

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Mike: Syndrome of Diminished Faith

by Parveen Anam



Medical science has of course made wonderful progress and we are probably poised, on tip-toe, on the edge of even greater achievements which will have us all applauding loud and long. And mankind will benefit tremendously.

But again, it is perhaps the applause, which is sometimes the cause of endless pain and agony. Agony which is suffered more by the one who watches than the one who is actually supposed to suffer. Readers by now must be biting their nails and curling up their toes in anticipation and thoughts of goodness me, what is this new ailment then? Ah. But it is the wise Dhakaites, who will nod his head even more wisely and say silently, to himself more than to others, 'We know.'

Now for those innocent souls, who are left in the dark and still have no clue as to what on earth we are talking about, we need to be a bit more can did perhaps. Every so often, we are invited to a seminar, workshop, meeting, inauguration, etc. etc. The list is quite endless. We faithfully trot along, putting aside whatever we had scheduled for the day, in pursuit of knowledge. For this is what these seminars are basically supposed to impart. Knowledge to the ignorant.

All very well; till we get to the venue of the supposed meeting seminar, or whatever then our systems are in for the roughest shock of all. As we hurriedly seat ourselves and blink earnestly amongst all the TV cameras and video lights, our ordeal begins. The important member of humanity is invited to inaugurate or cut the ribbon or whatever he is supposed to do and you have had it. The sight of the microphone, somehow seems to set off a latent desire in his psyche and he lets loose. Literally.

As soon as he sets his hands on that little gadget, hired for the purpose of making him audible, this human being cannot seem to stop himself from talking. He just goes on and on and on. Totally off track, wholly meaningless rhetorics delivered with great gusto and enthusiasm, seem to be his compulsion at that moment. He is blissfully ignorant of the fact that his audience might be getting just a wee bit edgy and restless. Oh no. He has the microphone and no power on earth is going to take it away from him seems to be his very blessed attitude.

Psychologists will perhaps shake their heads sorrowfully and mutter all about "childhood fixations" etc. Unfortunately, no one is in the mood to listen to that psychologist because each is entertaining his own personal, rude thoughts about the individual on stage. The best part of the whole situation being of course that the individual either shuts off a part of his brain which makes him sensitive to other peoples' reactions to him or he considers it his holy duty not to let go that mike.

The audience meanwhile of course sits there wondering how many more members of the human race consider themselves learned enough to hold them spellbound for endless hours. The "learned" speech unfortunately, is almost always in praise of the 'powers that be.' Since it is also supposed to be instructive, the entire situation gets quite pathetic, of course. Is it after all, so difficult for these "learned" gentlemen, to even try and recognize the symptoms which lead to the ultimate end of all who love the "mike" so much? I have no idea how long we actually have to wait for the judgement, but somehow along the line, we do tend to suffer syndromes of diminished faith in the "intellect of the intellectual."



Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD-Khalequzzaman) brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the enhancement of water tariff. — Star photo

## Sher-e-Bangla symbol of humanity: Rouf

Chief Election Commissioner Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf yesterday said Sher-e-Bangla was a versatile genius who gave politics a new dimension in upholding the rights of common-man, reports UNB.

Addressing a function in observance of 120th birth anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq, the Election Commissioner said that Sher-e-Bangla introduced the Tenancy Act to save the poor peasants from the grip of the zamindars.

"Sher-e-Bangla was a real Bangali and real Muslim and the symbol of humanity" Abdur Rouf told the meeting.

The meeting was jointly organised by Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad and Bangladesh Baktrita Gabeshana Kendra at the Sher-e-Bangla mazar premises in the morning.

Presided over by former Minister M Matur Rahman the meeting was addressed, among others, by President of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association Kaji Golam Mahub, UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan and Nur-e-Alam Siddiqui, AK Fayzul Huq, son of Sher-e-Bangla, Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, Prof Maliha Khaton, Abdul Khaleq, Dr AK Aziz and Advocate Mozibur Rahman.

UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan said it was the dream of Sher-e-Bangla to build an exploitation free and prosperous society. "We have to re-affirm our commitment to follow his noble example to transform the life of the toiling masses into a prosperous one" he added.

Zonta Int'l district confce begins tomorrow

The district conference of Zonta International, District 25 will be held from October 28 to 30 at the Hotel Purbani International. The theme of this year's conference is 'the changing role of women in the Third World.'

The conference will be inaugurated by President Abdur Rahman Biswas and will be attended by delegates from the USA, Australia, India, Sri Lanka and host country Bangladesh.

Zonta International is a US-based professional women's organisation with around one hundred clubs in the world. Women executives who are leaders in each profession are eligible to become members. Zonta members promote awareness amongst women and children, legal rights, environmental consciousness and put in efforts to make the world a better place to live in.

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AK Fayzul Huq said Sher-e-Bangla gave the nation a courage to stand against the evil forces and fight for their rights.

Different organisations placed floral wreaths at the mazar of Sher-e-Bangla including Sher-e-Bangla Smriti Forum, Barisal division samity, Bangladesh Agricultural Institution, Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Bangladesh Baktrita Gabeshana Kendra and Sher-e-Bangla Parishad.

A milad mahfil was also held at the mazar premises in the morning.

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## Keramat tells JS body meet Hajj Policy to be prepared soon

Religious Affairs Minister M Keramat Ali has said the government will soon prepare a Hajj Policy in light of the opinion given by ulema, intellectuals and religious organisations, reports UNB.

He was presiding over the 13th meeting of the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the Sangsard Bhaban yesterday morning.

Present in the meeting were committee members Khandaker Badruddin, Maulana Ataur Rahman Khan and Begum Asia Rahman of the BNP, Alhaj Syed Najibul Bashar Maj-Bhandari, Dharendra Nath Saha and Kalparanj Chakma of the Awami League and Maulana Habibur Rahman of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Secretary of the Ministry Abdul Awal was also present.

"The Minister said his Ministry had recently sought public opinion regarding the Hajj Policy 1994 and as such a lot of suggestions had been received so far. In light of these, steps are being taken to prepare a realistic Hajj Policy, he added.

During general discussion on the Hajj Policy, subjects like Biman fare, building permanent Hajj camp, hiring houses in advance at Makkah and other allied matters came up.

In this context, a 3-member sub-committee headed by Alhaj Najibul Bashar Maj-Bhandari MP was formed to finalise the matter within 2 weeks. Other members of the committee are Khondaker Badruddin MP and Maulana Ataur Rahman MP.

Discussing advance hiring of houses at Makkah, the meeting was informed that Saudi Authorities had been pressing hard for sending Hajj pilgrims under government management to avoid possible complications during Hajj.

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## Month-long special drive 1,845 arrested in first 15 days

Police arrested a total of 1,845 people and recovered huge quantities of arms and ammunition in the first 15 days of their month-long special drive in the city, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 760 people were allegedly involved in serious crimes, including murder, terrorism, robbery and illegal possession of arms, as well as wanted criminals. The rest 1,085 people were rounded up under DMP laws. The arrested also include

six absconding convicted criminals.

During the 15 days till yesterday police recovered one SMG, two cut-rifles, two foreign revolvers, one foreign pistol, three country-made revolvers, two country-made pistols, 11 pipeguns, 20 rounds of different types of bullet, 20 bombs and cocktails, and 2,000 bottles of India-made Phensidyl syrup from the possession of the arrested people.

Legal action have been taken against all the arrested people.

## Discussion on Tagore, Nazrul

A discussion followed by a cultural function to pay tributes to Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam was held recently in the open air of Dhaka University Amtala under the auspices of "Diristi", a socio-cultural organisation, says a press release.

Dr Aminul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Dhaka and CM Koyes Sami, Senior Vice-President, Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd, attended the meeting as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Dr Aminul Islam said that it is the noble responsibility of all free campus from terrorism



Artistes rendering a song in the open air of Dhaka University Amtala recently, organised by a socio-cultural organisation — Dristi.

