

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Language that Endures Test of Time

by Nazme Sabina

What is the international language? The ready answer obviously is expected to be English. But to most people's great surprise, the answer is incorrect. Only after carrying out some homework do we know that the correct answer to the question is "sign language". When someone faces the inmates of 62,

were from cultural performances, such as drama, different sports competition and publishing souvenir. But the amount is only Tk 80,000 per annum which is too meagre to run an organization," said M A Hossain, the president of the Association.

Bijoyanagar, Dhaka, communicating among themselves, the theory turns to be an empirical evidence.

Dhaka Association of the Deaf (DAD), the first of its kind under private management, was established in 1976 at Bijoyanagar. The Association aims at providing education, imparting training and supplying all necessary assistance to make the deaf competent for the competitive world of ours through income-generation activities and self-employment.

Among the existing nine associations of the Bangladesh National Federation for the Deaf (BNFD), the DAD has been working for 17 years as a registered voluntary organisation. Now the organisation has 285 volunteers, of whom 40 are female members.

The DAD is conducting vocational training in various crafts including tailoring, electrical works, art and printing, besides the association has taken the initiative to sell various products produced by its deaf artisans at its display centre in Dhaka.

In addition to the vocational and recreational training, the deaf are receiving traditional education from the Association's school. Creditably they appear at the S.S.C examination and even study in colleges.

"As the deaf don't hear anything around them, so they can concentrate on their own deeds, like art and painting, etc," said Mr M A Bari, Executive President of the Association.

"But the problem of fund often squeezes many activities of the Association," said Azharul Huq, Vice President. "Previously we received a little amount of donation from the government and the Federation, but for the last three years we have got nothing," added Huq. He also informed that the principal sources of their funds



vision (BTV) like our neighbouring countries. If BTV telecasts news with sign language side by side, we can get in touch with what is happening at home and abroad, otherwise we will not be integrated to national development".

Not only have the deaf members of the Association shown their talent in sports and cultural fields, they have also proved their potentialities in different fields as draftsmen, signboard writers, photographers, and electricians. They also work in painting and publishing, holding better position with good impression.

The deaf members of the organisation themselves gather in the regular daily evening meetings, no matter if other members join them or not. They discuss their problems, how they can improve their condition, etc. They share their views with other members, even they themselves arrange their annual picnic, publish souvenir and last March they performed a drama which received wide appreciation.

"We do not like to live on charity, we have our own hands. We want to serve the nation, being active members," said Osman Khaled.

While discussing the financial problem of the DAD, M Osman Khaled, a deaf member who is now working as senior draftsman in the Shapali Sangsad Limited burst out in anger and communicated through sign language — which was later interpreted by Syedur Rahman — "We don't have our own land. We have to pay for these two rooms. As we are working for the well-being of the mankind, why do we have to pay for these? We deserve a suitable centre".

Shah Babul Ahmed, another deaf member of the Association, associated since the birth of the organisation, who received several awards in different international competition said, "There should be some special programmes on Bangladesh Television (BTV) like our neighbouring countries.



The third national seminar on "US Society and Culture," cosponsored by the Bangladesh Association for American Studies (BAAS) and the US Information Service (USIS), was formally opened on Tuesday at the American Cultural Centre auditorium. Professor Nazrul Islam, president of BAAS, seen giving his inaugural speech. Also seen are (from left) Ms Barbara McCarthy, Executive Officer, USIS, and Professor Fakrul Alam, general secretary, BAAS. —USIS photo

### Saifur tells Jatiya Sangsad HBFC sanctions loans for buying flats

The House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) has taken up a programme to sanction loans for buying flats recently, Finance Minister Saifur Rahman said in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from Abdul Awal Miah of the Awami League, the Finance Minister said that the corporation would give a loan of Taka 7.8 lakh for a flat measuring a maximum of 1300 square feet.

He also said that the high rate of interest for the loan was 13 per cent.

#### Stamps fetch Tk 343 cr

Government earned about Tk. 343.03 crore from sale of judicial and non-judicial stamps in 1992-93 fiscal year, State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman informed Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to a question from Dr Mozammel Hossain (AL), the minister said that earning from non-judicial stamps was about Tk 321.84 crore while it was about Tk 21.10 crore from judicial stamps during the last fiscal year.

