

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Feasting on Mangoes

by A S M Nurunnabi

In its range and variety, flavour and sweetness mango is incomparable. Our country is fortunate to be a producer of this fruit. Other tropical countries may have a similar good fortune, but the select varieties grown in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan have a unique taste and a gastronomic appeal.

Since it is mainly an oriental fruit having wide appeal, there arose no controversy ever among the people of the East about how it should be eaten. The important thing with them is to get hold of the prized fruit and proceed with its consumption in any manner you like. Some of the eating methods may not leave one as clean as in the case of bananas or oranges. But since the taste of mangoes is extraordinary and the fruit is avidly sought after, the right way of eating mangoes is a matter of least concern with many of the eastern people.

The straight forward way of eating the fruit generally followed is to peel off the skin either by hand or with a sharp knife. Then you dig your teeth into its succulent flesh to savour its delicate taste. Some people with more sophisticated approach cut it into small pieces after peeling off its skin and then proceed to partake of it from a platter with fork or spoon. This is the utmost we do in deference to our table manners.

Though mango is a native fruit, nowadays it has become relatively costly. It has rather become a gastronomic luxury and out of reach for many. On the city sidewalks, you may see fruits like papaya, pineapples, melons, etc. being sold in cut pieces to suit the lean pockets of customers, but you will never see mangoes sold in such manner i.e. in cut pieces. The reason apparently is perhaps that the price of a good quality mango is so prohibitive that even a small bite also means to be part with a sizeable portion of income for one earning a low wage.

This fruit however does not grow in abundance in the country. Good quality mangoes are produced in some specific zones in North Bengal. Because of transport difficulties and high,

rate of wastage during transportation, the fruit acquires a high price tag when it reaches the cities where well-off sections can afford it.

With domestic requirement barely met and facilities for their proper preservation virtually non-existent, we are not confronted with the question of their export in any quantity. But it is reported that India with export potential of this fruit to the western world is facing some snags. Indian exporters are reportedly worried about the comparatively poor response to this prized fruit, because most Westerners have not yet mastered the art of savouring it properly. In the light of their table manners, the fruit reportedly does not lend itself to treatment by knife and fork.

So far we are concerned, in the opinion of connoisseurs, the savouring of mangoes calls for the abandonment of all our notions of polished table manners. We put more premium on enjoyment rather than clean habit.

There is an interesting story about one of our famous political leaders who in the past had so much weakness for this fruit that he had his own ways of consuming it. Being a little messy in his eating habits in respect of this fruit, he used to store in his bathroom a selection of this fruit and completed his mango feast in a free-style manner. When the eating ritual was over, he came out of the bathroom with an appearance spick and span.

In the recent past, we heard of a dangerous implication of its use as an instrument of assassination. It was alleged that a time bomb secretly hidden in a basket of mangoes on board an aircraft was the cause of explosion that killed the president of a country.

Lately we have become acquainted with some new words in diplomatic vocabulary. Those words are mango diplomacy reportedly resorted to by one country in a bid to improve relations with another. We welcome this aspect of use of mangoes if they ever serve such beneficial purpose in any tension-charged diplomatic situation.



## 98 arrested in city

Police arrested 98 people including seven wanted criminals from different parts of the city yesterday on charge of various crimes, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 8 were held in theft cases, 4 in Anti-terrorism Act, 5 for torturing women, 9 in criminal procedure, 63 in DMP ordinance and 2 were arrested in other cases.

## Jahan-Ara in Who's Who

The international Who's Who of contemporary achievement has applauded the state minister in charge of Cultural Affairs, Professor Jahan-Ara Begum for her contribution to women's right, reports BSS.

The prestigious American biographical institute last month awarded a certificate to Prof Jahan-Ara in the permanent record of achievement and distinction in this regard.



Opening announcement  
4:30 Esho Gan Shikhi  
4:45 News in Bangla  
5:10 National TV School Debate  
5:20 Esho Para Shikhi  
6:05 Jibaner Alo  
6:30 Nazrul songs  
7:15 News in Bangla  
8:00 Drama of the week: Haraber Bhay Nai  
8:40 News in English  
10:00 Mini series: Marco Polo  
10:30 Khabar/The News  
11:30

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Applications are hereby invited from Bangladeshi citizen having requisite qualifications and experience for appointment of following short-term national consultants under USAID sponsored Integrated Fisheries Research Programme. The name of positions along with required qualifications and experience are given below:-

Sl No	Name of positions	Job tenure	Academic qualifications, experience and responsibilities
1.	Socioeconomic Consultant	3 man months	i) PhD in Social Sciences with minimum of 10 (ten) years experience of which at least 5 (five) years should be working with fisheries programmes. ii) Prepare research programmes for Socio-Economic studies in aquaculture. iii) Train Scientists in collection and analysis of Socio-Economic data.
2.	Integrated Farming System Consultant	3 man months	iv) Assist in preparation of Technical reports. i) PhD in relevant subject with at least 10 (ten) years of practical experience in integrated fish farming system. ii) Prepare detailed plans for research on integrated fish farming. iii) Train Scientists in integrated training research methodologies. iv) Identify/develop linkages needed between different agencies (Govt and NGOs) for integrated farming research and development.

