

Dhaka Day by Day

The Delightful Siesta

by Parveen Anam

Summer is a time for nostalgia; a time to think lovingly of the warm winter afternoons and the hazy, misty winter mornings, when life suddenly seemed so beautiful as you woke up to a hot cup of tea, huddling in your woollies with the newspaper spread around you.

And yet the ease with which we slip into the summer routine, never fails to surprise the more discerning amongst us. The scorching heat of summer, combined with the relentless power cuts by the Power Development Board, manned by people who are determined to do all their maintenance work just as the rains and the storms start, lend an aura of wonderful irresponsibility to the entire picture and an air of nonchalance which can be pretty difficult to match, actually.

But again, over the years, that wonderful species, the indomitable Dhakaite, has learned to live with all that — and more.

Summer to the weary citizen of this hectic city means looking forward to the fruits which only this season has to offer. The luscious mango, the plentiful jackfruit, and of course the mouth-watering litchies. The vegetable markets look a bit worn out, some claim only to be shouted down by the lover of the eternal summer vegetables which are only available in this land.

Yet, those of us who have weathered all the storms, literally, both on the weather front and the political front, will nod our heads once again, look at each other and sigh, 'Ah-h' but it is the siesta which is the most delightful aspect of the hot summer months. And none dare con-

tradict it. For all yearn for it and enjoy it to the utmost, whenever the opportunity presents itself, which more often than not is only over the long overdue weekend, which is over even before it has begun, we feel.

Who can deny the rejuvenating power of that twenty minutes shut eyes or the proverbial forty winks? There is definitely something to be said about the quick 'pick me up' cat nap, on a hot, hot summer afternoon. It not only rests the tired soul and gives him the courage to face the rest of the day with renewed vigour, it does wonders for your looks. It puts a shine in your eyes and a bounce in your step. Your temper changes miraculously from short to even and you are definitely the life of that party at night. Or if you are having a quiet evening at home, you find yourself thinking much more clearly and getting ready to face the next day with fortitude.

They say all great men always 'catnap'. The humble Dhakaite does not even pretend to lay claim to any pretence at greatness. All he asks for is to be allowed to have a few quiet minutes by himself in the heat of the summer afternoon, when he can put his feet up and have a quiet snooze, before he rushes around again, trying to beat the traffic and jumping around the dug-up roads and ditches. Surely, it would work miracles for everybody's temper and dispositions, if we could all allow ourselves those twenty minutes in the afternoon, to rest our weary selves and take time off from the hustle and bustle of a busy city.



Summer '94



President Abdur Rahman Biswas speaking as chief guest at a national seminar on 'accessible, available and affordable services for prevention of avoidable disablement in Bangladesh' yesterday at a local hotel. The Impact Foundation Bangladesh organised the day-long seminar. — Star photo

Biswas for public awareness to prevent disablement

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has emphasised the need for creating public awareness to prevent avoidable disablement, reports UNB.

He was speaking yesterday as the chief guest at a national seminar on 'accessible, available and affordable services for prevention of avoidable disablement in Bangladesh.' The president inaugurated the one-day seminar organised by Impact Foundation Bangladesh at a city hotel.

Resident Coordinator of the UN System and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh Elmi Watanabe, Director ILO in Bangladesh Werner Blenk, WHO Acting Representative in Bangladesh Prof Myo Thwe and Regional Advisor for Global Impact Programme Zelma Lazarus spoke on the occasion. Chairman of Impact Foundation Bangladesh Shafat Ahmed Chaudhury delivered the address of welcome.

President Biswas said, avoidable disablement is a problem which should be dealt with on a priority basis through mobilisation of available resources and expertise at all levels. He said, such a problem can be effectively handled only through coordinated and concerted efforts globally in which the governments, NGOs and the UN System should play an effective role.

The President said, in Bangladesh the problem of disability is not only a medical problem, but it is a major social problem.

Biswas said, prevention is the right strategy to combat this problem. He said, the government has taken various

programmes including Extended Programme on Immunisation (EPI), iodisation of salt, poverty alleviation and improving nutrition and spread of education to prevent disability. He said, the government is formulating a national policy for the disabled. The President said, the government efforts should be supplemented by those of the private sector. He lauded the Impact Foundation Bangladesh for taking a project of 'Boat Hospital' which is expected to be launched by next year.

Elmi Watanabe said, disabled persons can also be creative persons if given support. She emphasised on changing people's understanding and awareness-building. She said, it has to be a partnership of government, media and NGOs. She said, statistics about disablement is not reliable in Bangladesh. The UNDP Resident Representative said, every child has a right to the service to prevent avoidable disablement.

Werner Blenk said, ILO is ready to assist Bangladesh government in formulating a policy on disability. He said, equality of opportunity and treatment is required. He said, the NGOs should help on self help groups.

New inter-city train

The Bangladesh Railway will introduce a new inter-city train between Rajshahi and Ishwardi from May 1, reports BSS.

