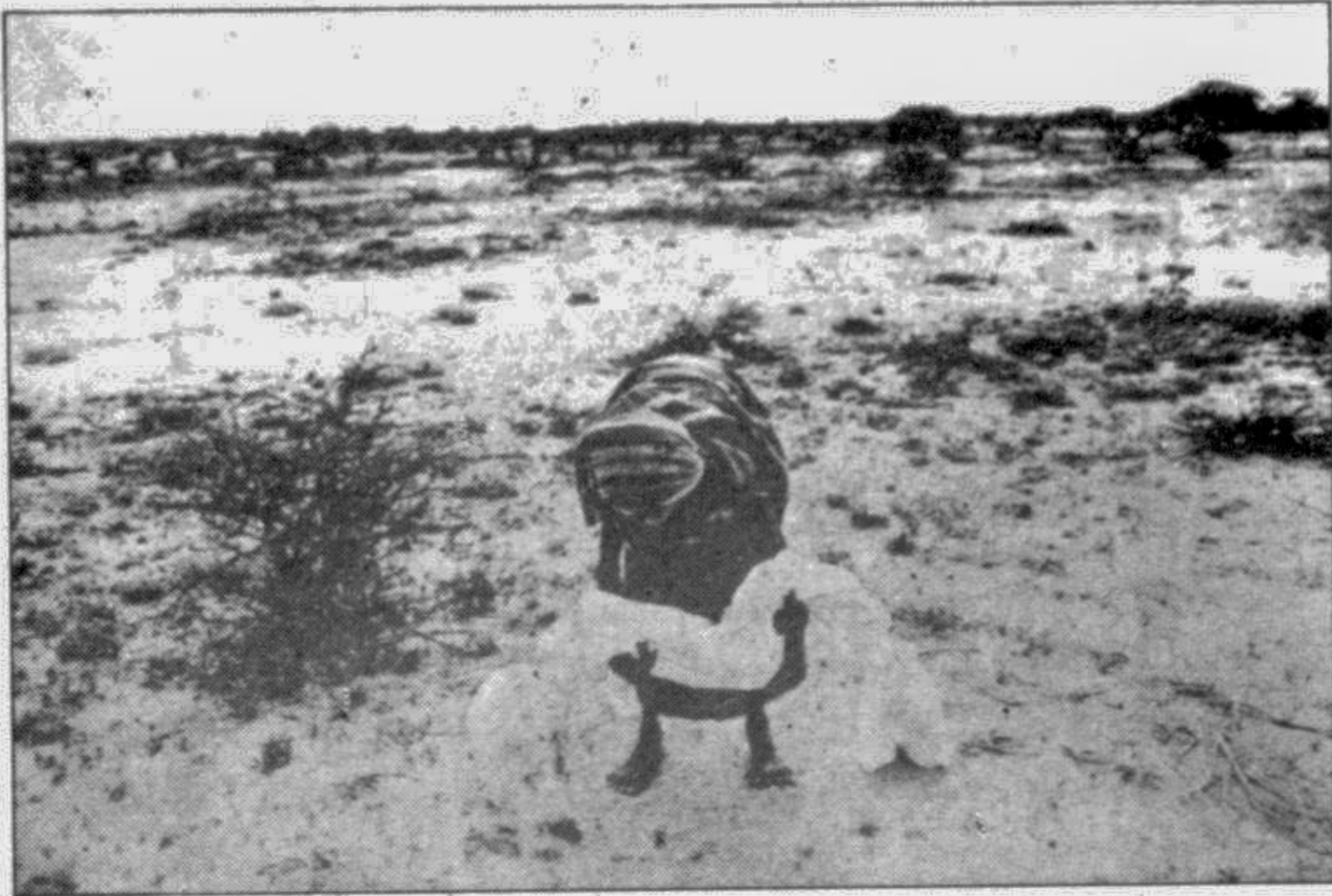


Dhaka Day by Day

Summarising Life and Experience

by Fayza Haq



James Nachtwey World Press Photo of the year 1992. A Somali mother carries the shrouded body of her child to the grave. — World Press Photo

The World Press Photo exhibition, with its 152 displays chosen from 20,000 entries coming from 84 countries, opened at Drik gallery recently. Every year, for 36 years, they have made a splendid pictorial display of social, political, cultural and human events. Often journalists risked their lives in order to do their job. The prizes for extra-ordinary pictures were given by a jury of 9 people including photographers, editors, writers and art directors. This is the first time that the exhibition has come to Bangladesh.

James Nachtwey's entry showed a mother carrying her dead child to the grave in Somalia after wrapping it in a shroud. A bad drought coupled with civil war had claimed between one and two million people, more than two hundred a day, in the worst affected areas. This was the Photo of this Year 1992.

