

Dhaka Day by Day

Boyhood in Dhaka

by Parveen Anam

The Dhakaitte 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 psychologists start getting excited and read a meaning into almost everything. Yet, most fail often to impress the Dhakaitte. He is a difficult lot to please, as the 'authorities' often discover, much to 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-



'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 way! 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 time 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 blasphemy 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 afternoon.

Yet, even as we revel in the joy of these 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 Dhakaitte pauses to think, and then life goes on. As always.



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 led 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 at Mohipur in Panchbibi thana of Joypurhat district.

Begum Bhashani had donated six bighas of land for the college.

President Biswas assured them to advise the relevant authorities to look into the matter.

Other members of the delegation 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 Swadhinata 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, Glas Kamal Chowdhury for journalism, Asafudola, Apple Mahmud, Fakir Alamgir and Mina Barua for music, Poet Mofazzal Karim for literature, Hasnat Abdul Hye for management, M.A Haahem for arts, Khademul Islam and Begum Farukuzzaman for social welfare, Mohamad Joydul 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, Dhanmondhi, 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 Haq, former Inspector General of Police returned home on Saturday after attending two international seminars in Manila and Bangkok.

Dr Haq 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.

Handicrafts export fetches Tk 16.25 cr in 6 months

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

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

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

export of non-traditional commodities side by side with traditional items.

The meeting also stressed the need for reactivating 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 Bahya 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-1) met Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-chancellor of the Dhaka University at his office yesterday. — Star photo

Reception held

RAJSHAH, Mar 28: State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain today underscored the need for working unitedly to consolidate the hard-earned democracy and make it meaningful, reports BSS.

He was addressing a reception as the chief guest at Bhabaniganj TT DC premises under the district arranged by Baghmara, and Bhabaniganj units of BNP.

Presided over by Prof Abdul Wahed of Taherpur College, the meeting was addressed, among others, by former MP Moyeem Uddin Ahmed Manik, district BNP organising secretary 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.



- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 4:45 Mass Education Programme: Esho Para Shikhi
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Cartoon: Captain Planet
- 5:45 National Television Debate Competition Rangpur Medical College vs Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
- 6:35 Open University
- 7:05 Modern songs: Sangeeta
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Drama serial: Rupnagar
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Close down

Weather

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 country yesterday are:

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.5	18.8	90	73
Chittagong	29.0	18.0	86	78
Rajshahi	28.2	17.6	94	70
Khulna	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



The Chhatra League (M-1) staged a sit-in in front of the MBA Bhaban with black flags yesterday. — Star photo

Independence Day celebrated in missions abroad

The 24th Independence and National Day was celebrated in different Bangladesh missions abroad in a befitting manner, according to messages received here, reports BSS.

In Calcutta, a colourful reception was held at Deputy High Commission premises Saturday evening in celebration of the day. Ministers, political leaders, diplomats, high officials of union and state government, intellectuals, senior journalists and elite of Calcutta attended the reception.

The Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait and the expatriate Bangladeshi Nationals celebrated the day in a befitting manner.

A flag hoisting ceremony was held at the embassy premises in the morning. A large number of expatriate Bangladeshi nationals attended the ceremony. The commanders and the members of the military contingents currently engaged in mine clearance operation and other assignments in Kuwait were also present.

The Independence and National Day was observed in Warsaw with due solemnity.

The national flag was ceremonially hoisted by the Ambassador which was attended by Bangladeshi Nationals from different parts of Poland and members of the mission.

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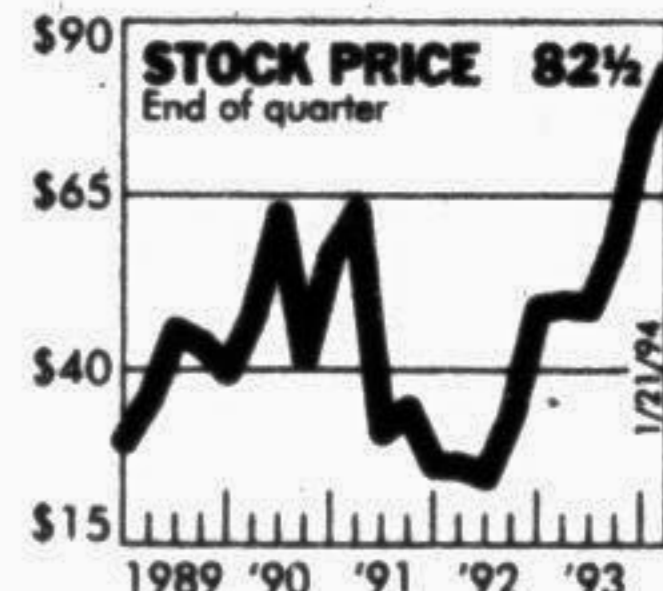
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