

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Can We Lend Sufia A Hand?

by Shaheen Anam

Sufia now lies crippled on the 2nd floor of Ward CD of the Pangu Hospital. Her right arm and left leg have been severed under the wheels of a running train because her husband pushed her out in a fit of anger. She is also six months pregnant. This is how it happened.

Sufia, aged 22 from village Gochaihata, was once an independent woman. A small trader, Sufia earned enough to make a living and support a son. Her first husband abandoned her five

years ago with one of the three children she gave birth to. Life was hard for Sufia, as it is hard for most single women who try to eke out a living for themselves without the help of a man. Yet Sufia had enough reason to thank her luck. She had managed to save Tk. 5,000, and hoped to educate her son. Sufia also dreamt of remarrying someday and settling down to a comfortable life. Her dreams were the same as any other young girl would cherish in a culture that eulogises family, children and motherhood.

A year ago she married Fazlur Rahman, from the village next to hers. He had been courting her for the last six months and finally Sufia gave in, thinking that this would give her and her son security. She readily gave her husband the Tk. 5,000 she had judiciously saved so that he could go to the Middle East for a job. She also convinced her mother to give Tk. 5,000 on loan. He promised to repay double the money and also adorn her with jewellery sarees and all the good things in life once he got his job in the Middle East.

Alas for Sufia! And so much for her dream of sarees and jewels. All she got from her husband within six months of marriage was neglect and abuse, both physical and verbal. He demanded more money. He knew her mother had some in the bank and demanded she give all to him. Sufia refused to ask her mother and was beaten up

several times. She decided to leave him and told him so. About one and a half months also he convinced Sufia to come to Dhaka with him. On the train they fought violently when she told him he would not get a penny out of her even if he killed her. He pushed her out of the running train. Sufia does not remember anything after that. On regaining consciousness, she found herself in the Pangu Hospital with one hand and a leg amputated.

The impression that one gets about her at first sight is that this is not a poor vulnerable woman who should be pitied. This is a strong tough woman who should be helped in her rehabilitation. In a situation where most women would like to die, Sufia talks of life. She wants to give birth to the baby she is carrying and also to know who could help her to take care of it. She does not want to become a burden on society and therefore needs assistance. Her strength was amazing. Instead of being devastated by this experience, she demonstrates a quiet courage and will to survive. Asked what she would do after leaving the hospital, Sufia replied, 'If I could just manage to walk I would go back to my business.'

Sufia is a story of a woman who was surviving quite well on her own till a man came and destroyed her life and has now left her maimed and invalid. The hospital authorities are doing whatever they can, but with resource constraints there is urgent need for more medicines, for her wounds to heal quickly. She will also need prostheses to be able to walk again.

The other question is legal and moral. When will our society issue a clear message that violence against women is not acceptable and that the law will come down very strongly against anyone who think they can beat, abuse, mutilate women with impunity?



Captain Azizul Islam, a noted flutist, giving a solo performance at the National Museum auditorium yesterday evening. The Rotary Club of Islamabad, Chittagong organised the recital. — Star photo

## Malaysia to recruit 70,000 workers

State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman yesterday said economic mismanagement and wrong policies of the past autocratic regime had aggravated the problem of unemployment in the country over the last one decade, reports BSS.

The State Minister said considering the unemployment problem as "alarming", the present government had taken a package programme to create opportunities for self-employment and thereby save the nation from the curse of unemployment.

Addressing a seminar on "national and international assistance for self-employment in Bangladesh" here, Rahman said schemes taken to create self-employment opportunities included pisciculture, dairy farming and small and cottage industry.

Organised by Bangladesh Karma Sangsthan Sangha, the seminar was also addressed by Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Shah Abdul Hannan, High Commissioner of Malaysia Ahmed Fuzi Bin Haji Abdul Razzak, Prof Abu Ahmed and the office-bearers of the sangstha.

Malaysian High Commissioner Ahmed Fuzi Bin Haji Abdul Razzak said his country would continue to recruit skilled and semi-skilled workers from Bangladesh.

He indicated that Malaysia would recruit about 70,000 workers from Bangladesh in the coming year.

Razzak said Malaysia was satisfied with the Bangladeshi workers and added "they are better workers than people from other parts of the world."