Joel Robine's Children Press Photo of the Year had a Somali boy running purposefully towards an aid convoy that had just arrived in a village in Somalia. The first prize winner for Spot News entry by Bojan Stojanovic showed streets of the small northern Bosnian town of Brecko — a scene of a ruthless killing in early summer. Accused of firing at a Serbian refugee convoy, a Muslim sniper was captured and shot at the back of the head.

The second prize winner Spot News entry by Patrick Robert was shot at Lyberia, W. Africa, and depicted children crowding around the body of a soldier who had just been executed by a squad. The second prize winner General News Story entry by Ken Oosrook showed how the trains linking South Africa's township with Central Johannesburg were attacked in which, in '92, 77 commuters were killed and more than 500 seriously injured. Well separated in black, grey and yellow the soldiers, survivors and dead bodies were depicted in depth.

The first prize winner People in the News entry by Steve Dykes showed a US basketball hero Ervin Johnson shedding a few tears on the day he retired from Los Angeles Lakers at the age of 32. Ana Cecilia Gonzalez's Third prize winning entry in People and News showed Guzman, leader of the Shining Path guerrilla movement, being kept in a cage after he was taken prisoner in Peru.

The second prize winner People in the News entry by Bastienne Schmidt showed Roberta Menchu, human right activist from Guatemala, who received the '92 Nobel Peace Prize on 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in America, what commemorated Menchu's attention was the other side of the coin for the Indian population in Latin America. Budapest Award photo by Jan Sonnenmaier documented the life of Lory, an American nurse and the two children she chose to adopt — Miguel who was born with AIDS and Max a drug addict from birth. They lived their life one day at a time although AIDS was not forgotten and their daily life was like any other family.

The Second Prize winner Daily Life Story entry by Stephen Perry depicted a tribal city which, during the Spanish colonial time, was the source of half the silver that was mined in the Bolivian mountains. Now it was the grave of millions of Indians. Michael Kunkel had won the First Prize in Sports for his picture of the Summer Olympics with the CIS team and their 45 gold medals. The First Prize in Arts went to Christina Garcia Rodero who had captured the spring festival when flowers were offered to Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. The city was depicted as exploding with life and colours of the rainbow with fire displays and giant cardboard horses going up in smoke.

A glance through the pictures showed photography's power to inform and communicate. The great documentary photographs did much more than simply witness the world's events. They offered insights as well as evidence, interpretation and commentary as well as factual record. Much of the work that had been presented communicated with an emotional power and immediacy that words alone cannot achieve, sometimes presenting ideas and feelings that cannot be spoken. They summarized a lifetime's experience or symbolised a nation's life in a carefully selected millisecond. The fact that hundreds of thousands of visitors around the globe were viewing and appreciating this exhibition bore out the power of the photograph to transcend cultural and linguistic frontiers. The display was a visual documentary and an eye-witness to history.

Proper valuation of land vital for revenue earning: Hafiz

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz yesterday underscored the need for immediate amendments to the existing registration and stamp act to check undervaluation of land while making registration, reports BSS.

He, however, said the revenue earning from land registration along with other taxes could be doubled if even the existing laws were strictly followed.

The Law Minister said the proper valuation of a land was a very important factor with regard to revenue earning. He said 22,000 cases of undervaluation, fake documents and fake stamps were detected at Savar last year.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the installation ceremony-93 of Bangladesh Registration Service Association at a city hotel.

Presided over by AFM Reza-Karim, President of the Association the function was also addressed by State Minister for Establishment Barrister Aminul Huq, Inspector General of Registration Afzal Hossain Ahmed, and General Secretary of the Association Rafiqul Islam.

Mirza Golam Hafiz said a law reform commission had been set up with a view to amending some laws.

'Utpal's death great void'

By Staff Correspondent

Utpal Dutta left behind a proud heritage in the field of Bangla play. Our solemn duty is to uphold the honour of the rich heritage, commented different socio-cultural and dramatic organisations in separate statements on the demise of noted personality and cine director Utpal Dutta.

Utpal Dutta passed away on Thursday at his Calcutta residence at the age of 64. Nagorik Natya Sampradaya in a condolence statement termed his death as 'a great void' in the global dramatic sphere.

Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute President Kabir Chowdhury and General Secretary Ramendu Majumder in a joint statement said yesterday that the demise of Utpal Dutta brings down curtain on a four-decade chapter in the Bangla stage history.

Noted stage and film director and Vice Principal of Theatre School Abdullah Al-Mamun said Utpal Dutta's contribution to Bangla stage would inspire long the theatre activists of the country.

National Museum opens Nazrul, Rokeya special corners Monday

The Bangladesh National Museum will open two special corners in memory of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, reports UNB.

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will formally inaugurate the corners on August 23 (Monday) at 5:30 pm.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum will attend the function as special guest. The inaugural session will be chaired by Secretary for Cultural Affairs IU Malik.

