Dhaka Day by Day Boyhood in Dhaka

by Parveen Anam

The Dhakaite loves his city. Almost with a vengeance, some would mutter. He loves it and hates it, all at the same time. This love-hate relationship is of course what psychologists thrive on. Where would they be, if they did not have these complicated human relationships to

diagnose and analyse? But let us leave these talented people out of the picture and come back to the more mundane things of life. Again, of course as soon as we begin to talk of childhood boyhood, girlhood etc. the psycholo gists start getting excited and read a meaning into almost everything. Yet, most fail often to impress the Dhakaite. He is a difficult lot to please, as the " "authorities" often discover, much to o their chagrin. But more often than not. if he is left to himself, he is not really a bad sort. The only problem is both the "authorities" and

the "would-be au

thorities" love to engage in a tug of war with the hapless Dhakaite, making him the innocent victim of their ambitions.

Yet there is one section of the populace which remains peculiarly untouched by the madness and is still, 'far from the madding crowd'. These are the little "urchins" as the with the proverbial satchel on their backs. School and the basic 'Rs' are farthest from their minds as they come to the first house with a tree, temptingly full of guavas, raw mangoes, or some other delicacy equally irresistible. On way to school, mind you. The bag is dropped, a quick look around and a stone goes hurtling at the tempting fruit. No sooner than the first stone hits either the tree or the car parked in the lawn of the posh house, than the

'security' comes rushing out, waving his huge stick and throwing the choice adjectives at the boys. The boys of course have now taken to their heels, but not without managing to pick up the fallen fruits first. Shouting directions to each other on which route to take, to avoid the

> 'chowkidar', they are off any away! It delights the mind and freshens the soul. To see the innocent fun. Soon, they are sprawled on the road dividers, dividing up their 'booty'. amongst'themselves and with much merry-making, enjoy their 'hard earned' fruit! While the 'chowkidar' is prowling around waiting for them to return. But they are going elsewhere the next ime round. While hot, dusty Dhaka swirls around them. of course.

Again, it is wonderful to see the little boys swimming. splashing and merry-making in the very few ponds and lakes still left by the

authorities. On way home from school, it is blashphemy to go past a pond without a dip. School bags again thrown on the ground on the edge of the pond, shirts lying nearby, they are off for an hours fun in the hot, sultry

Yet, even as we revel in the joy of these boys elite like to refer to them or the school boys, ' enjoying their childhood, there is a fleeting moment of unease as we think, whatever happened to all the little girls? Or are they born adults? And girlhood and childhood are not for them? How come we never see any little girls enjoying themselves? Are they all at home helping mother, till it is time to be married off and raise their own families? And shed their lonely tears?

The Dhakaite pauses to think, and then life goes on. As always.

Reception held

Minister for Land Kabir Ho-

ssain today underscored the

need for working unitedly to

consolidate the hard-earned

democracy and make it mean-

He was addressing a recep-

tion as the chief guest at

Bhabaniganj TT DC premises

under the district arranged by

Baghmara and Bhabanigani

Wahed of Taherpur College.

the meeting was addressed.

among others, by former MP

Moyeem Uddin Ahmed Manik.

district BNP organising secre-

tary Advocate Kamrul Munir.

district Jubadal leader Toffazal

Hossain Topu, president of

Baghmara thana BNP Habibur Rahman and secretary of city

BNP Advocate Ershad Ali Eisa.

Tuesday

Al-Quran

5:10 · News in Bangla

(BUET)

10:00 News in English

Exposure

11:30 Khabar/The news

11:40 Tomorrow's

11:45 Close down

5:45 National Television

5:20

6:35

वांश्नाटमन

क्रमिलिया

Opening announcement

Programme summary

Mass Education Progra-

mme: Esho Para Shi-

Cartoon: Captain Planet

Rangpur Medical Colle-

University of Enginee-

ring and Technology

Modern songs: San-

Drama serial: Rupnagar

Debate Competition

ge vs Bangladesh

Open University

News in Bangla

10:30 Film show: Northern

Presided over by Prof Abdul

ingful, reports BSS.

units of BNP.