#### Tk 1721 cr realised as VAT

UNB adds: Some Tk 1721.24 crore was collected as VAT on imports in the last fiscal year, 3.07 per cent up from the target of Tk 1670 crore.



Time	Programme
5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al-Quran Programme summary
5.20	News in Bangla
5.25	Recitation from the Geeta
5.45	School debate
5.55	Live telecast of the last match of Star Premier League '93 played between Mohammediyan Sporting Club and Abahani
7.25	Nazrul songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Drama of the week: Abar Ashibo (The story is based on the struggle of women to survive against the odds and taboos of the society.)
10.00	News in English
10.30	Film show: Voyage of the Heart
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.45	Closing

### Weather

#### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain cloudy over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and partly cloudy elsewhere over the country.

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at few places over Barisal division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

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

The country's highest temperature of 34 degrees Celsius was recorded in Dinajpur while lowest of 22.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Faridpur yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.44 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5.48 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	31.3	25.5
Chittagong	32.4	24.8
Rajshahi	31.8	26.7
Khulna	31.2	25.0
Barisal	30.8	25.6
Dinajpur	34.0	25.3
Sylhet	30.8	26.8
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.0
	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	82	82
Chittagong	82	76
Rajshahi	88	88
Khulna	92	80
Barisal	79	97
Dinajpur	90	89
Sylhet	74	85

### Milam accorded farewell reception

By Staff Correspondent

US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B Milam said he would always cherish fond memories of his stay in Bangladesh and would always work for further strengthening "the close bilateral relations between the two countries."

Milam was speaking at a farewell reception dinner hosted in his honour on Tuesday at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel by the Bengal Fine Ceramics Limited.

Stating that his tenure here as ambassador was one of the longest and finest, Milam hoped that companies like the Bengal Fine Ceramics, will be able to boost the image of Bangladesh abroad as a successful entrepreneur.

Alamgir M A Kabir, former Advisor to the government and Chairman, Bengal Fine Ceramics spoke on the occasion which was presided over by Rashed Mawdud Khan, MD of the company.

The dinner was attended by Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Mrs Sigma Huda, MPs, diplomats, leading businessmen and journalists.



Alamgir M A Kabir speaking at a farewell dinner arranged in honour of outgoing US ambassador William B Milam while Rashed Mawdud Khan, MD, BFC is standing behind. (L to R) Mrs Sigma Huda, William B Milam, Alamgir M A Kabir (standing), Australian High Commissioner, Nematullah Sabu, MP and Mrs Nur-E-Alam Ziku.

### Death condoled

Jainal Abedin Jamal, Chairman of Chittagong Builders and President of the Society for Environment and Health Education yesterday expressed profound grief at the death of noted industrialist and chairman of Samsons Group Ltd Farukuzzaman, reports BSS.

### One killed in N'ganj road accident

From Our Correspondent  
NARAYANGANJ, Sept 22: At least one person was killed and seven others were injured when two trucks collided head-on at Langalbandh area under Bandar police station in the early hours of Tuesday.  
The victim Monu Miah, 45, died on the spot.

### Happy Birthday To



Abba

from:  
Walida

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড  
Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited  
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

Tender No. 123.53.43 Ref No. 123.32.26 Dated: 18-9-1993

### Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers on prescribed schedule for supply of Type Tube, Spareparts for Generator, Russian Seven Seater Jeep, Gaz 66 Truck.  
Tender schedule containing terms and conditions will be available at our Accounts & Finance Division, British Mission (3rd floor), 11, Purana Paltan, Dhaka during office hours from 28-9-93 at a cost of Tk 100/- per schedule (Non-refundable). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender. Tender in separate sealed covered superscribing the case number and description of goods may be dropped in the tender box kept at Material Control Division (9th floor) HBFC Building 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka at 12:00 Noon on 6-10-93 which will be opened on the same day at 12:10 PM in presence of tenders (if any).  
Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders and increase/decrease the quantity of the items without assigning any reasons whatsoever.  
DFPG 15008-209  
G-1246



### মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী

সমাজ ২৫ শে সেপ্টেম্বর  
বিশিষ্ট ব্যাকসাই ও পেরিকো  
কোম্পানীর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা  
পরিচালক মরহুম জনাব  
আবদুল মতিন এর প্রথম  
মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী। এদিনে আমরা তাঁকে অশ্রু-  
ভরে স্মরণ করছি ও তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার  
মাগফেরাত কামনায় সকলের দোয়া প্রার্থী।

মরহুম এর  
স্ত্রী, পুত্র ও কন্যাগণ

### Notice

Sub-Judge and Third Artha Rin  
Adalat, Dhaka.

