

Dhaka Day by Day

Living with a Sense of Pride

by Shaheed Hassan

Nasima Sultana is a housewife. Collected and sedate of bearing she however evokes affection in all. Irrespective of age and relationship. Everybody loves to call her by the name given to her by her father — Maya. Who she cannot recollect for he was killed when she was an infant on the cradle. But with time she reconstructed him all right, for she has heard so much of him throughout her young life. Orphaned at that age, she has suffered and suffered in spite of the best efforts by her mother and her uncle to protect her from the pains of the world. And she took it all bravely, preserving a totally unruffled persona. This she could achieve from the sense of glory she has for her father. She believes her father, although unknown to all, died a national hero's death pursuing a cause worthier than which there could be hardly anything in the world.

Ziaul Haque was a brilliant man in more ways than one. He was a commercial flier and a film music director. He was an electronic engineer turned a leading engineer handling laying the first domestic gas lines in Dhaka City. And in everything he was self-taught. As a patriot and a freedom fighter he again tried his natural flair for everything, specially of technical nature. Soon after the Pakistanis had mounted the infamous genocide on the Bangalee people and Bangabandhu gave the call of independence, Ziaul Haque — Maya's father, started looking for ways to render the Dhaka airport — the point through which all that sustained the genocide was pressed into Bangladesh — inoperational. He moved around and around the now-old airport surveying it for vulnerable points. While busy on his mission he was caught by Pakistan army on suspicion on April 6. He was tortured with ultimate cruelty but they could get nothing from him. So they let him to come out of their clutch. Worse fate was waiting for him outside. A crowd of Bihar collaborators who had known him for a genuine patriot and also of his powers of the brain and hands. They hacked him to death on the spot. This story of Ziaul Haque's martyrdom has been collected bit by bit from hearsay of a motley of people involved in the earliest hours of our resistance to genocide — waiting yet to be baptized as a full-scale Liberation War. Ziaul Haque's mother — Maya's grandmother — waited

fifteen years before accepting the truth of her son's death. For fifteen years she kept herself awake till late into the night — expecting every night to open the door to her long absent son. Maya hadn't seen her father but had been a witness to her Dadi's eager and fruitless and heartbreaking wait. She was also a close witness to her mother's travails left with little provision for her premature and long widowhood. Her elder sister Ritu was a gem of a girl. She was said to be even more brilliant than her father.

She had taken in an awfully great amount of high literature — Bankim and Rabindranath and Sharat et al., — by the time she was reading in class six. But she was two sensitive, more than was good for her. The elder uncle, who had supportive of their family to the end of his ability, was away in Chittagong eking out a tough living when Ritu couldn't anymore take the rough and tumble of her family and took her life by poisoning. Maya was away at the Bharateswari Homes where she would stay for years before matriculating and coming back to her elder uncle's protection. Like Ritu, mother Fatima also fell at her father's end but couldn't follow Ritu for the love of Joy, the youngest child. To save her soul and Joy's she married and went to live in Bhola.

Maya's was a disturbed life all through and an exile to the famous Homes in Mirzapur didn't simplify matters for her. She was not a success with her studies, as a result. But music ran in the blood of her family — Mita Huq is her cousin and Sanjida her aunt — she sings soulfully the Tagore songs, but only for herself. Married to a banker who plays the tabla and is a keen listener, Maya is living a life devoid of any sense of fulfillment. This she traces to two things. A sense of pride in her father's martyrdom. A sense of even more pride arising from the fact of never cashing in on her father's martyrdom — in which her elder uncle had given her all necessary inspiration and strength. No grants, no donations, no houses or scholarships — and no words of pity or sympathy she has entertained ever. Nor ever she will. If she can she will only try to emulate her father's example of patriotism and sacrifice. An active member of 'Projnomo 71', she believes in a secular and democratic Bangladesh.



Maya's parents for whom her tears has turned into glory (Maya inset).



Poet Sufia Kamal speaking at a discussion on Begum Rokeya at the Mahila Samity auditorium yesterday (from L to R) Dr Nilima Ibrahim, Ivy Rahman, Hamida Akter and Selina Khan are seen seated. The discussion was organised by the Bangladesh Mahila Samity. — Star photo

Comprehensive plan on Sundarbans soon

Government will soon take up a comprehensive plan on the Sundarbans, reports UNB. This was disclosed yesterday by Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain while visiting Chandpai forest range in the Sundarbans area. The minister asked the officials concerned to draw a plan for lowering the rate of dying Sundari trees which, he said, is increasing gradually due to salinity and low-level of water in the Sundarbans area as an adverse effect of the Farakka Barrage. Hossain stressed the need for increasing revenue by appropriate management including plantation of trees on commercial basis in about 30,000

acres of land. He also laid importance on undertaking special projects for building congenial habitats for deer and tigers. He directed the Forest Department to encourage private sector participation in developing tourists spots including infrastructures in the Sundarbans area. The minister also addressed a gathering of fishermen at Dublar char under Saron Khola and visited the reserve forest spots and fish processing zone. During the two-day visit, he urged the forest officials to dedicate themselves to the proper management and development of the Sundarbans Trust Resources, the largest mangrove forest in the world and a heritage of all mankind.

