

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Novel way of Keeping Roads Clean

by Parveen Anam



The more crowded Dhaka gets in terms of its population and traffic, the dirtier it seems to become. Remember how clean and spruced up we all looked when we hosted the South Asian summit with the streets squeaky clean and the garbage all collected and taken away. The sage and the wise gave a cynical look, smiled and bore the audacity of the tall claims about how the pavements which were being washed down with detergent and pails of water, were only being done so as part of a routing cleanliness drive.

However, someone somewhere along the line, does seem to have pangs of conscience and to justify his paycheck at the end of the month, gives out orders that some semblance of cleanliness must be preserved at least on the big roads frequented by the paymasters, or the little man's pay might get help up. And that would never do, now would it? Hence, the order goes out to the brigade of road cleaners or 'sweepers' as they are technically called, to dutifully put in an appearance when they will be noticed most, and make a big show of cleaning and sweeping.

So, just as the poor Dhakaites, in his way to earn his living bright and early and forms part of the 'rush hour traffic' to and behold, right in the middle of the road and bang in his path, there is the sweeper (woman, or man) with broom long enough to put the chimney sweep to shame, sweeping away the road as if his very life depended on it. Not only is he sweeping the road, he is also diligently making little mounds of the garbage he is collecting, in the centre of the road. As each passing vehicle scatters these little piles all around, he rushes off and starts to sweep all over again.

But his and the Dhakaites' woes do not end there. He also has his little wheelbarrow parked in a strategic position, i.e. in the way of the oncoming traffic and whatever little dirt he does

manage to collect with great gusto, he picks with his tin shovel and puts into the wheelbarrow. All this mind you, at the peak rush hour traffic period when the most patient Dhakaites are at the end of his tether. Just as you have managed to come out from behind the smoke belching overcrowded bus, you pull up short with this wheelbarrow and long broom holding sweeper in your path, only to be promptly hit by the bus from behind with the inevitable rickshaw piling up and adding to the snarl. All of you get down in the middle of the road and then starts the endless shouting match, with the hero of the hour, the sweeper and his wheelbarrow, showing the least bit concern for the entire fiasco. You stand there tearing your hair and grimacing at the sight of your car packed in at the rear like a caved-in tin jar while the supreme authorities of course, who are basically responsible for all this, are busy making sure their jobs remain secure.

Why it never, ever occurs to the magical being at the decision making level, that the sweepers should certainly put in an appearance at an hour when it is least inconvenient to the commuting Dhakaites? Plus, does he also think that it is only the main roads which need sweeping while the inside roads of the city or the bylanes can be used as garbage dumps? For the sweeper, the cleaner and the garbage collector certainly never make detours into the interior of the city which is a story by itself where cleanliness is concerned. But then, the big bosses who sign the paychecks, do not frequent the byroads so all is well if a sweeper is visible on the main road during the rush hour. And if the poor Dhakaites face inconveniences, that is the least of the authorities' problems. The Dhakaites only pay the tax; it is the authorities who collect it. And they are the ones who make the decisions. Like it or not.

## Backwardness in science reason for poverty: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said backwardness in science and technology is the main cause of poverty, the country's biggest problem, reports UNB.

To remove technological backwardness is not a big job. But needs political sincerity, specific technological policy, proper planning and integration of technology with productivity," she said.

The Prime Minister was addressing the first meeting of the National Council for Technology and Science (NCTS) at the International Conference Centre (ICC) last evening.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan, Energy Minister Dr Khandker Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan, Barkatullah Bulu MP, National Professor M Innas Ali, BUET VC Prof Mohammad Shahjahan, National University VC Prof Shamsur Ali and Prof Iqbal Mahmud also addressed the meeting.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, Forest and Environment Minister Abdullah Al-Noman, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Farida Hasan MP, Mohammad Ahsanul Haq Mollah MP were, among others, present at the meeting.

Science and Technology Division Secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha gave a brief re-

port on the activities of the Division.

The Prime Minister said the country's human resource and many other natural resources could not be put to effective use due to backwardness in science and technology.

She said the present government is carrying forward with new commitment and initiative the policy of late President Ziaur Rahman for the development of science and technology. "We have adopted a new national science and technology policy based on the present day demand."

"Let science and technology be the effective weapon in the overall development process of the country," she asserted.

