

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Saying it with Flowers

by Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

The art of giving and receiving flowers started centuries ago, even before Shakespeare thought about creating 'Romeo and Juliet' and till now it has not diminished in the least.

The coming up of an increasing number of flower shops or men selling flowers down the streets or on the blocks of our city is ample proof that the Dhakates are all set to reinvent this eternal love for flowers.

These shops keep springing up at the most likely as well as unlikely places, attracting the customers with what else? But flowers! While owners and proprietors of other enterprises go crazy cooking up novel and unique stunts to promote their goods, all the florists need is a little originality and a flair for creativity in arranging their blossoms and the rest will work like a charm.

Who buys these flowers? Almost everyone in the community. Flowers are an absolute must for our glitzy, colourful weddings — from decorating the bridegroom's car to adorning the hair of women. Besides weddings, parties, birthdays, marriage anniversaries, seminars, functions or receptions of any kind are also quite unthinkable without flowers.

Are these shops doing well? You bet they are! Ask any florist how much money they earn each day and you might be surprised.

Nowadays, dealing in flower can be a lucrative occupation for the imaginative yet unemployed youths.

A comparatively small capital, an artistic streak and of course proper business management skills are all that it takes to be successful in this trade.

Once inside a flower shop one can easily get absorbed in the atmosphere around, inhale the intoxicating fragrance of 'less belle fleurs' and after one has had one's hearts fill, the option is open either to make a purchase of the heart's delight or just carry them in the niche of heart where they actually belong to.

There is a problem though, dealing in the same type of flowers, all these shops have become quite stereotyped — even the flower ar-

rangements are almost identical. These shops could do better by introducing more varieties, showing their own individuality and also by improving the procedure of preserving the delicate flowers and keeping them fresh and lively.

Usually, Rajanigandha, many kinds of roses, gladiolus and other lilies, marigold, just and some other flowers are available. Needless to say that the 'Rajanigandha' and the 'rose' are the most popular ones. Flowers are sold as sticks, bouquets and baskets. Beautiful garlands are made ready for women. Some shops even have their own delivery service. Wouldn't it make your day to receive a surprise bouquet at your doorstep from someone 'special'?

There are numerous flower shops in the city answering to the customers' demands. A shopping mall exclusively of flowers, located at Shahabag, is certainly a delight to the city people, specially women. Consisting of four shops — Madhavi, Sunflower, Karabi and Madhukari, this centre remains crowded from morning till night. Others, such as — Primrose, Oparajita, Malancha, Pushpakunja, Golap Bitan etc. are all over the city doing good business.

If you forget about the flowers at the very last minute before going to a party or organizing one yourself, don't fret! Relax, you don't have to steal from your next-door

neighbour's garden, just call the nearest florist or better yet, start off to yours 'rendezvous' without a single worry, because there at the most unexpected place is the man surrounded with buckets and garlands, coming to your rescue.

Flowers are a symbol of love, purity and warm feelings. They are also probably one of the few exquisite creations of nature, which do not have a single bad point to its name.

People might. Not like a lot of gifts, but there is hardly a soul that won't warm up to the heavenly sight of a bunch of flowers.

So, shouldn't we take a little pain in cultivating and improving our flower business?



A group of leaders and workers of Khulna district Communist Party, Juba Union and Krishak Samity formally joined the Awami League yesterday led by Khulna City Communist Party president Shyamol Singh Roy. Roy is seen presenting a bouquet to AL chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her official residence at Minto Road. — Star photo

### Prabarana Purnima celebrated in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 29: The holy Prabarana Purnima, one of the religious festivals of the Buddhist community was celebrated in the port city and elsewhere in the district today with solemn devotion and traditional enthusiasm, reports BSS.

The Buddhist community had been celebrating the day commemorating the ending of three months of seclusion of the Buddhist monks in the monasteries and beginning of one month long yellow robe giving ceremony.

Different Buddhist organisations celebrated the Purnima through elaborate programmes. The day began with chanting of verses from the sacred scriptures, hoisting of the national and religious flags atop all monasteries. Breaking of fasting, pindadana shilgrahan, mass prayer, discussions, release of lighted balloon in the evening and pradij puja.

In the port city main congregation was held at Enayet Bazar Buddhist temple.