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**Deputy General Manager**  
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**Wednesday**

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|-------|---|
| 5.00  | Opening announcement                            |
| 5.10  | Al-Quran Programme summary                      |
| 5.20  | News in Bangla                                  |
| 5.25  | Recitation from the Geeta                       |
| 6.00  | Sports Programme: Gillette World Sports Special |
| 6.45  | Cultural programme                              |
| 7.15  | Nibedan   |
| 7.30  | Open University                                 |
| 8.00  | Tagore songs                                    |
| 8.30  | News in Bangla                                  |
| 9.05  | Visva Parikrama                                 |
| 9.30  | Film: The A-Team                                |
| 10.00 | News in English                                 |
| 10.30 | Programme on selected songs: Geete Bichitra     |
| 11.30 | Khabar/The News                                 |
| 11.40 | Tomorrow's programme summary                    |
| 11.45 | Closing   |

**Weather**

**No change in temperature**

By Staff Correspondent

The weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday) says, the sky will remain partly cloudy over Rajshahi and some regions of the Chittagong and Noakhali while temporary light rain may occur over the Chittagong region and weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

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

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 32.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Chuadanga and the lowest 19.5 degrees in Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5.22 pm and rises tomorrow Thursday at 6.02 am.

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in degrees Celsius |      | Humidity in percentage |     |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|-----|
|              | Max                            | Min  | 9am                    | 6pm |
| Dhaka        | 30.6                           | 20.2 | 63                     | 77  |
| Chittagong   | 31.5                           | 22.6 | 81                     | 70  |
| Rajshahi     | 31.5                           | 20.1 | 77                     | 87  |
| Barisal      | 31.3                           | 20.0 | 77                     | 88  |
| Khulna       | 32.2                           | 20.8 | 72                     | 60  |

**Foreign fishing trawler seized**

KHULNA, Oct 26: Bangladesh Navy ship Shaheed Akhtar-uddin during routine anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and fishery protection patrol impounded a foreign fishing trawler and arrested all its 13 crew-members yesterday, reports BSS.

The trawler was engaged in catching fish at about 15 miles south of the fairway buoy.

**Turkish envoy meets DU VC**

Turkish Ambassador in Bangladesh Kutlu Onguence yesterday made a courtesy call on Professor Enajuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, University of Dhaka, at the latter's office here, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed the possibilities of joint programme and exchange of teachers and researchers between the University of Dhaka and the Universities of Turkey.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES**

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. CHOYANG VOLGA V-WF345 from Busan, Kaohsiung, Hongkong, ex. M.V. THUERINGEN V-WM338 from Hongkong have been relayed to M.V. FONG YUN V-9329 Imp. Rot. No. 854/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 28.10.93 from Singapore.

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Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority invites applications, as per the following terms & conditions, from bonafide nationals of Bangladesh (male/female) for appointment to the undermentioned posts on purely temporary basis. Required qualification & pay scale etc. are stated against the posts.

| Sl No | Name of Post   | Number   | Pay Scale                      | Age         | Educational Qualification  | Experience   |
|-------|----------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1.    | Stenographer   | 4 (four) | 1475-7x90-2105-EB-11x95-3150/- | 18-30 years | 1) Minimum HSC or equivalent examination passed.<br>2) Shorthand speed 80 & 50 words per minute in English & Bengali respectively. Speed in typing 30 & 25 words per minute in English & Bengali respectively. | Experience is necessary. Candidates experienced in computer typing will be given preference. |
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- Candidates serving in Govt/Semi-govt organisations should apply through their respective authorities.
- A Crossed Postal Order of Taka 20/- (twenty) in favour of Executive Director, JMBA should be deposited with the application.
- Application should reach the Assistant Director (Administration), Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority, Allenbury, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 by November 10, 1993.
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