

Dhaka Day by Day

Sacrilege of Ekushey

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An act of sacrilege. — Photo: Mohsin

Impregnated with connotations, the writings on the wall in this country have long relegated themselves to just political graffiti. Only rarely do the quotable quotations or famous sayings of the illustrious sons of this soil figure on the walls for stimulating the imagination and reshaping the memories of people. One such rare occasion is the observance — or to extend the theme, celebration — of the Amar Ekushey when wise sayings adorn the walls all around the central Shaheed Minar. Alpana or street decoration along with these writings — done by students of the art college — has become an integral part of the observance.

Through this ritual, the Bangladeshis renew their commitment to their mother tongue and, by extension, to the land of their birth. After all, it is the love for language that sanctified the occasion and has ever remained a source of unflagging inspiration for moulding our national character. But never before did the contribution of Ekushey receive so much recognition on the one hand and, paradoxically, it was laid so low simultaneously on the other.

Deplorable incidents have been taking place at the Shaheed Minar for some years now but what happened last year is a rude reminder of the evil forces at work to undermine and even defile everything the Bangladeshis hold dear and sacrosanct. Contempt for everything associated with the Bangalee ethos was at its height when a few ruffians ran amok all around the Shaheed Minar, tore apart the red circular cloth representing the sun behind the columns of the Shaheed Minar and defaced the quata-

tions from the Bangalee greats of all time by splashing bucketful of paint.

While all these acts of sacrilege were being committed, the students of art college who had been pouring their love in the decoration and inscription on the wall stood awe-struck. The musclemen went with their violence and rape of the language disdainfully for sometime and then left the place unscathed. The rent in the sun and each of the smudges on the writings were in effect delivered with unlimited savagery to the heart of Bangladesh itself. But none of the culprits has so far been apprehended. And no less painful is the fact that for about a year those walls have been left so desecrated. No one even thought of restoring the writings there. They stand witness to both our hypocrisy and the gradual degeneration of our mental capacity to put our pride in its proper perspective.

Rhetorics and a flurry of activity do mark the month of February but then all those slide into blissful forgetfulness. The defacement of the wise sayings on the wall around the Shaheed Minar has its symbolic values for the whole nation. Are we failing to read the writings on the wall? The answer has to be found through a thorough search within our own hearts. The incapacity to realise the implication of the neglect shown to the quata-

Natore Press Club team meets Biswas

A 14-member delegation of Natore Press Club called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegations was led by Mahfuz Alam Muni, President of the club.

Talking to them President Biswas said that journalism was a dignified profession and you as the members of that profession should maintain objectivity and neutrality in your reports and comments. Always try to uphold the cause of the commonman and reflect the problems of the rural people as well as the uplift activities in the rural areas, he added.

President Biswas advised them to motivate the people to get their children educated for enhancing the rate of literacy and to keep the size of the family small to achieve sustainable development in the country.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of some of their problems. Among others, Ranendra Chandra Roy, SM Manzurul Hassan, Khagen-dranath Roy, Azizul Haq Tuku, Majibur Rahman Mridah, M A Ali, S M Babu, S M Atiqur Rahman Shannem, Halim Khan and Nasrin Khan were present on the occasion.

Chinese DPM due Feb 24

Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Qian Qichen will arrive here on February 24 on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Chen, who is also in-charge of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will lead a 14-member delegation including a Vice Minister.

During his stay here the Chinese leader is expected to call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Besides, he will hold talks with Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations, diplomatic issues here said.

They will also exchange views on regional and international issues of common concern.

Bangladesh and China, the two friendly nations, have been maintaining close cooperation in different fields and hold identical views on various regional and international issues.

The top-ranking Chinese leader is coming here as a part of his programme to visit four South Asian capitals, seen in diplomatic circles as a move to update Beijing's policy for the South Asian region in the context of changing global political and economic scenario.

Chen will also go to New Delhi, Islamabad and Colombo.

Founding anniversary of Society for Rule of Law

The ninth founding anniversary of the Society for Rule of Law was observed here yesterday with Principal Raisuddin Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

Several speakers including Dr M Shamsul Huq, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Justice Abdul Wahab, Justice T H Khan and Mohammad Ayenuddin, Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan and Secretary General of the society Advocate Abdus Sobhan spoke on the occasion.

