# Dhaka Day by Day

## Basking in Childhood Happiness

By Raffat Binte Rashid

When we first saw Asma, she reminded us of scenes from 'My Fair Lady'. The only difference is may be, the characters; Audrey Hepburw who portrays a teenage girl selling flowers and Asma. who in real life, helps her father's business of seasonal fruits and bananas

Asma is a small girl of hardly seven years old, her father is a fruit vendor and her mother just a house wife, they are three brothers and sisters. Unlike most of the girls of her so cial class and status Asma seemed unusually protected and happy and may be this is because her father has a stable business. Asma's eyes were full of mischief and happiness that a girl of her age is supposed to have. She looked perfectly content with life as it is. Wearing a cotton frilled short and a sleeveless T-shirt she wore a teep (nail polish spot on her forehead) and her hair was neatly done in a plait. She was roaming the alleys of her slum without a trace of worry or sorrow in her face. She was playing marbles with the boys and girls while peeling the sugarcane in her hand, and around her she had an air of authority that spelled

'caution' before you said anything to her. As we were looking for a school address that was somewhere in the locality, she volunteered to help us. "If you go straight and take the first right turn, you'll find the school," she said. "OK I'll show you," saying this she jumped and sat beside the scooter driver. The place was known to her like the plam of her hand and within seconds we found the school.

Asma is a student of grade two of the same school. The most encouraging part of Asma's story is that she is not working child and she goes to school. The love of her parents, the stability of her house, the dreams for her future, are all clear, and her face is the reflection of her simple and pure heart that has not yet known any poverty and frustration.

Every morning Asma assists her father in the shop and then at 10 o'clock she goes to school.

After school she plays with her friends in the afternoon and in the evening goes to her teacher to study again. Her daily routine, actually looks like the scene from any Bangla cinema, and no wonder. it is very hard to believe her luck. Asma is very smart and intelligent, she has witty answers ready for · any tricky questions and no one dares cheat her. 'I sit in the shop every morning. if any customers dares take an extra banana without paying me.

She believes that by educating herself she will be better off in the future. She complained that few of her friends are not attending school, because they have too much of work at home," I wonder what they do for the whole day sitting

home. I have work

they can't go very far

because I know how

to count money and

bananas too," she

too, I go to school she said. Her school is a place that opens for her doors to so many new things and possibilities She reads stories about the country's brave sons who died in the Liberation War, poems of Rabindranath Tagore "Meghar Kole Rod Hesheshe". She can multiply and add too, and for her all these are nothing but pleasure beyond words. The only thing that Asma can now hope for is good luck, so that she never experiences the ill fate, so many of her friends face everyday. So that her dreams are fulfilled and thus leave a most positive influence on the lives of girls of her age and social standing.

## Corrigendum

In one of our earlier Dhaka Day by Day piece headlined "Joy of Serving the Less Fortunate", in the July 20 issue, there was an unfortunate mix-up. In the piece it was published that for "Banani Community Development Project"... "We have rented the premises of Banani Model School, where in the afternoon we give lessons to the street children." The sentence quoted is by Kumkum Karim. The mix-up is in saying that the school premise has been rented. In fact, the school committee has graciously permitted the use of the premise free.

tagong Chamber of Commerce

and Industry, Md Shams-ul

Haque, chairman, Shippers'

Council of Bangladesh and SM

Matiur Rahman, General

The Secretary of Port and

Shipping Ministry Waliul

Islam, Chairman of Chittagong

port Amanul Islam and other

senior port officials were pre-

sent on the occasion.

Secretary of Shipper Council.

## Ctg port users urged to extend cooperation

From Staff Correspondent dhury. Vice President of Chit-

CHITTAGONG, Oct 13: Minister for Port and Shipping MK Anwar, who is on a threeday visit to Chittagong, held a discussion with the users of port today.

The minister urged the users to extend their cooperation for raising operational efficiency of Chittagong port.

The minister said the present government was committed to serve people's interests and proper accountability in administration.

He said former autocratic regime only served interests of some vested groups.

"But we do not like to pamper any particular group or underplay other groups," he categorically said.

The minister stressed on safeguarding the labour interests for overall progress of the country. However, the minister assured of all sorts of held on behalf of his ministry to sort out problems faced by port

Those who took part in discussion with the minister today at port's board room included AFM Asad, chairman, Bangladesh Steamer Agents Association, M Salim Ullah. president, C&F Agents Association, Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, President, Stevadors Association, Jafrul Islam Chow-

### New course introduced at IUB

Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) has introduced a diploma course on business management for the apparel industry, reports UNB.

