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Dhaka Day by Day

The Day the Skies Fell

by Fayza Haq

The skies fell on Sheikh Md Badrul Alam the day the Pak army suddenly swooped down to take away his father Shaheed Abdul Hal on June 71. For days the area had been surrounded by Capt Faiz and his forces.



Sheikh Md Badrul Alam

"Our family was blacklisted," the 29-year-old mathematician recounts, "as my uncle Abdul Latif Sheikh was a publicity secretary for Awami League, and he had his office on top of my father's pharmaceutical shop. My father himself was known to give the Freedom Movement all possible financial support. They had caught my cousin, beaten and tied him up the evening before. As a seven-year-old child, I was sitting beside my father as he was offering his Fajr prayers, when they dragged in my half dead cousin who was crying out, 'Chacha help me! My father consoled me by assuring me that he was only going to do some necessary shopping and would be back, and got into the army jeep — never to return.'"

receiving Tk 14,00 per month from the Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust but this is hardly enough for the existence and education of a large family like ours."

"It is a pity," he adds, "that after the Pak army had left, I hardly think that there has been social or economic stability in the country. Many times neighbours and miscreants have tried to seize our house. People were frightened to help us out but some of my father's friends came to our rescue."

With bitterness and despair he continues, "I have studied all through in Chittagong, living in fear of the Shibir. I could not talk to people I wanted to as I was afraid of losing my seat."

He had to sign bonds with the Razakars. After all the Jamaat and Shibir are undoubtedly Razakars. The same applies to the atmosphere in my home town of Gopalganj, Faridpur. People like members of my family have given their lives for fairness in society and yet today inequality and foul play prevail. My elder brother, Rafiqul Islam, was meritorious, but had to bring an end to his education at the intermediate level just to look after us, as he was the eldest. We rushed our sister Arjuman Ara into her marriage even before she completed her school, while my other sister, Nazneen Sultana is struggling with her studies in Chemistry in Eden College, staying in a hostel, being supported by my brother. I myself am like a vagabond with my master's degree in Mathematics, going from one NGO to another, cap in hand in search of a job."

He adds, "Little effort has been made to settle the children of the martyrs by those in political power, year after year. Today I feel so irritated when I say my Jumma prayers at the Ghousal Azam Masjid in Mohakhali, and find Maulana Mannan offering 'munaza' there too. After all, it was the Razakars who led to my father's death and my blood boils to see them prospering. I feel that the martyrs have died in vain as circumstances and living conditions of common people remain the same. When the BNP came to power we had high hopes, but now we find them joining hands with the Jamaat, who are after all, Razakars, who once collaborated with the Pak forces."

Uphold moral values: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday urged all to uphold the social and moral values to properly guide the new generation, reports UNB.

"Congenial atmosphere in the society is essential for the rapid development of the country" the President told a 19-member delegation of Mehendigonj Thana of Barisal district which called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday morning.

President Biswas asked the delegation members to cooperate with the government in making the Compulsory Primary Education (CPE) programme a success.

He also advised them to set up dairy and poultry farms and engage in pisciculture by taking bank loan and said everyone should also prefer small family to help check population boom and work hard to make the country self-reliant.

Earlier, the delegation, led by Nurur Rahman, apprised the President about some of their local problems. The President assured them to look into the matter.

Among others, Mohammad Amir Hossain, Ali Akbar and Abdur Rob Khan were present on the occasion.

Apply knowledge, wisdom in uplift of nation: Abbas

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, yesterday called upon the engineers to apply their acquired knowledge and wisdom in the development and prosperity of the nation, reports BSS.

He was addressing the concluding and certificate awarding ceremony of a workshop on "Construction and maintenance of asphalt pavement" at the Engineers' Institution here.

Jointly organised by the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and the BUET, the function was presided over by IEB president Prof Jamilur Reza while engineers M A K Azad and A R Khan took part in the discussion.

Mirza Abbas said the total expenditure of the Dhaka City Corporation other than that of engineering work was only 5 to 10 per cent.

