

Dhaka Day by Day

Fancy for Weird Fashion

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Tattered jeans and crushed shirt, sneakers with dirty untied laces, earrings and chains, cap on his head, turned neatly at a 45° angle. He is walking — rather moonwalking along a footwalk. No, he is not any of those Black Americans or punks from those Hollywood or Bollywood movies but a Bangladeshi teenager on a Dhaka street. Mimicking them — their heroes and idols.

"Hey! Did you hear Ax's latest, he is cool man," is what you'll hear him say to his friends and that too in an accent that'll make you wonder "where am I and who are these kids?"

Kids whom, you have seen playing with dolls and smiling sunshine in their innocence are now the same ones smoking cigarettes, wearing their hair in spikes and everything that



make them look like Martians rather than humans. Brothers whom you taught to ride bicycles, repair a watch or a broken cassette are now wearing earrings, nose pins, their hair waist length in buns or ponytails.

"In fact, I sometimes ask my brother for a matching dupatta (the chiffon cloth worn with the dress, shalwar kameez). Believe me I get it," explains a sister of a today's fashion conscious younger brother. "Wearing a chundri dupatta (with colours and prints) around the wrist like 'Jackie Shroff in 'Tridev' or on the head as a turban or so, like 'Akshay' in 'Mohra' is 'cool' he says," the sister continues. If this is a fact, then without any hesitation you'll get earrings, chains, chokers, bangles from them too. And in a short while lipsticks and eye shades as well.

This weird sense of fashion or dressing-up is in girls too but less conspicuous because after all accessories are made for them. When these teens walk by you, you cannot detect their sex, just by looking at them any more. It's



The Dhaka-based Swandip Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday with banner reading: Save Swandip from river erosion. — Star photo

Border trade with Myanmar fails to take off

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 12: Bangladesh-Myanmar border trade has failed to take off even two and a half months after the signing of an agreement between the two neighbouring countries.

Cross-border trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar was scheduled to begin on June 15 as per the agreement signed in Dhaka by their commerce ministers on May 18 in order to bolster bilateral economic cooperation.

Administration sources say that Myanmar is yet to finalise its banking system needed for border trade operations.

Besides, some other practical problems including selection of a particular border post for carrying on the trade have still remained unsettled, administration sources added.

Bangladesh has, however, authorised the Sonali Bank to conduct the trade transactions.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Munshiganj PWD Division Munshiganj

Notice Intiving Tenders No. 07/1994-95

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from special Class-I, Class-I enlisted building contractors of PWD, Class-II enlisted contractors of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and Class-III enlisted building contractors of Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka for execution for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the Executive Engineers under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka & Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka on 31-8-94 up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

2. Name of work: E. I. and fans in the 4 Nos. Health Sub-Centre under Gajaria Thana in the Dist. of Munshiganj during the year 1993-94.

3. Estimated cost: Tk 1,20,042/-

4. Earnest money: Tk 2,405/-

5. Time allowed for completion of work: 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.

6. Tender Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and obtained and purchased from the office of the undersigned as well as all other officers of the Executive Engineer under Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka and Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka during office hours on all working days till 30-8-94. No tender form will be sold after 30-8-94.

M A Moqtadir
Executive Engineer
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Gallery-goers at the inaugural function of Rupam's fifth solo photography exhibition which began at the auditorium of the National Museum in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Computerised system opens at Dhaka Customs

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman inaugurated a computerised system modernising the collection of revenue and processing of trade statistics at the Dhaka Customs House at the Zia International Airport on Thursday, reports BSS.

Underlining the important role of the customs officials in increasing government's revenue, the Finance Minister said: "The supreme duty of customs officials is to enforce law indiscriminately in the society."

He said that government had already liberalised its customs rules and trade policies. But liberalisation does not mean free style, rather it imposes self-regulations, he added.

Appreciating the National Board of Revenue (NBR) for installing the computerised system for customs clearance at the Dhaka Customs House, the Finance Minister suggested for taking up a comprehensive project bringing all areas of operation and activities of the Customs and the NBR under a master computerised programme, in the country within five years.

The Finance Minister pointed out that the government had undertaken many reform programmes in the financial and revenue collection sectors in fulfillment of the aspirations of the tax payers.

