

Dhaka Day by Day

Reading Luck in Advance

by Raffat Binte Rashid

"You will complete your student life with a doctorate degree and end up leading an accomplished life." It was the prediction.

In reality, she could never cross her Advanced level (A levels).

"You will marry the boy you love and live happily ever after like princesses do." Yet another prediction.

But the boy got married off somewhere else and is himself a father of a boy now. This is how things work out in the world of fortunetellers — but not always.

Predictions always exert an extensive or a peripheral influence in many civilisations — both ancient and modern — and also on individuals. What's in store for you, the surprises and the misfortunes whether or not they become true, it is always interesting to know your future. Astrology, palmistry, numerology appeal to all and sundry

— from kings to beggar — because they weave a vision of the future, no matter what is false.

Kazi Abid an astrologer of our times believes that assessing the future a little or reading the palms could bring happiness and wealth to anyone. As renowned astrologer Cheiro said, "If we move with the laws of life and are in harmony with them, we must become more happy, wealthy and successful." So if anyone's first marriage or affair ends up in disaster, make sure to avail the help of numerology or astrology the next time. Numbers can really look beyond.

Abid is by profession an engineer but the science of astrology always intrigued him. While still a school student he read books on the subject and collected them from almost every corner of the world, but he became serious about astrology during his BUET days. Alongside his academic study, he gave time to astrology — that deals with birth dates, years, hours and minutes — palmistry — that is hand reading in general; and numerology that is on numbers.

Abid was always good in mathematics, science was his favourite, at the same time he loved literature. In order to combine all his likings into one, he studied astrology, which quenched his thirst for all the subjects.

"At the very beginning when I was still studying the subject, I had few case studies. I tried to predict about friends, relatives and neighbours," he said. He was so dedicated that he went back to them and discussed his pre-

dictions, if they went wrong, he took help of the seniors and worked out the weakness. No one of any profession would take so much pain to master a passion. Just nurturing a mere curiosity or interest could take a man to the top no doubt.

In the year '82-'83, he took this as a profession along with engineering. Earlier during '79-'80, he was a regular columnist of *Shachitra Sandhani*, a promising cultural magazine at that time. He also wrote regularly in *Chitrali* during '82-'83. In the mean time he corresponded with foreign organizations of astrology. He is the member of American Federation of Astrologers, Australian Federation of Astrologers, Astrological laws of London, Indian Institute of Astrologers. He also took active part in a number of seminars held between '85 and '90. Besides, he brings out a monthly magazine

called *Bhagya-kas* and *Rashi Pat*, an annual album.

"Astrology or prediction has its own barriers rather than enemies," he said. "Our people are ignorant about religion, science or literature, but they are 100 per cent sentimental about it; they tend to forget that the idea of astrology is not religion-based," he commented.

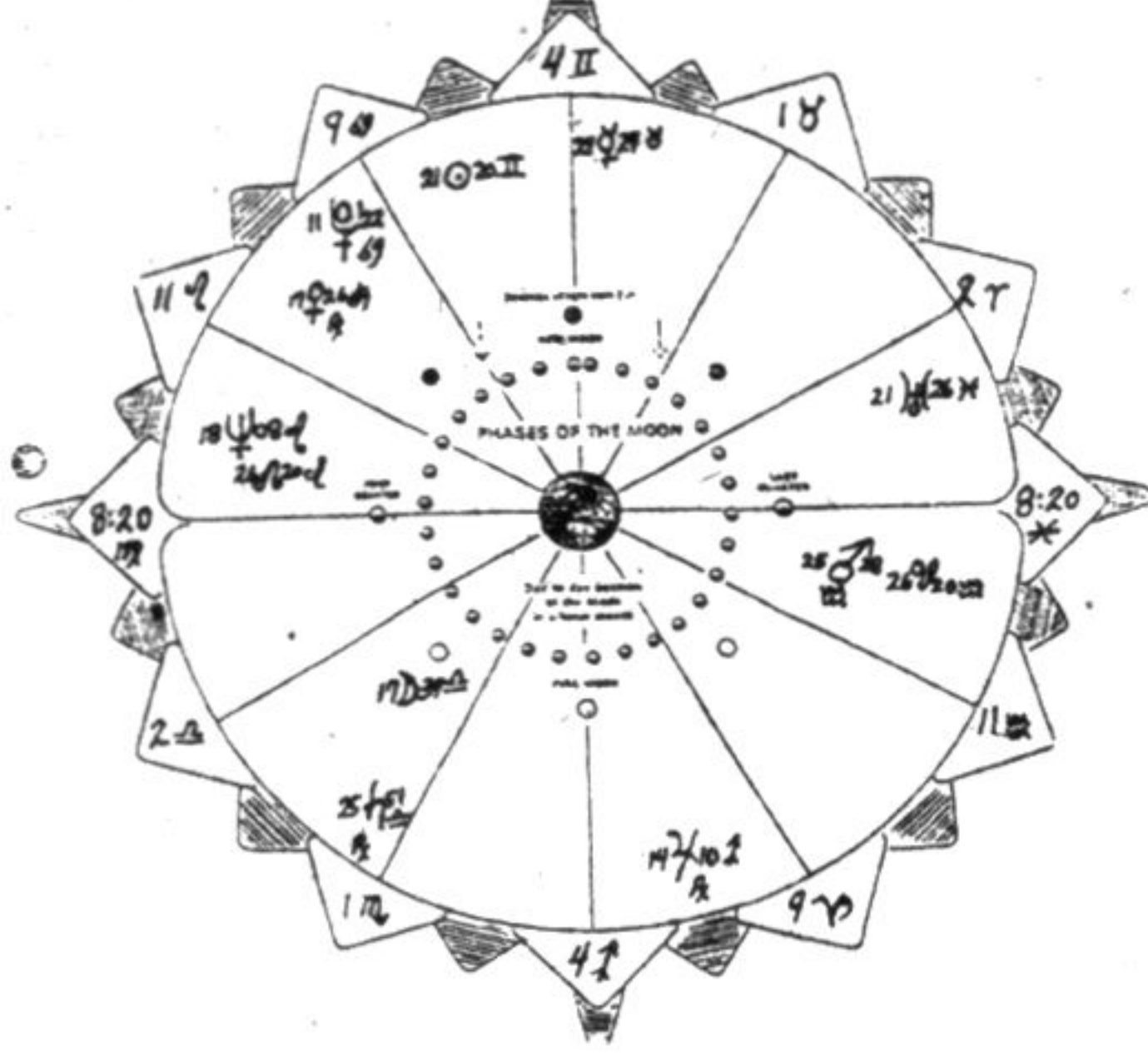
He had to bear criticism from family friends and sometimes the press too.