"My government appreciates the positive role played by the Bangladeshi workers in the

economic and industrial growth of the Malaysia," the high commissioner said.

The State Minister said it was late President Ziaur Rahman, who for the first time had undertaken programmes for creating self-employment opportunities. Continuation of those policies would have made the situation different now, he said.

He said the Bangladesh Krishi Bank and the Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank had already been directed to extend loans in liberal and soft terms for undertaking small ventures in those fields.

He recalled that the programme of cultivation of HYV varieties of paddy like IRRI and Boro by the Zia-government had led the nation for attaining almost self-sufficiency in food.

Rahman said through providing a package of incentives the present government was also trying to attract foreign investment for quick industrialisation of the country to create additional employment opportunities.

In this connection, he said the frequent hartal calls by a section of opposition political parties were discouraging foreign entrepreneurs to make investment in Bangladesh.

He said problem of unemployment could not be solved overnight and stressed the need for a concerted effort both by the government, the private sector and other organisations to solve this gigantic problem.

Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Shah Abdul Hannan underlined the need for involving the NGOs in solving the problem of unemployment.

## Biswas, Khaleda greet Sultan of Oman

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said of Sultanate of Oman on the occasion of the country's National Day, reports BSS.

In a message to the Sultan of Oman, President Biswas expressed his confidence that the existing friendly ties between the two countries would be further strengthened and developed in the years to come.

He also wished his personal well-being and the people of Oman peace, progress and prosperity.

UNB adds: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said of Sultanate of Oman.

In a message to the Sultan, Begum Zia said, "The government and the people of Bangladesh join me in extending to your majesty and through you to the brotherly people of the Sultanate of Oman our heartfelt greetings and warmest felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the Sultanate of Oman."

She expressed the confidence the age-old ties that bind the two fraternal states would be further consolidated in the years to come.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia admired the Sultan for making contribution to promote the cause of peace and stability in the region and unity and solidarity of the Islamic Ummah.

She wished Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said good health, happiness and long life and the brotherly people of Sultanate continued peace, progress and prosperity.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman yesterday congratulated Abdul Latif Filali on his reappointment as the Foreign Minister of Morocco, reports UNB.

In a message Rahman said, "I look forward to working with you in further strengthening bilateral relations between our two countries and promoting the cause of world peace and solidarity of the Islamic Ummah."

## Mostafiz greets Moroccan FM

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## Two die in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

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Aleya Begum, 20, a housewife — reportedly committed suicide at her residence at the Pallabi area in the afternoon.

The victim Aleya, wife of Mohammed Shakil, allegedly killed herself by hanging but a unnatural death (UD) case filed with the Pallabi police station in this connection.

In another incident a pedestrian was killed when a speeding truck knocked her at the Rokeya Sharany yesterday morning.

The victim, 50, identified as Mofiza, died on the spot.

Police seized the vehicle and arrested its driver Farhad.

Police sent both the bodies to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Yusuf places wreaths at cenotaph in London

High Commissioner of Bangladesh Dr A F M Yusuf placed wreath at the cenotaph honouring the soldiers from Commonwealth countries including Bangladesh who sacrificed their lives during World War I and II on the occasion of Remembrance Day in London on Sunday last, according to message received here, reports BSS.

He sat in silence after placing the wreath and prayed for the peace of the departed souls.

## Kuwaiti envoy calls on Keramat

Ambassador of Kuwait in Bangladesh Mohammod Ibrahim Al-Najran called on the Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali at his secretariat office yesterday morning, reports BSS.

The ambassador stayed with the minister for some time and discussed matters of bilateral issues specially regarding the ensuing visit of Kuwaiti minister for Waqf and Religious Affairs Gama al-Falah Al-Azmi.

The ambassador also presented the minister a set of recent encyclopedia of the Muslim world.

The minister thanked the ambassador for the goodwill gesture.

## Installation of Lioness Club of Dhaka Mahanagar

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday urged the Lioness Clubs to expand their voluntary services to the rural areas for the welfare of the poor masses, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the Lioness Club of Dhaka Mahanagar at a city hotel, the minister said there was enough scope to render social services in a country like Bangladesh.

He said the organisations like Lions and Lioness Clubs could contribute a lot along with the government's efforts to promote welfare of the less fortunate people, bulk of women were living in the villages.

