# Dhaka Day by Day

Boi Mela

# A Thick Crowd is not a Blessing

by Iftikhar A Chowdhury



This urban habitat, Dhaka, is gradually being other things apart from books (cassettes transformed into a megacity. But its people are posters, handicrafts etc), they have so many left with very few recreational choices. So, fairs items to choose from. of any kind, be it a Meena Bazar, an Expo or a February is no exception.

on the contrary proved to be instrumental in stall. It really turns me on and as a result ruining the atmosphere of the mela and know that I will return home from the Boi Mela defeating its purpose. Only a handful of unruly flat broke tonight." persons, not even a mob, is enough to spoil the charm of the mela. So, whenever it looks like hunters in the mela. Poets and writers, like going out of hand, thanks especially to the Shamsur Rahman. Syed Shamsul Haq. youths in their late teens, the mela atmosphere Nirmolendu Goon, Humayun Ahmed or Emdadul doesn't remain anymore congenial for people in Haq Milon, when ever seen in the mela are love with books and culture.

months Phalgun and Ramadan have merged writers to sit in their stalls for sales promotional together. Ramadan seems to have removed the reasons. Not only poet and writers, but media or problem of over-crowding. During these days of cultural personalities, actors-actresses and Ramadan the turn-out of visitors in the Boi Mela celebrities of any kind are common victims of is tolerably in keeping with the size of the mela the autograph hunters. But the celebrities only premises. So, unhappy incidents like girl pay the price of their popularity, their presence teasing, ribald remarks, pick pocketing and enriches the mela and many visitors often go vandalism are rare compared to before." This there just to meet their favourite literary was the comment of one visitor who has come to personalities. One who hasn't seen this, would the Boi Mela with her two daughters. As it not know that in our country, a man of letters occurred from her attitude, she was not actually command a lot of respect from the people. an avid reader and books are really not 'the

cassette stall in the fair. But has he bought any accommodated," suggested one visitor. books till now? To this question he gave one of become allergic to them!"

sake. And since the Boi Mela is ready to offer visitor to the Boi Mela.

Danish envoy

meets Jute

Minister

Bangladesh Knud Kjaer Nielson

called on Jute Minister A S M

Hannan Shah at his office yes-

They discussed matters re-

lating to mutual interest with

special reference to export of

more jute and jute goods to

terday, reports BSS.

Denmark.

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Danish Charge D'Affaires to

Rajuk allots

plots of land to

**ROK Embassy** 

kkhya (Rajuk) yesterday allo-

tted two plots of land of land

measuring five bighas to the

Embassy of the Republic of

Korea in Bangladesh for the

construction of embassy and

chancery buildings, reports

দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ

১২। সটারীর তারিখ ও সময

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But there are also avid readers, who buy and Book Fair - unfailingly pulls a lot of crowd. The read books with unflagging attention and they book fair or the Boi Mela organised by the Bangla come to the fair to buy as many books as their Academy on the sombre occasion of Ekushey purse allows them to. One such visitor Muhit Rahman smilingly admits, "I cannot really make In a fair like the Ekushey Boi Mela, a thick you understand how tempting it is to see the crowd may not always be a blessing. And it has, new books of our favourite authors in a book

And there are of course, the autograph usually held hostage by the autograph hunters. "It is a happy coincidence this time that the Sometimes the publishers request the popular

"Since this Ekushey Book Fair or any fair, for thing for her. But the fair was a fairly good that matter, is open to all, no one's entry into it recreational spot for her and for her teenaged can be restricted. But its organisers must make daughters. There seemed to be quite a few like sure that nothing offensive really happens which may disrupt family recreation in the Another young visitor Milton, who is mela. One way can be to introduce a nominal currently a student of Dhaka University entrance fee and the other alternative can be confessed that he comes to the Boi Mela every shifting of the venue from here (actually evening. The mela gave him the opportunity to meaning, from the proximity of DU Campus) to 'socialise'. He helps one of his friends who has a 'somewhere else, where more people can be a

"True, the Bangla Academy premises, as a the lamest of excuses one can think of, "Seeing venue of the Boi Mela have an enormous so many books these last few days. I have emotional value. But probably, time will come, in not too distant a future, when shifting of the Obviously, there are many who come to visit venue may become a necessity for greater the mela without the intention of buying books. accommodation's sake, safety's sake and last of They just visit the book fair for recreations' all for the mela's sake," said Hasan Hafiz a

Import duty on

dates reduced

a notification reducing the im-

port duty on dates from 45 per

cent to 30 per cent on the eve

of holy Ramadan, reports BSS.

