

Dhaka Day by Day A Shopping Delight

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If you are sad and blue, if there is no one to talk to, if you don't want to talk or if your every day happenings are something you can now predict, then don't despair, just grab your purse and go out shopping.

Shopping is really the only cure to that lonely 'what do I feel' — even if it is window shopping. The latter one is especially entertaining, you have exactly the one way rickshaw fare, to maybe, Gawsia or New Market or even Aarong but still what the heck, let's go out and shop. You may call this (the already cleared) bag clearing day.

Aarong, a shopper's paradise, has exactly the things you want with a price tag that you can't afford.

So it's better if you ask your chauffeur (the rickshawwalla) to go to Chadni Chowk or Gawsia. The ground floor of famous Gawsia market looks something like the shops in Calcutta, or shopping malls in any other place. Just name your dream you'll get it. Rajasthani stone setting ornaments or Jaipuri trinkets or even American designer's trinkets, cosmetics, bags you see in Vogue or Femina magazines are all there.

Take a detour and turn to Chadni Chowk for clothes. If this market does not suit your mood, walk towards New Market, taking the flyover to go and buy books. This may however, cost your entire salary.

But amazingly this over-bridge that connects Chadni Chowk and New Market is itself a shopping area. You get (though perhaps the crude replicas) of everything inside the big shops or even outside on the pavement.

This is something different and might agree with your 'I want to do something different' mood now. Did you even think of collecting a

Hatchhog (a big lantern) well you came to the right place, you will get a small but exact copy of the original here. Shorta, (the 'device with which you cut betel nuts), made of iron and found in many designs are seen here. Yes! even those big ones with designs that your grandma had. If you chew betel nuts this could be a prized possession or you could just use it as a show piece. In that case look for the one your grandma had, today, it is an antique item.

Haman Dista is an iron cup with a pounder used to break spices but traditionally used to grind herbal medicines, is also available here. Pitha Shanchi dice with motif with which traditional rice cakes are made are also found here.

So much for almost out of use traditional items, but this flyover also offers you modern wares too. Chinas of Monno or Bengal ceramics, like cups, tea sets, plates and dishes are found too. Even utensils of bell metal (an alloy of brass and possibly zinc) are also found here. Spoons to cook, big plates, bowl, glass even caskets to hold betel leaf is also seen (though these are rare items even here). These items are traditional yet very much in use, specially in Hindu families.

You also get cassettes, posters of Bipasha or Divya of course of Shahrukh here too. Walking and looking into every shop here is really a delight. You'll be amazed at the cheap price and rare items. But like everything — even this rare walk of yours, you might not find any such thing there, the day you decided to go. Because these shopkeepers and the police are always in a 'hide and seek' and police innovated 'pay me' game. But next time you are tired of high price shops, go to these footwalks — they are also a delight.



Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan (extreme right) inaugurating a BGMEA healthcare and education centre at the city's Malibagh area yesterday. David N Merril (centre), US ambassador in Bangladesh is also seen. — Star photo

One doctor for 5126 people in country

There are 22,682 registered medical practitioners in the country, Parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the registered doctors, 8,749 are in government service. Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Haque said replying to a question from Abdur Rouf Chowdhury of the BNP.

Replaying to a supplementary from Farida Rahman (BNP), the deputy minister said there is only one doctor for 5,126 people in the country.

He also informed the House that there are 1089 specialist doctors in the country.

Responding to another written question from Riyasat Ali (Jamaat), Haque said eight health complexes were constructed in the last fiscal year at a cost of Tk 25.02 crore.

BSS adds: The complexes are situated at Belabo in Narsingdi, Taraganj in Rangpur, Rangpur in Khagrachhari, Rajarhat in Kurigram, Amtali in Barguna, Dashmina in Patuakhali, Lohagara and Patiya in Chittagong, the minister said.

In reply to another question from Anwarul Hossain Khan Chowdhury (BNP-Mymensingh), the Deputy

Minister said the government has constructed a 50-bed modern hospital at Kishoreganj and repaired 75 union health and family welfare centres in Mymensingh, Jamalpur and Sherpur districts.

Replying to a supplementary from Feni Mahbub Alam Tara (BNP-Feni) the Deputy Minister said, a 100-bed modern hospital will be constructed at Feni during the current financial year.