Diplomats including British High Commissioner to Bangladesh P Fawler was present.

The speakers stressed the supremacy of rule of law and said no society could prosper without application of law in its true perspective.

They also referred to the violations of human rights in different parts of the world and urged the world conscience to rise to halt such violations.

Advocate Sobhan gave a brief account of the activities of the society.



M Shamsul Islam, Minister for Commerce giving certificate to a participant of the course on commercial management at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) yesterday. — Star photo

Badruddoza tells doctors Maintain highest standard of professional skill

Deputy Leader of the Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury called upon the doctors for maintaining the highest standard of professional skill to provide better medical services to the people of the country, reports BSS.

The Deputy Leader was addressing as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a re-union at Mymensingh Medical College yesterday.

Presided over by the Principal of Mymensingh Medical College Prof Md Nurul Islam, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Md Sirajul Haq, A K M Fazul Haque, MP, Amanullah Chowdhury, MP, Convener of re-union sub-committee Prof Shah Munir Hossain, Member Secretary of re-union sub-committee Dr Md Shahabuddin, member-secretary of reception sub-committee Dr Rafiq Chowdhury and

Sehri transmission of Radio Bangladesh

Radio Bangladesh will run a sehri transmission as usual during the coming Holy Ramadan commencing from 4.00 am till ajan of Fajr prayers, reports UNB.

The programme will be simultaneously broadcast by all the regional stations of Radio Bangladesh till 29th Ramadan.

Besides, Radio Bangladesh, Dhaka will broadcast "Hefzul Quran tilawat" everyday during Ramadan from 5-35 pm till ajan of Magrib prayers.

Hamd, naat and recitation from Hadith will also be broadcast after Magrib ajan.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Abul Hasanat Mohammad Abdul Quadir, founder Principal of Central Law College, will be held today at the Central Law College after Asr prayers, reports BSS.



Thursday

4:30 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
Rumhurm
4:45 News in Bangla
5:15 National Television
5:25 School Debate
Competition
6:30 Esho Para Shikhi
7:00 Jiboner Alo
7:25 Najrul songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Drama of the week: Jay Parajoy
10:00 News in English
10:30 Mini series: Women of Substance/Ratbag Hero
11:30 Khabar/The news
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

Course on management for apparel industry opens

Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday stressed the need for developing the managerial skill to improve the productivity and competitive strength to survive in the face of increasing global competition, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing as chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the course on "production management for apparel industry" organised by Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) held at the varsity premises here.

Islam urged the concerned institutions to formulate such courses which would help promote the production sector.

Swiss envoy meets Zahiruddin

Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh, based in New Delhi, Jean Pierre Zehnder called on Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan at his residence here yesterday, reports UNB.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়

ঢাকা।

(রাজস্ব বিভাগ)

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা জেলা প্রশাসনের অধীনস্থ শাখার গাড়ী নং ঢাকা-৩৫০

টম্বোটা কার প্রকল্পে ১৯৭০, বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত আগামী ২২-২-৯৪ ইং

তারিখে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র দাখিলে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তিগণকে

উল্লিখিত তারিখে বেলা ১২ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে কক্ষের

সম্মুখে বসিত দরপত্র বাজে দরপত্র ফেলিতে হইবে। ঐ দিন বেলা ১২-৩০

ঘটিকার সময় সকলের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র

বাজে খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের সাথে ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক

ডাফট অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক (রাজস্ব), ঢাকা রসায়নে দাখিল করিতে

হইবে। জেলা প্রশাসনের মাঠে বসিত গাড়ীটি দেখিয়া দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে

হইবে। বিস্তারিত তথ্য রাজস্ব শাখায় অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (১০-৫টা)

পাওয়া যাইবে। দরপত্র গৃহীত ব্যক্তিগণকে কার্যসমপাদন পত্র ৭ (সাত)

দিনের মধ্যে গাড়ীটি গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বোচ্চ দরপত্র গ্রহণ

করিতে বাধ্য নহেন। কোন কারণ ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা

বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ কর্তব্য।

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অতিরিক্ত জেলা প্রশাসক (রাজস্ব)

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USAID official apprised of family planning activities

Margaret V W Carpenter, Assistant Administrator for United States Agency for International Development (USAID) of Asia and Near East called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at his Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

Dick Brown, director USAID and W Goldman, Director Population and health were present.

