

# Dhaka Day by Day

## A Market in El Dorado Miniature

by Rafat Binte Rashid

It begins with fruits — all seasonal — and ends, well with what, is very hard to guess. Name it, and like Allaudin's genie, it's there just that you don't rub the lamp but walk along the shops in New Market.

New Market is a shopper's paradise and there is no denying that. From the day it was opened to public in the early fifties till now, i.e. mid nineties, it's every one's favourite. With Gausia, Hawker, Chadni Chawk and of course Baitul Mukarram, the competition is there but the moment you walk inside New Markets, you know the difference.

Cards, posters — simple items to pyrex cookery, stainless steel utensils, clothes, cosmetics, stationeries, even vegetables and fishes, there's really no end to this list of goods that you can find in this shopping centre.

In the backyard of this complex, just in front of the kacha bazar there is a Singapore

New Market's favourite shops are the stationeries. Crayons, colour pencils, painting brushes canvas, technical pens, these are a painter's delight. These Things are all "made in foreign" if you understand what that means. But of course there are things from India, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Russia, from all over the world. There is a shop which offers only Russian things from thermometer to anything, these are brought by the students residing there.

New Market's main attraction is the shops lined on the footwalk or on its lanes with a *patti* (mat) or a cloth spread on the floor these have, all the replicas of what is found inside the big ones. Accessories, of course your dream ones, those oxidised earrings, that skeleton ring or locket, that is so much in vogue now — every item. Again you should be cautious, their price range might shock you. From Tk 5 only



Market. Why this name is anybody's guess? This is a place where if you step, your head is bound to take a 36° turn. Decoration pieces, cutlery, cookery, even paintings, it is a shabby dark compound but the treasures that are found here are beyond imagination. A tiny transparent elephant, a cute little decoration piece, the moment you cast your eyes on it you have a "I've got to have it" urge. To think that small things have a smaller price tag is the biggest mistake you could do. "tis crystal" says the shopkeeper with a look that says you're a leper, "stay away." It's Tk 450 and some demand Tk 550.

One important shopping tip to remember at this front of shopping is that whenever you run out of money and go to places where all your favourite things are, you must be accompanied by dearest papa or hubby usually after his pay day and at times boy friend, provided he is a rich shot.

Then, that 3ft high porcelain German Shepard, costing Tk 25,000 or that crystal jewelry box or that pyrex oven proof dinner set is your's.

to Tk 500 — not much. When in New Market you will always, in fact, have to visit the book stalls. After buying a book definitely you turn to Capital Confectionery for a pastry, or a jamroll, a cream roll. Then to quench that ice cream thirst you go to Novellee — a shop which has been there for more than thirty years now. Just recently a juice stall has been included to this exciting shopping centre, in case you want mango or papaya juice.

In New Market if you enter with a big shopping list, you get just about everything. You don't have to run about in Elephant road or Gausia. You get all exclusive items like *aam chur* (mango sliced and dried that can be preserved) to Indian *kathans* to Rolex Watches to Vikram Seth's Suitable Boy to cards wishing your boss to get well after his chicken pox — just about anything and everything.

All these really makes New Market equal to Alladin's genie, bringing to you the things you thought were found only in grandma's stories or in dreams and in reality only in foreign markets. Next time you have that shopping spree, find these pleasures out for yourselves.



Devotees lighting candles at the Kamalapur Dharmarajik Bouddha Vihar in the city yesterday on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, the biggest religious festival of the country's Buddhist community. — Star photo

### Discussion held on Buddha Purnima

Works and Housing Minister Barista Rafiqul Islam Mia said here yesterday that Buddha's concept of democracy transcended territorial boundary and was universal in character, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at a discussion organised by the Bangladesh Buddhist Federation at Merul Badda International monastery in celebration of the Buddha Purnima, the minister said civilisation in this part of the world some fifteen hundred years back was full of glory on account of the contribution of Buddhism.

