

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Venues for Social Functions

by A S M Nurunnabi



There was a time when social functions like marriage, birthday parties, marriage anniversaries, *akika*, etc. used to be held within four walls of one's home or in pandals set up in close proximity to home. However, when the number of guests is small, such functions still continue indoors. But such mores are now changed, particularly when the invited guests are large in number.

Now, a new phenomenon called community centre has appeared in city life. The present trend is to choose any of the community centres dotting the city as venues for holding important social functions. The trend originated not many years ago. Now the number of community centres is proliferating on account of the growing demand in a big city for suitable venues for holding big social gatherings. In the new part of the city, the majority of such centres are owned by private parties.

It is estimated that in new Dhaka, at present, there are more than 50 such places. In some particular localities, such as Dhanmondi Residential Area, there are some well-known ones which draw business throughout the month. The peak season is, however, the winter, the lean is the month of Ramadan for obvious reasons. There are some air-conditioned halls in the Magbazar area which are particularly attractive in summer for those who can afford their comparatively high rent. In a big city like Dhaka, there is always a steady demand for such places, so much so that it is necessary to book your requirement well in advance to get the facility on the due date.

Such places can be booked for daytime or nighttime. For night time functions, the charge is somewhat more because of lighting arrangements and illuminations, if required. In general, the basic rent for such places range from Tk 3,000 to Tk 5,000 for a day. With this

is added the hire charge for furniture and linens, cutlery, utensils, service charge for cooks, bearers and other attendants, etc. In all, the total charge for hiring such a place ranges from Tk 12,000 to Tk 15,000 for a day of function.

Most of them are spacious enough to accommodate 500 guests or more, and have adequate parking area.

There are also a good number of community centres established in different wards of the City Corporation. They are much limited in space with circumscribed parking space. Though the rent for the municipal community centres is more favourable, as compared with those private ones in new Dhaka, they are mostly patronised by people of surrounding areas. By and large, they are not liked by others who have the means to rent the more spacious and well appointed community centres in new Dhaka.

There are also a number of community centres near residential government colonies in the city. The rent of these places is less than that charged for private community centres with greater facilities in new Dhaka. Though these are mostly patronised by residents of government colonies, outsiders also make use of them because of their favourable terms.

All in all, leasing out of community centres in the private sector seems to be a steady and lucrative business. To queries to what extent such centres are used for various functions in a month, one owner stated that it varies from 15 to 20 days. Because of profitability of the business perhaps, many entrepreneurs are in favour of constructing more such places in Dhaka in preference to residential houses. In fact, it creates new ethos in connection with observance of various social functions.



Chief of the Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan giving away certificates among the passed-out student-officers of the 4th Gunnery Staff Course at the Artillery Centre and School at Chittagong yesterday. — ISPR photo

### Biswas, Khaleda greet President of Senegal

President, Abdur Rahman Biswas, has felicitated the Senegalese President, Abdou Diouf, to mark the National Day of his country today, reports BSS.

President Biswas in a message expressed the hope that the bonds of friendship and co-operation between the two countries will be further strengthened in the years ahead.

In a separate message Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, has felicitated the President of the Republic of Senegal, Abdou Diouf, on the same occasion.

### Dhaka College team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said there is no alternative to mass education for development of any country as is evident from Southeast and Far East Asian nations who have made tremendous economic progress due to their advancement in literacy, reports UNB.

"We must try our best to enhance the rate of literacy in the country to improve quality of life of the people," he said talking to a 44-member delegation of the Dhaka College Student Union led by Principal Mohammad Abdus Sattar.

The delegation called on the President at Bangabhaban and submitted to him a memorandum mentioning various problems of the college such as shortage of teachers, accommodation and transport.

He advised the students to devote themselves to studies for becoming worthy citizens of the state and undertaking future responsibilities.