The diploma course, first of its kind in the country, was recently inaugurated by eminent scientist and chairman of IUB trust Prof M Inns Ali.

The opening function was addressed, among others, by President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Redwan Ahmed, MP.



SAMS Kibria, a former executive director of ESCAP speaking on the second day of a lecture series organised in observance of the founding anniversary of Jatiya Press Club at the club auditorium yesterday. From left to right Mahbubur Rahman, President FBCCI and Morshed Khan chairman, of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited (ABBL). -Star photo



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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

যাইতেছে। দরপত্র আগামী ০৬/০৭/১৪০০ বাং (২১-১০-৯৩ ইথ তারিখ দুপুর ১২-৩০ টা পর্যন্ত সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও সকল বাস টারমিনালের ব্যবস্থাপকের নররে গৃহীত হইবে। প্রাপ্ত নরপত্র একই দিন বেলা ২-০০ টার সময় আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, অঞ্চল-১ এর সপ্তরে দরপত্রদাতাদের সামদে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

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	গোসপথানা এবং গাড়ী ধৌতকরণ।	(শতকরা বিশ ভাগ)	হইতে ৩০–০৬–৯৪ ইং

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত দর অংকে ও কথায় পরিষারভাবে লিখিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

ত প্রধান নর্করের ক্যানিয়ারের নর্কর হইতে ৫০০/= (পাঁচশত) টাকা চালানের মাধ্যমে জমাদানপূর্বক সভাহ করিতে হইবে এবং অবশ্যই নির্ধারিত স্থানে সাক্ষরের পর নরপ্রের সহিত সংযুক্ত করিয়া দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন সিভিউল বিক্রম করা হইবে না।

মেজর খনকার নুরুল আফসার (অবঃ) ঢাকা সিটি কর**পোরেশন**।



Gano Forum brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the killing of Mizan. -Star photo

efforts to improve the condi-

tion of women toiling in slum

areas of the country. She called

for making the best utilisation

gramme of providing loan for

the destitute women and help

expand the programme every

nook and corner of the coun

The member of the

sangstha, whose activities were

suspended during the auto-

cratic regime, apprised the

Prime Minister of all its on go-

ing development activities

The sangetha started function-

ing again after the assumption

of power by Begum Zia's gov-

ernment. The sangstha has

been reconstituted and now it

functions through its 64 dis-

trict and 132 thana branches

The process of the formation

of the rest of the thana

told that the sangstha was

conducting different pro-

grammes in various fields in-

cluding environment, poverty

alleviation and self employ-

ment generation for the

cetved Taka one crore as dona

tion and the Prime Minister

has provided Taka 20 lakh

from her special fund for the

welfare of the women and

children. It has, so far, dis-

tributed loan to 900 women to

help generate self employment

a cell to resist oppression on

women which provides legal

Minister included State Min-

ister for Women Affairs Begum

Sarwari Rahman, sangstha

chairperson Selima Rahman

MP, vice chairperson Dr

Shahida Rafique and members

Begum Lutfunnesa Hossain MP.

Prof Tahmida Begum, Masuda

Hossain, Begum Jebunnesa

Hossain, Begum Sufia Siddiqui.

Zubeyada Guishanara, Malhia

Thursday

News in Bangla

Esho-Para-Shikhi

TV debate

Ekjana,

10:00 News in English

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:45 Closing

Nazrul songs

News in Bangla

10:30 Film show: The Grass is

11:40 Tomorrow's programme

Always Green

5:10

5:20

8:00

Thundershowers likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain mainly cloudy over coastal regions and

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary

Met Office forecasts day temperature may remain unchanged

Country's temperature of 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded in Jessore and lowest of 22 degree Celsius was recorded in

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.34 pm and rises tomor-

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity

of some major cities and towns of the country recorded yester-

25.6

Temperature in

Max

31.5

degree Celsius

gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong di-

vision and one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Barisal di-

visions with moderately falls at places and weather will remain

Opening announcement Al-Quran

Drama of the week:

written by Imdadul Haq

Programme summary

Khatun and Khaleda Rashid.

support to the needy.