Mirza Abbas urged the engineers to help detect any act of misuse of fund or low quality construction in any engineering works of Dhaka City Corporation.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia laying the foundation stone of the Martyred Intellectuals' Mausoleum at Rayer Bazar in the capital yesterday. — PID photo



Road from Doyal Chattar to Chankhar Pool has been renamed after martyred intellectual Shahidulla Kaiser as Shaheed Shahidulla Kaiser Sarak. — Star photo

Computerisation of exam system will help stop corruption: Eunus

State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan laid emphasis on free flow of educational management information for making educational administration efficient and dynamic one, reports UNB.

He said computerisation of the public examination system will stop malpractices and corruption in examination.

The state minister was speaking as chief guest at an awareness seminar on education management information system and a month-long certificate-giving ceremony of EMIS training course in Dhaka yesterday.

Presided over by secretary to the government and coordinator of general education project Syed Alamgir Farooq Chowdhury, the function was addressed by Education Secretary Irshadul Hoq, director of Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics Anwarul Hoq Khan Mojib, course coordinator and Professor of Loughborough University, UK Dr James R Hough and UNESCO senior programme adviser of general education project Dr A K Jalaluddin.

Annual Get-Together '93. 3:30 p.m. Friday 31 December 1993. Venue: English Department, DU. All alumni are cordially invited to attend. They are also invited to join the RIVER CRUISE on Friday 21 January 1994. The alumni are requested to bring passport-size photographs and brief career-sketches to be included in A History of the Department of English.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. The containerised cargo ex. M. V. ALLANTIC CHALLENGER V-SWA 10B from Riogrande, ex. M.V. XETHABHUM V-24 from Lame Chamber, ex. M.V. WANA BHUM V-204N from Jakarta, ex. M.V. HOECHST EXPRESS V-12445 from Rotterdam and containers from Singapore have been relayed to M.V. KOTA BUANA V-024N Import Rotation No. 1000/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 15-12-93 from Singapore. Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act. BIRDS BANGLADESH AGENCIES LTD. 103, AGRABAD COMMERCIAL AREA, CHITTAGONG. AS AGENTS: MITSUI O.S.K. LINES LTD. TOKYO. PHONES: 500686, 503317, 500687/88

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Commemorative stamps on martyred intellectuals released

Bangladesh Post Office yesterday issued 10 commemorative postage stamps each of two Taka denomination in a sheet and two First Day Covers valued at five Taka each in commemoration of Shaheed Intellectuals, reports UNB.

A special canceller was also used and a souvenir of Tk 6 containing short life sketches of the martyrs was issued. Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia formally released the stamps in a simple ceremony at her office in the morning.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabbani, Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam, Secretary of the Ministry Dr A M M Showkat Ali, DG of Bangladesh Post Office A B M Siddique, Additional DG Giasuddin Ahmed and other senior officials were present on the occasion. The 10 stamps were issued in commemoration of the following Shaheed Intellectuals: Lt CDR Moazzem Hossain (Navy), Prof Muhammad Habibur Rahman of Rajshahi University, Khandaker Abu Taleb (Journalist), Moshirur Rahman (Politician of Jessore), Mohammad Abdul Muktedir (teacher of Dhaka University), Nutan Chandra Sinha (social worker of Chittagong), Dr Muhammad Aminuddin (scientist), Dr N A M Faizul Mohee (teacher of DU), Syed Nazmul Huq (journalist) and Sukha Ranjan Somadhar (teacher of RU).



The Bangladesh Post office issued a set of ten postage stamps valued at Tk two each in commemoration of the martyred intellectuals yesterday. — PID photo

Naripakka's programme Dec 17

Naripakka's regular programme "Ahor Shorea Katuk Adhar" — scheduled to be held today has been postponed. The programme will now be held at the Central Shaheed Minar at 5 pm on December 17.

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Urs mubarak of "Hazrat Shah Chinki-Mostan" (RA) will be held at his dargah sharif at "Chinki-Astana" Chittagong tomorrow, reports BSS.

Munajat will be held after Magreb prayers on the day. Dargah sharif of Hazrat Shah Badal Mostan (RA), one of the Baro-Aulia (twelve saints) is also situated at the same place.

BTV Wednesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
Programme summary
5:15 News in Bangla
5:25 Khelur Jagat
6:00 Banophool
7:00 Open University
7:25 Tagore songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Nritter Taale Taale
9:00 Film: The A-Team
10:00 News in English
10:30 Pratysher Alo
11:30 Khabar /The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

Weather

Temperature may fall further

Dry weather with clear sky is likely to prevail over the country.

