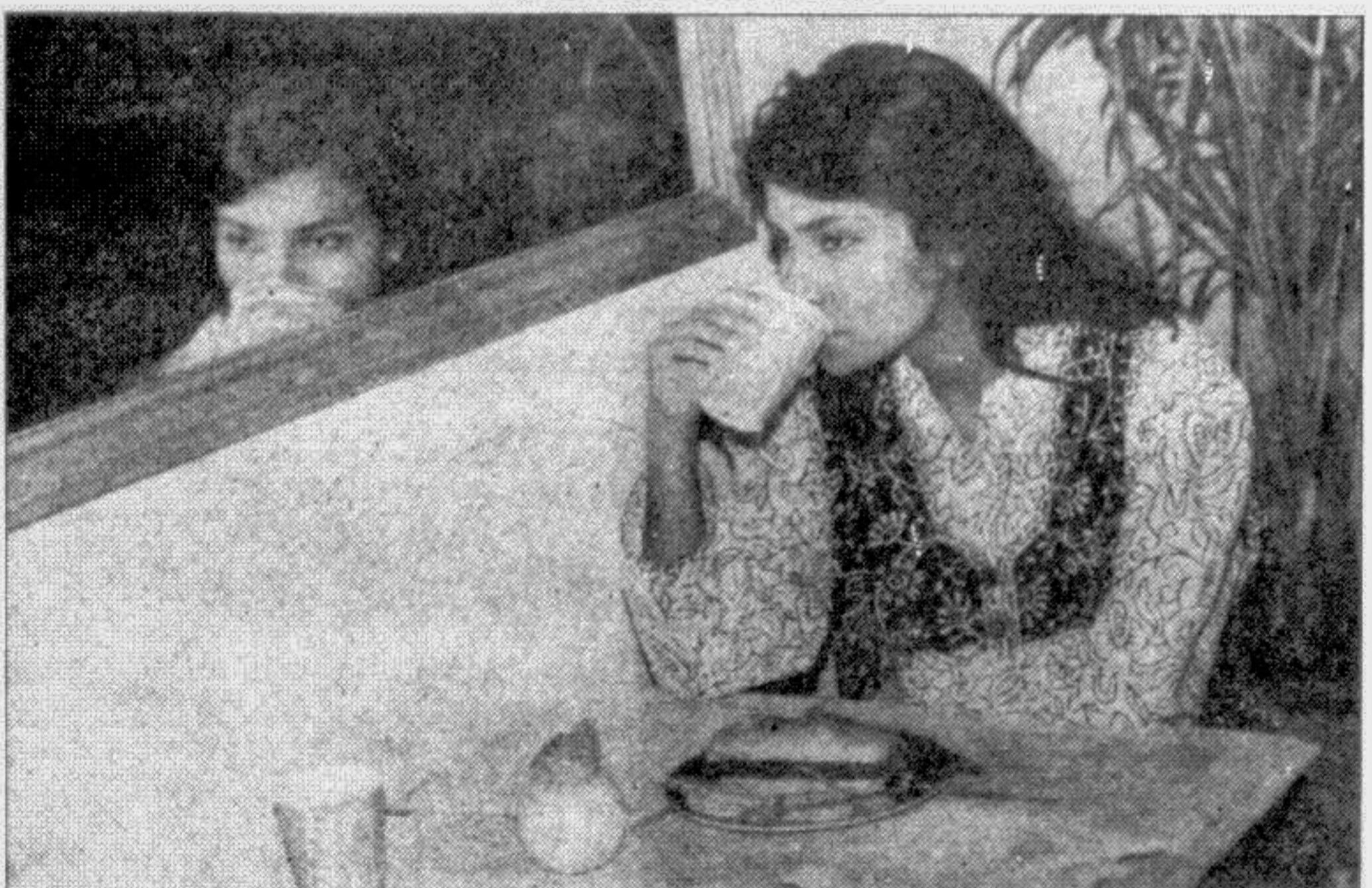


## Metropolitan

## 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.

Go 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 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 supervision.

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 specialty 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 shop 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 to 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

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.

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## 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 Ramgarh 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   |

## Myanmar envoy calls on Khaleda

Newly-appointed Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Hla Myint Woo made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister congratulated the Ambassador on his new assignment to Bangladesh and assured him all-out cooperation in carrying out his duty.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabiani was present during the meeting.

## DUCSU function on Education Day held

A special cultural function organised by the DUCSU Cultural Team was held yesterday at the TSC auditorium, in observance of the Education Day, reports UNB.

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Enajuddin Ahmed inaugurated the function at the auditorium. Inaugurating the function, he called upon the students to make the campus terrorism-free through sound cultural practice.

Patriotic song, recitation, dance, were performed at the cultural function, conducted by chief coordinator of DUCSU Cultural Team, Aminul Islam Khondaker.

Sadhan Das, Shilpi, Bedar, Tipu, Hanif, Boby, Mani, Lubna, Bacchu, Milan, Masud, Kamal, Faisal, Runa, Shahin, Ratna, Shikha, Motna and Dilip were, among others, participated in the function.

## Three die in separate city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were electrocuted, one committed suicide and another two were injured in separate incidents in the city over the last two days.

A housewife reportedly committed suicide at her residence at Kamrangirchar Friday night.

The victim Ambia Khatun, 15, wife of Mohammed Ali fell sick after taking poison and was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

She died at the hospital Saturday morning.