The Prime Minister emphasised on proper application of technology in daily life of the nation. "Effective application of technology in agriculture, pisciculture, poultry, dairy and forestry will help create employment opportunities for the rural masses," she hoped.

Winding up the meeting, Begum Zia reiterated her assurance that a separate ministry for science and technology will be formed soon.

The Prime Minister called upon the country's scientists to carry forward need-based research.

She particularly urged them to intensify research on saving jute, the environment-friendly natural fibre, which once was the key cash crop of the farmers.



### Abu Sayeed Chowdhury's death anniversary today

The sixth death anniversary of former President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release.

In this connection milad mahfil has been arranged beside his mazar premises at Nagbari in Tangail.

In 1971 Justice Chowdhury was Special Representative of the provisional government of Bangladesh with capital in Mujibnagar.

In 1985 he was unanimously elected chairman of the UN Commission for Human Rights.

### Two dead in city

by DMCH Correspondent

Two persons including a minor girl died in two separate incidents in the city Sunday.

A minor girl drowned to death at Cantonment area in the city Sunday morning.

The victim identified as Shathi, 7 daughter of a Mohammed Abdul Mannan Shathi, a residence of 206/a Kathukhet, Cantonment, drowned while taking a bath in a water reservoir near their house, at about 11am Sunday.

In another incident a electric lineman was electrocuted at Siddhirgonj Power House, Demra on Sunday morning.

The victim, Mohammed Bilal Hossain was seriously injured and was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors on duty declared him dead.

Both the bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

### Weather

## Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecasts valid for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday) says, light to moderate rain or thunder-showers accompanied by gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions and at few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna divisions and at few places over the country.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

The country's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangpur and lowest 22.4 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun is today (Monday) at 6:41 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:29 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.0	28.0	81	82
Chittagong	32.0	25.7	77	73
Rajshahi	33.3	26.5	82	82
Khulna	32.5	26.4	84	81
Barisal	33.2	26.6	-	85
Dinajpur	34.0	26.8	81	76
Sylhet	34.0	-	-	89
Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0	80	92

### Biswas, Khaleda greet Governor Gen, PM of Jamaica

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Government General of Jamaica Sir Howard Felix Hanlan Cooke on the occasion of his country's Independence Day, reports BSS.

In a message to Sir Cooke President Biswas wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Jamaica well being and prosperity.

Another report says: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted Prime Minister Percival James Patterson of Jamaica on the same occasion.

In a message to Prime Minister of Jamaica Begum Zia wished him good health

### DESA snaps 158 lines

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) snapped 158 illegal power lines, recovered a huge quantity of electric wires, metres and motors and nabbed 14 illegal power consumers from different areas of Khilgaon Saturday, reports UNB.

The mobile court led by Magistrate Zahurul Haq Khan conducted the operation and filed 26 cases in this connection.



5:00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme Summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	Recitation from the Bible
5:25	Sports programme: Football
6:15	Interview with Nobel laureate physicist Prof Abdus Salam
6:55	Open University
7:25	Nazrul songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Janamat
9:00	Musical programme: Barnali
10:00	News in English
10:30	Comedy series: Murphy Brown
10:50	Disco Rally
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:45	Closing



Late King Baudouin of Belgium with Ms. Manjira Khatun, member of Board of Directors and borrower of Grameen Bank, along with Professor Muhammad Yunus and Ms. Nurjahan Begum, on the occasion of the award giving ceremony of King Baudouin Foundation held in Brussels in April this year.

### 'Poor of Bangladesh lose a close friend'

By Staff Correspondent

The news of the sudden and untimely demise of King Baudouin of Belgium was received with profound shock by the Grameen Bank and its borrowers.

A message of condolence sent to the King Baudouin Foundation, by M. Khalid Shams, Managing Director of Grameen Bank said that 1.6 million borrowers of the Bank have known the King as a friend and well-wisher of the poor people of Bangladesh who have been struggling hard to attain development through self-respect and self-reliance.

The message recollected the gracious hospitality that was extended to Professor Yunus, Ms Manjira Khatun and Ms Nurjahan Begum by their Majesties last April on the occasion of the award of the King Baudouin International Prize to Grameen Bank.

The condolence message further stated that Professor Yunus, who is currently on a trip to the USA and all other members of Grameen family would like to extend sincere condolences to Queen Fabiola, members of the royal family and the people of Belgium. Grameen and the poor of Bangladesh has indeed lost a close friend, it added.