He added the government will set up modern hospitals in all the districts in phases.

Replying to a question from Selina Rahman (BNP-Bakerganj), Haque said the government has a plan to renovate and expand the hospital buildings and staff quarters of the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barisal at a cost of Tk 5,37,88,000. Replying to a supplementary from Major (Retd) Qamrul Islam (BNP-Dhaka) the minister said the proposal for construction of a 250-bed modern hospital at the Azimpur Maternity Centre here with Japanese grants is under consideration of the government and it has been placed at the ECNEC for approval.

Free clinic for asthma patients

Asthma Clinic, organised by the Asthma Society of Bangladesh, has started functioning from June 24 at House No 63 (new), 555 (old), Road No 8A (new), 15 (old), Dhanmondi Residential Area, says a press release.

The Clinic offers free consultation services to patients with respiratory difficulties, including bronchial asthma.

Patients will have to pay only a one time registration fee of Tk. 10. The Asthma Clinic, a charitable institution, will remain open from 10 am to 4 pm everyday except Wednesday.

JU senate thanks Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University senate yesterday thanked the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for sanctioning a special grant of Taka 9,08,35,000 for the construction of a 504-seat women's dormitory and a 1400-seat auditorium for the university.

A resolution in this regard was adopted at the 13th annual meeting of the senate held with acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. MA Hossain in the chair.

A press release of the university said the JU senate takes resolution to thank any democratic government for any kind of additional or special grant.

Huge quantity of contraband seized, 49 arrested

Police in a six-week special drive arrested 49 people and recovered huge quantity of contraband from different parts of Demra thana in the city on Sunday, reports UNB.

In their bid to nab anti-social elements and recover banned items, Demra police raided Daudkandi ferryghat, Barerbagh, Sanir Akhra, Syedabad bus terminal, Golapbagh railgate, Kamalapur, Gopibagh, Mir Hazirbagh, Sweeper Patti and other areas.

During the raid, police arrested 49 people and recovered 4567 bottles of banned phensidiyl syrup, 1062 pieces of Indian sarees, 47 cartons of foreign cigarettes, 37 pieces of current nets and some other contrabands from their possessions.

Police filed 29 cases against the arrested people.

1 killed, 2 commit suicide

By DMCH Correspondent

A young man was killed and two girls committed suicide in the capital yesterday.

A 22-year-old unidentified man was beaten to death by a mob at Pallabi following an altercation with a rickshaw-puller in the morning, according to police.

Pallabi police arrested the rickshawpuller, Ishak, and detained him for interrogation. Ishak told police that the man hired his rickshaw from near the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban and went to Pallabi, Mirpur where he had an argument with the man over fare.

At one stage, a group of people who had gathered there took the side of the rickshawpuller and beat the man severely.

Police, however, rescued the fatally wounded man and sent him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at around 9 in the morning.

A college girl, Kakoli, 19, committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her bed room at RAJUK Staff Quarters, Malibagh, early yesterday morning.

Kakoli, daughter of a staff of Rajdhan Unnayan Kartipakhha (RAJUK) — Chandra Shekhar — had been suffering from leprosy for a long time. She was a second year student of Siddheshwari Girls College, according to relatives.

In another incident, a 18-year-old girl, Lipi, died at the DMCH yesterday afternoon.

According to relatives, she took insecticide at her residence at 38/A Azimpur new colony, following an argument with family members Sunday afternoon.

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Favourable climate for foreign investment prevailing: Moyeen

By Staff Correspondent

South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Jong Kyoo Byun called on State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan at his office yesterday discussing and exchanging views on various bilateral issues and matters of mutual interest, reports UNB.

Dr Khan told the ambassador that the government had given more priority to poverty alleviation, expansion of education and development of health sector in the current annual development programme and allocated more money in the annual budget.

On the significance of primary health care, compulsory primary education and food for education programme, the state minister said human resource development and self-employment would be possible after successful implementation of the mid-term and long-term plans the government have taken.

As a result, he added, a healthy and desired socio-economic condition would be built up gradually.

Pointing at the liberal investment policy of the country, Dr Khan said a favourable climate for foreign investment is prevailing in Bangladesh at present.

