

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Beauty at its Best

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

There are very few women in this world who will pass by a mirror, window pane or glass doors without looking at their own reflection. Perhaps women are vain by nature. Perhaps it is the men who have made them so, imposing their own high standards of beauty on their female counterparts. Whatever the reason, women are very conscious of their looks and are in a perpetual state of anxiety over things like pimples, black heads, grey hair, falling hair, chipped nails, crows feet, and huge roses stacked into a flattened braid at the back.

Apart from the wedding season clients there are plenty of others who get hard permanents (perms), soft perms, step cuts and so on. Hair colouring is also popular using dyes or pure henna treatments.

Hair styling however, is only one side of the picture. There are many other services offered by these salons. This includes eyebrow threading for about Tk 30, manicures and pedicures from 50 taka to 100 taka and facials for up to 300 to 500 taka. Herbal skin treatments have become quite popular promising to use only natural ingredients such as cucumber, egg, milk, honey etc, resulting in a more beautiful, younger you. These facials claim to open up clogged pores and smooth out blemishes and wrinkles.

In this age where attractive means hairless, women go through extreme pain to get the hair off their arms and legs. At the beauty salons the process is called waxing where a hot sugary syrup is spread on the skin and a piece of cloth placed on the area only to be cruelly stripped off along with the hair. This can be an excruciating ordeal especially when the workers at the parlour pour out their pent up resentment on the poor client and wax with a vengeance.

The beauty parlours which can be found all over the city, are staffed by only women. Strict rules of allowing only women into these shops are also maintained. The expensive ones are usually air-conditioned and fairly clean with the latest equipment. Lesser expensive salons, however, are often kept dirty with cut hair all over the place and a musty unsavoury smell.

Most of these parlours are owned by Chinese Bangladeshis who may also own a number of Chinese Restaurants. In recent times, however, Bengalee beauticians have also set up their own shops claiming training from world renowned beauticians such as Shahnaaz. The rest of the staff are young girls between 16 and 24 years old, most of them Chakmas or Garos or from other tribal groups.

As the month of Ramadan draws to an end bringing with it the much awaited Eid, many women will be seen rushing resting to the beauty parlours to get new hair styles, pedicures and intricate mehendi (henna) patterns on their hands. Occasions such as this ensure a steady stream of clients for these shops where business will remain lucrative as long as women retain this preoccupation with their looks. Chances are it will be eternal.



The wedding season from November to early February is peak time for these parlours. Apart from the complicated and hair do and make up for the bride her whole entourage of sisters, friends, aunts, even grannies, will have to be spruced up for the big event. Thus at any point in time if you enter a beauty parlour you may come upon rows of females looking like harpys with their hair standing on end as if with electricity, with loads of smelly hairspray and comb knots created to lift the hair to unbelievable heights. This is of course is only the middle stage of the process and soon enough these women will be turned into great beauties with their hair in elegant, eye catching styles.

Well not always. Sometimes the beauticians get a little carried away with their talents and the metamorphosis of their client becomes a little too extreme. Brides often come out looking like African warriors with loads of war paint or Japanese geishas with their purple-blue and red eye shadow, white washed faces and scarlet streaks of rouge on their cheeks. Hairdos also can look quite outlandish. Take the woman who comes in looking quite normal with plain long hair but who goes out of the salon resembling a cross between a Sumo wrestler and Elvis Presley. This is in reference to a peculiar caterpillar styled hair do with long side burns curled up into squiggles



With only two days left for Eid-ul-Fitr, preparations including trimming of grass and setting up a large canopy for the biggest Eid congregation at the Jatiya Eidgah are in full swing. — Star photo

### Take vow to liberate Al-Quds says, Nizami

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Moulana Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday called upon the leaders of the Muslim Ummah to take a vow to liberate Al-Quds and establish the rights of Muslims in Palestine and on Al-Quds, reports UNB.

In a statement on the occasion of 25th Al-Quds Day, the Jamaat Secretary General said massacre at Hebron Mosque by Jews was the latest reminder of the burning of Al-Quds.

Nizami, also leader of Jamaat parliamentary party, termed the Hebron massacre as the latest manifestation of the inaction and weaknesses of the leaders of Muslim Ummah.

He urged the Muslim leaders to free themselves from all weakness and abandon all inactions to establish Muslims rights on Palestine and Al-Quds.

Massacre inside Hebron Mosque by Jews is the latest proof that peace and honour along with independence and sovereignty, which the Muslims of the Palestine need, can't be begged from Israelis, he said.

### Body to validate theorem

The Ministry of Science and Technology has constituted a 12-member committee to urgently validate the proof of Fermat's last theorem given by Dr M Ahsan, chief scientific officer and member (planning), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), reports BSS.

