

Dhaka Day by Day

"One for Sorrow, Two for Joy ..."

by Parveen Anam

Every little girl (of the privileged class, I hasten to add to my readers) has skipped to the jingle which in every way reflected a happier version of 'superstitions' or 'old wives' tales as the wise like to call them.

The sight of one little 'shalik bird' (mag pie) pecking away at the worm, is often enough to send the ten year-old scrambling looking for the other one. And more often than not, these delightful little birds always like to move about in twos or even threes, so all is well with the little ones. Actually, sometimes even the not so little girl will covertly look for a pair of birds if she manages to catch sight of just one!

'Old wives' tales are wonderful little things, I think personally. The 'shalik birds' will invariably elicit rhymes which go something like, 'One for sorrow, two for joy, three for letter, four for boy...' In the hurry-scurry of every day life, these little jingles and much pleasure to our monotonous existence. Of course, there are some who will take things pretty seriously, like always remembering to 'touch wood' when wishing for things to go right or just expressing gratefulness for something which turned out well.

It is a common sight in our country for little boys and girls (actually more for the little boys) to have a big ugly black spot prominently displayed on the forehead. The 'old wives' tales again go that this is to ward off the evil eye! Frankly, the ugly looking thing, put there lovingly by a doting mother is enough to scare off the devil himself, never mind the evil eye. And it is the poor innocent child who has to put up with the indignity of looking pathetic.

Pushing away from our land to shores beyond, the proverbial black cat crossing in front is enough to make the devout

christian make the sign of the cross, but there are those, who will insist the black cat is not a sign of bad luck but good luck. I say candidly to myself at such moments, 'To each his own' but admit I do not like those black cats. And the poor number thirteen is of course the harbinger of bad luck and is usually avoided. Some hotels do not even have a thirteenth floor.

To break a mirror supposedly brings one seven years of bad luck. And yet, it is interesting to note that different cultures apparently interpret things differently. Because in our beloved land, we like to say that a broken mirror or glass is a sure sign of an unexpected guest, who is not necessarily welcome!

The delightful list can go on; we like to leave the unpleasant superstitions out as they only depress us.

The nice ones like the ones associated with the 'shalik birds' are really quite delightful and manage to cheer us up in the midst of a dull day. But it would be incomplete if we end here without quoting the famous lines, what with storms, foul weather, monsoon and cyclones is threatening. It is relevant with the bad weather approaching and the cyclone warnings about to come. Only, they rather make the 'weather pundits' wonder whether their jobs would remain intact if all their clientele relied on things like 'Red sky at night, sailors take delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.'



A three-day seminar on "competitive edge through information technology" organised by IBM Bangladesh began at the Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. — Star photo

IBM seminar opens

By Staff Correspondent
A three-day seminar on "Competitive Edge Through Information Technology" organised by IBM Bangladesh began yesterday at the Hotel Sonargaon.

On the first day of the seminar four topics were discussed. The topics are "Implications of Information Revolution," "Local Area Networks," "Power PC" and "What's happening to IBM AS/400".

Shahzaman Mazumder, Shezad Hossain, Nazirul Islam and Mahesh Ramanayake were the main speakers.

On the second day of the seminar, today the following subjects will be discussed. PowerPC, Lotus Notes, What's Happening to IBM AS/400, Client/Server Solutions from Oracle, Application Development on AS/400, Global Networks Evolutions and Banking Solutions: Bexibank.

On the last day of the seminar on Wednesday the papers that will be presented at the seminar are: Local Area Networks, Computer Power Protection, Lotus Notes, Client/Server Solutions from Oracle, Global Network Evolutions and a few others.

British police officers meet police IG

Roger Nicklin, the adviser of British Overseas Development Agency (ODA) and Alex Marnoch, British police consultant called on the Inspector General of Police ASM Shahjahan at the police headquarters in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest and exchanged views on different aspects of the preparation of a corporate strategy and development plan for Bangladesh Police.

Roger Nicklin presented some books on police training, planning and law enforcement to the IG of police for the police headquarters.



American Express Bank executive in city

Sang Don Lee, senior director and branch manager of American Express Bank, Seoul, Korea, is now on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, says a press release.

During his visit Lee will be meeting with the members of the Korean Business Community in Bangladesh. American Express Bank has been providing financial services to several Korean Companies involved in various government infrastructure projects.

Dhaka-Moscow cultural exchange programmes to be strengthened

Bangladesh government will take efforts to strengthen the cultural exchange programmes between Russia and Bangladesh, according to a message received in Dhaka Sunday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum said this during her 7-day cultural tour to the CIS member country of Russia.

Painting show by Bangladeshi artists begins in Bonn today

An 11-day long contemporary painting show of the 33 Bangladeshi painters begins in Bonn, Germany today, reports UNB.