"On a neutral ground I would say that newspapers use us, criticise us and then again patronize us, this is definitely a problem, our country is very conservative about certain norms."

There are two kinds of astrology, mundane and native. National, political, social, economic, environmental — all these are mundane astrology, which makes health, affair, profession, marriage, native. He predicted in *Sandhani* that Prince Charles and Princess Diana would at least be mentally separated if not through legal papers. Benazir Bhutto's first political setback was also predicted by him.

"Future of astrology in our country is dark as far as I see it," he said. He believes that it should be introduced as an academic subject in the educational institutions. *Kusthi* or horoscope never did anyone wrong, there's no harm in knowing what's coming up or what's ahead. In fact, there is a universal practice to have a horoscope cast for each new born child and at all decisive junctures in life.

Find out the lucky numbers today and plan accordingly.



Symbol of a native chart.

DU to open new institute

Dhaka University will open a new institute for the study and researches on the country's Liberation War to uphold the national history. Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said yesterday, reports UNB.

"We want to study all sides of the Liberation War, including its political, economic and social aspects. We are also contemplating to introduce higher degrees like Phd and M Phil through the proposed Institute," the VC said.

He underlined that comprehensive research works and studies on Liberation War is necessary to come up with the true history to the new generation. "We have idled away a long time, we want to work now," Prof Emajuddin said.

Talking to newly elected office-bearers of Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) at his office yesterday morning, the VC further informed that plans are underway to establish two new departments in the university.

The new departments will be: Performing Arts and Environment and Disaster Management to cope with the need of the time as well as the country.

He said a large number of students are going abroad every year to take degrees on music, dance and drama that cost a huge amount in foreign exchange.

"If we can open the Performing Arts department in the university, I think students will not go abroad," the VC hoped adding that such a department will be opened very soon offering Honours and Master Degrees.

"Natural disaster is a regular phenomenon of our country. To face the disasters, it is very urgent that we build up our own expertise on the subject. That's why we have planned to open a department in the university on Environment and Disaster Management," he said.

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Zimbabwe Air Chief visits DSCSC

The visiting Air Force Commander of Zimbabwe, Air Marshal Perrence Shirri visited the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Mirpur yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

On arrival at the college, Air Marshal Shirri was received by the Commandant of the College, Major General Mustafa Kamal Uddin. He was briefed on the activity of the college and was taken round different syndicates of the college.

He also visited the BAF Base, Bashar at the Dhaka Cantonment. He was received by the local Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore Fakhru Azam and was taken round some of the units and squadrons of the Base where he saw for himself the training and maintenance activity of the Bangladesh Air Force. He also witnessed a static display at Kurmitola.

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

The weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) says, dry weather with fair sky is likely to prevail over the country.

The Met Office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall slightly over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 31.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Kutubdia and the lowest 14.8 degrees in Jessore.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:21 am.

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

Cities/towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.6	17.9	68	56
Chittagong	28.0	17.2	86	61
Rajshahi	29.0	15.2	65	81
Khulna	29.2	17.3	66	80
Bartals	29.4	17.2	74	91
Cox's Bazar	29.5	18.5	68	68
Dinajpur	28.6	15.3	75	74



Thursday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 National TV School Debate Competition
- 6:30 Mass education programme : Esho Para Shikhi
- 7:00 Jiboner Alo
- 7:25 Nazrul Sangeet
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:40 Drama of the week : Chhayabrikha
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Mini Series : The Grass is Always Greener
- 11:30 Khabar/ The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

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