Wednesday

Al-Quran

4:45

5:10

5:25

5:45

6:00

7:00

8:00

8:30

9:05

Opening announcement

Programme summary

Sports programme

World Sports Special

Nreetayer Talee Talee

Film show : The A-

News in Bangla

Mahe Ramadan

Open University

Tagore Songs

News in Bangla

Amra Natun

Banaphool

Team

10:00 News in English

11:15 Khabar/ The News

10:30 Prottashar Alo

11:25 Tomorrow's

gramme

summary

TV programme

on HSC, SSC

exams today

filling up computer forms to be

used in the essay-type exami-

nation, objective test, practical

examination and viva-voce of

SSC and HSC examinations of

the year 1994 will be telecast

through Bangladesh television

ter Jamiruddin Sircar, Educa-

tion Secretary. Irshadul Hoq

and chairmen of four education

boards will take part in the

hall invigilators, centre secre-

taries, hall superintendents,

head examiners, auditors and

watch the discussion.

guardians have been advised to

The examinees, examiners,

Education Minister Barris-

at 6:15 pm today.

discussion.

A discussion on method of

11:30 Closing

The government has issued

## Tk 519.61cr spent for flood control: JS told

Government spent over Tk 519.61 crore during the last two fiscal years for implementing various flood control projects in the country, reports

Irrigation, Water Development and Flood control Minister Majid-ul Haq said this in Parliament yesterday while replying to a question from Tabibur Rahman Sardar of Awami league.

The minister informed the House that more than Tk 348.83 crore had been allocated under the current Development Annual Programme (ADP) for the flood control projects.

He said over Tk 33.35 crore had been spent for the Dhaka Flood Control Project in last two fiseal years and over Tk 54.48 crore was allocated for it under the current development programme.

#### Vacant posts of 3rd, 4th class employees

About 43,000 posts of 3rd and 4th class government employees remained vacant till December 1993.

State Minister for Establish ment Barrister Aminul Hug disclosed this in Parliament yesterday while replying to a question from Hafeza Asma Khatun (Jamaat).

Giving a break-up, he said some 35.334 3rd class and 7.513 4th class posts re-

mained vacant. Replying to another question from Abdul Khaleque Talukdar (AL), the minister said 14 secretaries went on retirement and 21 officers were promoted to be secretaries since January 1, 1993.

Barrister Huq said some 977 officials were working on deputation and 152 others were working on contract basis in different government and semi-government organi-

BSS adds: State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that situation arising out of dispute over land boundary between Jamalpur and Bogra districts along Maderganj and Islampur thanas of Jamalpur district was under control.

Police patrol had been deployed there to tackle eruption of any situation, he said adding: a committee comprising district administration of both the districts had been entrusted with to refix the boundary pillars along the already decided demarcation line.

The State Minister for Land was replying to a notice of public importance from Awamf League member Mirza Azam on demarcation of boundary line between Jamalpur and Bogra districts along the Maderganj and Islampur thanas of Jamalpur district.

#### 6,056 units of small, cottage industries set up

A total of 6,056 units of small and cottage industries were set up in the country during the 1990-93 period. creating 69,503 employment opportunities, reports UNB.

This was informed at the 19th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Industries, held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

State Minister for Industries Lutfor Rahman Khan presided over the meeting. It elaborately reviewed the progress of implementation of the Industrial Policy of Bangladesh.

The meeting also discussed the existing bottlenecks and possible steps to overcome those for accelerating the process of industrialisation in the country.