Present among others were Vice-Principal Mohammad Anisur Rahman and Vice-President of the Student Union Z Mortuza Chowdhury (Tula), Abdul Awal Khan, Haroon-ur-Rashid, Qamrul Hasan Shimul, Shahidul Islam, A H M Zayed, Chowdhury Hasanuzzaman Mintu, Anwar Hossain, Maksudur Rahman, Ashfaqur Rahman, Shahidul Alam Majumder, Kamal Ahmed, Kamal And Anisur Rahman Khan.

### Seminar on pry health care held

Doctors for Health and Environment yesterday held a seminar on "People's participation in primary health care: The experience of the developing nations and the context of Bangladesh" at the PG Hospital in the capital.

The seminar was organised in observance of the World Health Day.

Chaired by the organisation's President Prof AKM Abdus Salam, the seminar was also addressed by Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, Prof Nazmunnahar, Prof Nazrul Islam, Dr Sarwar Ali, Rasheda K Choudhury, Dr Attur Rahman and Ataus Samad. Dr Mohammad Abdul Matin presented the keynote paper on the issue.

### Micro surgical unit at SSMCH inaugurated

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf yesterday opened a micro ophthalmic surgical unit of the Department of Ophthalmology at Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital. (SSMCH).. reports BSS.

## MH MENG HORNG SHIPPING PTE LTD

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES/SHIPPERS

M. V. FONG SHIN V-9411 IMP. ROT NO. 254/94 WILL TAKE BERTH CHITTAGONG PORT ON OR ABOUT 4TH APRIL 1994 WITH IMPORT CONTAINERS RELAYED AT SINGAPORE FROM VARIOUS PORTS AND ALSO CONTAINERS EX-SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE DELIVERY OF GOODS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DISCHARGE. SURVEY APPLICATION MUST BE PRESENTED TO US WITHIN 3 DAYS OF DISCHARGE. NO CLAIM WILL BE ENTERTAINED NOR ANY LIABILITIES ACCEPTED IN RESPECT OF DAMAGE TO AND OR SHORT LANDINGS OF CONSIGNMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM STORAGE SHED. IN EVENT OF CONSIGNEES TAKING DIRECT DELIVERY SURVEY TO BE HELD AT SHIP'S SIDE ONLY.

CONSIGNMENTS NOT CLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF UNLOADING EX THE SHIP ARE LIABLE TO BE CONFISCATED AND AUCTIONED AS PER SEC.167(B) AND SEC. 82 RESPECTIVELY OF THE CUSTOMS ACT 1969 WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE/REFERENCE.

THE VESSEL WILL LOAD CONTAINERS UNDER EXP. ROT NO. 255/94 FOR SINGAPORE AND ALSO FOR ONWARD TRANSHIPMENT TO EAST/WEST COAST OF U.S., CANADA, U.K., CONTINENT, MEDITERRANEAN AND AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

### GENERAL AGENTS: Bangladesh Shipping Lines Ltd.

(A HRC COMPANY)  
**DHAKA**  
19/F Sena Kalyan Bhaban  
195 Motijheel Com. Area  
Tel: 864546, 864547  
Tlx: 632105 BDSHP BJ, 632656 HRC BJ  
Telefax: 880-2-863734  
**CHITTAGONG**  
G/F Jiban Bima Bhaban  
1053 Sk. Mujib Rd., Agrabad  
Tel: 504313, 502123, 500793  
Tlx: 633027 BDSHP BJ, 633126 HRC BJ  
Telefax: 880-31-225625  
**KHULNA**  
1 Miapara Road  
(PTI Moor)  
Tel: 25255  
Tlx: 633302 HRC BJ  
Telefax: 880-41-21175

## দুই কিস্তি বীমা

বীমা গ্রাহকঃ আপনার দুই কিস্তি বীমা বেশ নতুন ধরনের মনে হচ্ছে। একই মুহুর্তে কতগুলো কিঃ