Secretary of the Ministry Dr M A Jalil is the convenor of the committee.

The committee consists of one representative from each of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, Bangladesh Mathematical Society, Bangladesh Physical Society, Department of Mathematics Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Department of Physics of Dhaka University, and three members from the previous committee, formally constituted by BAEC in 1992 for validating Dr Ahsan's proof of Fermat's theorem.

Dr Ahsan had first presented his proof of the famous mathematical problem, known as Fermat's last theorem, in a seminar organised by BAEC in July 1992 after three months careful study, the proof was accepted by the committee formed by BAEC.

### Sanskritik Jote cultural functions Mar 25, 26

Sammilita Sanskritik Jote will arrange cultural functions on March 25, and 26 at the Central Saheed Minar as part of the two-day programme of Nirmul Samannay Committee, reports UNB.

This was decided at a meeting of the steering committee of National Coordination Committee for Implementation of the Spirit of Liberation War and Elimination of the Killers-Collaborators of 1971 here yesterday.

The cultural programme will be held from 7 pm to 11 pm on March 25 and from 2 pm to 3 pm on March 26.

Nirmul Committee Convenor Jahanara Imam chaired the meeting at her residence.

Among the Nirmul Committee leaders present at the meeting were Prof Abdul Mannan, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Nurul Islam Nahid, Syed Hasan Imam, Prof Abul Chowdhury and Sharar Kabir.

The Sanskritik Jote was represented by Fayez Ahmed, Ataur Rahman, Ramenda Majumdar, Golam Quddus, Salahuddin Badal, Samudra Gupta, Jahangir Hossain and Hasan Arif.

## DISCUSSION MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF HOLY AL-QUDS DAY

9-30 AM, 27 RAMADAN, 11 MARCH/94

### AL-QUDS COMMITTEE BANGLADESH



The Al-Quds Committee, Bangladesh held a discussion at the auditorium of WAPDA Bhaban in the city to mark the holy Al-Quds Day yesterday. — Star photo

### Inter-service azan, qirat competition ends

The three-day inter-service azan and qirat competition ended at the Bangladesh Airforce mosque in the city after Jumma prayers yesterday, reports BSS.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas attended the concluding day function as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Held under the aegis of Bangladesh Navy, the competition was participated by about 50 quaris drawn from the army, navy and air force.

Addressing the musallis after the prayers, President Biswas said Prophet Muhammad (SM) had given maximum emphasis on correct pronunciation while reciting the holy Quran. He said Quran is the guideline of our day-to-day life and it is the best companion of mankind for all time to come.

He said, "we have to make continuous efforts to ensure social and political progress through the teachings of Islam which is equality and friendship."

President Biswas recalled the role of the members of the armed forces to render their services to the distressed people. He said they had set a unique example in rendering services to the distressed people during the natural calamities.

He said the armed forces had also earned people's respect by providing overall support and help in holding free, fair and neutral elections and maintaining the law and order in the country.

Bangladesh Army became champions with 2003 points while Bangladesh Navy became runners-up with 1975.50 points. The BAF followed them with 1962 points.

Besides M Abdullah of Navy, L/Nk Mohammad Kabir Ahmad and Hav. Shaikh Muhibullah of army secured top three positions in the qirat competitions. Mohammad Abu Zafar (army), L/Nk Monirul Islam (army) and M A Jalil (navy) became first, second and third respectively in the azan competitions.

Earlier, on his arrival at the mosque, President Abdur Rahman Biswas was received by the chief of the naval staff Rear Admiral Muhammad Mohamminul Islam.

Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal MP, chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, chief of the air staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, principal staff officers of the three services and a large number of service personnel were also present on the occasion.

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Saturday BTV

4:00 Opening announcements.  
4:05 Al-Quds Programme summary  
4:45 Cartoon: Stories to remember  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Moner Kotha  
6:00 Tarunnya  
6:30 Angikar  
7:00 Banshari  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Maati O Manush  
9:00 Avimut  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Drama series: Dallas  
11:15 Khabar/The News  
11:25 Tomorrow's programme

Weather

### Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with fair sky is likely to prevail over Bangladesh.

Slight rise in temperature, according to Met Office, is expected over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 33.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest of 11.6 degrees Celsius at Srimangal.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:06 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6:10 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in the divisional towns yesterday are:

Towns Temperatures in degrees Celsius Humidity in percentage

Dhaka 32.2 16.5 9 am 6 pm

Chittagong 32.3 16.0 63 37

Rajshahi 31.8 13.0 50 40

Khulna 33.3 17.0 64 40

Bartol 32.5 17.0 64 68

### Information Assoc says No outsider holds top post in any other cadre

By Staff Correspondent

The BCS Information Association in a statement yesterday demanded removal of the incumbent Principal Information Officer (PIO) and appointment of a professionally competent man from the BCS Information Cadre as PIO.

