

Dhaka Day by Day

Fast Food : No Mere Fad

by Lavina A Ahmed



Inside Latimi, one of the fast-food centres, leisurely eating adds to its speciality.

Hungry? No problem, just look around you and go to the nearest fast food joint. Fast food shops have sprung up all over the city, adding a new trend to city life.

Gone are the days when people relied upon the delectable home-cooked meals or snacks. Life today is simply too demanding to waste away in a kitchen. Women nowadays are more preoccupied with household chores or busy pursuing their careers than finding time to practise their culinary skills. That may be one of the reasons behind the ever-increasing number of eating places. The other important reason could be their immense popularity with people of all age groups.

Dhanmondi alone boasts several fast food centres, such as La Bamba, Cooper's, Oasis, Somersault etc. while there are others throughout the city doing good business: Candyfloss Swiss, Patisserie, Furpo's, Delicatessen, Doel-France, Shwarma, Kintuki to name but a few. Then there is also Dolce Vita 'Gelato', an ice-cream shop, which offers its customers many exotic flavours. For pizza lovers there is a chain of pizza joints all over the city having names like Pizza Palace, Pizza Hut, Pizza Inn, Pizza Lake and many others.

One noteworthy feature is that the foods offered in these places as well as the prices of the goodies are more or less the same. Chicken or beef patties, pie, pizza, pastry, cake, assorted biscuits etc. and of course soft fizzy drinks are available there. But that's not the main attraction. Since there aren't many places in the city for young people to go, they use these places as 'hangouts' — where they can hang around with their buddies and chat, without parental super-

vision. It also solves some working mothers' problem of having to make 'tiffin' for their school-going kids every single day. Office-goers too are often lured into taking a quick lunch in these eateries during their lunch break.

Conveniently located, these centres are usually situated near the shopping mall or at one corner of the street. Prices too, are quite reasonable. These two points of course, greatly contribute to the popularity of these eating places. However, these centres would do better if they introduced a little variety in their food items. After all, variety is the spice of life! Each should have its own speciality or else people won't be able to develop their taste and also the liking for one or the other.

With the eye-catching signboards, the nice decor — not to mention the promise of 'yummy fun' food, these centres attract a mixed and enormous crowd of people each day. Suppose you happen to meet a long-lost friend at the shops or in the street and don't have a clue where to go, try one of these places where you can relax and talk while sipping a glass of ice-cool, fountain-fresh soda. Anyone, whose wallet is not empty, after a tiring day, might be tempted if not for anything else, just out of curiosity to see if it's as good inside as it looks from the outside.

Fast-food centres go well with the 'fast' life of the busy, new generation. Though, obviously our food centres are no match for MacDonalds or any other food chain abroad, it's a good start. They have not taken the city by storm but slowly and surely a considerable number of people's food habits are changing. Whether for good or bad only time will tell.

Mass edn alone can help improve quality of life, says Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon the teachers of the Primary Schools to motivate the people to educate their children for eradicating illiteracy from the society, reports UNB.

"The country could achieve progress and prosperity only through increasing the rate of literacy and intellectual ability," he said adding that mass education alone can help us in improving the quality of our life.