A discussion meeting on the works of Nazrul and Rokeya will also be held after the inaugural function. Executive Director of Nazrul Institute Mohammad Mahfuzullah and Chairman of the Shishu Academy Dr Anwara Monsur will take part in the discussion.

The discussion will be followed by a dance-drama 'Kabi Priya' by Nazrul.

Salam back home

The Secretary General of the BNP and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder returned home yesterday after about a month-long visit to the USA, reports BSS.



- Saturday**
- 5:00 Opening announcement
 - Al-Quran
 - Programme summary
 - 5:10 News in Bangla
 - 5:20 Recitation from the Tripitak
 - 5:25 Moner Katha
 - 6:00 Cartoon Young Robin Hood
 - 6:30 Shamachar
 - 7:00 Banashori
 - 8:00 News in Bangla
 - 8:30 Mati O Mamush
 - 9:00 Amar Desh
 - 9:30 Shatabadtr Orantha
 - 10:00 News in English
 - 10:30 Drama Series: Dallas
 - 11:30 Khabar/The News
 - 11:45 Closing



State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum inaugurated a 17-day miniature painting exhibition at the Gallery Tone in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Better hospital management stressed

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called upon the hospital administrators to develop their management skills for improving the quality of healthcare, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury was addressing as chief guest the first national conference of the society for Hospital Administration, Bangladesh at the NIPSOM auditorium here.

The Deputy Leader of the House said effective and efficient delivery of healthcare services required better management in the health institutions of the country. To achieve this proper utilisation of manpower in the health sector is imperative," he added.

Presided over by Prof AKM Salahuddin, the function was also addressed, among others, by Dr Md Lutfur Rahman, Dr Md Zahangir, Prof AKM Kafi-uddin and Prof Md Nurun Nabi, Director General of Health Services.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday) and at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions.

The Met Office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest 22.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati.

The major amounts of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday across the country were: Sitakundo 122 mm, Chittagong 78, and Patuakhali 79mm.

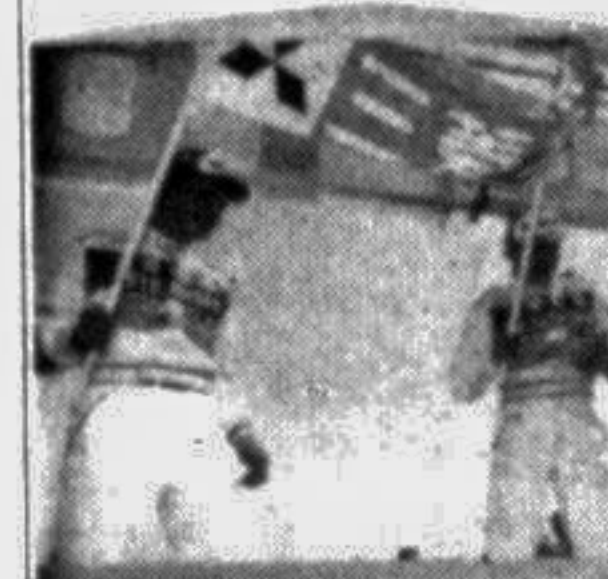
The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:27 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:36 am.

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

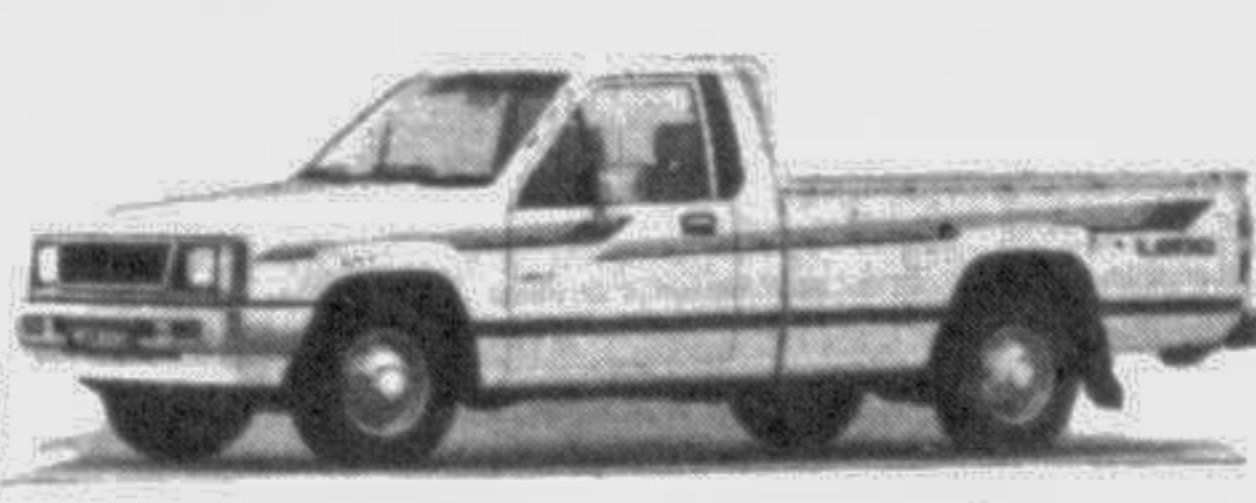
Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	29.0	26.2	85	82
Chittagong	27.2	24.5	97	92
Rajshahi	33.6	26.8	90	86
Khulna	29.3	26.4	86	92
Barisal	27.6	25.8	98	97
Cox's Bazar	30.0	25.5	96	92
Syhet	30.6	25.0	87	90
Dinajpur	31.2	25.8	92	81