The sangstha has also set up

Those who met the Prime

The sangstha has so far re-

The Prime Minister was

branches are going on.

women.

among them.

of the government's pro-

## PM asks Jatiya Mahila Sangstha members to go to rural areas

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia vesterday asked the members of the Jatiya Mahila Sangstha to concentrate fully in ensuring welfare of children and empowering women by implementing different development pro-

grammes, reports BSS. The Prime Minister was talking to the members of the steering committee and executive committee of the sangstha who came to met her at her office here.

Begum Zia said the members of the sangstha had to go to the rural areas and identify the problems of the children and women personally and take up programmes to improve their condition accordingly. She underlined the need for taking up of more projects by the sangstha for making the destitute and poor women selfreliant, conscious and educated

The Prime Minister said the sangstha should give its NBL's founding anniversary

By Staff Correspondent

National Bank Limited (NBL). the first private sector bank of the country, held a function at the Sonargaon Hotel to mark its 10th founding anniversary yesterday. The function was also held to bid farewell to its outgoing Chairman Dr A R Mallick and welcome the new Chairman, Mahbubur Rahman.

Members of Parliament diplomats, leading personalities in banking sector, trading and bustness circles and elites of the city attended the func-

Mahbubur Rahman, the new chairman informed that NBL has made an impressive performance in the economic development of the country, par ticularly to the growth of export trade in the garments industry.

With 52 branches throughout the country, the NBL has built up a strong capital base of Tk 480 million with a comfortable liquidity position and a reserve of Tk 550 million.

Outgoing Chairman Dr A R Mallick thanked the directors. shareholders and clients of the bank and informed that he had sought voluntary retirement as he wished to complete two publications, including autobiography.

## Shafiqul Gani hospitalised

Former minister Shafiqul Gani Sawpan was admitted to Al Jebel-e-Noor Heart and Poly Clinic hospital in the city Tuesday due to heart trouble, reports UNB.

Gani. Editor of the weekly Friday, has requested all to pray for his early recovery.

Weather

partly cloudy elsewhere over the country.

mainly dry over Khulna division.

over the country.

Rangpur yesterday.

day are:

Dhaka

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row (Friday) at 5.56 am.

### Govt protection demanded to hold Durga Puja By Staff Correspondent

A group of leading personalities of the country demanded government protection and security for the Hindu community enabling them to observe the forthcoming Durga Puja, the biggest Hindu religious festival duly

The demand was made at a meeting attended by some 46 citizen's representatives from all walks of life comprising parliamentarians, politicians, intellectuals, artistes, litterateurs and social workers with poet Begum Sufia Kamai in the chair Tuesday.

The meeting observed that communal repression and insecurity were jeopardising the holding of the Durga Puja.

It also noted with deep concern that judicial actions were not taken for demolishing of temples during the autocratic regime and the recent attack on the Janmashtami procession of the Hindu com-

"A large portion of the citizens were deprived of performing their religious rights. the meeting said adding, "this has belittled Bangladesh before the global community and has threatened fundamental civic rights."

Expressing deep concern over the existing crisis the meeting sought a meeting of the Prime Minister with the Bangladesh Puja Observance Committee (Puja Udjapan Parishad)

We demand the fulfilment of the rightful demands of the Hindu community and security measures for performing religious rights," the meeting added.

Held at the Dhanmondi residence of Begum Sufia Kamal, the meeting was attended. among others, by Abdus Samad Azad, MP, Zillur Rahman, Kabir Chowdhury, Justice Debesh Bhattacharya, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi, Ahmedul Kabir, Kalim Sharafi, Shamsur Rahman, Shah MS Kibria. Justice KM Sobhan, Mazharul Islam, Suranjit Sen Gupta, MP. Mujahidul Islam Salim, Hasanul Hug Inu and Mahfuz Anam.

### Death anniversary

Sixth death anniversary of Rokya Khan, wife of Zulmat Ali Khan, advocate and former chairman of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), will be held tomorrow, reports BSS.

A milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at the residence of Khan at Road No. 27 (old). House 275 (K). Dhanmandi residential area on this

## Tariqul visits Khulna T&T office

KHULNA, Oct 13: Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqui Islam paid a surprise visit to Khulna Telegraph and Telephone (T & T) Office today. reports BSS.

## Art exhibition concludes

A week-long children's art exhibition, organised by Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum at La Galerie, Gulshan in celebration of International Children's Rights concluded here yesterday. reports BSS.

