injured in one of the worst clashes.

Meanwhile, a huge quantity of foodgrain in the godown has become unfit for human consumption. Grains worth about ten crore taka has been rotten, a sources in the food department informed the correspondent.

## 480 cans of beer recovered

The officials of Narcotics Department have recovered 480 cans of beer, 24 bottles of foreign liquor and a huge quantity of Phensidyl in raids conducted in different areas of the city, reports BSS.

Seven persons have been taken into custody in this connection.

Separate cases have been started against the arrested persons.

## INDIA-PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH-CEYLON CONFERENCES EUROPE MIDDLE EAST RATE AGREEMENT (EMERA)

### NOTICE TO TRADE U.K. AND EIRE INLAND TARIFF

RESULTING FROM A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBER LINES PROVIDING LANDSIDE OPERATIONS THERE IS A NEED FOR SOME CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE CHARGES PRESENTLY BEING APPLIED.

THE U.K. MAINLAND CHARGES HAVE BEEN RE-ASSESSED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ACTUAL COSTS, NOT ONLY FOR 20' CONTAINERS BUT ALSO FOR 40' CONTAINERS AND THEREFORE THE PRESENT FLAT RATE ADDITIONAL FOR 40' CONTAINERS WILL NO LONGER BE APPLIED AFTER THE 31ST AUGUST 1993 HOWEVER MANY OF THE RATES FOR 40' CONTAINERS WILL NOT EXCEED THEIR EXISTING LEVELS. SOME ANCILLARY INLAND CHARGES ARE TO BE AMENDED INCLUDING CERTAIN LCL SERVICE CHARGES WHICH ARE TO BE INCREASED BY UP TO PNDOS 2 PER 1000 KILOS OR CUBIC METRE.

HAVING REGARD TO RECENT EEC LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO UNDER ACTIVE TEMPERATURE CONTROL, SEPARATE RATES REFLECTING THE COSTS INVOLVED HAVE BEEN ASSSESSED FOR CARGO MOVING IN THIS FORM AND THEREFORE THE CURRENT FLAT RATE ADDITIONAL WILL NO LONGER APPLY.

DETAILS OF THE REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE CHARGES WHICH ARE DUE TO CHANGE FROM THE 1ST SEPTEMBER 1993 WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST BUT ADVISE IS GIVEN THAT THOSE CHARGES NOT PRESENTLY BEING ADJUSTED MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF SOME AMENDMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR.

DATED 26TH JULY, 1993

## RDRS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS) an International NGO wishes to fill-in the following senior positions:

1. **Assistant Programme Co-ordinator** : to be based in Rangpur. The candidate for the position must be a woman with drive and initiative and commitment to rural development. She must be 35 to 45 years of age with at least a Master's degree in the social science discipline.

Prospective candidates should possess excellent skills in oral and written English and have at least 8-10 years of work experience in rural development organizations with emphasis on Women and Development issues. She should be ready to undertake extensive field visits in the RDRS project area and deal with multiple groups of professionals related to RDRS development activities. Applicants with NGO experience in senior executive positions will be given preference.

The position offers a monthly consolidated salary of Tk. 20,000.00 to Tk. 25,000.00 depending on qualification and experiences.

2. **Credit Co-ordinator** : to be based in Rangpur. The candidate for this position should not exceed 45 years of age. She/he must have commitment to the economic upliftment of the rural poor particularly the landless. The candidate should have a Master's degree in Economics or Financial Management or in similar field and must have 8-10 years of practical experience in the management of rural credit programme preferably with NGOs.

Candidate should be capable of managing and coordinating the whole credit programme of RDRS; develop loan norms, investment plans, evaluation of loan performance; and evaluation of credit impact at the borrowers and community level.

Salary for this position will be between Tk. 15000.00 and Tk. 20000.00 consolidated per month.

Please apply to GPO Box 618, Dhaka 1000, with detailed CV and a passport size photo. The last date of receipt of applications is 20 August, 1993. Please mark the envelope 'APC' for the position at Sl. # 1 & 'CC' for the position at Sl. # 2.

Any Canvassing direct or indirect in order to influence selection will disqualify the candidate.