Title Suit No. 210/1991.

Rupali Bank Limited through its

Motijheel Branch, 59, Motijheel Commercial Area, PS Motijheel, Dhaka.

—Plaintiff

—Versus—

1. Mr C Z Hyder, Proprietor of M/s. Aunkur Agency, 29, Bangabandhu Avenue (1st Floor), PS Motijheel, Dhaka.

2. Chowdhury Md. Afaz Uddin; son of Serajul Islam Chowdhury of Village-Jagibonpur, PS Begumganj, District-Noakhali.

—Defendants

The above named defendants are notified that the plaintiff Bank has filed the above mentioned Suit to realise Tk. 11,20,500.88 (Taka eleven lac twenty thousand five hundred and paise eighty eight) only as on 6-8-1991.

The defendants are hereby notified to appear before the court at 10.00 AM on 8-10-93 by person or through Lawyer duly authorised to submit reply if any. Otherwise the Suit shall be disposed of Exparte.

Given under my signature and seal on 8-9-1993.

By order

Seresthadar

Sub-Judge and 3rd Artha Rin Adalat, Dhaka

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue

Dhaka

### Wanted

Applications are invited for appointments to the following posts in an IDA-assisted Project under the National Board of Revenue:

POST	DURATION	QUALIFICATION
1. Assistant Programmer	1 Year (May be extended up to the end of project period).	a) Master's degree in Physics/Applied Physics/Mathematics/Statistics/Commerce/Economics/Business Administration or B.Sc. (Engineering) B.Sc. (Engineering) in Computer Science is preferable. Students of Computer Science/Engineering of a recognised University who appeared in the final examination may also apply with proper documents. b) Must qualify in standard aptitude test for Programming. c) Associate Member of a recognised Professional Computer Society.
2. Computer Operator	1 Year (may be extended up to the end of project period).	a) Graduate, preferably in Science, relaxable for departmental Data Entry/Control Operator, with at least 2 (two) years experience in relevant fields. b) Must qualify in Operator's aptitude test.

Pay Tk 9000/= (Taka nine thousand) Consolidated per month.

Pay Tk 6000/= (Taka six thousand) Consolidated per month.

A full, CV with handwritten application describing the candidates' qualifications for the position, a passport size photograph and copies of all relevant certificates should be sent by 20th October 1993. Candidates must be willing to work anywhere in Bangladesh.

3. Applications must be addressed to the Director (Research and Statistics), National Board of Revenue, Dhaka.

Second Secretary (Admn-7)  
National Board of Revenue  
Dhaka

DFPG 14842-18/9  
G-1243

## অমৃত লাল দে মহাবিদ্যালয়

হাসপাতাল রোড, বরিশাল

[যশোর বোর্ড ও ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক এফিলিয়েশন প্রাপ্ত]

একাদশ শ্রেণী মানবিক, বাণিজ্য ও বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে পঠিতব্য বিষয়সমূহঃ

- মানবিক : অর্থনীতি, পৌরনীতি, ইতিহাস, যুক্তিবিদ্যা, সমাজ বিজ্ঞান, সমাজ কল্যাণ, ইসলামের ইতিহাস, ইসলামী শিক্ষা, ভূগোল, সংস্কৃত, গার্হস্থ্য অর্থনীতি ও পরিসংখ্যান।
- বাণিজ্য : সকল বিষয়সহ শর্তহীন, টাইপ রাইটিং ও বাণিজ্যিক ভূগোল।
- বিজ্ঞান : পদার্থ, রসায়ন, গণিত, পরিসংখ্যান, জীববিদ্যা ও ভূগোল।

শহরের কেন্দ্রস্থলে অবস্থিত সুদৃঢ় ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিষদ এবং অভিজ্ঞ অধ্যাপক ও অধ্যাপকমণ্ডলী দ্বারা পরিচালিত।

বিজয় কৃষ্ণ দে  
সেক্রেটারী  
অর্গানাইজিং কমিটি

এ, কে, এম সাইদুর রহমান  
অধ্যাপক