He lauded Korea for their assistance in different projects, including road construction.

and hoped that the relationship between the two countries would be more closer on the basis of mutual understanding and co-operation.

The Korean Ambassador referred to different steps for the development of physical and economic infrastructure of Bangladesh aiming at social stability and hoped that the pragmatic programmes taken up by the democratic government would play a positive role in national welfare.

Both of them expressed the hope that the friendly and cordial relationship between Bangladesh and Korea would be further strengthened in future.

Strike called off

The Bangladesh District Election Officers' Association has withdrawn its two-day strike scheduled for July 6-7 following fruitful discussion with the Chief Election Commissioner, reports UNB.

The decision was taken unanimously at an emergency meeting of the association yesterday with its president Mohammad Shah Alam in the chair, said a press release.

The association had called for the work stoppage to realise the demand for additional job facilities.

Janakantha journalist granted bail

By Staff Correspondent

A High Court Bench of the Supreme Court yesterday granted a two months' ad-interim bail to ATM Shamsuddin, senior assistant editor of the Daily Janakantha.

The bench comprising Justice DM Ansaruddin and Justice Nurul Islam granted the bail on a writ filed against the rejection of a bail prayer by the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge.

The Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel thana on May 12 filed a case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate accusing four journalists of the newspaper, including Shamsuddin, of distorting a verse of the Holy Quran.

Earlier, Shamsuddin had surrendered before the CMM on June 18 and prayed for bail. But the CMM rejected the prayer and sent him to the central jail. Later, he prayed for bail before the District and Sessions Judge Dhaka who also rejected his appeal. Finally, Shamsuddin filed a writ in the High Court on July 3.

Advocate Khandakar Mahbub Hossain assisted by advocates Golam Kibria, Mohammad Afzal Hossain, Md Harunur Rashid and Khurshida Bilkis Banu appeared for the petitioner.

Higher investment in health, edn can eradicate poverty

Speakers at a seminar on poverty alleviation in the city yesterday stressed the need for individual and collective actions of the poor to create institutions to put an end to their deprivations, reports UNB.

They said poverty alleviation needs higher investment in social sectors such as health and education to lead to enhanced human capability and improve the standard of living.

The discussants suggested implementation of the approaches of the Task Force Report to alleviate poverty as well as targeted income and employment generating programme designed to provide safety net.

Senior Research Fellow of BIDS Dr Atiur Rahman presented the key-note paper on "Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation" at the seminar organised by Carl Duisberg Samity Bangladesh at Goethe Institut.

Chairman of Swanirvar Bangladesh SM Al-Hussainy addressed the seminar as chief guest while it was addressed, among others, by the Director of Goethe Institut H Lechner Dr Jahangir Alam and Mir Mahfujul Haque, President of the Samity Dr Anwarul Azim presided over the function.

Dr Atiur Rahman in his paper said core piece of policy framework for poverty alleviation has to be the social mobilisation of the poor as they participate more effectively in

decisions that affect their lives. For that matter they need to create participatory organisations based on the direct and full participation of all, he added.

"But such a case for social mobilisation can never be successful unless the state plays a very supportive role."

The senior research fellow said the distribution of resources would have to be coordinated at local level by credible decentralized bodies of governance.

SM Al-Hussainy said social integration and sectoral integration were needed for poverty alleviation. State must provide resources and the poor should be equipped to use the resources to improve their conditions, he added.



BTB

Tuesday

4:30	Opening announcement
4:45	Esho Para Shikhi
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Cartoon: Captain Planet
6:00	National TV debate competition
6:50	Musical programme: Sangeeta
8:00	News to Bangla
8:30	Portmanteau drama serial
10:00	News in English
11:00	Live telecast of World Cup Football: Nigeria vs Italy
2:30	Mexico vs Bulgaria

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at most places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions in the next 24 hours ending 6 pm Tuesday, reports UNB.

Met office says moderately heavy fall may occur at places over Khulna and Barisal divisions and the regions of Noakhali, Chittagong and Faridpur during the same period.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 25.0 degrees at Chittagong, Barisal, Sylhet and Rangamati yesterday.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:16 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	31	27
Chittagong	33.5	25
Rajshahi	33	25.2
Khulna	33.8	26.2
Barisal	32.6	25
Sylhet	33	25
Cox's Bazar	32	25.2

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