

Dhaka Day by Day

When Spending is a Problem

by Nico den Tuinder

Poverty creates problems. So does wealth. I consider myself well-off by any standard, and this is no problem in my home country. I can easily spend my money there. The government allows me to pay a lot of taxes, and I am happy that fiscal controls are so efficient. Everything is expensive, and shops are stocked with goods that can be transferred to my house on the handover of a few printed pieces of paper.

I do not even have to do anything to get rid of my money. I am not referring to being robbed, but to the system of paying automatically. One signature on a bank form suffices to

have to work my way through an endless row of similar book shops.

And everything is so cheap. A one-way ticket from Chittagong to Dhaka emptied my purse by less than 1000 Taka only. Biman probably does not want to make a profit on my lust for wandering. Even culture comes free in Dhaka. In my home country I am a fervent supporter of the arts, and am glad to be spending the equivalent of Taka 1,500 to watch a good opera. Last week I attended a marvellous performance of the Rabiraj at the auditorium of the National Museum. The ticket hardly emptied my purse. The Goethe Institute tops the

list: Here I can watch films and attend musical performances without get-money.

When it finally comes down to paying, things do not go rapidly either. Each month I go to a bank to settle my domestic bills. I have to queue up for quite a long time before the bank allows me to say good-bye to some bank notes. And nobody has any change. I can do a lot more with a note of Taka 10 than with its nephew of Taka 500.

There are not very helpful either. I can use as much gas as I want. As I do not have a meter, Titas won't charge me any more for it. I still have to wait for many months before I can start wasting my money on expensive telephone calls. I simply will not get a connection more quickly.

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Diploma Engineers observe demand day

By Staff Correspondent

The Institute of Diploma Engineers yesterday observed demand day to press home its three point charter of demands.

They held a rally at its central office in the afternoon in this connection with Shafiq Uddin Sarker, president of the organisation, in the chair.

Participated by the representatives from 56 organisations, including the PDB, DESA, city corporation and others, the rally announced a series of programmes from August 10.

The programmes include campaigning, observing protest day and staging demonstration. The institute would go for greater movement if the government did not fulfil their demands, they said.



pay a monthly bill until I drop dead. A computer does the rest. I can spend money while sleeping.

Bangladesh is different. I am a 'privileged person,' which means that the government does not appreciate my contribution to the exchequer. I therefore try to spend my money on my house bills, in shops, and on cultural institutions.

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at a few places over Chittagong division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions till 6 pm Wednesday, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.1 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 24.1 degrees at Feni yesterday.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.44 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.26 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
Dhaka	32.7	74
Chittagong	31.8	76
Rajshahi	30.8	70
Khulna	35.1	75
Barisal	32.6	80
Sylhet	32.4	77
Cox's Bazar	32.5	92
Dhrujpur	31.5	78

ক্ষমতা বিনিয়োগকারীদের জন্য

ক্রেডিট গ্যারান্টি স্কীম

ক্ষমতা বিনিয়োগকারীদের জন্য একটি উৎসাহিত করার লক্ষ্যে গ্যারান্টি কীমের আওতায় খণ্ড প্রদান কর্মসূচী চালু রয়েছে।

ক্রেডিট গ্যারান্টি কীমের দ্বারা দ্বিতীয়ের প্রদান প্রক্রিয়া হলো:

- ক্ষমতা বিনিয়োগকারীদের জন্য আওতায় খণ্ড প্রদান করতে পারবেন।
- উদ্যোক্তা যে পরিমাণ অর্থ বিনিয়োগ করবেন বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে তার বিত্ত পরিমাণ গ্যারান্টি প্রদান করবে (তবে গ্যারান্টি পরিমাণ হবে সর্বোচ্চ ২৫.০০ লক্ষ টাকা)।
- উদ্যোক্তার বিনিয়োগকৃত অর্থের সমপরিমাণ অর্থ গ্যারান্টি চালাই ব্যাংক অর্ধায়ন করবে।

ক্রেডিট গ্যারান্টি কীমের আওতায় বিভিন্ন ধরনের ক্ষমতা ও ক্ষুব্ধ ভিত্তিক শিল্প মধ্য দৃষ্ট ও হাস-মূরগীর খামার, মৎস্য খামার, হ্যাচারী, ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং, বাদ্য প্রক্রিয়াকরণসহ অন্যান্য শিল্পে খণ্ড প্রক্রিয়ের সুবিধা রয়েছে।

আগামী শিল্প উদ্যোক্তাগণকে জনতা ব্যাংকের সকল জেলায় শিল্প ক্ষেত্রের জন্য মনোনীত শাখাসমূহে যোগাযোগ করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

জনতা ব্যাংক
জনতা সেবার বিনিয়োগিতা



Aly Zaker speaking at a seminar on 'Blasphemy Law: A New Weapon for Exploitation' organised by the Sangskritik Jote at the Dhaka University TSC auditorium yesterday.

— Star photo

Launch vigorous campaign against fundamentalists'

By DU Correspondent

The Shamprôdayekota Birodi Chhatri Samaj, an anti-communal students' organisation, yesterday called upon the student community to launch vigorous agitation against the fundamentalists and communal forces to realise the dream of Jahanara Imam.

The student leaders of the alliance also urged the people to boycott the Jamaat-Shibir and the fatu'ah both socially and politically."

They were addressing a meeting in memory of Jahanara Imam held at the Aparajeo Bangla of the Dhaka University yesterday morning.