Relatives of the victim said Ambia got married with Mohammed Ali of Kamrangirchar a few months ago.

Her family sources alleged that Ambia took poison as her husband Ali beat her seriously.

Faruk, a thirteen years old boy was electrocuted at Islambagh in the city Friday afternoon. Faruk, son of Mohammed Abdus Sattar was electrocuted when he came in contact with a live wire near Islambagh in the city Friday. He died on the spot.

In another incident, Shajahan, 20, was electrocuted at his residence at the Shahi-

dullah Hall staff quarters of the Dhaka University in the city yesterday morning.

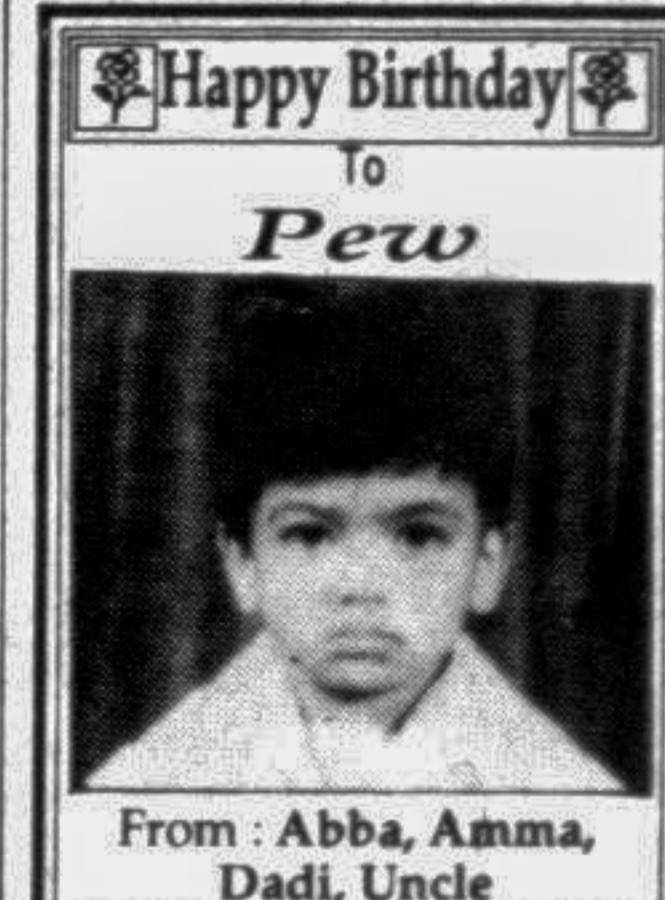
The victim Shahjahan was seriously injured and was immediately sent to the DMCH where the doctors on duty declared him dead.

Police sent all the bodies to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Muggers assaulted a person and snatched Tk 17,000 at Green Road area in the city yesterday afternoon.

The victim Kalim, 16, received bullet injuries in his right hand when he was crossing the road.

Kalim, a resident of Mirpur Section 10, was admitted to the DMCH.



## BCIC International Tender Notice

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The Managing Director, Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation for sale of Lithium Chloride and Olyel Alcohol. Tender will be received up to 11:00 AM on 03-10-93. Tender document will be available at Taka 100/- (one hundred) from (1) Accounts Division, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong (3) Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited. No Tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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Dated : 12-9-93

## International Tender Notice

BAPEX invites quotation from the reputed Manufacturers/Representatives for procurement of mentioned stores against the following International Tender for Shabujpur Well under cash foreign exchange.

| Sl. No. | Tender No.              | Description of stores                        | Opening date | Closing date & time          | Opening time | Price of documents (Non-refundable) |
|---------|-------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.      | BAPEX/PD/INT/ TEN-21/93 | Mud testing Apparatus/ Instruments/ Reagents | 28-10-93     | 28-10-93<br>at<br>11.00 hrs  | 11.15 hrs    | Tk. 300.00 or US\$ 8.00             |
| 2.      | BAPEX/PD/INT/ TEN-22/93 | Drilling Jar                                 | 01-11-93     | 01-11-93<br>at<br>11.00 hrs. | 11.15 hrs    | Tk. 750.00 or US\$ 25.00            |
| 3.      | BAPEX/PD/INT/ TEN-23/93 | Mud Logging Unit                             | 03-11-93     | 03-11-93<br>at<br>11.00 hrs  | 11.15 hrs    | Tk. 2500.00 or US\$ 65.00           |

Tender documents containing detailed specification with terms & conditions will be available with BAPEX Accounts & Finance Division, Ibrahim Mansion (4th floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka from 27-9-93 on all working days between 9.00 hrs. to 12.30 hrs. on payment. The quotation will be received and opened as per respective date & time mentioned above in the tender box placed in Material Control Division, BAPEX, 9th floor, HDFC Building, 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka up to 11.00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 11.15 AM presence of bidders available.

In addition the tender documents will also be sold and received as per stated date and time in the following offices:

1. Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petro Centre, Plot No. 3, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
2. Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Head Office, Chapapur, Comilla.
3. Titas Gas T & D Co. Ltd, Titas Bhaban, 11, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
4. Jalalabad Gas T & D Systems Ltd, Amborkhana, Bara Bazar, Sylhet.
5. RPCCL, BSEC Bhaban, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.
6. Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknagool, Sylhet.
7. Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Court Road, Brahmanbaria.

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