Dhaka Day by Day

Bangladesh Festival in London

by Raffat Binte Rashid

What is Bangladesh to the rest of the world? Is it only an obscure land ridden with floods, famine and poverty or is there anything positive about it?

There is no dirth of love for this country among its citizens. That undeniable bond and pride are of course there but the people have somehow not been able to promote Bangladesh to the outside world in a very positive light.

The London festival of Bangladesh, the largest ever celebration of Bangladeshi culture and commercial prospects in Britain, is taking place in London this July.

"The main purpose of this grand and spectacular show is to project the culture and people of this frequently misunderstood nation," says Amin Ali, one of the main organisers of the festival, and also Britain's best known Bangladeshi businessman, the founder of the Red Fort restaurants. Iqbal Wahhab is another organiser.

Amin Ali

"People here only know my country by its tragedies," as a victim of natural calamity, as a politically instable country and so on; that's why I want to show that there is more to Bangladesh than misery, Ali explains. This show is basically the portrayal of the country's positive, rich, cultural heritage.

Amin Ali has always arranged such ventures but on a small scale. The textile exhibition entitled "Woven Air" in 1988 or the recent cultural programme in the House of Commons by an Asian singer Shabnam Mustari goes to his credit, besides many other charitable works. Initial plan for this festival was also on a small scale but how it became such a big event is something that makes even Ali wonder.

"The London festival of Bangladesh is a celebration not just of Bangladesh, but also of the rich cosmopolitan mix of London itself," he says. Every year Shri Lanka, Malaysia, India, and a few of Bangladesh's neighbouring countries hold such festivals to promote their country and this initiatiye is always supported by their governments. But the London festival of Bangladeshi is only arranged by the private sector. "So far the Bangladesh government has shown no interest in it," says Ali, currently chairman of the British Bangladeshi Friendship Society.

"Even the trade houses here are not showing any positive signs," says Ali. "The businessmen here are convinced but since there might be no initial gain their interest somehow is shadowed," Ali adds sadly. But Ali being a far-sighted man feels that this will help in the future.

The festival, completely voluntary and on a charity basis, will enhance the country's image in the international media. "We ask for no money from business organizations here, just their participation," says Ali.

In fact, all the participants, who must enroll within 10 days from now, in the trade fair will be given an ideal opportunity to develop business links with Britain. "We will promote them heavily in the business and trade media in Britain," promises Ali. All he wants is for the Bangladesh-based companies to promote their products through the festival.

Their lack of interest is very unfortunate, he thinks. "Initially we thought that we would reach break-even point but now we are incurring a heavy loss, still then the show will go on, maybe, we'll add more funds to it again," says Ali quite determinedly.

The festival is being held in the Spitalfields Market in the city of London. Fifty Bangladeshi companies will be holding displays and making presentations to British companies for them to investigate the possibilities of establishing greater commercial ties.

There will also be a seminar "Doing Business with Bangladesh," on July 1, which will be addressed by Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman and Bangladesh High Commissioner in London Dr A F M Yusuf. Britain will be represented by a government minister and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh P J Fowler.

This festival is being run as a charitable concern and is being funded entirely by donation and sponsorships in Britain. Features of the festival include dance shows, live music, theatre — the Hopscotch Ghost, a new bilingual play by Shamim Azad and *Biponno Jeebon* (Life in Peril) by A M Neswar.

Photographic exhibitions, paintings by Shafique Uddin, 'Shadows and Light' Asian photography competition, Images of Bangladesh and a children's painting competition are also included. A Brick Lane photography workshop by Ashim Goshe and *Onno Choke Dekha*, an exhibition of 40 photographs, by 10 female Bangladeshi photographers will be held.

In addition, there will be a trade fair, a health fair, food stalls, cookery demonstrations, and fashion shows where six Bangladeshi fashion houses will be sending over 80 outfits. Along with tourism information, every evening there will be two performances of a very special village-style opera called *Jatra*, never before performed in the West.

"With so much effort not to mention the fun and laughter, it will be a pity if Bangladeshis do not participate or show enough enthusiasm".