Syed Manjur Hossain, Mia Abdullah Wazed, Begum Shamsunnahar Khwaja Ahsanullah of BNP, M Sultan-ul-Kabir Chowdhury and Sheikh Haroonur Rashid of AL and M Abdus Sobhan of Jamaat-e-Islami were present in the meeting.

It was also attended, among others, by Industries Secretary AHM Abdul Hye. Commerce Secretary AH Moffazzel Karim, Chairman of Tariff Commission Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Chairman of NBR Dr Akbar Ali Khan, the Managing Directors of different banks, high officials of the ministry and representatives from different chambers.

#### Makhan's death condoled

President of Muktijoddha Sammilani Sector-5 Lt Col(Retd) A S Helal Uddin vesterday expressed his deep grief at the death of Abdul Quddus Makhon, reports BSS.

In a condolence massage, Helal Uddin said the country. had lost a real son of the soil with the death of a great hero like Abdul Quddus Makhon.

#### Munajat for late Justice Misbahuddin

Friday

A ceremony for offering 'doa' and 'munajat' on the occasion of death of Justice Syed Misbahuddin Hossain, Member of Election Commission, has been arranged on Friday at 10:30 am at the residence of deceased at A/2, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, reports BSS.

: 09.00 Hrs. to 12.00 Hrs.

#### DHAKA CITY SIGHT SEEING TOURS

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### Tender for 91 day Bangladesh Bank Bill

Tenders for the 91 day Bangladesh Bank Bill will be received on Sunday, February 20, 1994. The intending tenderer should submit their tenders in the prescribed form which can be had from the General Manager, Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel Branch, Dhaka. The completed tender should be placed in a sealed cover

superscribed, "Tender for 91 day Bangladesh Bank Bill" and should be deposited in the box exclusively kept for the purpose in the Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel Branch, Dhaka before 12 Noon on Sunday, February 20, 1994. The results of the auction would be announced on Tuesday, February 22, 1994. Successfulbidders would be required to make payment of cost price latest by 12 Noon on Wednesday, February 23, 1994 either in cash or through cheque.

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## Modern testing lab at **BSTI** sought

The 6th meeting of the Council of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute(BSTI) was held yesterday at the conference room of BSTI. Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan was in the chair, reports BSS.

party's central office yesterday.

Industries Minister stressed the need for setting up a modern testing laboratory at BSTI so that all kinds of product could be tested easily and accurately. He particularly emphasised upon strict maintaining of quality of essential items relating to health and safety. He urged all concerned to extend their support to maintain the standard and quality of essential products in the country.

Khan said, present world market is very much competitive. If we cannot ensure the standard and quality of our product, these will not be able to enter into the international market, he added.

Awami League chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina placing

wreaths on the coffin of Abdul Quddus Makhon as a mark of last respect in front of the

The meeting took decision to form two committees, one for standard formulation committee, another committee for fixation of certification marks

Among others, industries Secretary A H M Abdul Hye, Dr M Shamsher Ali, Vice-Chancellor Bangladesh Open University. Dr M A Wazed Miah, Member, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission and other members of the council were present in the meeting.



Dr MD Stauffer, Vice-president of the Potash and Phosphate Institute (PPI), Dr JD Beaton, President PPI and Dr N S U Chowdhury, Executive Vice Chairman of BARC at a seminar on Sustainable Development in Agriculture' - Star photo

## Weather

## Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka. Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Wednesday).

Night temperature, according to Met Office, may remain nearly unchanged across the country, during this period. The country's maximum temperature of 32.7 degrees Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and the lowest of 15.0

degrees Celsius at Srimangal. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in the divisional towns yesterday

Humidity in Temperatures in Towns degrees Celsius percentage 6pm 9am Dhaka 27 4 15.0 84 43 29 7 Chittagong 60 14.8 56 26 7 73 Rajshahi 15.2 28 0 14.0 76 71 Khuina 83 67 Barisal 28.2 13.2

- Star photo

## National Tubes Limited (BSEC)

131-142, Tongi Industrial Area Tongi, Gazipur

Registered Office:

Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation "Steel House"