## Face natural calamity with courage: Hafiz

Minister for Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz yesterday visited different flood affected areas of Panchagarh paurashava and distributed relief materials among the flood hit people, reports UNB.

While talking to the people there Mirza Hafiz assured them of every possible government help for mitigating their sufferings and said necessary rehabilitation programme would be taken up on priority basis.

He also asked them to face natural calamity with courage and patience.

The Minister visited the town protection embankment and erosion affected areas in and around the Paurashava. He di-

### Qulkhwani held

Qulkhwani of noted businessman Akramuzzaman was held at the official residence of Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman here after Aar prayer yesterday, reports UNB.

It was attended, among others, by Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Pannu, members of the parliament, Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Noor Uddin Khan and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Akramuzzaman who died in Singapore on July 26, was the brother-in-law of the Foreign Minister.

rected the water development authority to extend the town protection embankment to the eroded portion of the river Karata in the next phase.

Later the minister formally inaugurated the fisheries fortnight 93 in Thakurgaon district through a formal function held here at local Paurashava auditorium.

Khurshid Jahan Haque, MP also spoke on the occasion. The Minister also formally released fish fries at the local Comilla Hari pond and planted saplings on its bank.

### British ODA grant for Sylhet flood victims

The British Overseas Development Administration (ODA) has made a grant of Tk 30 lakh to alleviate the effects of flood damage in Sylhet, reports UNB.

Of the total grant, Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB), a non-government organisation, has been allocated Tk 27 lakh for sinking and repairing of 1,000 tube-wells.

The rest Taka 3 lakh will go to the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) for purchasing oral rehydration salts, water purification tablets and seeds for distribution by the local NGOs working in the field.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visiting a stall after inaugurating 'Fish Exhibition 93' at the premises of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council at Farmgate in the city Sunday. Story on page one.

## 'Utilise water resources for pisciculture'

RAJSHAHI, Aug 1: The countrywide 'fish fortnight' began throughout the division today with the objective to create awareness among the people for increasing fish production in the country, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the programme here at Teachers Training College, State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain called upon all concerned including fishermen to utilise our vast water resources for pisciculture to enrich our economy.

He said, we have a lot of water bodies from which we could increase fish production through proper management. Meanwhile, Golam Rabbany MP inaugurated the programme at Joypurhat at a function held at the town hall. He released two thousand fish fries at thana parishad pond on the occasion.

In Natore, the fish fortnight was inaugurated by Abu Bakar Sherpuri MP at a function held at Zila Parishad auditorium. Sherpuri also released 2000 fish fries at the lake of Uttara Gana Bhaban.

Chittagong Fisheries fortnight 93 began here as elsewhere in the country.

On the occasion a colourful rally paraded the streets from Shaheed minar to Laidighi with

## Unidentified body found

By DMCH Correspondent Police recovered the body of a person from Sobhanbagh, Savar, hanging to a tree at about 11am Sunday.

The 25 year old victim was not immediately identified.

Police, however, could not say whether it was a case of suicide or not. Police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

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EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an extra Ordinary General Meeting of GQ Ball Pen Industries Limited will be held at the Factory premises of the Company, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Jhumjhum, Jessore on Wednesday, the 25th August, 1993 at 9-00 A.M. to pass the following resolutions as special resolutions with or without modification for amending some clauses of Articles of Association of the Company.

- SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**
- Resolved that in the second line of Article '68' of the Articles of Association of the Company figure '25,000' shall be substituted by figure '10,000'.
  - Further resolved that Article '71' which reads as under: "The remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in General Meeting. The Directors will be entitled to the actual travelling and hotel expenses incurred by them for attending the meeting of the Board, subject to the prior approval of the Controller of capital issues" shall now be substituted to read as under: "The remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in General Meeting. The Directors shall be entitled to the actual travelling and hotel expenses incurred by them for attending the meeting of the Board. In addition, they shall be entitled to a fee of Tk. 750/- for attending each meeting of the Board."

By order of the Board  
Executive Director  
&  
Secretary

Dated: August 02, 1993.

**NOTE:**

- All members entitled to attend and vote at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. Such proxy shall be a member of the Company. The instrument appointing a proxy, together with the power of attorney (if any) under which it is signed or certified by Notary Public thereof, shall be deposited at the office of the Company at least 72 hours before the scheduled time for holding the meeting.
- Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company.