"Residing in London for the last 15 years, I am more Bangladeshi than the people living here," concludes Ali, smiling sadly.

The Dhaka City Corporation Employees Union brought out a procession in the city Sunday to mark the historic May Day. — Star photo

Appointment, transfer

By Staff Correspondent

Member of the Bangladesh Tea Board A N M Hafizul Islam has been transferred to the Chittagong WASA as Chairman.

Director of the Power Development Board Major (Retd.) Rafiqul Islam PSC has been appointed the director of the Dhaka Electric Supply Authorities (DESA) on a contract for two years.

The service of Abdul Awal, Officer on Special Duty and Deputy Director, has been vested to the Handloom Board as Member.

DUTA condemns Apr 30 incident

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association condemned Saturday the baton charges on striking teachers of non-government schools and colleges by police on April 30 last.

Professor Mohammad Shahadat Ali and Dr Arefeen Siddique, president and general secretary of the association respectively in a statement protested the incident and said, such police action against the teachers had reminded them of the repression during the autocratic rule in the past.

They termed the measures taken by the Education Ministry to solve the crisis arising out of the strike as "conspiracy" to make division among the teachers. "It is not democratic, nor a reflection of effective management", they added.

Expressing anxiety over the situation of SSC examination they said it would be a farce like the examinations held in 1985 during the Ershad regime.

BJSD women committee holds discussion

In observance of the historic May Day Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal (BJSD) women committee organised a discussion meeting at its central office in the city on Sunday, reports UNB.

Presided over by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum it was also addressed by Director of ILO, Dhaka office, Warner K Blenk, president of BJSD Iskandar Ali, general secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, vice president Rafiqul Islam, organising secretary Mosharraf Hossain Khan, education secretary Kabir Hossain, women committee vice president Firoza Khatun and secretary Ramiza Begum.

Prof Jahan Ara Begum said the historic May Day is a source of inspiration for creating a healthy atmosphere for boosting production. She said, "We have to put in our best efforts for consolidating the position of working class in the society."

Rajuk directed to conduct survey on unplanned bldgs

The parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Housing and Public Works Saturday directed the Rajuk authority to immediately conduct a survey in the city on the unplanned and unauthorised buildings and take legal actions against the defaulters, reports BSS.

The Rajuk authority has also been asked to see that nobody was harassed in the name of enquiry.

The directive was given at the 25th meeting of the standing committee at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in the chair.

Members of the committee Mirza Abbas, A T M Alamgir, Keramat Ali Talukder, Ahsanul Huq Mollah of BNP and Sahjahan Chowdhury of Jamaat attended the meeting.

The meeting also discussed the problems of the residential plots at Dhanmondi and the commercial plots at Tejgaon industrial area.

French Embassy to hold women's week

By Staff Correspondent

The French Embassy in Bangladesh has arranged a week-long programme on women, beginning May 8.

Menie Gregoire — a renowned French journalist, writer, and radio commentator on women's affairs — will participate in the programme.

The programme will start with a press conference by the highest French distinction, the Legion of Honour, decorated writer — Menie Gregoire at the French Ambassador's residence on May 8. On May 9, she will have a discussion with noted Bangladeshi women.

A seminar on women's affairs entitled "Evolution of women in the European countries and its consequences" will be held on May 10 at Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI), premises of Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi.

On May 11, Gregoire will have a meeting with the journalists specialised on Women's affairs. This women's week will end with a painting exhibition of Bangladeshi artists entitled "Women in Bangladesh" at the residence of the French Ambassador on May 12.

This Women's week is being organised as part of the welfare activities taken up by the French Ambassador and his wife since their arrival in Bangladesh in December 1992. Earlier, they organised a concert of Jazz music and a painting exhibition of Bangladeshi artists in Paris

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Poland

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Polish President Lech Walesa on the occasion of its National Day today, reports UNB.

In his message of greetings, President Biswas hoped that the existing friendly relations between the two countries will be further developed in the years to come for the benefit of the two nations.

President Biswas wished President Lech Walesa personal health and happiness and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Poland.

In another message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia greeted the Prime Minister of Poland Waldemar Powlak on the occasion of its National Day.