The meeting was addressed by Professor Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury, Ragib Ahsan Munna, Aslam Khan, Razeguzzaman Ratan, Suranjan Ghosh and Sangskritik Jote leader Golam Qudus. Ragib Ahsan Munna presided.

Police action on students in Ctg condemned

By Staff Correspondent

Different political, socio-cultural and student organisations have condemned the alleged police firing on the procession of the All Party Students Unity in Chittagong.

Anti-communal Students' Forum yesterday brought out a procession from the Dhaka University campus and demonstrated in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

National Coordinating Council of the Ghatak Dal Nirjhal Committee has called upon the people to unitedly resist the "razakars" and all other anti-liberation forces.

Sammitito Sangskritik Jote leaders, in a statement, alleged that the Jamaat's meeting in Chittagong on Tuesday has once again proved that the government was directly supporting them.

Leaders of the Mukti Joddha Chhatri Command, Bangladesh Chhatri League (B-K), Samajtantrik Chhatri Front, Bangladeshi Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), Bangladesh Students Federation, Kendro Ganatantrik Chhatri Okya in separate statements condemned the police assault on the students procession.

BOU admission date extended

The date for admission into CELP Programme (Certificate in English Language Proficiency), July-December session of the Bangladesh Open University, has been extended to July 28, reports UNB.

A press release of the University yesterday said the candidates of all centres of Dhaka city are being admitted at the TT College campus of the Open University from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

The candidates from outside Dhaka city are being admitted in the respective college centres. The candidates from Jessore and Bogra are being admitted at the Regional Resource Centres there.

BTV
Wednesday
4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran
4:45 Sports programme News in Bangla
5:15 Agamee Musical programme Nibandan
6:00 Open University Tagore songs
6:30 News in Bangla Biswa Parikrama
7:00 Film show Equalizer
7:30 News in English Magazine programme Geeti Bichitra
8:00 Khabar/The News Closing

Health Ministry to form vigilance team

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to form a vigilance team headed by the Joint Secretary (administration) for surprise inspections of rural dispensaries, thana health complexes and the district sadar hospitals to ensure accountability of these institutions, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the ministry held yesterday with the Health and Family Welfare Minister, Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf in the chair.

What's on today . . .

Photo Exhibition: Of Henricus Gajentaan, the outgoing ambassador of the Netherlands. Swedish envoy to Bangladesh Bjorn Sternby will inaugurate the show. Venue: Gallery Tone, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

Arganta Film Society: One-week long Indian film session is going on to mark the society's 18th founding anniversary. Today's Film: Saat Pakhe Bandha. Venue: Indian Information Centre auditorium, Road-2, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

Dhaka Association of the Deaf: Has organised a free computer training for the deaf sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Dhaka, Port Philip Melbourne, Australia and Rotaract Foundation. Rtn Emdadul Huque, DGN, will open the event. Venue: Tech Plus Computers Ltd, 32, Mirpur Road, Dhaka. Time: 5 pm.

Campaign for Popular Edn: A discussion on Home Economics, an academic discipline, should not be for women only, has been arranged. Speakers: Shafiqul Alam, Prof. Momtaj Begum, Ayesha Khanam, Gazi Rumana and Mamta Jahan of SCF (USA). Prof. Hayat Mahmud of JU will preside. Venue: Gano Unnayan "Granthagar" auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:00 pm.

John Mime Academy: The certificate-giving ceremony of the first batch, and the pentomime show *The Oppressed Women* will be held. Chief guest: Moshared Hossain Shahjahan, State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control. Special guest: Mobarak Hossain Khan, DG, Shilpkala Academy. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The regular weekly meeting will be held. Guest speaker: Alamgir M A Kabir, president, Family Planning Association of Bangladesh, and BIRDEM. He will speak on 'Population situation in Bangladesh'. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The 19th installation ceremony will be held. Chief guest: DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town: A regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

6-pt formula of caretaker govt unconstitutional : Rafiq

BNP standing committee member and Minister for Housing Rafiqul Islam Mia said the concept of the 6-point formula of caretaker government was against the basic principles of the Constitution, reports UNB.

He said: 'The basic principles of the Constitution cannot be amended.'

The minister was addressing two separate public meetings at Shushundha Madrassah and Jahupur High School premises of Muradnagar thana in Comilla yesterday.

Presided over by Nurul

Islam, president, thana BNP unit, the meeting was addressed by the local BNP leaders.

Turning to the regimes of the BAKSAL and the Jatiya Party, the minister said democracy was destroyed and autocracy was forced to rule the country during those regimes.

Rafiqul Islam said the Election Commission should be strengthened, if necessary to ensure impartial election. For this purpose, identity card will be given to every voter.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়,

কর পোর্টেল ও তন্ত্র অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা এবং আরক্ষেকার্যালয়

২৪/১২ তলা সরকারী ভবন (৭ম তলা),

মেজেন্টারিং পার্ক, ঢাকা

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এজন্দারা কর পোর্টেল ও তন্ত্র অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা এবং আরক্ষেকার্যালয়ের সময় অবস্থিত জন্য জাতীয়ে যাইতেছে যে, এই অঞ্চলের সকল প্রেরণ করণ কর্তৃ জন্য TIN (Tax Payers Identification Number) প্রতি ১লা টালাই, ১৯৯৪ ইং তারিখ হইতে প্রর্তীন করা হইয়াছে। সকল করণ কর্তৃক সম্পর্কে সংশ্লিষ্ট কর সর্কেল হইতে তাহাদের নিজ Tax Payers Identification Number (TIN) অবিসেক অন্যথা আবেদন করা যাইতেছে।

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