

Dhaka Day by Day

Beauty of Mellow Mists

by Parveen Anam

The scorching heat has at last relented and given the Dhakaite a respite. The pouring rain, despite of the love the Bengalee has for his monsoon, the most beloved of all his seasons did manage to make him throw up his arms in despair as the city roads became more suitable for boats than other forms of transport. The 'kalbaisakhi' accompanying the rains, sent shudders of horror and awe through the soul that stood silent in praying for mercy.

And yet, just as he was about to give up, tired of fighting the heat and the storm, mother nature smiled on him as she always does. The power failures and water shortages are all left behind as the days turn gentler with the north breeze fanning the exhausted Dhakaite, reviving his faith in the healing powers of that greatest of all healers, Nature.

The days are perceptibly shorter and darkness descends much sooner on a tired city than in the height of summer. Only as daylight turns to dusk, a softness covers the labyrinths of the Dhakaite loves so much in spite of his name calling and all settle down to cooler evenings and even cooler nights. A gentle mist takes over, as people like to stay indoors unlike in the summer, when they are mostly sitting on the pavements or in open spaces to try and keep cool. The city is definitely quieter and one suddenly gets the wonderful feeling that he and he alone exists in a city given to violent expression of most things during the day. All sound is muted and the harshness of light blends gently into the dark.

Politicians and their 'hartaals' are all left behind. Gun-toting 'mastaans' hired by the powers that be, for their own reassurance at

the cost of the Dhakaite's life and security, seem suddenly shy in this time of mellow mistiness. The city lights, (when the Corporation remembers to switch them on) cast an unearthly glow on everything and everyone. If the Dhakaite takes a walk down a city road, miscreants, permitting, I unfortunately hasten to add, it's a wonderful sensation. The city seems to be visibly settling down for a cool night and little fires on the pavements

remind one rudely that perhaps the ghostly figures huddled around it are not as delighted with the prospect of a cold, bleak night as others might be.

And yet, there are times when one refuses to let sombre thoughts cloud the beauty of a moment. You live for the moment and the moment alone.

A November evening over the city, as the sun sets in a blazing glory of colour, is enough to leave one breathless. In spite of the best efforts of the city fathers in mad competition with development and the so-called sky-scrapers which are an insult to the Dhakaite's discerning taste, the sky over the city is still visible. Although if the 'authorities' continue to have their way, soon Dhaka will be a city of the most obnoxious concrete structures. But we will leave that out of our enjoyment of the lovely evenings.

If we pause to take a moment out of our mad schedule of rushing around, trying to make minutes stretch into hours, and sit by ourselves or take a little walk down a side road the beauty of the quiet evening of an early winter will somehow, manage to make the heart sing for joy at the little mercies of nature.



The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association observed a token hunger strike at the foot of Central Shaheed Minar yesterday. —Star photo

Majid elected vice chairman of FAO's ongoing conference

M. Majid-ul-Haq, Minister for Agriculture, was unanimously elected as vice chairman of the ongoing 27th general conference of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome, Saturday morning shortly after its inauguration, reports BSS.

Minister and senior officials from 161 member states of the FAO are participating in the first meeting of the general conference.

Majid-ul-Haq, who is leading the Bangladesh delegation at the conference, spent a busy morning at the FAO headquarters Saturday. He discussed matters of mutual concern with agriculture ministers of Australia, Bhutan, China, Chile, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

'Procedures of investment simplified'

State Minister for Industries Lutfur Rahman Khan yesterday formally inaugurated a five-day training course on production management at a hotel in the capital, reports BSS.

Speaking on the occasion the state minister said that industrial growth had been recognised as the key to success for economic development of the country. The present government has simplified the procedures of investment to attract genuine local and foreign private entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh. Various facilities and liberal measures had been ensured to bring new dynamism in the industrial sector, he added.

He thanked the organisers and sponsors for arranging such a training course.



Tuesday

5:00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran
	Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:35	Mass education programme: Esho Para Sikhee
6:00	Sports programme: Cricket World Cup '92 Australia VS South Africa
6:45	Open University
7:20	Modern songs: Sangeeta
8:00	News in Bangla
8:35	Drama serial: Rupnagar (1st episode)
10:00	News in English
10:35	Film show: ENG
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing



Visiting Chief of Staff of the Malaysian Army General Tan Sri Borhan Bin Haji Ahmad called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday. Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan was present. —PID photo

Revolution Day observed in Ctg, Rajshahi

CHITTAGONG, Nov 8: Abdullah-Al-Noman, Minister for Fisheries and Livestock, Sunday urged all to take a renewed pledge to build the country and remain ever vigilant against all sorts of intrigues against the national independence and sovereignty, reports BSS.