The inaugural ceremony was also addressed by NBR Chairman, Dr Akbar Ali Khan.

Samoy's founding anniversary

By Staff Correspondent

The Weekly Samoy yesterday held a discussion at its Dhanmondi office to mark one year of publication.

Contributors, patrons and well-wishers of the magazine attended the function.

Professor Hasna Begum, Prof Humayun Azad, Qazi Khilquzzaman Ahmed, Syed Abul Maqsood, Prof Syed-ur-Rahman, Sohrab Hossain, Chowdhury Mufad Ahmed, Altaf Parvez, Subal Banik and Y H Ashraf were present, among others.

Welcoming the guests, Dr Zaheda Ahmad, Editor of the Magazine, shared her experiences of publication of the weekly.

Prof Serajul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of the Board of Editors, emphasised alternative journalism which he said was the prime need of the country in the context of the present day frustration cropping up from global chancery.

Among the injured, 14 were admitted to the Ishurdi Health Complex and eight to the Sadar Hospital.

Meanwhile, in another accident today, 10 passengers were wounded on the same road at Gati, 8 mile off the town, when a passenger bus turned turtle. The injured were admitted to Ishurdi and Sadar Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion the state minister said, there is no alternative to BNP to keep up the independence and sovereignty of the country.

BNP has been running the government with the spirit of the Liberation War for fulfilling the hopes and aspiration of the common people, he added.

Presided over by union parishad chairman Pakaruddin Ahmed Khan, the function was also addressed by Mia Abdul Wazed, MP, district BNP secretary Hamidul Haque Tukku and other local BNP leaders.

The state minister called upon all to cooperate the government to continue the development process.

Create awareness about dental care: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday urged the dental surgeons and scientists to put their best efforts to create awareness about the importance of dental care for better living with sound health, reports BSS.

"Mouth is the gateway to human body. So proper care of teeth is important to save ourselves from all kinds of diseases," he said.

President Biswas said this at an international dental seminar organised by the Bangladesh Dental Association of North America (BDANA) in collaboration with the Bangladesh Dental Society, Bangladesh Private Dental Surgeons' Association and the Dhaka Dental College Teachers' Association.

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Serajul Haque attended the function as the special guest while Dr Chad P Gehni of Flushing Hospital Medical Centre of USA, president of Bangladesh Dental Society Prof Anwarul Alam, Principal of the Dhaka Dental College Prof Mohammad Ashraf Hussain, president of Bangladesh Dental Surgeons' Association Dr Mohammad Amirul Islam, president of BDANA Dr Moinul Islam Mia, Dr Abdur Razzaque, Dr Wadud Bhuiyan and Dr Mian Z Maniky spoke on the occasion.

He said the dream of the nation was to achieve a qualitative change in the field of health sector and importance had been laid down on internationalisation of dental services.

Later, the President distributed awards among the eminent dental surgeons working both in the country and the USA, including the pioneers of dentistry in Bangladesh Prof Abu Haider Sazedur Rahman and Prof Syed Manjurul Haq.

112 held in city

Police rounded up 112 people of various charges from different parts of the city in last 24 hours, ending yesterday, reports UNB.

According to the changed schedule, the inaugural session of the two-day conference will be held on August 18.



Playwright Mamtajuddin Ahmed speaking at a memorial meet on Jahana Imam at the Bangla Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Weather

Thundershower likely

Moderately heavy falls are likely at places over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Barisal, Patuakhali, Khulna and Sylhet till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says occasional light to moderate rain or thundershower may occur at most places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1 degree Celsius during the period across the country.

Meantime, Bogra experienced the highest 31 mm rain yesterday.

Tangail had 20 mm shower, Majlaidi 15, Sylhet, Comilla and Dhaka 10 each. Khulna 9, Bhola 8, and Rangamati and Ishurdi each had 7 mm rain during the period.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Rangamati.

Sun sets today at 6:34 pm and rises day tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:33 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities/towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	29.3	25.5
Chittagong	31.5	25.0
Rajshahi	31.2	26.2
Khulna	30	25.2
Barisal	29.6	24.5
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