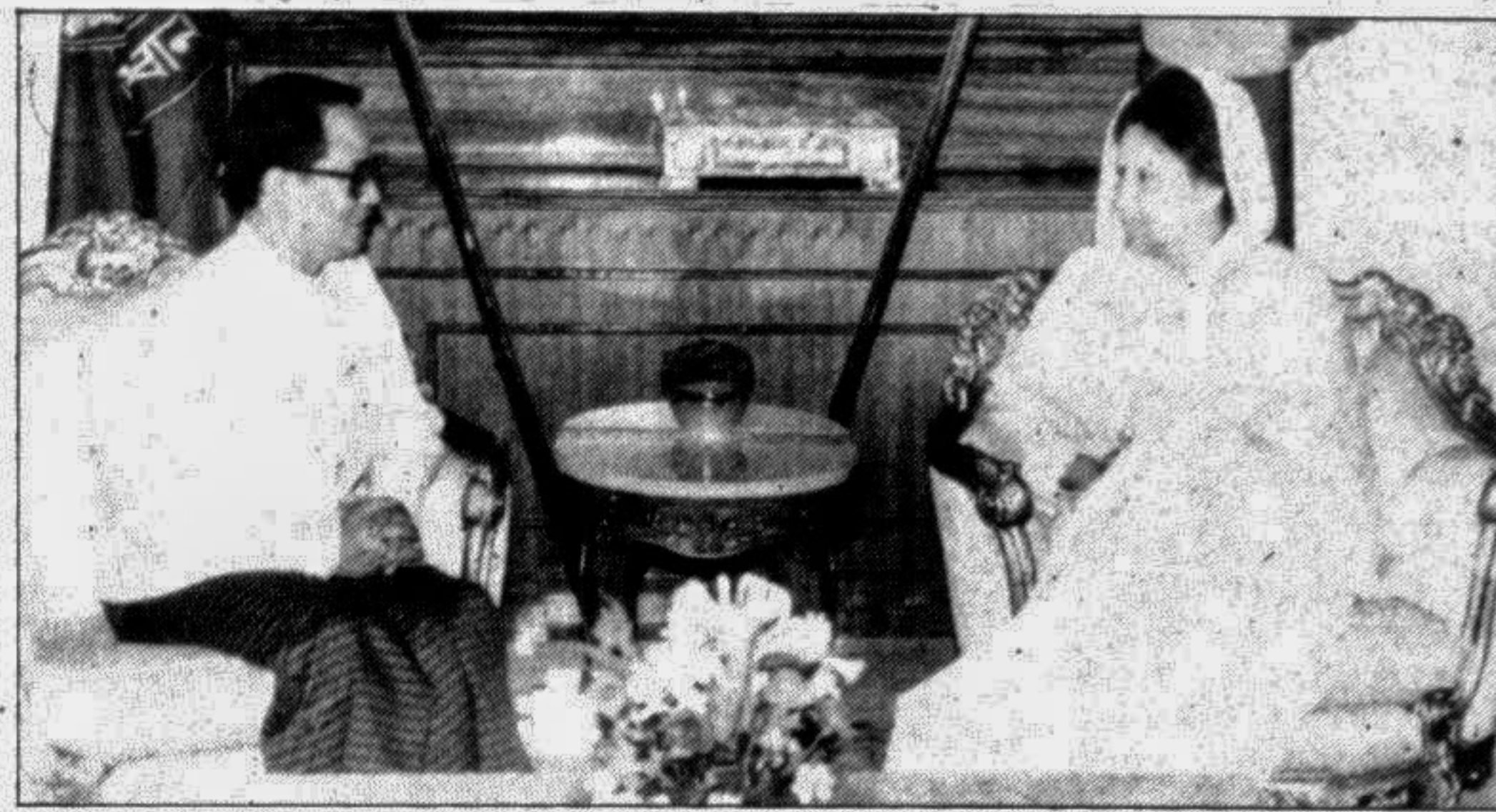
President Biswas was addressing a 65-member delegation of the Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association at Bangabhaban when they called on him. The delegation was led by Prof. Abul Kalam Azad, president of the association.

The President said that the basic responsibility of the teachers of the primary schools is to create consciousness among the people about the importance of education for alleviating poverty and removing causes of social backwardness. For unhindered development, he said it is obviously important to root out causes of illiteracy and help bring awareness about the harmful effects of population explosion on the limited resources of the country.

Stressing the need for female education, he said that they should be equally equipped with knowledge like their male counterparts, so that they may also contribute to socio-economic development. He expressed satisfaction that the literacy rate of the country including women literacy was increasing day by day.

He advised the teachers to put in their best for overall development of the country particularly development of the rural areas.

Earlier, the president of the association Prof. Abul Kalam Azad apprised the President about their different problems and sought his cooperation to resolve them.



The new Ambassador of Myanmar to Bangladesh U Hla Myint Woo called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

— PID photo

BRTA asks vehicle owners to mention colour in blue book

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has requested all owners of motor vehicles to mention the colour of their vehicles in their registration certificate (Blue Book), reports UNB.

An official handout yesterday said as per rules, it is compulsory to mention colour of vehicles in the blue book to identify the vehicles easily.

But there is no mention of colour of many vehicles in their blue book causing the owners face to the law enforcing agencies. The owners should hence mention the colour in their blue book at the time of registration.

Mostafiz visits education, health projects at Gulshan

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman yesterday visited some education and health projects at Gulshan here, reports BSS.

The projects were undertaken by the Gulshan Ladies Community Club.

Bomb attack on Ajker Kagoj condemned

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday strongly condemned Friday's bomb attack on 'Ajker Kagoj' newspaper office here, reports BSS.