## Kenyan minister for early return of Rohingyas

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 17: The visiting Home Minister of Kenya F Lotodo Tuesday appealed to the government of Myanmar to help accelerate the process of the rohingya refugees' repatriation under the UN-Myanmar and UN-Bangladesh agreements, reports BSS.

According to a PID handout, the Kenyan minister made this appeal while visiting some rohingya refugee camps at Ramu and Ukhiya here.

F Lotodo visited the Dhoo Palong, Dhechua Palong-1 and Dhechua Palong-2 refugee camps at Ramu and the Jumma Para transit camp at Ukhiya.

The Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) and Joint Secretary Md Gholam Murtaza, and a Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Badiuzzaman were, among others, present during the visit.

The handout said Lotodo talked to some rohingya refugees and visited some of their houses.

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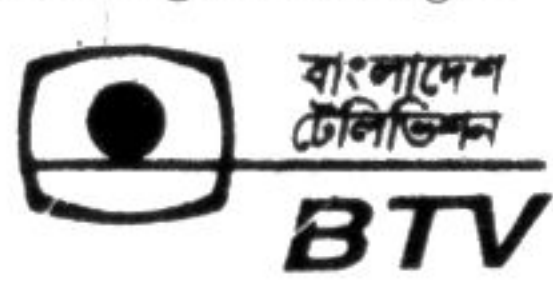
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Thursday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- News in Bangla
- 5.10 National TV School
- 5.25 Debate Competition
- 6.20 Mass education programme: Esho Para Shikhi
- 6.55 Jiboner Alo
- 7.15 Nazrul Sangket
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.40 Drama of the week: Shiri
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: The Grass is Always Greener
- 11.30 Khabar/ The News
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

## Obituary

Head of the Forensic Department of Dhaka Medical College Prof Dr Mofizur Rahman died yesterday, reports BSS.

BMA president Dr M A Mazed and secretary general Dr Gazi Abdul Huq in a message of condolence paid tributes to late Prof Mofizur Rahman and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

The Bangladesh Medical Teachers' Association also condoled the death of Prof Rahman and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Al-haj Mohamed Osman Ghani, a renowned social worker and elder brother of Dr R A Ghani, member of the standing committee of BNP, died of old age complications at Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital Tuesday. He was 85, reports BSS.

He left behind one son, one daughter and a large number of well-wishers and relations to mourn his death.

He will be buried at his village home at Bosonlapara of Gaibandha district.

## Weather

### No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country with a cloudy sky during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature may remain nearly unchanged.

Country's highest temperature of 31.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Jessore and Satkhira and lowest of 17.6 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rangpur yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6.16 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.4	19.5	72	80
Chittagong	29.2	19.8	81	79
Sylhet	28.0	19.6	98	80
Rajshahi	29.7	18.4	77	84
Barisal	30.8	20.2	85	85
Khulna	30.7	21.2	82	72

## Recitation festival begins Nov 25 in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Nov 17: A three-day festival of recitation will begin here on November 25 on the completion of the 12th year of the "Swanan" a leading reciters' forum, reports BSS.

## DU IR Dept to publish journal

The International Relations (IR) Department of Dhaka University will publish a biennial journal titled "Journal of International Relations" to promote original ideas, quality thinking and excellence in the field, reports UNB.

## QULKHWANI

Quikhwani of late Alhaj Syed Abul Khair, who breathed his last on 15th November (Monday evening), will be held on Friday (19/11/93) after Asar prayer (instead of Jumma prayer which was announced earlier during Janaja) at his residence in Masdar of Narayanganj. All his well-wishers, friends and relatives are requested to attend the Quikhwani and to pray for the salvation of the departed soul. We take this opportunity to thank all who expressed their condolences at his sudden demise.

— Mrs. Sayeeda Begum and family members.

## It's Noodle time again at Panda

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## CHITTAGONG ASSOCIATION - DHAKA

SCHEDULE FOR ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2-YEAR TERM OF 1994-1995.

Draft voter list of the Chittagong Association has already been published in the Office of the Association at 32, Topkhana Road, Dhaka, on 10 Nov 93.

