Dhaka Day by Day No Way Out

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

scenery around them, oblivious of the nightmare soon to come.

yet not totally unfamiliar sight. Two young people, a girl and a boy, obviously college students them get away with it." from the books in their hands were being picked up by a police truck. What 'crime' could this young man and woman, barely passed their teens, have possibly committed to be apprehended by police and taken away in a truck so men, told this correspondent, "we want to get unceremoniously?

taken to the Tejgaon thana for their so-called judged and found guilty. Later it was found out unsocial activities'.

At the police station, found them crowded by people. some policemen. others in civilian garb, craning their necks to watch the tamasha. While the two pleaded and begged with the subinspector to be released, he only looked upon them with contempt. On enquiry about their offence, it was known that they were engaged 'unsocial activities'

Sitting cozy makes the cops nosey! He spat out, "Is this a Muslim country or what?" Not bothering to explain what this odd remark meant he went on to relate in the most crudest way what he referred to by 'unsocial activities'.

"But we weren't doing anything offensive", protested Nazrul, "we were just talking, perhaps she was leaning against me but that was all". "And what about the fact that I was hit with a stick by one of your people? I didn't resist them I did as I was asked to do," he added.

At this, someone from the background remarked "you're lucky he didn't break your legs" followed by "shut up don't say anything there are 'others' here".

The subinspector now even further enraged, said, "go and stand in that corner, now that you are making an accusation there is no other way but to file a report and make a case." They would be tried under section 290, he added, an ordinance against vagrants and lotterers.

The two 'criminals' as they were treated as such, were taken to the Officer in Charge's (OC's) room for further questioning. It was here that one learnt that a traffic inspector who had been passing by the spot had seen the couple and went and arrested them. Nazrul, in yet another effort to save himself and his girlfriend begged of the OC and traffic inspector to forgive them and let them go, touching the inspector's feet.

The traffic inspector, however, was un-

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It was close to a perfect morning on August moved and went on explaining to all and sun 10 last Wednesday for Nazrul and Meena (not dry how he had seen the two lying in each oththeir real names). With only a slight drizzle, er's embrace, and thus being absolutely disgustgloudy sky and a refreshing breeze nothing ed had acted accordingly. Meena at this point could be more romantic than sitting near Cres- protested with tears in her eyes, "How can you cent Lake surrounding the imperious Sangsad say that. We were not lying around, that's not Bhaban. Like many other couples who visit the true". This fell on deaf ears and the traffic inarea to be alone and far from the madding spector commanded his juniors to take them crowd. Nazrul and Meena were sitting on the away, a case would be filed against them. This grass near Lake Road enjoying the beautiful time the case would be under DMP 74, an ordinance against 'public nuisance'. The traffic inspector, so full of moral indignation began to It was about noontime and anyone passing explain how appalled he was by the growing the Bijoy Sarani crossing could see a disturbing decadence of young people. "The things they do in public places is disgusting. We cannot let

Meanwhile Nazrul and Meena were taken back to the other room where their names, ad dresses etc were being recorded. In utter desperation, Nazrul wanted to convince the law married, this is the only-way out," not realizing Nazrul and Meena had been 'arrested' and that it was too late. they had already been that the two had been taken to court and fined

> Tk 200 each for reating public nuisance' and finally released. The same subinspector informed that some MP (Member of Parliament) had called the police station and complained that was impossible to live with one's family and have to watch such unsavoury acts every day. One wonders whether the known and unknown imsavoury acts of MP's would be treat-

ed with the same harshness. This incident is just one amongst many that shows how often ordinary citizen's basic human rights are violated by law enforcement agents. There have been numerous cases where young couples have been picked up, taken to the thana, sometimes even locked up. It is not the fines or cases against them that is so frightening, but the harassment and abuse, physical or psychological that these victims often have to go through at the hands of the 'protectors of social order! Many times irregularities in the police's own course of action go unreported and unquestioned. For example what authority did the traffic inspector have to arrest two civilians? Or what right did a policeman have to hit the young man? Why was this not dealt with? and what for that matter, determined

Young people who usually hide their romantic rendezvous from their parents, and who are more concerned with reputation than asserting their own rights, are a perfect prey for the sadistic 'law enforcers'. It is surprising that while thieves, muggers and rapists freely roam the streets every day in Dhaka, terrorizing innocent citizens, the police have so much time to pick up young men and women whose offence is as ambiguous as the ordinances that casti gate them. It is a sad fact that in most of these cases, the punishment far exceeds the 'crime' If there was one in the first place, that is.

New student

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with a vow to fight for vio-

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A new student alliance



The Sammilita Sangskritik Jote held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. - Star photo

Biswas, Khaleda

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Young Sam

Biswas in a message has felici-

tated Kim Young Sam,

President of the Republic of

Korea, on the occasion of the

independence day of his coun-

In his message sent to the

Korean President Biswas said,

"On the auspicious occasion of

the independence day of the

Republic of Korea, I would like

to convey my felicitations to

you and through you to the

friendly people of the Republic

of Korea. I firmly believe that

the existing friendship be-

tween Bangladesh and Korea

will continue to grow in the

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia in a separate mes-

sage has felicitated Kim Young

Minister said: "On behalf of the

government and the people of

the People's Republic of

Bangladesh and on my own be-

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President Abdur Rahman

Fish Fortnight-94 opens tomorrow

Fish fortnight will be observed throughout the country from August 16 to August 31, reports BSS.