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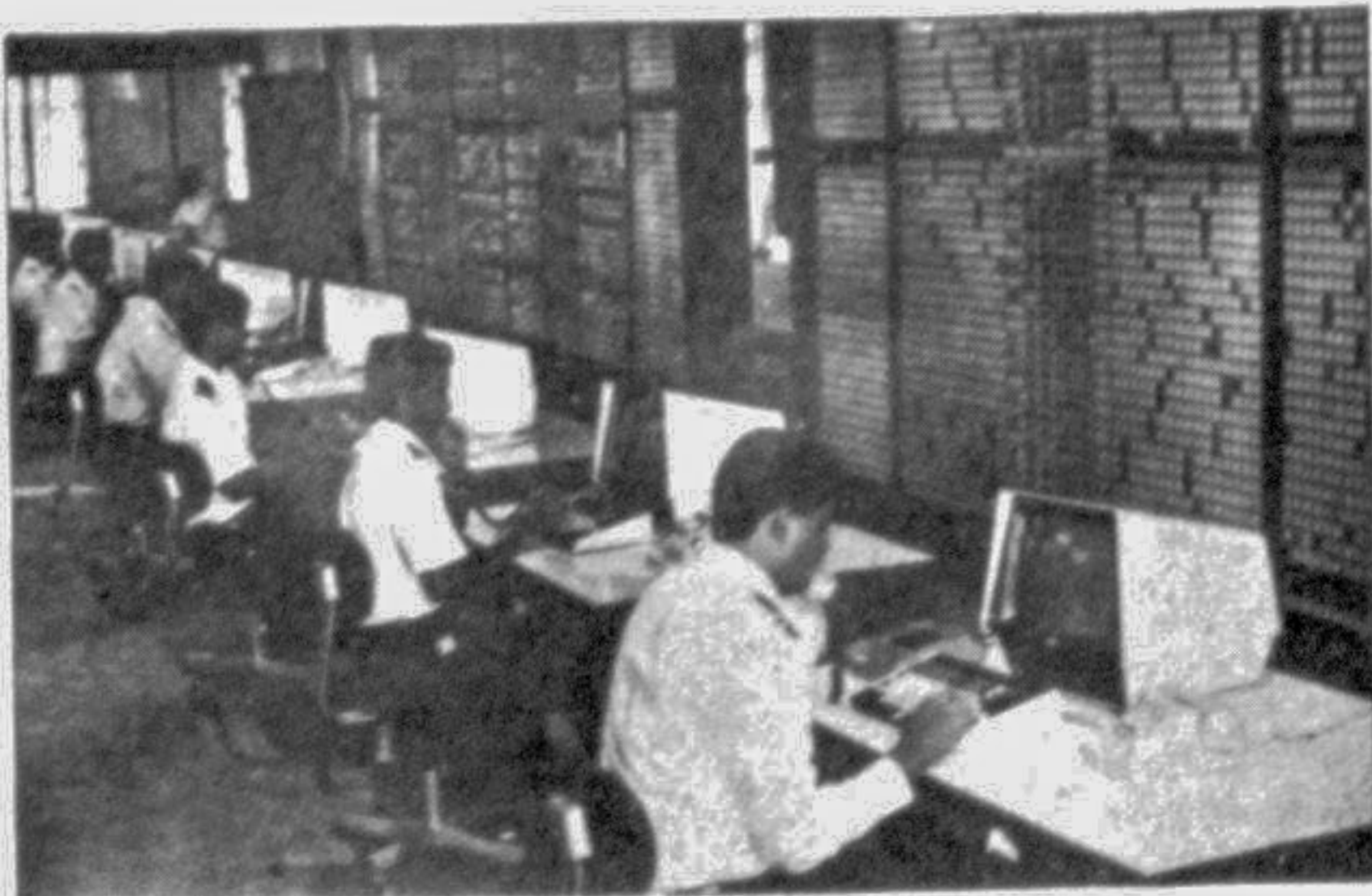


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