In the message, Begum Zia hoped the existing relations between the two countries would further be strengthened in the years ahead.

Envoy to Brunei presents credentials

The New Bangladesh High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, Mahbubul Alam, presented his credentials to the Sultan Haji Hassanul at Darussalam on Thursday, reports BSS.

The Sultan of Brunei assured the envoy his government's cooperation to strenghen bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Asian cultural evening in US

The Bangladesh Embassy took part in a colourful Asian cultural evening held in Washington on Thursday, reports BSS.

The evening was organised by the Asian embassies in USA in cooperation with the Asian Pacific American Heritage Council as a prelude to the Asian film festival to be held in May in Washington, DC.

At the musical soiree, Opama Khan, Amreen Kabir, Anoushka Khan, Adnan Khan and Kamran Khan of Bangladesh enthralled the audience that comprised a cross section of Americans.

Date shifted

A play entitled *"Bichchu"* organised by the Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Buriganga will now be staged on May 12, Thursday at Mahila Samity at 7.30 pm instead of May 5, says a press release.

Discussion on May Day held

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan Sunday called on the labour leaders to resolve the problems of workers through dialogue instead of resorting to hartal and road blockade, reports UNB.

"Hartal, road blockade and vandalism are not the real ways to get rid of problems ... Any problem can be solved through dialogue and discussion," Bhuiyan said at a May Day discussion organised by the Labour Directorate at Shilpakala auditorium in the morning.

State Minister for Planning Dr Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, former president of Bangladesh Employers Association Anis-ud-Doula, Labour Director M Habib Ullah, Joint Secretary of Labour and Manpower Ministry Humayun Shamsul Kabir, labour leader Nazrul Islam Khan and representative of ILO Warner Blank also spoke on the occasion.

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division(Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Matter No. 20 of 1994
In the matter of :
An application U.S.104(3) of the Companies Act, 1913. And
In the matter of:
Mr.A.R. Majumdar, Managing Director,Fashrobe Gmts Ltd.24,Shantinagar, Dhaka ... ... Petitioner
Versus
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Bangladesh. ... ... Respondent

Notice is hereby given that the above named petitioner has filed an application U/S. 104(3) of the Companies Act,1913 before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 17.04.94 and upon hearing his Lordship's Mr. Justice Minur Reza Chowdhury has been pleased to admit the said application vide order dated 19.04.94 and fixed for hearing on 30.05.94. Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Court either in person or through an Advocate on or before the date of hearing.

Copy of the petition may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

শাঃ ১৩/১-২৬ (তুরস্ক)/৯৪/শিক্ষা তারিখঃ ২৬-৪-৯৪ইং, ১৩-১-১৪০১ বাংলা

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিষয়ঃ ১৯৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে তুরস্ক সরকার প্রদত্ত স্নাতকপূর্ব বৃত্তি প্রসংগে

১৯৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য তুরস্ক সরকার প্রদত্ত বৃত্তির অধীনে উচ্চতর শিক্ষার জন্য (স্নাতক পূর্ব পর্যায়ে) নিম্নলিখিত বিভাগ/শাখায় অধ্যয়নের জন্য প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ-

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১।	বিজ্ঞান (চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান প্রকৌশলসহ সকল বিষয়)	০৫	বিজ্ঞান শাখার বিষয়সমূহের জন্য মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক উভয় পরীক্ষায় পড়ে শতকরা ৮০% নম্বর থাকতে হবে। বাণিজ্য ও কলা শাখার বিষয়সমূহের জন্য এ দুই শাখা থেকে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ এবং মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় পড়ে ৭৫% নম্বর থাকতে হবে।
২।	বাণিজ্য (সকল বিষয়)	০১	
৩।	মানবিক/কলা (সকল বিষয়)	০১	

