

Dhaka Day by Day

Birds on Sale — Illegally

by Neil Ray



With the advent of the winter they set out on their yearly sojourn. As cold waves and snows descend on the northern hemisphere, the graceful little creatures take on their wings to cover thousands of miles over high seas, hills and plains, deserts and forests for spending a few months in the south and east with a moderate temperature. They are the guest birds who after a long and hazardous journey seek refuge in our swamps, canals, lakes or rivers or any other source of water relatively less disturbed by man.

However with every passing year, these winged guests become less and less safe in our country. It is the predatory nature of man that poses the greatest of all threats. The uncanny knowledge that helps the birds to follow the same route of their journey to and from their home and the destination of their choice so unerringly year after year is of little use to beat the guile and cunningness of man. For man has gun and a lot of other devices to trap those beautiful unsuspecting creatures.

To a near-omnivorous species like man, bird are but an addition to his rare and delicious dishes. His palate has the predominant priority over his appreciation and respect for the diversity of life, the inherent sameness of living beings, the law of life-force, the beauty and aesthetic quality of all creations. With the phenomenal increase in human population on this tiny planet, the inalienable balanced relations between man and nature are becoming threatened more and more.

No wonder, those wonderful creatures are reduced to the obnoxious introduction, *shikar* on our city streets. Hung upside down from their legs tied together, the birds have known

how cruel the species more equal than the others can be. Their sufferings end only in someone's kitchen. All this can happen despite the government law forbidding catching, shooting or killing of these guest birds. Sellers of birds have already started showing up at the street corners or traffic signal or near the shopping-mall. So ubiquitous they seem to be that the law enforcing agency can — if they wish so — spot them quite easily.

Last year there was a furore over the selling of these birds and the country's prime minister was prompted to order the law enforcers to strictly enforce the provisions preventing the sale. Bird lovers took heart. It had some dampening influence on at least the sale of the birds in the city if not on the catching. But this year signs are already ominous. And nothing illustrates this better, than the snippet carried in a vernacular daily. The story in short runs like the following: the correspondent of the report was cheering a police sergeant on his motor-bike, who made a dash on the bird-seller hawking at the Bata Crossing of the New Elephant Road. But low, how shocked the newsmen was when the man in uniform informed the former that surely he has got hold of a catch but not for taking legal measures against the act but for his money and for their tender meat.

Read against this a civil servant's knack of bying all the birds he would come across for setting them free may rate nothing more than lunacy. But it is such lunatics who have indeed saved this world from disaster — not law enforcers like the police sergeant who asks everybody to abide by the law without himself doing the same.

'Complete repair of city roads within Dec 15'

By Staff Correspondent

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mirza Abbas MP yesterday instructed the concerned authorities to complete repairings of the city roads within December 15.

He also warned the engineers and the regional officials that they would have to take the responsibilities of the roads if they lasted less than five years.

The mayor was addressing the high officials of the engineering section and regional executive officers at the conference room of the City Corporation office.

The mayor also asked to introduce separate files for separate roads and instructed not to keep any important file pending for more than 24 hours.

Contraband cigarettes seized, 2 held

CHITTAGONG, Nov 9: A special team of the detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) seized contraband cigarettes worth over Taka one and a half lakh from a microbus at port connecting road under port police station here today, reports BSS.

According to a CMP press release the detectives acting on secret information chased the microbus and subsequently intercepted it. The detectives found the cigarettes inside the vehicle.

The driver and another person were arrested. A case was filed with port police in this connection.

Malaysian Army Chief leaves

The royal Malaysian Army Chief of Staff General Tan Sri Borhan bin Haji Ahmad left Dhaka yesterday after a three-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The Malaysian army chief and members of his delegation were seen off at the Zia International Airport by senior army officers including principal staff officers, the engineer-in-chief and the Savar area commander of the army.

Earlier the Malaysian army chief visited the Ministry of Defence at the Ganobhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. He met the Defence Secretary, Hasnat Rahman and other high officials of the ministry.

Prior to their departure General Borhan and members of his delegation also visited the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Mirpur.

Mathematics conference Nov 14

RAJSHAHI, Nov 9: The ninth Bangladesh Mathematics conference will be held at Rajshahi University Senate House on November 14, reports BSS.

Professor M Shamsul Haq, Chairman, University Grants Commission, will inaugurate the conference.

Over one hundred mathematicians from home and abroad will participate in the three day conference.