- Star photo

A flag hoisting ceremony

was held at the embassy pre-

mises in the morning. A large

number of expatriate Bangla-

deshi nationals attended the

ceremony. The commanders

and the members of the mi

litary contingents currently

engaged in mine clearance op-

eration and other assignments

National Day was observed in

·The national flag was cere-

monially hoisted by the Am-

bassador which was attended

by Bangladesh Nationals from

different parts of Poland and

members of the mission.

The Independence and

in Kuwait were also present.

Warsaw with due solemnity.

RAJSHAHI, Mar 28: State



Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda presiding over a meeting concerning Asia Satellite and Cable TV network at the conference room of the Information Ministry in the city yesterday. - PID photo

NAP (Bhashani) team calls on Biswas

A four-member delegation by President of NAP (Bhashani). Begum Alema Khatun Bhasani called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The delegation apprised the President of problems relating to Haji Mohsin College a Mohipur in Panchbibi thana of Joypurhat district.

Begum Bhashani had donated six bighas of land for the President Biswas assured

them to advise the relevant authorities to look into the Other members of the dele-

gation were Executive President of the party AKM Golam Kabir, Vice-President Rakibuddin Ahmed (Entu Mia) and central leader Shamsul Haq, said a PID handout.

Nine awarded Swadhinata . Padak '93

Bangladesh Juba o Chhatra Kallayan Sangathan has awarded nine persons with Swadhinta Padak '93 for their outstanding contributions to their respective fields, reports BSS.

The recipients of the award are: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka for freedom fight, Gias Kamal Chowdhury for journalism, Asafudowla. Apple Mahmud, Fakir Alamgir and Mina Barua for music. Poet Mofazzal Karim for literature, Hasnat Abdul Hye for management, M.A Hashem for arts. Khademul Islam and Begum Farukkuzaman for social welfare, Mohamad Joynul Abedin for development of youth organisations and Kazi Shana Parveen for sports.

The awards will be handed over to the recipients on the last week of April next at a simple ceremony.

Clinic inauguration

'Monty's Dental Clinic' a modern clinic for dental care and surgery will be opened today at Road No 5, Dhan mondhi, says a press release.

Dr Abdul Mukib Khan a renowned dentist will formally inaugurate the clinic.

Enamul Haq back home

By Staff Correspondent

Dr M Enamul Hug, former Inspector General of Police returned home on Saturday after attending two international seminars in Manila and Bangkok.

Dr Huq read out the keynote paper on the Role of Family in Preventing Urban Crime at a seminar organised by the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation from March 8 to 12 in Manila.

On his way back home he spoke in the First Asian Private Security Conference held in Bangkok from March 21 to 24.

Weather

programme summary

Rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today says, rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions.

The Met Office forecast, slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country excepting the Chittagong division where it may remain nearly unchanged.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Satkhira and the lowest 16.2 degrees in Sylhet.

Rainfall recorded in 12 hours during day time yesterday across the country was; Teknaf 49mm, Cox's Bazar 30mm and Patuakhali 1mm. Rainfall recorded in Dhaka in the evening was 13mm.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and

towns of the cou	intry yester	day are:			
Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius			Humidity in percentage	
	Dhaka'	31.5	18.8		90
Chittagong	29.0	18.0	0.00	86	78
Rajshahi	28.2	17.6		94	70
Khuina	34.4	24.4		75	59
Barisal	30.8	20.5		89	75
Cox's Bazar	28.5	20.0		95	77
Sylhet	28.5	16.2		70	66
Dinajpur	28.2	17.2		75	59

Handicrafts export fetches Tk 16.25 cr in 6 months

The country earned Tk 16.25 crore equivalent to 4.10 commodities side by side with million US dollar from the export of handicrafts during the first six months of the current fiscal year 1993-94, reports

The amount is 9.33 per cent in dollar higher than the target fixed for the same period which was 3.5 million US dollar.