The health minister apprised the visiting administrator of family planning activities, mother and child health programme in the rural areas, health infrastructure, medicine and contraceptive delivery system. EPI and AIDS programme of the country. Fourth population and health projects of Bangladesh government also came up in the discussion.

Workshop on culture

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum yesterday called for identifying the barriers to the progress of women and children and stress the need for putting in concerted efforts by government and non-government organisations to remove these barriers, reports BSS.

The state minister said this while inaugurating a two-day workshop on Culture and Women and Children: Bangladesh Perspective at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) in Savar.

Shamsur Rahman awarded

By Staff Correspondent

A cheque of Tk 1.45 lakh was awarded to poet Shamsur Rahman for his contribution in the literary arena in the last 45 years.

On the last day of the three-day programme at the La Galerie, organised by the Shamsur Rahman Kabbya Charchar 45 Bashor Uddapan Committee, the cheque was handed over by Rabiul Hussain on behalf of the local artists.

Giving his reaction the country's leading poet said, "I never wrote for prizes... I will keep on writing as long as I am alive."

Kalyanpur Girls' School prize-giving ceremony

Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday said that the present government attached priority to female education because only an educated mother could help the nation to be a civilised and modern one, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the prize-giving ceremony of Kalyanpur Girls' School and College yesterday evening.

The function was addressed, among others, by Dr Shahida Rafiq, Associate Professor of Dhaka University.

Referring to the contributions of the women to the socio-economic development, the minister said that the women in the country constituted half of the population and the socio-economic development could not be achieved without their active participation.

AGM of BSP held

Information Minister Barister Nazmul Huda yesterday called upon journalists to act as a potential bridge between the government and people and play the pioneering role in consolidating democracy, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) at a local hotel, the minister underscored the importance of objective and responsible journalism to uphold the dignity of the profession and promote people's legitimate aspirations. The AGM was presided over by BSP President Chowdhury Mohammad Faruque.

Press secretary to the Prime Minister Mozamul Haq, BSP Secretary General Prof Majedul Islam, Chairman of Bangladesh Editors' Council Sanaullah Noori, Secretary General, Editors' Council A Q M Joydul Abedin, the Daily Banglabazar Patrika Editor Motiur Rahman, the Daily Uttra (Dinajpur) Editor Prof Mohammad Mohsin, the Daily Karooa (Bogra) Editor Mozammel Haq Lulu and the Daily Janmohumi (Khulna) Editor Humayun Kabir Balu also spoke on the inaugural function.

Regarding the application of 501 and 502 sections of the Criminal Law, the minister said this basic law is meant for protecting the fundamental rights of each and every citizen of the country. Journalists are not above of this law and as such law should be equally applicable to them, he said.

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or drizzle along with thundershowers is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Barisal divisions.

The Met Office forecasts night temperature may fall by two to three degrees Celsius over the country in the next 24 hours commencing from 6:00 am today (Thursday).

The country's highest temperature of 28.2 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest of 13 degrees Celsius was recorded in Feni yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:51 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:34 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	23.3	17.0	85	84
Chittagong	20.7	16.4	93	88
Rajshahi	28.2	16.4	96	88
Khulna	22.7	17.5	92	85
Barisal	24.2	17.2	85	80
Cox's Bazar	20.5	19.0	80	90
Sylhet	22.8	15.5	79	97
Dinajpur	22.7	13.4	93	

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BAPEX invites quotation from the reputed Manufacturers/Suppliers procurement of Spare Parts for Magnatic Tape against the following International Tender for Geophysical Division of the Company under cash foreign exchange.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Closing date & time	Opening date & time	Price of tender documents (Non-refundable)
1.	BAPEX/PD/INT/TEN-26/94	Spare parts for Magnatic Tape	30.3.94 11.00 hrs.	30.3.94 11.15 hrs.	Tk. 200.00 US\$ 05.00