The train will be named as Shah Niamatullah. The train will start from Ishwardi at 6 am and will reach Rajshahi at 7:30am. On return journey the train will leave Rajshahi at 9:30 pm and reach Ishwardi at 10:50 pm.

With the introduction of the new inter-city train the existing Jamuna inter-city train between Rajshahi and Goalandoghat will start from Rajshahi at 7:50 am instead of 7 am and reach Goalandoghat at 1:25 pm. However, the Jamuna will leave Goalando as usual at 2 pm. Besides, 571/572 local train between Chapainawabganj and Parbatipur will operate directly through Abdulpur instead of Ishwardi.

83 held in city

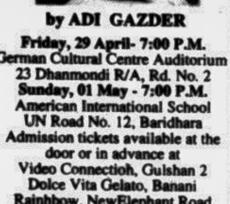
Police rounded up 83 people from different parts of the city yesterday on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, ten were wanted criminals, two were held under the Anti-Terrorism Law, two for robbery, three on the charge of kidnapping and four for stealing.

Orpheus Music Club Present TWO PIANO RECITALS

by ADI GAZDER

Friday, 29 April - 7:00 P.M.
German Cultural Centre Auditorium
23 Dhanmondi R/A, Rd. No. 2
Sunday, 01 May - 7:00 P.M.
American International School
UN Road No. 12, Baridhara
Admission tickets available at the door or in advance at Video Connection, Gulshan 2
Dolce Vita Gelato, Banani
Rainbow, New Elephant Road



Andaleeb Ali's qul today

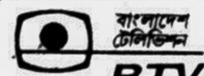
The qulhwani of Andaleeb Ali will be held today (Friday) after Asr prayers at House No 15, Road No 15, Gulshan Circle-1, says a press release.

Mrs Andaleeb Ali, known to her family and friends as Anni, breathed her last at 10 am on April 26 in the Intensive Care Unit of the Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka Cantonment. She sustained severe burn injuries on April 21, 1994. She was 42.

She is survived by her husband Syed Anwar Ali (Rayaz), a son, a daughter, parents, mother-in-law, a brother and a sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her untimely tragic demise.

She was engaged in Nakahi Kantha art work known as Arshi Suraiyya Silk Tapestry founded by her illustrious mother Suraiyya Rahman who enjoys considerable fame both at home and abroad for her contribution to the world of art.

All friends, relatives and admirers of the deceased have been requested to attend the qulhwani and pray for the departed soul.



Friday

Morning Session

- 8:00 Opening announcement
- 8:05 Al-Quran
- 8:10 Programme summary
- 8:15 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Religious programme: Alor Disher
- 8:35 Film show: Border Town
- 9:05 Sports programme: Khelar Jagat
- 9:30 Comedy series: Major Dad
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:15 Moner Mukurey: Ayomoy (Last episode)
- 11:25 Film show: Tarzan
- 11:45 Health programme: Shasthya Katha
- 11:55 Documentary programme: Images
- 12:30 Closing

Afternoon Session

- 3:00 Opening announcement
- 3:05 Al-Quran
- 3:15 Programme summary
- 3:15 Cartoon show: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 4:45 Bangla Movie: Rajlaxmi Sreekantha
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:50 Open University
- 7:25 Musical programme: Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Magazine: Parichya
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: L.A. Law
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:55 Closing

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with partly cloudy sky is likely across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today (Friday). Met Office says day temperature may rise by 1-2 degrees Celsius over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 38.1 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 21.2 degrees at Srimangal.

Sun sets today (Friday) at 6:26 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:25 am.

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	Mini	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.6	24.6	64	56
Chittagong	34.4	25.4	78	53
Rajshahi	38.1	23.4	65	45
Khulna	35.8	23.5	59	57
Barisal	34.4	25.2	73	65



The Left Democratic Front brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting increase in water and gas rates. — Star photo

DU Degree exams (pass, subsidiary) begin Oct 2

The Degree (Pass and Subsidiary) examinations of 1993 under Dhaka University will begin on October 2, 1994, reports UNB.

The detailed schedule of the examinations will be announced later.

Meanwhile, the centres of the Law examinations of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Honours of 1993 under the university, scheduled to begin on April 28, have been shifted from the 4th floor of the Arts Faculty to the Law Department due to some unavoidable circumstances.

The dates and schedule of the examinations will, however, remain unchanged.

Yusuf to attend World Health Assembly

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf leaves Dhaka for Geneva tomorrow to attend the 47th session of the World Health Assembly as leader of the Bangladesh delegation, reports BSS.

Orchid Show

Orchid Society of Bangladesh presents an Orchid show and reporting demo. Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm, House NWK 8, Road 5D, Gulshan Friday, 29 April '94



RUNA LAILA SOLO MUSICAL EVENING

Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Date: Thursday May 5 '94. Ticket Tk. 700/- and 1000/- Available at: Sheraton Hotel (Ph: 863391) Organised by: Medical Reporters Association, Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka.