In a statement, he said the enemies of democracy had made a blow on the freedom of expression of people by this heinous attack on a newspaper office.

"It was done at a time when the democratic government elected by the people was striving hard to institutionalise democracy through ensuring independence of newspapers and free expression of views by the people," he said.

Sounding a note of stern warning, the Information Minister said the present democratic government would at any cost uphold the independence of newspaper and right of people for free expression of views.

The Information Minister urged the democratic, political and social forces to come forward in preserving the country's independence and sovereignty by giving democracy an institutional shape by upholding the independence of newspapers and expression of the people.

Council of Editors

Sanaullah Nuri and A Q M Zainul Abedin, President and General Secretary respectively of the Bangladesh Council of Editors, expressed serious concern at the incident of bombing.

In a joint statement, they demanded immediate arrest of the culprits and their exemplary punishment.

They said that similar incidents of attack took place at the offices of Banglar Bank, Ittefaq, Sangbad and Bangla Bazar Patrika but the authorities have failed to apprehend the culprits.

Convener of the Deshprem

Party, Marshal Shah Alam, expressed his condemnation against the attack on the 'Ajker Kagoj' office and said such attacks must be stopped for the sake of democracy and freedom of the press.

BSP

Bangladesh Sangbadpatrika Parishad (BSP) has strongly protested and condemned the Friday's 'dastardly' attack.

The condemnation was voiced yesterday at an emergency meeting of BSP with its president Kazi Shaheed Ahmed in the chair.

The meeting demanded judicial inquiry into the incident and exemplary punishment to those responsible for the attack. It said those who made the attack want to jeopardise the role of newspaper in flourishing democracy in the country.

The meeting was attended by Barrister Moinul Hossain (Ittefaq), Mizanur Rahman Mizan (Khabar), Anwarul Islam Bobby (Morning Sun), Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim (Banglar Banl) and BSP secretary general Enayetullah Khan.

Nizami denies involvement

Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Moulana Motur Rahman Nizami said his party was not involved in the attack on 'Ajker Kagoj' newspaper office.

In a statement, Moulana Nizami, who is also the leader of the Jamaat parliamentary party, termed the reported involvement of Jamaat in the attack Friday as 'baseless and motivated'.

The Jamaat leader, however, urged the government to take stern action against those responsible for this attack, a party press release said here.

Weather Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

The weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday) says temporary light rain or thundershower is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Barisal divisions and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Met Office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 35 degrees Celsius was recorded in Comilla while the lowest of 23.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rangamati yesterday.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5.58 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.47 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.4	26.5	78	73
Chittagong	33.0	26.2	78	81
Rajshahi	33.0	26.6	79	86
Khulna	34.6	26.4	82	80
Barisal	34.0	26.2	84	77
Dinajpur	34.4	26.5	86	72
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.0	78	80
Sylhet	33.0	25.0	79	73



Journalists and employees of the daily 'Ajker Kagoj' brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the Friday's bomb attack on their office.

— Star photo

Adeluddin laid to rest

The body of Advocate Adeluddin Hawladar, 65, Secretary General of Zaker Party and eldest son-in-law of 'pir shahab' of Atrashi was laid to rest at the Biswa Zaker Manjil in Faridpur Thursday night, reports UNB.

Fazlur Rahman returns

State Minister for Social Welfare M Fazlur Rahman returned yesterday after attending an international conference on "Social development and poverty" held in Mexico from September 8 to 11, reports BSS.

Rally protests attack on Ajker Kagoj

By Staff Correspondent

The journalists and employees of The Ajker Kagoj, a vernacular daily, rallied in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to protest Friday's bomb attack on their office.

Speakers at the rally criticised the activities of the Jamaat-Shibir activists and said the attack was a manifestation of their heinous activities against the spirit of the Liberation War.

The rally was addressed, among others, by A R M Reza Arefin, News-Editor of the Ajker Kagoj, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, former President of the BPUJ, Altaf Mahmud, General Secretary of the DUJ.

The rally over, it was announced that a memorandum of protest will be handed over to the Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and other parliamentary groups in parliament except the Jamaat.

122 held in city

Police rounded up 122 people, including nine wanted criminals, from different parts of the city in last 24 hours, reports UNB.

All the arrested people, who also include two charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act, two accused of robbery and another eight of burglary and stealing, were produced before the court.

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