### Sylhet Bibhag Andolan rally

By Staff Correspondent

The Sylhet Bibhag Andolan (movement for Sylhet division) held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding announcement of Sylhet Division and implementation of its 12-point charter of demands.

Convener of the andolan Advocate Abed Raza presided over the rally while Arshad Uddin Ahmed, SAMS Kibria, ANM Yusuf, Faruk Rashid Chowdhury, M A Rakib, Nurul Islam Nahid, Bashir Ahmed and others addressed.

The andolan will launch a campaign in support of its demands from November 8 and would observe a protest-day on November 25.

## A great loss of human wealth

By Staff Correspondent

Innumerable messages of condolence were received at The Daily Star office following the death of its Founder Editor S M Ali. We are publishing the messages from October 18. Following are some more messages of condolence selected at random.

### Rafiqul Islam Mia

Minister for Works, Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in his condolence message wrote: "In the death of SM Ali the country has lost a rare personality and a journalist of international standing. Ali was a great patriot and will be remembered for ages."

### UNICEF

Neill McKee, Chief PCIS, UNICEF in his message said, "he was a man of integrity who had a great influence on many people throughout Asia and the world. He influenced in, in no small way, Bangladesh's democratic revolution, nurturing in its early days."

### Dr T Hossain

First Health Secretary Dr T Hossain in his message said: "It's a great loss of human wealth from a land of poverty of human value."

### Mohsen Rashid

Mohammad Mohsen Rashid, Advocate Supreme Court and President of Association for Democratic, Constitutional Advancement of Bangladesh (ADCAB) said, "By his ideas, innovations and polite but bold journalism Ali has niched a place for himself in the history of journalism. He was indeed a great journalist who held the freedom of the right of expression closest to his heart."

### Masoudul Hossain

Lt Col (Rtd) Masoudul Hossain Khan, former Managing Director of Sena Kallyan Sangstha in his message wrote:

"After Ian Stephens of The Statesman, S M Ali has been the Editor of class, that I came across in my humble life."

### Students

Several students of different educational institutions condoled the death of SM Ali. Many of them came to the offices of The Daily Star to record their sympathies. Jemul Hasan of the Law Department said that the late Editor worthy of admiration and emulation. "He would continue to be a source of inspiration for the student community who find in him a high ethical standard through his writings."

Muna Hussain and Tazeen Hussain wrote: "Journalism is poorer without him."

Mizanur Rahman, another student of Dhaka University said: "I condole the death of such a veteran and towering personality who does not come again and again."

### Akku Chowdhury

Akku Chowdhury of La Galerie, Dolce Vita in a condolence message said "With the sudden death of SM Ali, the nation lost a great personality, an outstanding journalist and a true believer of democracy. May his thoughts and words keep us and the future generation inspire to believe in democracy."

### Rising Star

S A Salehin and S A Farhan, two juvenile readers of The Daily Star and members of the Rising Star expressed their shock at the sad demise of S M Ali.

### WHO Representative

Dr. A N A Abeyesandee, Representative of WHO in Bangladesh sympathised with the staff of the paper and the family members of S M Ali at his untimely death.

### Khetmajur Unions' leaders meet

The Bangladesh Khetmajur Union Thursday in a meeting with the visiting leaders of India Khetmajur Union at the Rice Research Institute at Gazipur discussed present state of the farm labourers' movement in the two countries, reports UNB.

During the two-hour long meeting, they also discussed problems and prospects of the movement, land reforms and rural economy.

### Trust fund for girl students in DU, Math Deptt

A trust fund will be set up to introduce a scholarship and a gold medal for the girl students of Mathematics Department of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

Former Provost of Rokeya Hall Rahmat Ara Hussain Thursday formally handed over a cheque of Tk one lakh to Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed to set up the fund.

## CHEHLUM

On the occasion of the Chehlum of Begum Shakera Banu (Shakera Rahman), wife of late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman, a Milad Mehfil will be held on Sunday, 31st October, 1993 at 6 PM at C.E.N. (H)-13, Road No. 109, Gulshan, Dhaka.

All her relatives, friends, acquaintances are requested to attend.

Marina & Dr S A Wadud, Nargis & Yusuf Tajuddin, Latifur and Shahnaz Rahman, Sharmeen & Iqbal Hossain, Saifur & Yasmeen A. Rahman, and all her Grandchildren

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## Protect other's right to uphold yours : Rafiq

Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday stressed the need for concerted efforts of all concerned to achieve self-reliance through demonstrating mutual respect to each other's rights in the greater national interest, reports BSS.