#### TOMORROW at

ALLIANCE FRANCIASE 26, MIRPUR ROAD, DHANMONDE, DHAKA HANDICRAFTS SHOW OF EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED PANJABEES, SHAREES WALL MAT, CUSHION COVER, LEATHE GOODS, ALSO PAINTINGS SHOW. You can buy and place order from the show

#### CONSIGNEES

ex. M.V. DSR ATLANTIC V-WF343 IMKE WEHR V-007, Imp. Rot. No. 806/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 13-10-1993 from Singapore.
Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL.

## containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act. BIRDS BANGLADESH AGENCIES LTD.

103, AGRABAD COMMERCIAL AREA, CHITTAGONG

AS AGENTS, DSR-SENATOR LINES, GERMANY PHONES: 503317, 500686/88

### Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd P.O. Thakurgaon Road, Dist. Thakurgaon.

## Sub: Cancellation of tender of uniform cloth

Tender floated for purchase of Uniform cloth for workers and employees of this mills which is scheduled to be opened on 20-10-93 is hereby cancelled for unavoidable circumstances.

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3. Estimated cost

Time allowed

6. Eligibility of

contractor

. Name of offices

of availability of

General Manager

## (RHD) Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tenders Invited in BD Form No 2911

44/RDD of 1993-94 Tender Notice No Earth work in road embankment Name of work and bridge approaches for widening of road crest at 13th km

> & 14th km (part) of Tongi-Kaligoni Road under Road Sub-Divn Tongi, Dhaka during the year 1993-94 (Ch to 219-C/A)

Tk 6,23,525/-Tk 12,471/- in BD/TC/NDS Earnest money Certificate in fav of EE (RHD),

> Road Divn, Dhaka from any scheduled bank.

45 (Forty-five) days from the dt of issue of work order.

"A" to "D" class enlisted contractor of RHD of general

category. Office of the Ex. Engr, RHD, Road

Divn Dhaka, Manikgoni/ tender documents Narsingdhi/Munshigonj/ Planning (Road, Bridge) Divn/

Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/SDE (RHD), Road Sub-Divn 1/II/ Tongi/Joydebpur under Road Divn, Dhaka.

SE, DRC/SE Planning, Monitoring 8. Name of officers to : Circle SE. receive tender bids& Evaluation

Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge) Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Ex. Engr (RHD), Road Divn. Dhaka /SDE (RHD), Road Sub-Divn I/II/Tongi/Joydebpur under Road Divn Dhaka.

The concerning officer after receiving tender bids will open the same at the schedule time and send to this office under sealed

9. Last date of receipt of tender: Up to 12.30 PM on 20.10.93. 10. Date and time of opening of bids: At 12.45 PM on 20.10.93

DFP (G) 16336-10/10 G-1370

**Gyas Uddin Ahmed** Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Dhaka

### APEX TANNERY LIMITED 65-66, MOTIJHEEL C/A, DHAKA-1000

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of APEX TANNERY LIMITED will be held at Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka on Sunday 14 November, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. to transact the following: To confirm the proceedings of the Stateenth Annual General Meeting

- held on 19 November, 1992.
- To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 30 June, 1993 and the Reports of the Auditors and Directors thereon.
- To approve dividend.
- To elect Director.
- To appoint auditors for 1993-94 and fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business which ought to be transacted at an Ordinary Meeting with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board

Date: 14-10-1993

Shib Shankar Chakraborty Company Secretary

### NOTE

- The share transfer books of the company will be closed from 01 November to 14 November, 1993 (both days inclusive).
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may nominate another member as his/her proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Nominee should be a member of the company.
- Stamped Proxy forms must be deposited at the company's registered office by 11 November, 1993.

## ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা व्यालनात्र लितितन जुन्दत ७ लितिष्टत ताथून আপনার শিশুকৈ টিকা দিন

এতথারা নিম্ন বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/ঠিকাদার/ব্যক্তিবর্ণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা

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বিভারিত নিয়মকানুন স্বালিত দরণত্র অফিস চলাকালীন সময় সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, সকল বাস টারমিনালের ব্যবস্থাপক

৪। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন কর্ত্পক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

আঞ্চলিক নিৰ্বাহী কৰ্মকৰ্ডা वक्क-১ (সায়েদাবাদ)

Chittagong 30.7 23.8 Rajshahi 26.6 32.8 Khulna 26.2 32.2 32.2 25.6 Barisal 24.0 29.5 Sylhet Dinajpur 24.0 30.0 Cox's Bazar

9 am

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Humidity in

percentage

6 pm