

Dhaka Day by Day

Sights and Sounds of a Dhaka Morning

by Parveen Anam



With the day breaking, rickshaws start rolling on the street. Some ride them, others just walk and jog inside the park beside to keep themselves fit. — Star photo

The keep-fit mania seems to be really overtaking the Dhakaite. You have only to get yourself out of bed anytime before seven am and the truth of this observation will be borne out.

After you have managed to convince yourself, once the alarm goes off that it's all for your own good, you put on your sneakers and join the masses on their morning fitness routine. Normally, the miscreants are in bed at that hour, after their 'night before' and you have the roads reasonably safe. Do note the adjective because you still have to share the road with the 'truckwallas' crazily driving in their attempt to reach the 'site' of the rich 'sahib' building his umpteen palace, with the 'construction materials' to be dumped on the road side pavement, which has not already been occupied by the squatters.

As you nimbly jump past the dump of iron rods and bricks with about a dozen 'helpers' of those trucks staring at you as though you have a green carbuncle growing out of your forehead, you run into the other 'occupant' of the pavement, brushing his teeth, staring equally arrogantly at you and spitting as though he is in a contest to see who can spit the furthest.

Somehow, your patience is stretched at this point to its very thinnest and you are sorely tempted to spit on his face. (I have not yet done it, but do not promise I will not in the future) However, being the stoical type, you continue with your walk.

As you turn the corner at a reasonable speed, you pull up short as the dogs in the



A painting exhibition was held at the residence of French ambassador in the city yesterday. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum and French Ambassador Jean-Michel Lacombe looking at a work. — Star photo

Khaleda greets Italian PM

Newspaper holiday

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated Silvio Berlusconi on his assumption of the office of the Prime Minister of Italy, reports UNB.

In a message, she hoped the existing friendly relations between the two countries would further strengthened during his tenure to the mutual benefits of the two nations.

Jobs under IDB

Islamic Development Bank has invited applications for filling up the post of Advisor, Bank Supervision for Maldives Monetary Authority duty station at Maldives capital Male, says an official handout.

The candidate having Master Degree in Finance and at least 10 years of experience in the field of finance and banking may apply in plain paper to the Ministry of Establishment (Foreign Employment Section) through proper channel on or before May 19.

Therefore, there will be no newspaper on May 22-24.

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KAFCO is a multinational joint venture company with a US\$ 500 million (Tk. 2,000 Crore) Ammonia Urea Fertilizer Plant in its final stages of implementation at Chittagong.

In preparation for taking over and operation of its modern fertilizer complex, KAFCO is looking for a highly accomplished professional for the position of General Manager Admin & General Services to act as the focal point for day to day administrative and general support services at the Plant Site at Chittagong.

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Previous experience in a similar position including administration of residential accommodation, school, transport-pool and security systems will be an advantage.

Interested candidates may send their curriculum vitae, along with list of references and passport photograph to the General Manager HRD and Personnel by May 26, 1994. at the address given below. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia released a Commemorative Postage Stamp on the Folk Festivals of Bangladesh issued by Bangladesh Post Office at her Office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Int'l body urges govt to increase taxes on tobacco

An international anti-smoking campaign has urged the Bangladeshi government to increase taxes on tobacco products in the new national budget, reports UNB.

The London-based International Agency on Tobacco and Health has recommended that increased taxation on tobacco products should 'benefit both the economy and the future health of the people.'

In a letter to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, David Simpson, director of the London-based organisation, on Wednesday suggested that a rise in the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco goods would bring increased revenue to the government.

"At the same time, by causing a decrease in the total consumption of tobacco, it will lead to a future decline in diseases caused by tobacco smoking and chewing," said the letter, a copy of which was made available to UNB yesterday.

The government will construct 4,032 primary schools at low cost at places where there is no school within two kilometres, State Minister for Education Mohammad Yunus Khan told Parliament yesterday.