ডেল্টা প্রভিডেন্টঃ ঠিকই বলেছেন আপনি। এই পলিসির বেশ কয়েকটা আকর্ষণীয় বিশেষত্ব আছে।

একঃ যত বছরের জন্য পলিসি, তার মাত্র প্রথম অর্ধেক সময় প্রিমিয়াম দিতে হবে। আপনি বিশ বছর মেয়াদী পলিসি নিলে প্রিমিয়াম দিতে হবে মাত্র প্রথম দশ বছর।

দুইঃ সোচ মেয়াদের অর্ধেক সময়—যেমন এই উদাহরণে দশ বছর—হলেই বীমাকৃত টাকার প্রথম কিস্তি পেয়ে যাবেন। এই কিস্তি বীমাকৃত মোট অর্ধেক শতকরা ৭৫ বা ৫০ বা ২৫ ভাগের যে কোন একটি আপনারই পছন্দমত হতে পারে। অবশ্য প্রথম কিস্তিতে কম অংশ নিলে প্রিমিয়ামের হারও কম হবে।

তিনঃ বীমাকৃত অর্ধেক বাকী অংশ মেয়াদ শেষ হলে লাভসহ বিত্তীয় কিস্তিতে দেয়া হবে।

চারঃ পুরো মেয়াদের যে কোন সময়, তা প্রথম কিস্তি নেওয়ার আগে বা পরে হোক, খোদা না করুন আপনার যদি মৃত্যু হয়, তবে আপনার পরিবার বীমাকৃত পুরো টাকা অর্জিত লাভসহ পাবেন।

১ লাখ টাকা বীমার জন্য বার্ষিক প্রিমিয়ামের নমুনা হার ১ম কিস্তি ৫০%, ২য় কিস্তি লাভসহ ৫০%

ডাকার বছর	২০ বছর	৩০ বছর	৪০ বছর	৫০ বছর
৩০ বছর	৪০,৭৫০	৩৯,৩০০	৩৮,২৫০	৪,৭৫০
৪০	২০,৯৫০	২০,০৪০	১৯,৫০০	৫,৪৫০
৫০	২১,৫৫০	২০,৯৫০	১৯,৫০০	৫,৯৫০
মেয়াদ শেষে প্রিমিয়ামের হার	১৫,৫০০	১৫,১০০	১৫,১০০	১৫,১০০
প্রিমিয়ামের মেয়াদ	৫ বছর	২০ বছর	৩০ বছর	৪০ বছর

২ম কিস্তি ২৫%, হলে প্রিমিয়াম আদায়ও কম হবে, ৭৫% হলে বেশী হবে।

### ডেল্টা লাইফ ইনসিওরেন্স কোঃ লিঃ

উত্তরা বাকিং অফিস, ৯০-৯১ মতিঝিল বাঃ এ, ঢাকা-১০০০  
শিপ্রবিঃ ২ঃ ২৫০৩৩-৫ঃ ২৫০৩৩১-২

### Seminar on Europe

By Staff Correspondent  
The crisis of maturity is the major stumbling block in establishing a United Europe, a visiting political scientist of a French university said in Dhaka yesterday.



Prof Edmund Jauve from University of Rene Descartes, France speaking at a seminar on "Europe: Yesterday and Today" at the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh yesterday. Dr Sirajul Islam, president of society and Dr Harun-ur-Rashid, General Secretary also seen. — Star photo

### Weather

#### Temperature likely to rise

By Staff Correspondent  
Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today says, rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi division and at one or two places in Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Khulna divisions.  
The Met Office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise markedly over the country during this period.  
The maximum temperature of the country yesterday of 31.2 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rangamati and Sathkira and the minimum 16.7 degrees in Khulna.  
The sun sets today at 6.16 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.47 am.  
The maximum temperature recorded in Dhaka yesterday was 29.0 degrees Celsius and the minimum 18.0 degrees. The humidity recorded at 9 am was 71 per cent and at 6 pm 63 per cent.