২। কোন ব্যক্তি একাধিক শাখায় প্রার্থী হতে পারবেন না। উপরে বর্ণিত সুযোগ সংখ্যা হ্রাস বৃদ্ধি হতে পারে।
৩। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের **তুরস্কে যাওয়া আসার খরচ তাদের নিজেদেরকে বহন করতে হবে**। লেখাপড়ার খরচসহ স্থানীয় খরচ মিটানোর জন্য তুরস্ক সরকার বৃত্তি প্রদান করবে।
৪। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থী অবশ্যই তুরস্ক গমনে এবং যাতায়ত খরচ বহনে বাধ্য থাকবেন মর্মে প্রার্থীর পিতা/অভিভাবক কর্তৃক সম্পাদিত অংগীকার নামা দাখিল করতে হবে।
৫। ইচ্ছাকৃতভাবে মিথ্যা বিবরণ/তথ্য প্রদানকারীর বিরুদ্ধে দন্ডবিধি অনুসারে ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।
৬। ইতিপূর্বে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীনে কোন বৃত্তির জন্য মনোনীত হলে তাদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই। এরূপ কেউ আবেদন করলে তার পূর্বের আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হতে পারে।
৭। শাখা ভিত্তিক (মেধাক্রমানুসারে) প্রার্থী নির্বাচন করা হবে এবং তাদের আগ্রহ এবং তুরস্কে অধ্যয়নের সুযোগের আলোকে বিষয় নির্ধারণ করা হবে।
৮। সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট মাপের দুই কপি ছবি, সকল পরীক্ষায় পাশের মূল সার্টিফিকেটের ও নম্বরপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপিসহ সাদা কাগজে **ইংরেজীতে** নিম্নোক্ত ছকে জীবন বৃত্তান্তসহ দুই সেট আবেদনপত্র (প্রতিটি কাগজ/ছবি ইত্যাদি ২ কপি করে) আগামী ১২-৫-৯৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নিকট পৌছাতে হবেঃ-

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প্রার্থিত শাখাঃ

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খ। পিতার নামঃ
গ। বর্তমান ঠিকানা (টেলিগ্রাম অফিস ও টেলিফোন নম্বরসহ)
ঘ। এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি পরীক্ষা ফলাফলঃ

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ঙ। এস এস সি এইচ এস সি পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বরের যোগফল
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ছ। পছন্দের ক্রমানুসারে প্রার্থীত বিষয়ের নামঃ
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জ। স্থায়ী ঠিকানাঃ
ঝ। জন্ম তারিখঃ
ঞ। জাতীয়তাঃ
এতদ্বারা আমি ঘোষণা করছি যে, তুরস্ক সরকারের উপরোক্ত বৃত্তির জন্য চূড়ান্তভাবে মনোনীত হলে আমি অধ্যয়ন করতে তুরস্কে যাব এবং অন্যান্য বৃত্তির জন্য আমার আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। তুরস্ক যাওয়া আসার খরচ বহন সংক্রান্ত আমার পিতা/অভিভাবকের অংগীকার নামা এতদসংগে সংযুক্ত করলাম।

প্রার্থীর পূর্ণ স্বাক্ষর ও তারিখ

৯। আবেদনকারী প্রার্থীগণকে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ের ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে অথবা বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়ের ৫ নং গেইটে রক্ষিত ২ নং কাঠের বাক্সে দরখাস্ত দাখিল করতে হবে। দুই সেট আবেদনপত্র একই খামে জমা দিতে হবে এবং আবেদনপত্রের খামের উপর **"তুরস্ক সরকারের স্নাতকপূর্ব বৃত্তি** এবং **"শাখার "** নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
১০। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদেরকে অধ্যয়নের জন্য মূল শিক্ষা কার্যক্রমের পূর্বে তুরস্কে ১ (এক) বৎসর তুর্কী ভাষা শিখতে হবে এবং তুর্কী ভাষার উপরে নির্ধারিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে।
১১। প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত। অসম্পূর্ণ দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

মোঃ আকরাম হোসেন
সহকারী সচিব (বৃত্তি), শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
ভবন নং ৬, কক্ষ নং ১৭০৬
বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