1. Last date of submission of objections on the draft voter list : 25-11-93 5 PM
2. Date of hearing of objections by the Election Committee : 27-11-93 5 PM
- (Members filing objections are requested to attend the session of the Election Committee on this date and time)
3. Date of publication of the final Voters list : 29-11-93 5 PM
4. Date of enrolment as life Member for the purpose of this Election only : 1-12-93 5 PM
5. Last date of selling Nomination papers : from 10 A.M. of 30-11-93 To 12 noon of 2-12-93.  
(price of each Nomination paper is Tk 250/- only)
6. Last date of submission of Nominations at the association's office at 32 Topkhana Road, Dhaka 2-12-93 From 5 to 8 P.M.
7. Scrutiny and publication of provisional Nominations : 5-12-93 : 5 P.M. at the Association's office at 32, Topkhana Road, Dhaka.
8. Last date of withdrawal of Nominations : 7-12-93 : 5 P.M.
9. Last date of publication of final list of candidates for election at the Association's office at 32, Topkhana Road, Dhaka : 8-12-93 : 10 A.M.
10. Date of Election: Friday 17-12-93 : From 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.
11. Place of Election : Association's office at 32, Topkhana Road, Dhaka.

M.M. Qudus  
convener, Election committee  
Chittagong Association, Dhaka.



## বাংলাদেশ শিপিং কর্পোরেশন Bangladesh Shipping Corporation Dhaka

### Notice to Trade and Notice to Consignees

#### Feeder Vessel M.V. Banglar Robi Voyage No. 19W/20E

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation is pleased to announce that our above mentioned feeder vessel will arrive Chittagong with cargo loaded from Singapore including transshipment cargo of other global ports and sail for Singapore as per following schedule:

PORT	ETA	ETD
Chittagong	20-11-93	22-11-93
Singapore	27-11-93	27-11-93

All consignees/receivers of cargo are requested to arrange clearance of their consignments as soon as possible after discharging cargoes from the vessel. Should any consignee require steamer survey on damaged cargo notice in writing be given within 3 (three) days of discharge. In the event of direct delivery, survey be held at Ship's side only.

Consignments not cleared within 45 days of discharging from vessel, are liable to be confiscated/auctioned by the customs authority without further intimation. Cargo once put into auction will never be withheld and/or given over to the consignees.

Carrier/their agents are therefore, absolved of all responsibilities for lapse/negligence on the part of the consignees cargo interest.

The vessel will load cargo simultaneously during her discharge.

The valued importers/exporters and patrons are requested to extend support in favour of the National Flag Carrier.

For booking of Containers/Containerised cargo and for any information relating to Feeder Service please contact following offices:

**Chittagong office**  
Bangladesh Shipping Corporation  
"BSC Bhaban"  
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502295, 506049  
Res: 502297, 502022  
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Fax: 031-225506  
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**Dhaka office**  
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28/1 Toyenbee Circular Road  
Motijheel C/A  
Dhaka.  
Tel: Off: 258378, 250830 &  
251411, 251455  
Res: 313789, 312468 N 313260  
Tx: 632204 N 642231 BSC BJ  
Fax: (02-86)3950  
Cable: Banglanship, Dhaka.

## Uttara Bank Limited Branch Shifting

Uttara Bank Ltd. Sunamgonj branch has been shifted to Sufia Mansion (1st floor), station Road, Sunamgonj today (18-11-93).

Our valued clients and Wel-Wishers are requested to contact and transact at the new premises.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board  
Office of the Director Procurement,  
Telephone Exchange Building,  
Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka-1207

No. DP/F-10/IT/93-94/58 Dated, Dhaka the 27th Oct 1993

## Sub: International tender notice for procurement of Barring and Recording of long distance calls in Analog Exchanges

### International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide international suppliers and manufacturers for procurement of barring and recording of long distance calls in Analog Exchanges under cash foreign exchange allocation 1993-94. Tender schedule will be available on payment of Tk. 2000/= (Taka two thousand) only (Non-refundable) from this office on all working days from 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM (Local time) upto 21-12-93. Tenders will be received upto 11.00 hours (local time) on 22-12-93 (Wednesday) and will be opened at 11.05 AM (local time) on the same day in presence of bidders if any. No tender schedule will be sold on the day of the opening of the tender and will not be sent by post.

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