### Seminar on pry health care held

Doctors for Health and Environment yesterday held a seminar on "People's participation in primary health care: The experience of the developing nations and the context of Bangladesh" at the PG Hospital in the capital.

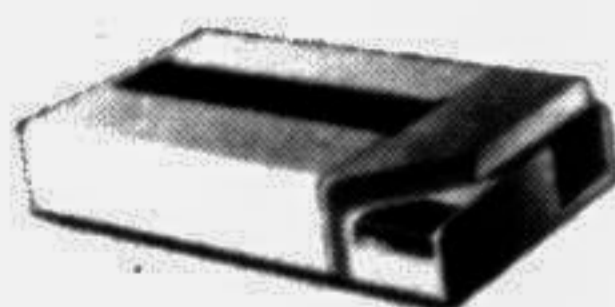
The seminar was organised in observance of the World Health Day.

Chaired by the organisation's President Prof AKM Abdus Salam, the seminar was also addressed by Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, Prof Nazmunnahar, Prof Nazrul Islam, Dr Sarwar Ali, Rasheda K Choudhury, Dr Attur Rahman and Ataus Samad. Dr Mohammad Abdul Matin presented the keynote paper on the issue.

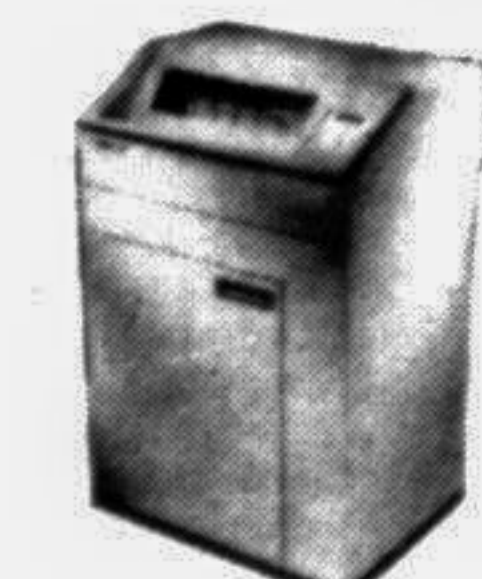


- ### Monday
- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
  - 4:45 Educational programme: Can you do it?
  - 5:10 News in Bangla
  - 5:20 Sports programme: Football
  - 6:10 Chhandabritiya
  - 6:45 Open University
  - 7:15 Nazrul songs
  - 8:00 News in Bangla
  - 8:30 Sukher Thikana
  - 9:00 Bahun Dekhi
  - 10:00 News in English
  - 10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
  - 10:55 Musical programme: Disco Rally
  - 11:30 Khabar/The News
  - 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
  - 11:45 Closing

### OTC Printers for heavy duty printing from USA.



Model 850XL 850 CPS  
That's Right, 850 Characters Per Second at 10 CPI.



Euroline 400 : 400 LPM Printer  
Euroline 600 : 600 LPM Printer  
Euroline 800 : 800 LPM Printer

Most suitable for your PC, PC Network, Mini & Mainframe Computers.

Made in USA By **OTC OUTPUT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION**

GSA Contract # GSOOK-91-AGS-5268

Distributor for Bangladesh. **SIGMA**

Sigma Trade International  
56, Dilkusha C/A (4th Floor) Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.  
Phone : 238406 Fax : 880-2-863029

## BIGGEST TO SINGAPORE



Only Singapore Airlines offers you a choice of 5 weekly flights non-stop to Singapore. Our advanced Airbus A310 departs Dhaka every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. From Singapore, we offer convenient connections to all key cities in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the USA. Whichever flight you choose, en route, you'll enjoy inflight service even other airlines talk about.



SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Our flights depart at 23:55 hrs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Call your Travel Agent or SA Office Tel: 863 650 862 061 863 640