EUROPEAN INVESTORS WANT LOCAL PARTNERS IN 50-50 JOINT VENTURE IN 100% EXPORT ORIENTED FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES.

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Kushtia PWD Division Kushtia

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No. : 33/1993-94.
 2. Name of Work : Replacement of defective 1.5 ton room cooler in the circuit house at Kushtia.
 3. Estimated Cost : Tk 1,30,000/-
 4. Earnest Money : Tk 2,600/-
 5. Place of selling and receiving of the tender : All the office of Executive Engineer, PWD Division under PWD Circle, Jessore.
 6. Last date of selling : Dated 8/5/94 during the office hours.
 7. Date of receiving and opening of the tender : Up to 12.00 Noon 9/5/94 & will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM.
 8. Eligibility of Contractor/Firm : Enlisted & valid Electrical & Mechanical Contractor/Firm of PWD according to this financial capacity.
- Md Nur Solaiman
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Kushtia
- DFF(G)7792-20/4
G-738

Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in Foreign/Local currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Indentors (Not necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy:
- | Sl. No | Description | Tender Selling Date | Tender Opening Date |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| a. | TV set 26" (Colour). Qty-04 Nos | 04-5-94 to 26-5-94 | 28-5-94 (Foreign/Local) |
| b. | Public Address system. Qty-01 set | 04-5-94 to 02-6-94 | 04-6-94 (Local) |
2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at given rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the above mentioned date in presence of the present tenderers.
- ISPR/Misc/94/885
DFF (G) 8166-26/4
G-742
- Commander BN
for Director General

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No : 129/EE/KRD-I of 1993-94.
2. Name of work : Providing emergency sparr work at different KM of Nazirhat-Fatikchhari-Jaliapara-Khagrachari-Dighinala Road in 2 (two) groups under Khagrachari Road Division-1, during the year 1993-94.
3. Charges to : Special 5 years development project against 15 Roads under CHT area (NFJKD Road).
4. Name of office of availability of tender documents up to 7.5.94 : Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Division-I/II & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II at Manikchhari/Ramgarh.
5. Name of officers to receive the tender bid : Superintendent Engineer, RHD, Khagrachari Road Circle, Khagrachari and the undersigned.
6. Date & time of receipt of tender : Up to 12.30 pm on 8-5-94.
7. Date & time of opening of bid : At 12.45 pm on 8-5-94.
8. Group list of work

Groups No	Location	Estimated cost (Tk)	Earnest money (Tk)	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractors
1 (one)	At 33rd KM of Nazirhat-Fatikchhari-Jaliapara-Khagrachari-Dighinala Road	Tk.1,94,519/-	Tk.3,900/-	35 (Thirty five) days from the date of work order	'A' to 'E' General category RHD enlisted tribal contractors of Khagrachari Hill Tracts Districts
2 (two)	At 62nd KM of NFJKD Road	Tk.1,48,003/-	Tk.2,970/-	30 (Thirty) days	-do-

Mohammad Kashem
Executive Engineer, RHD (Current Charge)
Khagrachari Road Divn.-I, Khagrachari

DFF (G) 8042-24/4
G-739

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer
Construction and Maintenance Management Unit (CMMU)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
House No. 80, Road No. 11, Block-E
Banani Model Town, Dhaka

Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/NURSING-1/94/805 Dated: 23-04-94

Amendment Notice

The Bid Notice issued vide this office Memo No. MOHFW/CMMU/NURSING-1/94/529 dated 12-04-94 for the Project "Strengthening of Nursing Education and Services" under IDA Credit No. 2259-BD is amended due to unavoidable circumstances as under:

- a. Extended date of selling of bid documents : 02-05-94 to 05-05-94 during office hours.
- b. Extended date and time for receiving of bids : 09-05-94 up to 12.00 Noon.
- c. Extended date and time for opening the bids : 09-05-94 at 12.30 pm in presence of the bidders (if anybody present).
- d. Place of selling of bid documents : M/s. Sihatpati Sangshad Ltd. House No-4, Road No-9, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.
- e. A&B Category pre-qualified Contractors of "Strengthening of Nursing Education and Services" Project of CMMU after verification of their Financial Capability are eligible for purchasing Bid Documents. Interested Bidders are requested to submit their latest financial statement of the firms, which should include one year Bank statement, latest Audited Balance Sheet and credit facilities enjoyed by the firm. On verification of the financial solvency, the documents will be issued by the office of the Consultant only to the firms whose bid capacity is found to be more than Tk. 100 lac.

2. All other terms and conditions of the notice inviting bid will remain unchanged.

3. This amendment notice will also form a part of the bid document and will be binding upon the bidders.

M. Majibur Rahman, psc
Colonel
Chief Engineer, CMMU

DFF (G) 8176-26/4
G-743