The show has been organised under the joint sponsorship of Bangladesh Biman, Shilpakala Academy and Netz, a German counter-part of Bangla-German Sampreeti — a Bangladeshi NGO.

The inaugural ceremony will be addressed by Bangladesh Ambassador to Germany A H Mahmood Ali and Willy Wummer member of the German Parliament will preside the opening session.

The exhibition will continue till April 22.

The German Parliamentary Society is hosting the show with paintings of 33 artists of 3 generations, ranging from 1924 to 1967.

Among others, art works of S M Sultan (1924), Abdur Razzak (1932) Devdas Chakraborty (1932), Quayyum Chowdhury (1935), Kalidas Karmakar (1946), Naima Haque (1953), Nasreen Begum (1956), Rokeya Sultana (1958), Wakilur Rahman (1961) and Mohammad Iqbal (1967) were included in the show.

Famous art historian Dr Feiga Muller Schnepfer will give an introduction on the paintings and painters of Bangladesh.

Admission test results of NSU

Based on an admission test held on April 8, 76 applicants have been selected for admission into the undergraduate programmes (May-August semester '94) of the North South University (NSU), says a press release.

The numbers of the selected students are as follows:
2 3 5 6 7 8 12 13 15 17 19 21 22 23 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 43 44 45 49 50 52 53 54 57 61 62 63 64 66 68 69 70 71 72 73 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 97 98 99 100 101 103 106

Students bearing the above numbers have been requested to start admission procedures from April 16. Admission procedures must be completed by April 30. The next Admission Test will be held on April 29 at NSU Main Campus in Banani.

Azizul Hoq's death condoled

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Sarwari Rahman expressed condoled the death of Azizul Hoq, MP, who was also the Joint Secretary of BNP, reports UNB.

In a condolence message yesterday the state minister said, "late Azizul Hoq was an active politician since his student life and he contributed a lot in socio-political arena."

She added, his sudden death made an irreparable loss to the socio-political fields of the country.

The state minister prayed for the peace of the departed soul and expressed heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BSS adds: ATM Alamgir, MP, and chairman, BSB's board of directors yesterday expressed his deep shock at the sudden death of Azizul Hoq, MP, and joint secretary general of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and chairman, Rupah Bank's board of directors.

In a condolence message Alamgir said in his death the country had lost a prominent parliamentarian and a social worker. Alamgir also prayed to Allah for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

New Thai envoy presents credentials April 17

By Staff Correspondent
The new Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Sunthorn Vithayameh will present his credentials to President Abdur Rahman Biswas on April 17, a presidential spokesman informed yesterday.

Vithayameh replaces Vichai Vannasin who has been named as Thailand's new Ambassador to New Delhi.

Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of former deputy secretary and deputy commissioner of greater Mymensingh G M Mowla will be held today after Asr prayers at 112, Azimpur, says a press release.

Mowla died of cardiac arrest on Saturday.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT IN PHILIPPINE AIRLINES GSA AS MANAGER AND SALES EXECUTIVES APPLICATIONS WITH CV ARE INVITED FROM PROFESSIONALS. CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE REQUISITE EXPERIENCE IN TRAVEL AGENCY AND GSA FOR THE RESPECTIVE POSTS WITH FLUENCY IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.

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NOTICE

Ref: SITHEE/017/94 Dated: 09-04-94

It is for general information that we have stopped Manpower export business and accordingly Recruiting Agency Licence No RL-340 has been surrendered to the Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training and a request has been made to refund our security deposit. Any financial claim/complaint against our agency will have to be submitted for settlement to the undermentioned address within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. Copies of such claim/complaint may also be submitted to the Director-General, Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka and Deputy Secretary (Manpower), Ministry of Labour & Manpower, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Name of the Agency: M/s Sithee International
Name of the Proprietor: Engr M A Qasem
Address: 129, Elephant Road, Dhaka-1205.
Licence No: RL-340

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In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Original Civil Jurisdiction)

Company Matter No. 18/94.

In the matter of:

An application under Section 104(3) of the Companies Act, 1913.

-AND-

In the matter of:

Iftexhar Ahmed,
Managing Director,
Business Interlink Ltd.
54, Dilkusha Commercial Area,
Dhaka. Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 104(3) of the companies Act for condoning the delay in filing the return of allotment of shares to the Registrar of Joint Stock Company by Business Interlink Ltd. and for extending time for filing the same by 30 days from the date of order has been filed in the High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29th March, 1994. Mr. Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury has admitted the petition and fixed 10th May, 1994 for hearing of the matter in the company court.

Anybody interested to oppose the application may do so at the time of hearing. A copy of the application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of prescribed charges.