The objective of observance of Fish Fortnight-94 is to help increase the country's fish production through various measures including creation of mass awareness for the compliance with fisheries law. Besides the programme aims at bringing derelict ponds and water bodies under fish cultivation, refrain from catching fish fry, stop use of draft nets and release of fish fries in open water bodies. Another aspect of the programme is to turn fish cultivation into a social movement.

Meanwhile, all preparations for observance of the Fish Fortnight-94 have been com-

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the programme at Zia Hall in Khulna and attend a seminar on shrimp develop-

ment on the occasion. She will also visit fish fair at the Zia Hall premises. Later, she is expected to release fish fry at river Gallamari, Khulna.

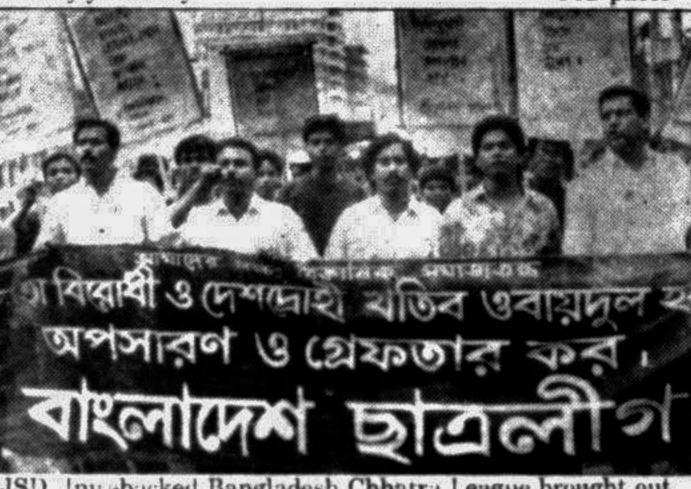
National dailies will bring out special supplements mark ing the occasion on August 16.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will address a seminar on "role of loan in fish development: problems and solutions" at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) on August 17. Later, he will inaugurate fish fair at the BARC premises.

Arrangements have been made to hold seminar and fair in different places of the country to mark the occasion. Other programmes highlighting the importance of fish fortnight include telecast and broadcast of programmes on subjects relating to fish and distribution of booklets and leaflets, release of fish fry at district and thana levels.



Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed administering the oath of office to Abdur Raqib as Member of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission at Supreme Court Bhaban in the city yesterday. - PID photo



JSD Inu backed Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out a procession in the city vesterday demanding the arrest and trial of Obaidul Hug, khatib of the Baital Mukarram - Star photo mosque.

W Weather ****

Thundershower likely

Parts of the country experienced rain in the last 36 hours till 6 pm yesterday with the highest 176 mm registered at

According to Met office. Chittagong had 94 mm rain. Cox's Bazar 74, Rangamati 41, Jessore 28, Rajshai 25, Rangpur 23. Patuakhali 17, Dhaka and Dinajpur 13 each. Tangail 11, Faridpur 8, Comilla, Mymensingh, Barisal and Ishurdi 7 each, and Chuadanga 6mm shower during the pe-

Giving extended outlook for another five days the Met office predicted that rainfall is likely to increase.

In its forecast for the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Monday) the weather office forecast moderately heavy falls over the regions of Sylhet.

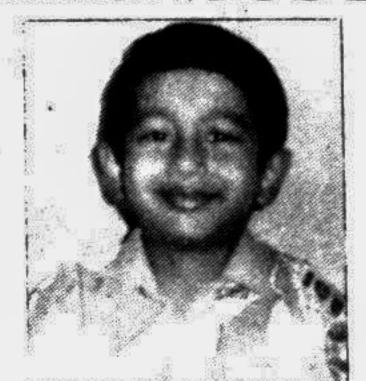
also likely at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal, Khulna, Rajshahi divisions. Country's highest temperature 33.3 degree celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 24.5 degrees at Rangamati.

Sun sets today at 6:22 pm and rises on Tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:34 am.

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

City/Town Temperature Humidity in Percentage in Celsius Min 9 am 6 pm Dhaka 26.2 92 25.6 93 Chittagong 29.4 Raishahi 25.3 90 95 31.3 27.6 Khulna 31.8 81 31.7 Barisal 26.0 100 Cox's Bazar 29.3 27.0 27.2 100 25.6 Sylhet Dinajpur 33.3 26.4

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I am now well by the grace of Almighty Allah after successful bone marrow transplantation in the

Tata Memorial Hospital in last February. I take this opportunity to solicit everyone's prayers for my continued good health.

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Dated: 09.08.94

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Local Government Engineering Department Rural Development Project-18 8/2 Lalmatia, Block-C

Dhaka-1207 Memo No: LGED/PD(RD-18)/TA-2/94/1789

Notice for Short Listing of Firms

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan [Number 1215 BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the cost of Rural Development Project-18: Infrastructure greater Khulna, Jessore and Kushtia districts (RDP-18) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under Consulting Services Contract of Institutional Support for Training for which this invitation of application for Short Listing of reputed consulting firms is issue.

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(a) Name of the firms with address.

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Cable, fax and telephone numbers.

(d) The name of the partners/directors of the firm and corporate profile of the firms. List of key personnel likely to be involved in this

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last ten years in Bangladesh and similar other countries. The applications must directly response to the

requirements mentioned in para 3 above. Information on 3(e) and 3(f) should be in sufficient details to be verifiable. Applications for prequalification will be received by the

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Sylhet, reports UNB. Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower is dt. 4-8-94