Seminar on Islamic common market Dec 18

A three-day international seminar on Islamic Common Market will begin in the capital on December 18, reports BSS. The aim of the seminar is to devise ways and means to give practical shape to the concept of Islamic common market with emphasis on the formation of South-East Asian Cooperation (SEACC) comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and the host country Bangladesh. Organized by the Islamic Economics Research Bureau (IERB) in association with the Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd (IBBL) and the Al-Baraka Bank Bangladesh Ltd, with the patronisation of the government of Bangladesh, the seminar is expected to be attended by internationally reputed scholars, economists, bankers, senior government officials and trade bodies of a host of Muslim countries like Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Malaysia, Egypt, Fiji, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Pakistan, Yemen, UAE, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Sudan, Arabia, Turkey, Sudan and also dignitaries from Germany, Canada and Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

Saifur at reception Govt encouraging banks to lend money for good projects

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said the industrialists should come up with good projects to accelerate the country's industrialisation process, reports UNB. "Government is encouraging the financial banks to lend money for good projects... industrialists should exploit this opportunity to ensure the rapid industrialisation of the country," he said. The Minister was addressing a reception accorded to him by Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) on his election as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of World Bank and IMF at the seminar room of BCIC Bhaban. BCI President A M Subid Ali and Vice-President Sharif M Afzal Hossain also spoke while a number of industrialists focused on various problems of the industrial sector. The Finance Minister said the country's industrial sector should pick up by utilising the incentives and facilities provided by the government in its new policy measures. Referring to the allegation that the banks are reluctant to

lend money, Rahman said the nationalised commercial banks "are more or less lending money to the industrial sector. But, it is alleged that nobody, other than the owners, can borrow from the private banks." About the high rate of interest, he said the banks had already reduced their lending rates by 2 per cent in last few months. "We are also encouraging them to reduce the interest rate further," he said urging the bankers to make the banks cost-effective by improving their services. Referring to the new credit scheme for the voluntarily retired officials of government, semi-government and autonomous organisations, he said it will facilitate them to invest in the industrial sector. Rahman called upon the industrialists to cooperate with the government in ensuring speedy development of the country. "We, the Bangladeshis, not only the government, but also the industrialists and bankers, have to work together to attain a self-reliant economy."



The Sylhet Bibhag Andolon, movement for Sylhet division, brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the decision to close the Fenchuganj Fertiliser Factory. — Star photo

RCC to provide birth certificate

RAJSHAHI, Dec 11: Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) will provide birth certificate to every child born in the corporation area from January next, reports BSS. This was stated by Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu while addressing a motivation meeting organised by Kalyani Volunteer Organisation in observance of National Family Planning Fortnight '93 at local FWVTI auditorium today.

Memoranda submitted

Shiblee Smriti Jubo Sangsad yesterday handed over memoranda to the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina and Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury demanding trial of the killers of Maimuddin Ahmed Shiblee, says a press release. The Sangsad earlier held a rally in front of the National Press Club. The rally presided over by Hanif Mohammad Liton.

Imam Samity rally Dec 23

A grand rally of imams under the auspices of Jatya Imam Samity will be held at the east gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque on December 23, reports BSS. President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be the chief guest at the rally while several ministers, diplomats of the missions of Muslim countries to Bangladesh, eminent Islamic thinkers and religious leaders are expected to attend the rally.

'Village-based culture to be preserved'

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said that government had taken realistic measures to hold aloft the country's culture and heritage, reports BSS. The minister was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function and session of songs of 'Baul Sangeet Shadnak Malek Dewan Smriti Sangsad' at Bamsur Dewan Bari premises in Keraniganj Friday. The Information Minister said our village-based culture which is going to be extinct due to urbanisation and the changes of time should be preserved through united endeavour.

বঙ্গদেশ টেলিভিশন	
BTV	
Sunday	
5:00	Opening announcement
5:00	Al-Quran
5:00	Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:35	Cartoon show: Tom and Jerry Kids Show
5:55	Sports programme: Wrestling
6:30	Population programme: Mayeder Janya
7:00	Open University
7:25	Rabindra Sangeet
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Probaho
9:05	Drama series: The Sword of Tipu Sultan
10:00	News in English
10:30	Song from movies: Chhaya Chhanda
11:30	Khobar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with clear sky is likely over the country. Met office forecasts slight fall in night temperature. Country's highest temperature of 29.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Feni and lowest of 12.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Jessore yesterday. The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5:13pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 6:31 am. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday are:

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	28.1	14.0	73	68
Chittagong	27.9	16.5	81	66
Rajshahi	26.8	15.4	71	83
Khulna	27.5	14.3	78	
Barisal	28.2	14.2	90	87
Cox's Bazar	29.5	18.5	71	71
Dinajpur	28.0	14.0	84	78
Sylhet	28.5	16.7	70	74