(Shahabuddin Ahmad)

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Dhaka-1000

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director
Establishment of Thana Health Complexes, 2nd Phase
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
15, Holy Lane, Shamoli, Dhaka

Second Corrigendum Notice

No PD/OPEC-2/93/454 Dated: 09-04-1994

In the "Notice for Inviting Re-tender for Construction of Thana Health Complex at Thanchi (Package No VII)" under the OPEC funded Project Loan No 540-P issued vide this office memo no. PD/OPEC-2/93/321 dated 08-03-1994 the following amendments are made.

1. Para-5
The tender will be received "up to 11.00 AM on April 17, 1994" instead of "up to 11.00 AM on April 10, 1994".
2. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

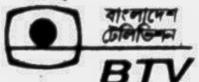
Project Director

Establishment of Thana Health Complexes (2nd Phase)

Newspaper holiday

All newspaper offices will remain closed on April 14 on the occasion of Bengali new year's day (Pahela Baishakh), a Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

There will be no newspapers on April 15.



Tuesday

4:30	Opening announcement, Al-Quran
4:45	Programme summary
5:10	Mass education programme
5:25	Esho Para Shikhi
5:50	News in Bangla
6:00	Cartoon show Captain Planet
6:00	National TV debate competition
7:00	Open University
7:25	Musical programme: Sangreeta
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Fortnight Drama serial: Rupnagar
10:00	News in English
10:30	Film show Northern Exposure
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Jomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing of session

সৌদি বাংলা ফিস ফিড লিঃ

১/বি, আউটার সার্কুলার রোড, মনবাজার, ঢাকা, ফোন: ৮৩৪৫১০

পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান

বিষয়ঃ মাছ ও চিংড়ি বাদ্য উৎপাদনের জন্য কাঁচামাল সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র আহবান।
সৌদি বাংলা ফিস ফিড লিঃ এর জন্য প্রকৃত তথ্য ও ত্রি ডেলিভারী ডিভিডে নিম্নবর্ণিত মাছ ও চিংড়ি বাদ্য উৎপাদনের কাঁচামাল সরবরাহের জন্য সরবরাহকারীদের নিকট হইতে নমুনা সহ প্রতি কেজি হিসাবে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

- ১। সামুদ্রিক গুটী মাছ-১০০ টন (আনুমানিক)
- ২। সামুদ্রিক/খিচী পানির ছোট চিংড়ি ২০০ টন (আনুমানিক)
- ৩। মরিকেলের বৈল-১০০ টন (আনুমানিক)
- ৪। ময়দা উন্নতমানের ও আঁঠালো- ১০০০ টন (আনুমানিক)
- ৫। সামুদ্রিক খিনুরের গুঁড়া-১৫ টন (আনুমানিক)

উপরোক্ত কাঁচামালের আমাদের গ্রহণযোগ্য গুণগতমান (Standard Specification) এক নির্ধারিত সর্ভাকমী যথা ১০০.০০ (একশত) টাকা নগদ প্রদান করিয়া সৌদি-বাংলা ফিস ফিড লিঃ, ১/বি, আউটার সার্কুলার রোড, মনবাজার, ঢাকা অফিস হইতে সত্রে করা যাইতে পারে।

দরপত্রের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ২৪শে এপ্রিল বেলা ১০-০০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত টেলি ফোন, কাকরাইল বাজারে অবস্থিত সর্বশেষ অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে পুঁঠি হইবে একে ২ টি দিন বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকার দরপত্র সাতাঙ্গের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র বেলা হইবে।
প্রত্যেক দরপত্র দাতাকে দরপত্রের সহিত ২০,০০০.০০ (বিশ হাজার) টাকা সৌদি বাংলা ফিস ফিড লিঃ এর অনুকূলে শে-অর্ডার বা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট কারেন্ট অর্নেট মানি (ফেরতযোগ্য) হিসাবে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে এম, বি, এক, এক, এক, এক কর্তৃক যে কোন দরপত্র/দরপত্রের কোন অংশ/সকল দরপত্র বাতিল বণ্য গণ্য একে পুনঃ দরপত্রের আহবানের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent
Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today (Tuesday).

Met Office said that no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period. The country's highest temperature was recorded 38.5 in Jessore and its lowest 17.5 in Rangpur.

Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:19 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:39 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some 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	36.0	24.4	83	43
Chittagong	35.0	23.8	63	60
Rajshahi	37.5	21.8	42	22
Khulna	37.7	21.9	53	43
Barisal	36.0	23.2	69	56
Cox's Bazar	36.0	24.5	69	71
Sylhet	35.0	22.5	62	45

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Completed application forms must be received at the Office of the Registrar by 28 April 1994. A complete application includes: 1) application form, 2) two passport size photos, 3) certified copies of certificates and mark sheets, and 4) two letters of recommendation from the students' previous teachers. Admission Test will be held on 29 April 1994 at 9:30 am at NSU main campus. Results will be announced on 1 May 1994.

Orientation for students and parents is on 11 May 1994 at 9-00 a.m. Classes will commence on 25 May 1994.