"Our protest is not directed against the popularly elected government but against an individual who has been harming the cause of the government through his inefficiency and dubious dealings," said the association which is currently agitating against the PIO's extension of contract service and 'recriminatory' transfer of some cadre officials.

The three-page typed statement of the association dealt in detail with the recruitment rules of the BCS Information Cadre and the PIO's role and said: "Since the BCS Information composition and recruitment rules were framed, none from outside the cadre was appointed as PIO before the present incumbent."

The statement further said that in no other cadre of the Bangladesh civil service, the top post was occupied by an outsider.

### JP office case: Order to transfer case against Rouf

A High Court Bench Thursday ordered transfer of the special case of corruption against former Additional Secretary in charge of Works M A Rouf and two others from one special judge's court to the other, reports BSS.

The High Court Division Bench of the Supreme Court comprising Justice M Badruzzaman and Justice Syed J R Modasser Hossain ordered that the case be transferred from the court of the senior Special Judge, Dhaka, to the senior-most Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, the ex-officio special judge for trial.

Rouf is a co-accused with former President HM Ershad and former minister Mostafa Jamal Haider in the special case — better known as Jatiya Party office case. Special Judge and sessions judge Mohammad Abdus Salam framed charge against the three in late January. The deposition of the prosecution witnesses began late last month.

Rouf filed a criminal revisional application last month for the transfer of the Special Case Number 50 of 1993 protesting some remarks of the special judge Salam.

The accused persons have been charged with spending nearly Taka 82 lakh government money for the renovation of an abandoned house in Dhanmandi area of the capital which was used as Jatiya Party central office. They were also accused of failing to pay over Taka 30 lakh due as rent of the government house.

Advocate Mahbubey Alam pleaded for the petitioner.

### Discussion on Al-Quds Day

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam MIA yesterday emphasised on greater unity to stand against the atrocities carried out on Muslims across the world, reports UNB.

"Muslims must stop fighting among themselves keeping in mind their glorious past. Now is the time to mobilise opinion to work for the downtrodden Muslims," he said addressing a discussion on the occasion of Al-Quds Day at WAPDA auditorium in the morning.

Former minister Justice T H Khan, Prof Shamsur Ali, Iranian Ambassador in Dhaka Mahmud Bayat, Palestinian Ambassador Mohammad Shahta Zarab, Maulana Azizul Haq Murad and Maulana Golam Mowla also participated in the discussion.

Barrister Rafiq was highly critical of the developed countries' "double-standard" role on Bosnia and questioned their sincerity as 'saviour of the humanity' as they claim.

He said the State of Israel was established as Britain argued that the Jewish had lived their long ago. If this is their point of view, why Americans are not leaving their state to the indigenous Red Indians who lived in America for centuries?

"Why Britain, an advocate for Magna Carta or universal declaration of human rights, had taken away huge wealth from her colonies?"

The minister said there are few countries like Malaysia and Iran who held their heads high and boldly face any oppression of Europe or America. "These two can be the model for other Islamic countries."

Recalling the luminous past of Muslims in science, particularly in the field of medicine, mathematics and chemistry, he said the Muslims of today should utilise their own resources to develop science and technology.

Barrister Rafiq in his speech also urged the Muslims of the country to follow the true spirit of Islam and not swayed by a section of preachers who use the religion for their personal or group interests.

"True Muslims always serve the humanity and do not hinder humanitarian activities," the minister said pointing to the recent reports of disrupting NGO activities by a few orthodox, semi-literate religious leaders in some remote areas of the country.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Musalli Committee brought a procession from Baitul Mukarram after Juma prayers.

The processionists paraded main thoroughfares of the city chanting slogans calling for the unity of the Muslim ummah and freeing of Baitul Mukarram in Jerusalem from Jewish occupation.

### DU IER students team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas called upon the students to turn the country's huge manpower into productive force through proper education and training, reports UNB.

President was talking to a 20-member delegation of the newly-elected students union and leaders, and members of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of the Institute of Education and Research, Dhaka University, when they called on him at Bangabhaban Thursday.

The delegation included Advocate S M Fakrudin, patron of the students union. There is no alternative to education for the development of any country, Biswas said.

### Munshiganj clashes leave 11 hurt

By DMCH Correspondent

Armed men, backed by the former and present chairmen of Shrirajdikan in Munshiganj, clashed Thursday morning leaving at least eleven persons critically injured.

