

Dhaka Day by Day

Sacrilege of Ekushey

by Nil Ratan Halder



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 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.

The rhetoric 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 quotable has far-reaching impact on our national psyche. We cannot afford to be too callous to ignore what the indifference to the incident means. It is simply suicidal for a nation that has earned so much because of the love of language.

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

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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.

AGM of BSP held

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 Gallerie, organised by the Shamsur Rahman Kabya Charchar 45 Bashar Udjapan Committee, the cheque was handed over by Rabib 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."

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Metropolitan

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 delegation 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, Khagendranath Roy, Azizul Haq Tuku, Majbir Rahman Mridha, M A Ali, S M Babu, S M Atiqur Rahman Shameem, 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.

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Weather

Temperature may fall

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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	85 84
Chittagong	20.7	93 88
Rajshahi	28.2	96 85
Khulna	22.7	92 85
Barisal	24.2	85 80
Cox's Bazar	20.5	90 90
Sylhet	22.8	79 97
Dinajpur	22.7	93

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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

Badrudoza tells doctors Maintain highest standard of professional skill

Deputy Leader of the Parliament Prof A Q M Badrudoza 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 reunion 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

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