This was disclosed in the 29th meeting of parliamentary standing committee on Commerce Ministry held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair. The meeting discussed dif-

ferent aspects of promoting the export of own traditional goods including handicrafts. jewellery, artificial and natural

The minister said, all possible cooperation and assistance would be provided by the government to boosting the

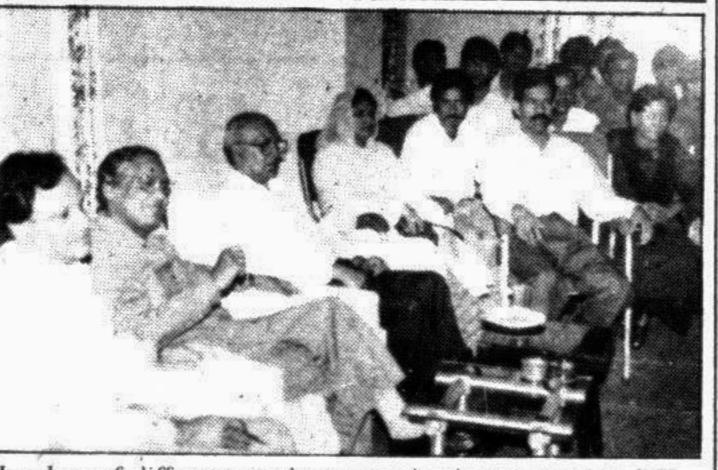
export of non-traditional traditional items. The meeting also stressed

the need for reactivising the overall activities of insurance companies, and formulate a new insurance policy in this regard.

The minister said, to mobilise the resources for betterment of mass people insurance industry should be established accordingly in the present economic context.

Among others, the meeting was attended by the members of the committee Farida Hassan, Advocate Abul Kalam, Qumruddin Eahya Khan Majlish and Mohammad Ansar Ali Siddiqui.

Additional Secretary of Commerce Ministry Afazuddin, vice chairman of EPB Anisul Haq Chowdhury and concerned officials were present at the meeting.



Leaders of different student organisations excepting BCL (M-I) met Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-chancellor of the Dhaka University at his office yesterday. - Star photo

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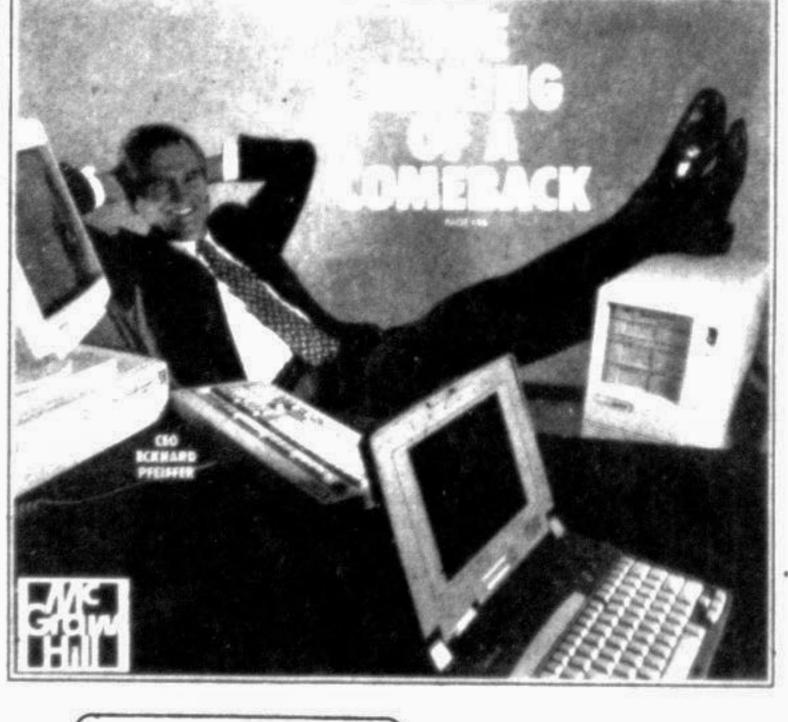
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and National Day was cele-

brated in different Bangladesh

missions abroad in a befitting

manner, according to mes-

sages received here, reports

ception was held at Deputy

High Commission premises

Saturday evening in celebra-

tion of the day. Ministers, po-

litical leaders, diplomats, high

officials of union and state gov-

ernment, intellectuals, senior

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