Referring to the ancient Buddhist heritage in Bangladesh, he said the concept of residential university like that in Sompuri Bihar at Paharpur was even unknown in the Western world at that time.

Presided over by Gyanashree Mahathero, chief priest of the International Buddhist Temple, the function was addressed by Prof. Emajuddin Ahmad, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University as special guest, and Prof Harun-ur Rashid, Director General of Bangla Academy.

Among others, Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman of Dhaka University, DP Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, SK Chowdhury, president of the federation Bishwapati Barua and MP Barua also spoke.

### Six shacks gutted in city

A fire in a slum at Jorpukurpur, Tilpapara, in the city's Khilgaon area burnt six huts last Saturday, reports UNB.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from a kitchen at 4:30 pm and gutted six thatched houses.

Firefighters from the Khilgaon station rushed to the scene and brought the fire under control in half an hour.

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 The completed tender should be placed in a sealed cover superscribed, "Tender for 91 day Bangladesh Bank Bill" and should be deposited in the box exclusively kept for the purpose in the Bangladesh Bank, Motijheel Branch, Dhaka before 12 noon on Sunday, May 29, 1994. The results of the auction would be announced on Monday, May 30, 1994. Successful bidders would be required to make payment of cost price latest by 2 noon on Tuesday, May 31, 1994 either in cash or through cheque.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
 High Court Division, Dhaka  
 (Original Civil Jurisdiction)  
 Matter No. 22 of 1994

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
 Jumuna Oil Company Ltd.

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
 S. S. Giasuddin Ahmed, Director, Jumuna Oil Company Ltd., P. S. 37, Panchlaish, P. S.—Panchlaish, Chittagong.

**PETITIONER.**

Notice is hereby given for information of all concerned that application U/S 76 read with Section 79(3) of the Companies Act, 1913 was filed by the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the Company for the year 1979 to 1992 (4th AGM to 17th AGM) and moved before Mr. Justice Mairur Reza Chowdhury, High Court Division, Dhaka Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 3.5.94. The Court was pleased to admit the application and fix for hearing on 13.6.94. Any person interested in the matter and/or desirous of opposing the application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through duly authorised advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed cost.

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### Dhaka elected vice-president of Disaster confce

Bangladesh has been elected one of the vice-presidents of the world conference on Natural Disaster Reduction being held at Yokohama from 23 May, according to a message received here from Tokyo, reports BSS.

Harun-ur Rashid, Minister of State for Disaster Management and Relief is leading a four-member Bangladesh delegation to the five-day conference.

Japan has been elected president of the conference which is being participated by over 2,000 delegates.

The other members of the Bangladesh delegation are Ambassador of Bangladesh in Tokyo, joint secretary of the Ministry Amanullah and Director General of Disaster Management Bureau Akramul Islam.

Meanwhile, Dhaka City mayor Mohammad Hanif also left for Tokyo Sunday to attend the seminar.

The Secretariat of the International Decade for Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) which convened the conference was launched by the General Assembly of the United Nations December 22, 1989, with the objective of reducing through concerted international action, specially in developing countries, the loss of life, property damage, and economic and social disruption caused by natural disasters.

The aims of the conference are to review the the accomplishments of the decade at national, regional and international levels, chart a programme of action for the future, exchange information of the implementation of decade programme and policies, and increase awareness of the importance of disaster reduction policies.

### Seminar on E mail tomorrow

A seminar on "The Use of Electronic Mail in Developing Countries" jointly organised by the Electrical Engineering Division, Institution of Engineers (IEB) and Drik Picture Library will be held tomorrow at 5 pm at the seminar hall of the IEB, says a press release.

Dr. Hans JP Scheen, Head of Research Unit, TOOL Reference Centre, will present the keynote paper. Dr. M. Shahjahan, President of IEB, will attend the seminar as chief guest while Fazlur Rahman, Chairman, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board, as special guest.

### 4 killed in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent

**NARAYANGANJ.** May 24: At least four people were killed and seven others injured in three separate road accidents on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway here during the last three days.

