

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Message of Peace across the Atlantic

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir



Notwithstanding the distance and resource gap between the two, Dhaka almost keeps pace with Washington. What the capital of capitals celebrates today, the South Asian capital abhors to miss the occasion and lag behind. And so happened in the case of the birth anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.

Since 1986, when the US Congress announced the third Monday of January as a federal holiday in honour of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's birth, Americans across the world have formally paid homage to the Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil rights activist. In scores of lands from Bangladesh to Brunel, there was special festivities ranging from prayer rights to lectures and video screening exhibitions.

In observance of Dr King's birthday, the American Cultural Centre Library came up with a book exhibition under the title, "Books on Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Human Rights" from January 9 to 20.

A poster show entitled, "The legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr" is on display in the Centre's auditorium for the whole month.

In addition, two short video films on Dr King were shown twice on Monday January 17.

By now, the story of King's journey from Montgomery, Alabama, where he led the bus boycott in 1955, to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968, where he championed the black sanitation workers' fight for better working conditions, is known to all.

"What is not so easily understood today is the extraordinary courage it took to challenge the system," says M A Sayed, a professor, who attended the book exhibition. "But this may fill in the gap."

From the beginning, King's strategy was based on non-violence and inspired by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

A book published from Bombay informs us that while a graduate student, he developed reverence for Mahatma Gandhi whose life and

teachings were ultimately to influence his own destiny as a leading apostle of passive resistance. This is also exemplified, according to the author, by the quotation of Dr King, which says, "We will not resort to violence. We will not degrade ourselves with hatred. Love will be returned for hate."

The book informs us that King's policy, so widely admired now, was the subject of much controversy while he was alive. He was opposed not only by proponents of segregation, but also within the civil rights movement.

One of the books on display says that although King's tactics were not as radical as some advocated, his vision clearly was. King's dream for black Americans was not only legal and political equality but complete participation in the economic life of the nation.

"If a man does not have a job or an income," says Dr King, "he has neither life, nor liberty, nor the possibility of the pursuit of happiness."

To mark Dr King's birthday this year, a poster show was also organised. These posters address the changes African Americans have seen in the US' civil rights situation since Dr King's famous "March on Washington" over 30 years ago. The show briefly describes his involvement in the civil rights movement and indicates how his work influences the lives of African Americans today. It also points out that while progress has been made, there is still much more to be done.

Everyone was given a copy of pamphlet entitled "The Civil Rights Movement and the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr." In addition to chronicling the history of the movement, the pamphlet includes historic photographs and excerpts from Dr King's speeches and writings on civil rights.

King carried his messages not only to all parts of the United States but to all corners of the globe. As he has said many times, and in many places, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."



Professor Kabir Chowdhury speaking at a publication ceremony of two books by Towfig Chowdhury, now settled in Paris, at the auditorium of National Museum yesterday. Seen seated in the picture (from L to R) are the author and Major Gen (Retd) Shafullah. — Star photo

## Two hurt in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A Jagannath University College student and a rickshawpuller were injured in a blast near the New Market gate in the city yesterday.

22-year-old Shaheeda Sultan, a first year student of MSc (preliminary) of Zoology of Jagannath University College and the rickshawpuller Mohon, 20, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with burn injuries.

Witnesses said that some unidentified people exploded a cracker and ran away at around 1 pm.

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4.30 Opening announcement  
4.35 News in Bangla  
4.45 Special programme on Shab-e-Barat: Punnya Ei Ratt  
5.20 Second inter-school debate competition: English  
6.20 Discussion of Shab-e-Barat  
6.40 Jiboner Alo  
7.25 Nazrul Sangeet  
8.00 News in Bangla  
8.30 Discussion on city corporation polls  
9.00 Lyatlal Barat  
10.00 News in English  
10.30 Milad Mahfil  
11.30 Khabar/The News

## Japan donates

\$ 3.8 lakh to  
ICDDR, B

Japan has donated 3.8 lakh US dollar for the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR, B), reports UNB.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Shigeo Takenaka handed over a cheque for the amount to ICDDR, B Director Dr Dennis Habte here yesterday.

The villages are Azizullah in Rangpur, Somakhati in Comilla, Komorpur in Faridpur, Santoshpur in Chuadanga and Tamatu (Taltali), Malipara and Tulatalli.

ORT programme  
opens today

A six-month programme of Oral Re-hydration Therapy (ORT) to prevent diarrhoea begins today in five villages of the country under the joint auspices of Bangladesh Scouts and UNICEF, Bangladesh, reports UNB.

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## Weather

## Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely to prevail over the country except the Rajshahi division.

Met Office forecasts, night temperature may remain nearly unchanged. Country's highest temperature of 27.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Bogra and lowest of 10 degrees was recorded in Rajshahi and Jessore yesterday.

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
Dhaka	27.0	13.0
Chittagong	25.5	12.7
Rajshahi	25.7	10.0
Khulna	25.8	10.4
Barisal	26.2	10.7
Cox's Bazar	26.0	13.4
Sylhet	27.0	13.8
Dinajpur	26.3	12.3
	9am	6pm
	79	69
	76	66
	89	73
	81	70
	87	80
	76	66
	79	70
	93	79

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DATE : FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY '94

TIME : 10:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

VENUE : GULSHAN PARK

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For detailed information please contact:

## OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am-01:30 pm

8:30 pm-6:00 pm

Friday Closed

## Principal

MAJZIZUL HOQUE  
(Ex-VICE-Principal, Holy Child Public School & College)

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- Film Fair Video  
(Sobhanbagh)  
Tel : 314718, 316201
- Mr. Burger  
(1, Bailey Road)  
Tel : 833042
- Mr. Burger  
(23, Hatirpool,  
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