102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215

# Extra-Ordinary General Meeting NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Factory premises of National Tubes Ltd. at 131-142, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur on 2nd March, 1994 at 3:00 PM for amendment of Clause 8 (a), 105 (d), 106, 109 of the Articles of Association of the Company as necessitated in connection with the Government decision regarding sale/transfer of 51% shares of the Company now held by Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation on behalf of the Government. The draft of the Ordinary Resolution proposed to be passed for the amendments is given below:

Agenda — 1 (Ordinary Resolutions):

CLAUSE-8 (a):

Resolved that Clause 8 (a) of the Articles of Association be entirely replaced to read as under:

"(a) Minimum 51% of total shares shall be held by the Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation or their nominees or any Individual/Group of Individual/ Company/Companies or Institution/Institutions"

CLAUSE-105 (d):

Resolved that the entire Clause 105 (d) of the Articles of Association be substituted to read as under:

"The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be nominated/elected by the Corporation or by the Directors representing Group - 'A' shareholdings from among the Directors representing Group - 'A' shareholders."

CLAUSE-106:

Resolve that the entire Clause 106 of the Articles of Association be substituted to read as under:

"Any casual vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors representing Group - 'A' shareholders shall be filled up by the Corporation or by the Directors representing Group - 'A shareholders and casual vacancy in the Directors representing Group 'B' shareholders shall be filled up by the Directors from Group - B' shareholders.'

CLAUSE - 109

Resolved that the entire Clause 109 of the Articles of Association be substituted to read

"The Managing Director of the Company shall be appointed/nominated by the Corporation or by the Directors representing Group 'A shareholdings from amongst

the Directors representing Group- A shareholders" Date: 14-02-1994

A K Das Gupta Secretary

By Order of the Board

Note:

A member entitled to attend & vote at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend & vote in his stead. Such proxy must be member of the Company The proxy form must be affixed with revenue stamp of Tk. 4.00 and should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 72 (seventy two) hours before the time fixed for the meeting Proxy form may be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company.

Share Transfer Book of the Company shall remain closed from 17-02-94 to 02-03-94 (both days inclusive). Transfer of share shall not be effective within that period.

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#### বিভাগের অধীনে হেমায়েতপুর-সিংগাইর-মানিকগঞ্জ সভকের ১৫তম (অংশ) ১৬তম প্রয়োজনীয় মেরামত-সহ প্রিমিক্সড বিটুমিনাস সীলকোটের কাজ প্রাক্তলিত ব্যয় **डाका २, १५, २००/-**টাকা ৫,৫৮৪/- নিম্নত্বাক্ষরকারীর অনুকলে বায়নার টাকা ভাফট/টেভারী চালান/প্রতিরক্ষা সঞ্চয়পর এবং বোনাস সঞ্চয়পত্রের মাধ্যমে ২০ (বিশ) দিন কার্যাদেশ ইস্যার ভারিখ হইতে 'এ' হইতে 'ই' সাধারণ শ্রেণীর (সওজ) অধিদপ্তরের ঠিকাদারবন্দ নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী (সভজ), ঢাকা সভক বিভাগ, নুরসিংদী/ নারায়ণগঞ্জ/ মুন্দিগঞ্জ দরপত্র ক্রয় করা যাইতে মানিকগঞ্জী গান্ধীপুর/ প্রামিং বিভাগ (রোডা ব্ৰীজ), ঢাকা/প্লামিং ডিজাইন বিভাগ, জোন ঢাকা এবং উপবিভাগীয় প্রকৌ-শলী (সওজ), কল্যাণপুর/ মানিকগঞ্জ/ নয়ার-হাট, মালিকগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগের **অধী**ন। তত্তাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী সেওজা, ঢাকা সদ্ধক অফিসারের নাম সার্কেল, ঢাকা/মনিটরিং এন্ড ইন্ড্যাল্যেশন সার্কেল, ঢাকা/প্রানিং মনিটরিং এন্ড ইন্ডা-নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী (সওজ) মানিকগঞ্জ সভক বিভাগ এবং উপ-মানিকগঞ্জ মানিকগঞ্জ/নয়ারহাট

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (সভছ)

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