Two persons were killed and three others injured when a private car collided with a bus at Malibagh village under Narayanganj Bandar thana around 2 pm today.

All the victims were riding the private car which was bound for Dhaka and the bus was coming from the opposite direction.

Babul, 28, and Razzaq, 45, died on the spot and the three injured were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

In another accident today at Shimrail on the highway a speeding bus ran over one

Imam Hossain, 49, who died on the spot.

On the Eid day, a Daudkandi bound minibus rammmed into the roadside pedestrians and killed a labourer Nurul Islam, 29, and left four others injured at Kanchpur area at 7 in the evening.

Nurul Islam was rushed to the Pongu Hospital in Dhaka where he was declared dead.

When Islam's body was reached his village on the following day, agitated labourers demonstrated on the highway. They blocked the road to traffic from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Later, Siddirganj police brought the situation under control.

All the bodies were sent to the Narayanganj Sadar Hospital morgue.

### Eid celebrated in Ctg

**CHITTAGONG.** May 24: The holy Eid-ul-Azha, one of the biggest festivals of the Muslims, was celebrated in the port city and elsewhere in the district Sunday with due solemnity and traditional enthusiasm, reports BSS.

In the city, Eid jamaats were held at about 50 places under the auspices of Chittagong central Eid jamaat committee.

The main Eid congregation was held at Chittagong Stadium at 7:45 am.

The second biggest Eid congregation was held under the auspices of Chittagong City Corporation at Jamiatul Falah complex at 7:45 am. Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah-al-Noman offered his prayers at the complex.

Other Eid congregations were held at Amanat Shah Dargah Maidan, Anderkillah Shahee Jam-e-Masjid, Laidighi Maidan, Parade Maidan, Dampara Police Line, Chittagong Medical College Eidgah Maidan, CRB Maidan, Agrabad Jamboori Maidan, Nasirabad Housing Estate Maidan, Halishahar BDR Maidan, Bahadderhat Wapda Colony, Chittagong University Eidgah Maidan, Dewanbazar C and B Colony Maidan and Amin Jute Mill Masjid Maidan.

Special prayers were offered at the Eid congregations seeking divine blessings for the continued peace and progress of the country as well as global peace.

Improved diets were served to the city's jail, hospitals, vagabond centres, child and maternity welfare centres on the occasion.

Local dailies have published special articles, while Radio Bangladesh, Chittagong, put up special programmes.

### One stabbed to death in city

A young guard of an ice-cream factory at Mirpur was stabbed to death by a group of insolent youngsters Monday night, reports UNB.

Police said Tayab Ali, 25, was stabbed after an altercation at Bagabari Shampa Icecream Factory.

Three drunken young men went to the factory at about 9:30 pm Monday and started "nuisance" with Tayab, and at one stage, one of them stabbed him and fled, witnesses said.

He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

None was arrested so far. A case was registered with Mirpur police station.

**বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন**  
**BTV**  
 Wednesday

- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 4:45 Documentary: World Cup '94
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Children's Programme on Nazrul Joyanti: Bhorer Pakhi
- 5:45 Cultural Programme: Nibedon
- 6:35 Open University
- 7:15 Special Dance Programme: Agnibina
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Biswa Prikrama
- 9:05 Film show: The A-Team
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Special Programme on Nazrul Joyanti: Sandhya Malati
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

### Weather

#### No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or shower is likely at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions, at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Meantime, Tangail experienced the highest 20 mm rain during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Srimangal had 12 mm shower, Barisal 9 mm. Rajshahi and Patuakhali 8 mm each, Chandpur and Mymensingh 6 mm each, Kutubdia 5 mm and Rangamati 3 mm during the period. Yesterday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 32 degrees Celsius and the minimum 25.8 degrees. Percentage of humidity was 75 both in the morning and evening. Country's highest temperature 34.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 21.7 degrees at Kutubdia. The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:39 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:12 am.

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