Met Office forecasts night temperature is likely to fall by one to two degrees Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 28.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Teknaf and lowest of 11.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Srimongol yesterday.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 5:14 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:24 am.

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

Table with columns: Cities/Towns, Temperatures in degrees Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (9 am, 6 pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Cox's Bazar.

Seminar on the use of Geo-composite told Use 'jute-sand-mat' to check river erosion

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar on "The Use of Geo-composite (Geo-synthetic and Geo-natural) in Civil Engineering Problems" yesterday called upon the government to explore the possibilities of using a new material called "jute-sand-mat" to check river erosion.

The Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and Applied and Innovative Research (AIR) jointly organised the seminar at the auditorium of National Institute of Local Government (NILG) at Agargaon in the capital.

The seminar was divided into two sessions where David J Bishop, Export Manager of the Nauefaserstechnik, Germany presented in the morning session a paper entitled "Materials and Methods of Laying Geocomposites for Slope Protection/Erosion Control Purposes". Dr Humayun Kabir, Professor of BUET, presented in the afternoon session a paper entitled "Materials and Methods of Reinforcing Road Subgrades by Geo-composites and Special Uses of Geo-composites."

The morning session of the seminar was presided over by Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, President (IEB) and the afternoon session was presided over by Dr S Kabir Chowdhury, Managing Director of AIR, IEB Honorary General Secretary M A K Azad also spoke on the occasion.

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা অঞ্চল-৮ (মিরপুর) আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন আপনার শিক্কে টাকা দিন। জরুরী দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজসমূহের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারসহ পিভিউটি, রোড এন্ড হাইওয়েজ, এমইএস সংস্থাসমূহ এবং সকল সরকারী ও আধাসরকারী সংস্থায় তালিকাভুক্ত প্রথম শ্রেণীর সপ্লিট কাজের পূর্ণ অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন আর্থিকভাবে সক্ষম ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯/১১তে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে টেন্ডার আহবান করা যাইতেছে। উক্তখা ২ (দুই) লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত কাজসমূহের জন্য সরকারী, আধাসরকারী সংস্থার তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণ অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবে না। আগামী ১৮-১২-৯৩ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার ঢাকা জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক টেন্ডার গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অর্কে এবং ক্রয় উদ্দেশ্যে লিখিত হইবে অন্যান্য দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিলিটাল ব্যাঙ্কের ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে দরপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে এবং হিসাব বিভাগের পোন্ধরের নিকট ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত বৈধ দলিলপত্রাদির এবং অনুরূপ কাজের পূর্ণ অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি জমাদানপূর্বক (প্রতিসেট) নির্ধারিত মূল্যে নগদ অর্থের বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) টেন্ডার-এর শর্তাবলী, সিভিলিটাল ইত্যাদি করা যাইবে। এতদসম্বন্ধে বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৮ (মিরপুর)-এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দফতরে জানা যাইবে। কোন দরপত্রদাতা প্রাকল্পিত মূল্যে ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) এর অধিক উর্ধ্ব বা নিম্নের প্রদান করিলে উক্ত দরের বশক্কে দর বিবেচন সন্মুক্ত করিতে হইবে। ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) এর অধিক নিম্ন দরপ্রদানকারী নিম্ন দরদাতাকে কার্যবেশ প্রদানের সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে সে ক্ষেত্রে নির্ধারিত বায়নার টাকা বিত্তন পরিমাণ টাকা জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে দরপত্রের কোন দলিলপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমুদয় দরপত্র কোন কারণ দূরীণো ব্যতিরেকেই গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষের সপ্লিট থাকিবে।

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, অঞ্চল-৮ (মিরপুর) ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা। ডিসিসি/পিআরডি/৩১৪/৯৩-৯৪ D-900

আলোচনাসভা জাতীয় প্রেস ক্লাব Journalist Amanullah Kabir addressing a memorial meeting on martyred intellectuals at the Jatiya Press Club organised by the club yesterday. — Star photo