SIA Goodwill Trip to Singapore

Singapore Airlines Bangladesh is organising a Goodwill trip for organisations which had in the past given her support in giving good services to SIA customers, or in areas of public relations matters, or encouraging travellers to use Singapore Airlines, or giving her cargo consignments. As a token of appreciation, she has invited the contributors to be member of this Goodwill trip to Singapore. The Goodwill trip will depart Dhaka on flight S0419 on Saturday, 18 December, 1993 at 1255 hrs. This service is operated with a Jumbo service, B747. Members are welcome to experience SIA's wide body aircraft, one of the youngest aircraft fleet in the industry. A return trip air ticket to Singapore (Dhaka-Singapore-Dhaka) will be given free of charge. SIA Bangladesh looks forward to seeing the members on board and experience INFLIGHT SERVICES THAT EVEN OTHER AIRLINES TALK ABOUT.

Anniversary of death of five freedom fighters

A milad mahfil and Qurankhwan will be held today at Mohakhali after Asr prayers in memory of the four martyred brothers and their brother-in-law, who were killed on this day in 1971 by the Pakistani occupation army, says a press release. The four brothers were Mokarram Hossain (Mukul), Mansur Hossain (Manzu), Moshataq Hossain (Anju) and Mosharraf Hossain (Ranjul) and their brother-in-law Yusuf Ali. Relatives, friends and well-wishers of the late freedom fighters were requested to attend the function.

Seminar on indigenous people held

Speakers at a seminar Friday urged the people to help explore the rich cultural heritage of the indigenous people, reports UNB. The seminar was organised by the Folk Bangladesh, on the occasion of the International Year for World's Indigenous People '93 in the capital with president of the organisation Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury in the chair. Prof Mansur Musa of the Modern Language Institute of Dhaka University presented a key-note on "In search of Culture of Indigenous people." Speaking as chief guest, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Dr Waki Ahmed expressed dismay over the diminishing indigenous population, particularly the Rakhain tribe in Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali. A handicraft exhibition was also arranged on the occasion. The seminar was followed by a cultural function participated by different indigenous people of the country.

Death Anniversary

Ziaur Rahman, the only son of our family, crowned in most tragic circumstances in Joydebpur National Park on this day in 1986. An SSC examinee from University Laboratory School, Zia went to the National Park with his teachers and classmates on a school picnic. We lost our beloved son prematurely because neither the teachers nor anyone else helped him.

ZIA'S FAMILY

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১।	স্থানীয় পরামর্শক (মূল্য সংযোজন করা) জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড	৩ (তিন) জন	(ক) কম্পিউটার সিস্টেম ডিজাইনে ৩ হইতে ৫ বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে। (খ) কম্পিউটার প্রোগ্রামিং বিষয়ক মডেলের উপর ন্যূনতম ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা, বিশেষ করিয়া ম্যানুয়েলমেট ইনফরমেশন সিস্টেম (এমআইএস) সম্পর্কে অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। সফটওয়্যার, ডাটাবেস, সফটওয়্যারসহ 'পিসি' কর্মসম্পন্নতা আবশ্যিক হইবে। (গ) ইনপুট-আউটপুট 'টেবিল' প্রকল্পের কাজে অভিজ্ঞতা মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিষয়ে ইনপুট-আউটপুটসহ তৈরী করা। (ঘ) রাজস্ব তথ্য বিষয়ক মডেল সংক্রান্ত কম্পিউটার প্রোগ্রামিং-এর অভিজ্ঞতা। (ঙ) মূল্য সংযোজন করা আইন, ১৯৯১ এবং মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিধিমালা, ১৯৯১-এর সম্পর্কিত বিষয়ে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে, কারণ নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত পরামর্শককে মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিষয় তথ্য বিশ্লেষণ এবং তথ্য প্রবাহ সম্পর্কে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড এবং মূল্য সংযোজন-কালেটেরেটে কম্পিউটার-কম্প্যাটিবল ডিজাইন সফটওয়্যার প্রোগ্রাম তৈরী করিতে হইবে। (চ) নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত পরামর্শককে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডসহ বাংলাদেশের যে কোন মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিষয়ক অফিসে কাজ করিতে হইবে। (ছ) উপাত্ত ব্যাকবাবস্থাপনার পদ্ধতি সম্পর্কে পর্যাপ্ত জ্ঞান থাকিতে হইবে। (জ) নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত পরামর্শক মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিষয়ক কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীগণকে কম্পিউটার পরিচালনার প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান করিবেন। (ঝ) মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিধিমালা, ১৯৯১-এর রিটার্ন ও ফরমসমূহ প্রয়োজনবোধে রিভিউ করিতে হইবে। (ঞ) জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের আওতায় মূল্য সংযোজন করা বিষয়ক/কম্পিউটারায়ন বিষয়ক যে কোন সর্ভেষ্ঠ কাজ।

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