5:00 Opening announcement
 Al-Quran Programme summary
 5:10 News in Bangla
 5:30 Sports programme: Gillette World Sports Special Unmesh
 5:50 Open University
 6:45 Tagore songs
 7:15 News in Bangla
 8:00 Sangbad Parikrama
 9:05 Film show The A-Team
 10:00 News in English
 10:30 Kathamala
 11:30 Khabar/The News
 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
 Closing 11:45

JS body on Cultural Affairs meets

The 20th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs Ministry was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Arab Begum in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed government policy to sanction monthly allowances for distressed poets, artists, litterateurs and journalists.

Some recommendations were also placed at the meeting.

Members of the committee Fatema Chowdhury Paru and Shahin Ara Huq of BNP, Nur-e-Alam Chowdhury of Awami League, Paritosh Chakraborty and Abu Lais Md Mubin Chowdhury of Jatiya Party and Rashita Khatun of Jamaat-e-Islami were present at the meeting.

Cancer Society conference November 12

The annual conference and annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Cancer Society will be held at the auditorium of the Bangladesh National Museum at 9:30 am on November 12, reports BSS.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, who is also the chief patron of the Bangladesh Cancer Society will inaugurate the conference.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf will attend the function as special guest while Barrister Mainul Husein, Chairman of the Board of Editors of the Ittefaq Group of Publications will be present as guest of honour.

The theme of the society for the year is cancer education.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain partly cloudy over Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka divisions and some regions of Sylhet. Dry weather with misty morning is likely over the country.

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

Country's highest temperature of 31.3 degrees Celsius was recorded in Jessore and lowest of 18.9 degrees Celsius was recorded in Mymensingh.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 5:15 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:11 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.0	19.2	70	82
Chittagong	30.0	19.3	85	-
Rajshahi	30.3	20.6	91	73
Khulna	30.8	21.4	83	85
Barisal	30.8	20.3	82	88
Sylhet	30.4	19.5	81	77
Dinajpur	29.5	19.2	82	74
Cox's Bazar	31.0	20.0	77	65



A procession of jute, yarn, textile, sugar and handloom employees and workers oikya jote in the city demanding implementation of their various demands. — Star photo

1400 lecturers to be recruited in government colleges

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday called upon the government college teachers to put in their sincere efforts for improving the standard of the education of the country, reports BSS.

He said, "We are determined to restore academic atmosphere on the campus through eradicating violence and session jam."

The government will recruit about 1400 lecturers to fill up the vacant posts in the government colleges, he added.

The Education Minister was addressing as the chief guest the conference of Bangladesh government college lecturer and professor associations held at the Engineers Institute here.

Presided over by President of the associations Prof Kamal Ataur Rahman the conference

was addressed by State Minister for Establishment, Barrister Aminul Hoq, former chairman of Bangladesh Public Service Commission Prof Yeazuddin Ahmed and general secretaries of the lecturers' and professors' associations Ismat Ara Begum and Prof Mamta Begum respectively.

The Education Minister said the session jam would be eradicated and academic discipline would be restored soon at degree level as proper steps were being taken by the national university. He said the government would make specific rules for regulating services, transfer and promotion of the government college teachers to remove all kinds of anomalies.

Sircar said the government aimed at introducing a people and production oriented education system in the country. He

said steps have already been taken towards bringing the total population under the umbrella of education.

Addressing as the special guest Barrister Aminul Hoq said the government had given due importance to education sector for achieving socio-economic development of the country. The government will try to solve the problems of the government college teachers by phases and eradicate the complexities in the services of the college teachers.

British HC meets Moyeen

British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Peter Fowler called on State Minister for Planning Dr Abul Moyeen Khan at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, the British envoy expressed his happiness over the development activities undertaken by the present government and discussed issues of mutual interest.

Dr Khan underscored the possibilities of restructuring the administrative machineries towards a more people-oriented government in the country. The role of Planning Ministry and Planning Commission also came up during the discussion.

2 kidnapped BIT students rescued

CHITTAGONG, Nov 9: Unidentified gunmen kidnapped two students of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) from station road in the city on Sunday evening, witnesses and police said.

Of the two, Abu Talha Jubair Al Mamun, a first year student of electrical engineering was rescued by police on Sunday midnight from Chittagong Polytechnic campus while Morshedul Majid, a second year student of the same department was found this evening with multiple injuries on his body near the GEC crossing, police said.

Canada keen to assist in small projects

Canada is eager to assist in small projects regarding women's development activities in Bangladesh, the Canadian High Commissioner said yesterday, reports BSS.

The Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Jon J Scott expressed the eagerness of Canadian government when he called on the State Minister for Women's Affairs Sarwar Rahman at the latter's office.

They discussed matters relating to women's development programmes in Bangladesh.

Mrs Rahman briefed the envoy about the activities of Women's Affairs Ministry, its attached departments, the Jatiya Mohila Sangstha (national women's organisation) and the day care centres for the children of working women being run in the city.

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 &
 Madihah

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