Addressing a big public rally at Lalighi Maidan in observance of National Revolution and Solidarity Day as the chief guest Noman said, "the spirit of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day would always inspire us to a common objective of democracy and independence."

The meeting was chaired by Mayor of Chittagong City Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin and addressed, among others, by the Minister for Industries A M Zahiruddin Khan as the chief speaker, the State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain, and the State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Prof Jahana Begum as special guests.

Rajshahi

Another BSS report adds: National Revolution and Solidarity Day was observed in Rajshahi Sunday with a vow to safeguard sovereignty and independence of the country.

National flags were hoisted atop all government and private buildings at dawn on the occasion. Special prayers, seeking welfare of the country was held at mosques and other places of worship. Improved diets were served among the inmates of hospital, jail and orphanages.

A procession of Jubo Dal was brought out in the city

calling the people to participate in the development programmes of the government.

Rajshahi district and city unit of JASAS organised a discussion and cultural function on the occasion.

Documentary film show was exhibited by mass communication department Local Shilpakala Academy organised a cultural function on the occasion. Football match was also held.

The National Revolution and Solidarity Day was observed in Narayanganj Sunday with a vow to safeguard the independence and sovereignty of the country.

The day's programme included hoisting of the national flag atop all public and private buildings, supply of improved diets to the inmates of the hospital, milad mahfil, special prayers and session of patriotic songs.

The Narayanganj city unit of BNP held a discussion on the significance of the day at its office in the evening with its President Advocate Abul Kalam MP in the chair.

The speakers at the meeting paid tributes to late President Ziaur Rahman and termed him as the saviour of national independence and sovereignty.

The Narayanganj district unit of Chhatra Dal and city unit of Jubo Dal jointly held a discussion a DIT market in the evening.

The Narayanganj District Shilpakala Academy held a session of patriotic songs at Ali Ahmed Chunka Paura Pathagar.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country during the next 12 hours commencing 6 pm today. Met office says.

Day temperature will remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country, it adds.

The highest temperature of the country yesterday 31.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Bogra and the lowest 19.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Dhaka and Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 5:15 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6:10 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and the maximum and minimum relative humidity recorded at important cities and towns yesterday are as follows:

Cities/Towns	Temperature		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	29.8	19.0	80	82
Chittagong	30.0	20.4	86	73
Rajshahi	29.6	21.6	93	87
Khulna	30.8	20.4	71	82
Barisal	30.6	20.0	80	92
Cox's Bazar	30.7	21.0	77	70
Sylhet	30.5	19.0	74	73
Rangpur	29.3	20.0	86	83

Borhan Bin Haji Ahmed meets Biswas

Chief of Staff of the Malaysian Army General Tan Sri Borhan Bin Haji Ahmad called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Exchanging views with the Malaysian Army chief, President Biswas stressed the need for greater cooperation between the two countries in different fields.

Biswas said that Malaysian government may render necessary assistance through providing training to defence personnel of Bangladesh.

General Borhan thanked President Abdur Rahman Biswas for receiving him in the morning.

Bangladesh Army chief Lt General Nooruddin Khan was present on the occasion.

Among others, Secretary to President Ataul Haq and Malaysian High Commissioner Ahmed Fuzi Bin Haji Abdul Razak were also present.

Malaysian Army Chief calls on Army, Navy, Air chiefs

The visiting Royal Malaysian Army Chief of Staff General Tan Sri Borhan Bin Haji Ahmad called on Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the army headquarters yesterday morning, says an ISPR press release.

He stayed with General Noor Uddin for some time and discussed matters of mutual interests.

The Malaysian Army Chief then went to the Naval headquarters at Banani where he called on Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Molaibin Islam.

He also called on Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury at the air headquarters.

Earlier on his arrival at the Dhaka Cantonment, the Malaysian Chief of Army Staff placed wreath at the Shikha Anirban, the Eternal Flame.

Biswas, Khaleda greet Sihanouk

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has congratulated King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia on the occasion of his country's National Day, reports BSS.

In a message President Abdur Rahman Biswas said "your majesty, that the friendly and warm relations that exist between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead."

President Biswas also wished for King Sihanouk's personal well-being and for the progress and prosperity of the people of Cambodia.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia.

"The people and the government of Bangladesh join me in extending to your majesty and through you to the friendly people and the government of Cambodia our heartfelt felicitations and warm greetings on the happy occasion of the National Day of Cambodia," she said in a message of felicitation.

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