ডিএফপি (ডি) ৮৪২৫-৩০/৪
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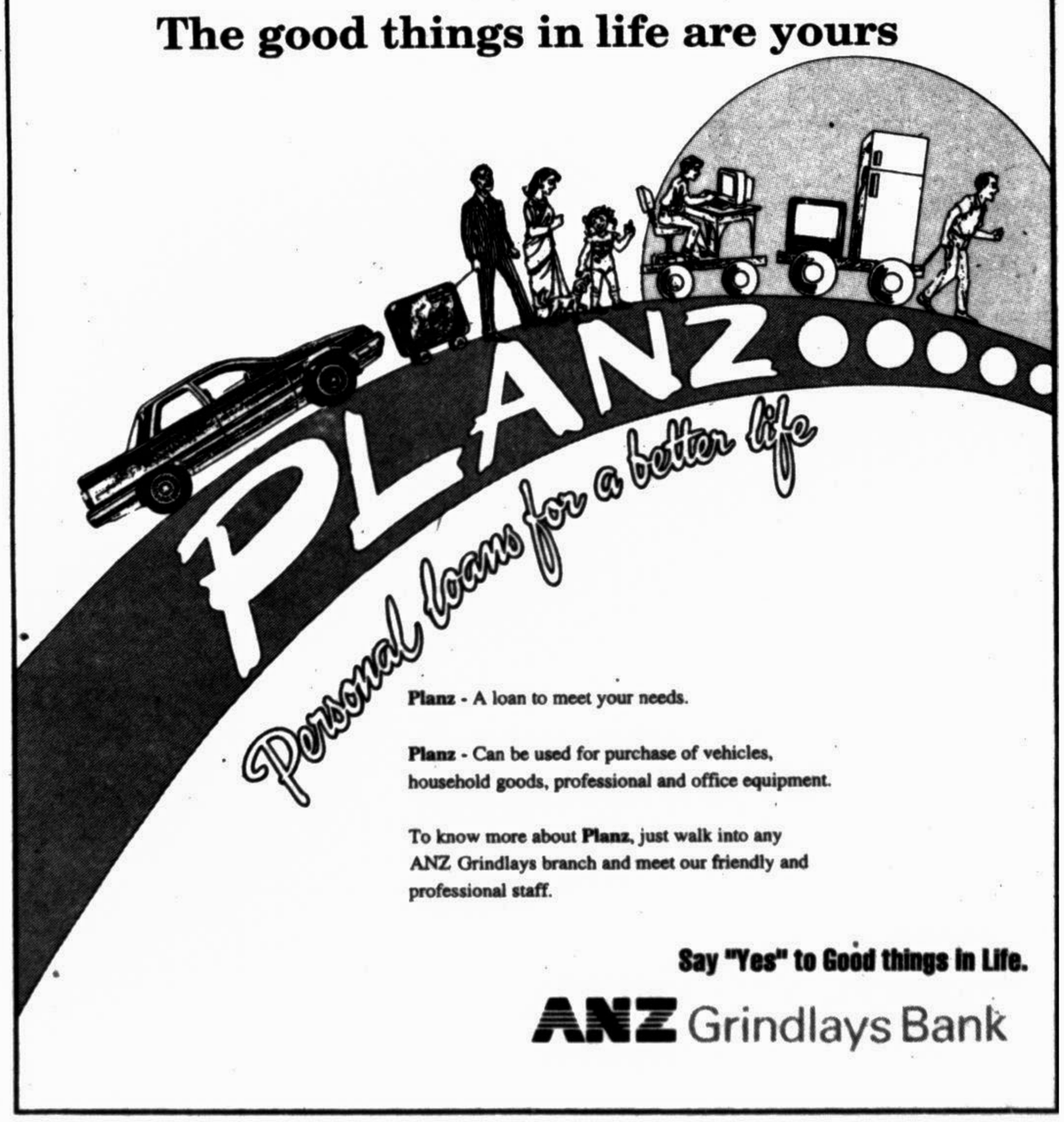
(Personal Loans from ANZ Grindlays Bank)

The good things in life are yours



Planz - A loan to meet your needs.

Planz - Can be used for purchase of vehicles, household goods, professional and office equipment.

To know more about **Planz**, just walk into any ANZ Grindlays branch and meet our friendly and professional staff.

Say "Yes" to Good things in Life.

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