"Other's rights must be protected to uphold own rights, because human being are created dependant on each other," he said while inaugurating a two-day conference of district level leaders of the Institute of Diploma Engineers of Bangladesh in the capital.

President of the central executive committee of the Institute Shafuddin Sarker was in the chair while its general secretary AKMA Hamid gave the welcome address. A one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to those who had sacrificed their lives during

different democratic movements since 1952.

Rafiqul Islam Mia called upon all to keep luxury away from life and dedicate themselves to nation building activities, removing corruption from all spheres and upholding the basic rights of the people.

"Corruption is a dangerous disease and the democracy which was earned after sacrifices will not sustain if it is not removed," he said and called upon the people to be united on the questions of national integrity and economic progress.

He referred to the present government and said it was an accountable government which was always bound to explain its activities before the nation through parliament.

"You can also raise your demands and problems in parliament through any member of parliament and you will see the minister concerned will reply in a transparent way," he told the audience.

The works minister also referred to those who betrayed the people while they were in power and said a ban should be imposed on those persons who had denied people's rights, rule of law and democracy during their tenure of office in the government.

"A national consensus should be built on this issue and a law should be passed if democracy is to be protected," he said while speaking about the misrule of the autocratic government from 1982 to 1990.

## Govt committed to development of retarded people: Sadek

The mentally retarded children who lack in general intelligence, could be turned into the assets of the society by providing them with proper care and training, reports BSS.

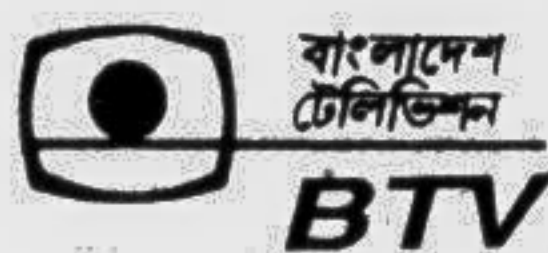
This was stated by the speakers at a function organised by Dhaka Metropolitan branch of the Society for Care and Education for Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) here.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain attended the function as the chief guest, held at the National Institute for Mentally Retarded (NIMR).

Sadek said the government was committed to the development of the retarded people in the society. In this connection, he said, the government had been adopting various measures for their proper education, training and rehabilitation.

Presided over by SCEMRB Dhaka Metropolitan branch President Aminur Rasul, the function was also addressed by Director General of Social Services Department ATM Giasuddin, SCEMRB President and Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS DP Barua, SCEMRB General Secretary Commander (ret'd) AJM Hamed Hossain, General Secretary of SCEMRB Dhaka Metropolitan branch Mohammad Abdus Sobhan Bhuiyan and SCEMRB Dhaka Metropolitan branch Vice President Mahub Talukder.

DP Barua, in his speech said SCEMRB since its establishment in 1977 had been engaged in promoting the rights for the mentally retarded for their special education, training and rehabilitation.



### Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Chetona
- 6.00 Cartoon: Young Robinhood
- 6.30 Samachar
- 7.00 Banshari
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Maati O Manush
- 9.00 World Drama
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The news
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing.

### Obituary

Kazi Malek Newaz, a veteran social worker died in the early hours of yesterday at Jessore hospital. He was 50, reports BSS.

The deceased was an employee of Sadharan Bima Corporation.

He was buried at Mujdia village under Sreepur thana of Magura district after naraz-e-janaza at Kharki Sharif Pir Bari.

He left behind wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of relations and admirers to mourn his death.

### Weather

## Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

The weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday) says, weather will remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the coastal regions of the country while day temperature would remain nearly unchanged all over the country.

The Met Office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall after two days.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 33.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Bogra and the lowest 18.0 degrees in both Jessore and Iswardi.

The sun sets today at 5:21 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:04 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min	
Dhaka	31.5	19.2	72
Chittagong	32.0	21.0	85
Rajshahi	30.3	19.2	88
Khulna	31.2	19.4	72
Barisal	31.9	19.4	72
Cox's Bazar	32.5	23.5	72
Sylhet	31.5	20.4	68
Dinajpur	31.0	19.5	79

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