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১।	হিসাব রক্ষাকারী	২টি	৪৫	সমান্তরাল/অর্থনীতি/পরি- স্থাপন/পরিচালনা, মধ্য উন্নয়ন বিষয়ক। পেডাগগিক ও প্রযুক্তি বিষয়ক অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন। বাস্তবিক যিনি প্রশিক্ষণ কারিকুলাম উন্নয়ন, প্রশিক্ষণ মূল্যায়ন ও প্রশিক্ষণের অনুশরণ কাজে সক্ষম।	কেন্দ্রীয় কার্যালয়।
২।	আঞ্চলিক অফিস সহকারী	২টি	৩০	কমপক্ষে ২য় বিভাগে এইচএসসি পাস। অফিস কাজে ৩ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন। বাংলা ও ইংরেজী টাইপের গতি যথাক্রমে ২৫ ও ৩৫ শব্দ প্রতি মিনিটে হইবে। কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং এবং গেটআউট প্রোগ্রামে দক্ষতা।	নোয়াখালী অঞ্চল।
৩।	মুদ্রাস্বত্বিক	১টি	৩০	কমপক্ষে এইচএসসি পাস হইতে হইবে। বাংলা এবং ইংরেজী টাইপের গতি প্রতি মিনিটে ৩০/৪০ শব্দ প্রতি মিনিটে হইবে। অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদেরকে আধািকার দেওয়া হইবে।	মাগড়ী অঞ্চল।
৪।	সহকারী থানা প্রশিক্ষক কর্মী	১৪টি	৩০	কমপক্ষে এসএসসি পাস অথবা সমমান, বিনির্ভর শ্রম সহযোগী, ইউনিয়ন সহযোগী ইউনিয়ন প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন কমিটি এবং বিনির্ভর গ্রামোন্নয়ন কমিটির সভাপতি/সম্পাদক হিসাবে কমপক্ষে ৪ বছরের বাস্তব কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। বিনির্ভর কর্মসূচীর সাথে জড়িত প্রার্থীদের কোনো শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা শিথিলযোগ্য।	নাবাবগঞ্জ, গাজীপুর, ফরিদপুর, গোহা- পাড়া, কুলাউড়া, চৌদ্দগ্রাম, তাল্লা, বরগুনা, নাঙ্গলকোট, ফকী সন্দর, ফটিক- ছড়ি, বাউফল, মেওলাগঞ্জ, ফেদলাগঞ্জ।

উল্লিখিত পদসমূহের আবেদন প্রার্থীদের সাদা কাগজে প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্মতারিখ, জাতীয়তা, শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা উল্লেখপূর্বক আবেদনপত্র আগামী ১৩-৩-৯৪ ইং এর মধ্যে "প্রকল্প সমন্বয়কারী" জাতীয় পরিবার পরিকল্পনা ও মাতৃশিশু স্বাস্থ্য কার্যক্রমে জনগোষ্ঠীর অংশগ্রহণ প্রকল্প, বিনির্ভর বাংলাদেশ অফিস, ১০০/বি, মালিবাগ চৌধুরী পাড়া, ঢাকা-১২১৯ বরাবরে পৌছাইতে হইবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, সম্পত্তি তথ্যাদি পাশপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি দিতে হবে। (১ম শ্রেণীর অফিসার কর্তৃত্ব সত্যায়িত) প্রকল্প সমন্বয়কারীর বরাবরে ২০ (বিশ) টাকার পোস্টাল অর্ডার (অফিসের যোগ্যতা) দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। চাকরির প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের কোনো বরসানীয়া শিথিলযোগ্য। প্রকল্পের কার্যক্রমে সাথে যুক্ত প্রার্থীদেরকে আধািকার দেওয়া হইবে। দরপত্রের বামে উপরে পদের নাম উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। দরপত্রের সঙ্গে যাচিত স্বাক্ষর খাতি টাকিস উঃ সরাসরি বিভিন্ন বন্ডের পল্যা হইবে। সহকারী থানা প্রশিক্ষক কর্মী পদে উল্লিখিত থানার বহির্ভুক্ত প্রার্থীদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নাই।

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জাতীয় পরিবার পরিকল্পনা ও মাতৃশিশু স্বাস্থ্য কার্যক্রমে জনগোষ্ঠীর অংশগ্রহণ প্রকল্প

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