The clash triggered off as a sequel to a quarrel over taking lease of the local Munshir Haat at around 10 am Thursday, according to a source.

Most of the victims, shifted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, received tetta (multi-prong spear) injuries.

They are: Fulchand, 22, Salek, 35, Ershad, 30, Kulu Sardar, 22, Alim, 40, Lihaz, 30, Tazul, 22, Arshed, 22, Gias, 24, Jahangir, 20 and Mir Hossain, 25.

### OFA NOTICE

The AGM and Election of Old Faujians Association, Dhaka Chapter will be held as per the following schedules:

Date : 31st March 1994 (Thursday)  
Time : 1600hrs-2100hrs  
Venue : Ladies Club, Eskaton, Dhaka  
For details please contact :  
OFn. Zulfiqar Chowdhury OFn. Jahangir Khan  
Election Commissioner Acting President DC-EC  
Tel: 606457(r) Tel: 312183(o), 314497(r)

### Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Director, CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

"গাছ লাগান, গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশকে বাঁচান" — প্রধানমন্ত্রী  
বিমান বন্দরকে পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন

### Notice Inviting Re-Tender

#### Tender No. CEMSU-52 (2)/93-94

Sealed Re-tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide suppliers for Supply of Radio Trunking Service with Telephone Interconnect Facilities at Zia International Airport on rental basis. The suppliers are required to submit offer in their own letter head pad quoting the rates of monthly rent for each radio set (with two-way and one-way telephone call facilities and also without telephone facilities). They are also to quote rates to be paid to Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh for each Radio set to be rented both to Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh and others as well. The quotation are to be accompanied by the main features of the system and the terms of payment.

The system must be able to provide communication range of 25 kilometre from Zia International Airport, CAAB will provide only the accommodation on rent for installing the equipment initially for 3 years to be extended for a further period on mutual agreement. There are about 14 Airlines including Bangladesh Biman which are operating in ZIA. Number of sets to be rented are to be ascertained by the tenderers themselves from the Airlines and Non-Airline Agencies. However, the percentage of the royalty is to be indicated in the tender on the total earning of the system. CAAB should be given as many handsets as possible free of cost and rents are to be offered on special rate to CAAB for the sets as well call charges.

Tenders accompanied by the earnest money of Tk. 5,000/- (Taka five thousand) only in the form of PO/DD/BG in favour of the Director, Central Engineering Maintenance and Stores Unit, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, Kurmitola, Dhaka will be received in the tender box kept in the office of the Director, Central Engineering Maintenance and Stores Unit, Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka up to 12.00 hrs on 24.03.94 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 hrs. In presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any). No tender schedule will be sold for this tender. Evaluation of the tender will be based on higher royalty earning by CAAB from the offer. The successful tenderer will have to obtain necessary permission and technical authority from T&T for the rental service within 45 days.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh reserves the right to accept any tender or part thereof or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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হবিগঞ্জ পল্লী বিদ্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

টেন্ডার নম্বর নিঃপ্রঃহবিঃ-৮ (এস/ডি/ই/এম) ১৯৯৩-৯৪ইং

১) এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য পল্লী বিদ্যালয়ের অনুমোদিত বিশেষ ১ম শ্রেণী ও ১ম শ্রেণীর বৈঃ/বাঃ টিকাদার, চট্টগ্রাম পল্লী বিদ্যালয়ের অনুমোদিত ২য় শ্রেণীর বৈঃ/বাঃ টিকাদার, সিলেট পল্লী বিদ্যালয়ের অনুমোদিত ৩য় শ্রেণীর বৈঃ/বাঃ টিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ২১১১ নং বাংলাদেশ ফরম দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র নিম্নবর্ণিতকর্তার এবং নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, পল্লী বিদ্যালয়, মৌলভীবাজার/সিলেট/চট্টগ্রাম এর নিকটে নিকট নিম্নিত দরপত্র কাজে আগামী ২৪-৩-৯৪ইং দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত সাবমিট করা যাইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১২-১৪ মিনিটে ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। প্রত্যেক দরদাতা সীলমোহরকৃত একটি খামে কাজের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক জমা দিতে হইবে।

ক্রমিক নং কাজের নাম ও অবস্থান তারিখিত ব্যয় জামানতের টাকা কার্য সম্পাদনের মেয়াদ

১। হবিগঞ্জ জেলাধীন লাইই (বামুই) টাঃ ১,৭৬,৬০২/৭০ টাঃ ৩,৪০০/- ৪৫ (পঁয়তাল্লিশ) দিন।  
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