He told a questioner that the government had no plan presently to nationalise private primary schools in the country.

In reply to another question that stood in the name of Dr AKM Asjad (Jamaat), Khan said NGOs are running 506 primary schools in the country where 57,451 students are studying.

In reply to a supplementary, the minister said he had no information of closing down any NGO-run school following campaign by fundamentalists.

Replies to another supplementary from Begum Shamsunnahar Ahsan Ullah of BNP, the State Minister said 60 per cent female teachers were given appointment in primary schools last year.

Afternoon session

3:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
3:10 News in Bangla
3:15 Alor Disher
3:40 Film Show: Border Town
9:00 Sports Programme
9:25 Major Dad
10:00 News in Bangla
10:15 Moner Mukurey: Mohar Ali
11:05 Film show: Tarzan
11:30 Programme on health
11:50 Documentary on World Cup Football
12:30 Closing of morning session

Fellowship for journalists

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) with the assistance of Asia Foundation will award two journalists' fellowships to work on in-depth reporting for six months.

The BCDJC in a press release yesterday said two journalists — one from an English daily and another from a Bangla daily — will get Taka 5,000 each per month under the programme.

Interested journalists have been requested to contact the BCDJC office at 187 Green Road (2nd floor) Dhaka-1205.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower with temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong division and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi Divisions during the next 24 hours beginning from 6 pm Thursday, according to Met office forecast.

Weather may remain dry over Khulna Division. Met office says no appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during this period.

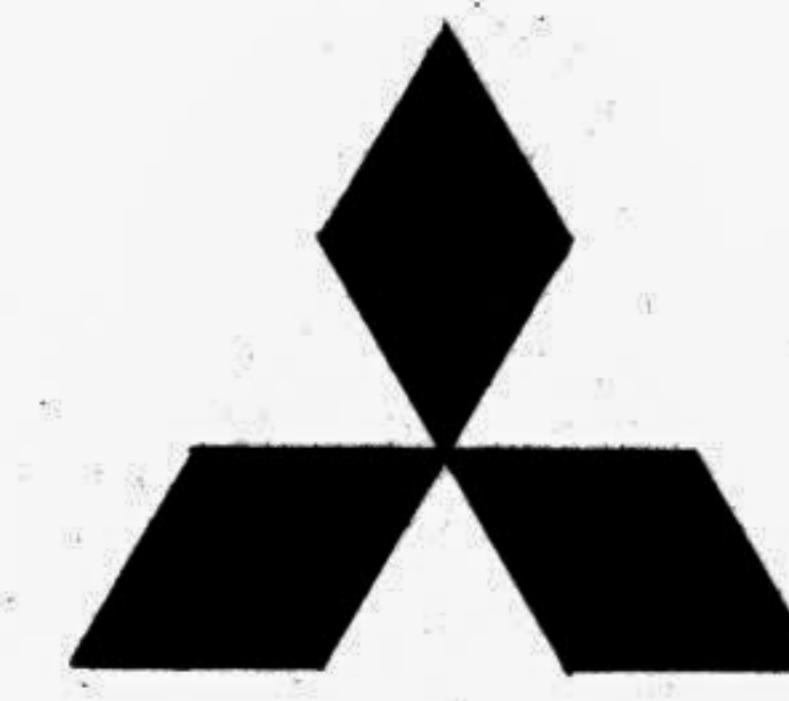
Country's highest temperature yesterday was 40 degree Celsius recorded in Rajshahi and lowest temperature was 22 degrees recorded at Srimongal.

Sun sets today at 6:33 pm and rises at 5:17 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	35.6	27.2	77	65
Chittagong	33.7	27	78	74
Rajshahi	40	27	78	42
Khulna	36.6	25.6	75	65
Barisal	35.2	28	77	75

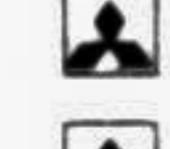
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