The applications complete with full bio-data must reach to the Director, Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh on or before 10-9-94.

The candidates who are in service should apply through proper channel. The positions carry attractive salary as per USAID ICLARM rules.

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Dr. M A Mazid  
Director

## Metropolitan

## Credit guarantee scheme for pisciculture likely

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said in the city yesterday that the government was contemplating introduction of a credit guarantee scheme for extending loan to the small entrepreneurs with-out collateral for promoting pisciculture and other agro-based economic activities in the country, reports BSS.

The minister was inaugurating a two-day seminar on the 'role of credit in fisheries development' at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Centre (BARC).

The seminar, marking the on-going observance of fisheries fortnight, was organised by the Directorate of Fisheries. It was addressed, among others, by Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah-al-Noman, Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni and Minister of State for Planning Dr Moyeen Khan.

Presided over by Fisheries Secretary A Z M Nasiruddin, the inaugural session was also addressed by the Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Khurshed Alam and Director General of the Fisheries Directorate A K M Ataur Rahman.

The finance minister also opened a week-long fish fair at

the BARC premises.

The finance minister referred to the various measures taken by the government to invigorate the basic sectors of the economy like agriculture, livestock and fisheries and said, as a result there had been much awareness for the promotion of such sectors.

He said though the banks and financial institutions had been given directives for extending credit to the entrepreneurs in agro-based and pisciculture activities, the small entrepreneurs were being deprived of credit facilities.

To cover the small entrepreneurs in the rural economic sector, the finance minister said, the government would soon introduce, if necessary, a separate credit guarantee scheme so that the bank managers feel encouraged in extending loan to the small rural entrepreneurs.

The finance minister said that in addition to extending credit for pisciculture, the government would provide all possible support to the entrepreneurs for setting up fish feed processing centres.

Rahman said that the government had identified agri-

culture and rural sectors as the basis for sustainable growth in the country.

Due to pragmatic measures taken by the government, the economic growth rate had increased at 5 per cent this year against 4.5 per cent in the corresponding last year, he stated.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH

HIGH COURT DIVISION (CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO: 33 of 1994

In the matter of: An application under section 76 (3) of the companies Act 1913, AND, In the matter of: Md. Lutfur Rahman, Petitioner VS Shakra Fabrics (pty) Ltd and another Respondents  
Notice is hereby given that an application under section 76 (3) of the Companies Act 1913 for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the respondent company was filed before the Honorable High Court Division. The Court admitted the said application and fixed the date of hearing on 25-8-94. Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court by himself or through his Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the petition may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

Dr. A. K. M. Ali, Advocate

Room No. 14/A, Supreme Court Bar Building, Dhaka-1000, Tel: 402388 (res)

দশ টাকায় জিতে নিন

প্রথম পুরস্কার ৩০ লক্ষ টাকা

দ্বিতীয় পুরস্কার ১টি মিনিবাস ৩০ আসন বিনামূলি

তৃতীয় পুরস্কার ৫টি একটি করে ৮০০ সিঁচি গাড়ি

কোটি টাকার ৮০৮ টি পুরস্কার

এবার দশ সিরিজের টিকিট

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৩য় পুরস্কার ৫টি: একটি করে ৮০০ সিঁচি গাড়ি বা সমপরিমাণ টাকা (তিন লক্ষ টাকা)  
৪র্থ পুরস্কার ১০টি: এক লক্ষ টাকা প্রতিটি ৫য় পুরস্কার ১৫টি: পঞ্চাশ হাজার টাকা প্রতিটি  
৬ষ্ঠ পুরস্কার ২৬টি: পঁচিশ হাজার টাকা প্রতিটি ৭ম পুরস্কার ৫০টি: দশ হাজার টাকা প্রতিটি  
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জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ

ক্রীড়া ভবন, ৬২/৩, পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা- ১০০০ ফোন: ২৪২৩২১, ২৪২২৯৪, ২৪৬৭৮৪ ও ২৪১৩৭০.

## Tk 15 cr spent in edn sector till July

About Tk 643.85 crore under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) has been earmarked for execution of 57 projects, including nine technical assistance projects, in the education sector in the current financial year, reports UNB.

Out of the amount about Tk 71 crore has already been disbursed and about Tk 15 crore spent up to July this year.

This was disclosed at a review meeting of the Ministry of Education held at its conference room yesterday with Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar in the chair.

The meeting reviewing the progress of implementation of different projects was informed that an implementation committee was formed and a project director deputed to supervise each project. Physical and financial target has also been fixed for ensuring monitoring the monthly progress of implementation.

Directives have been circulated to issue work-orders of construction works and procure goods by October 31 to

complete the works in stipulated time, it said.

Arrangements will be made to supervise the project by the ministry officials and facilities department from time to time, the meeting said.

It reviewed the progress of implementation of development projects under different universities and other autonomous bodies and laid emphasis on following the rules and procedures of the implementation process.

Presiding over the meeting, the minister directed the project officials to ensure timely implementation of the projects and effective utilisation of its money, said a PID handout.

A total of Tk 341 crore had been allocated in the last financial year (1993-94) with a record rate of utilisation of 99.4 per cent, the meeting was informed.

Education Secretary Irshadul Haq and other officials concerned of the ministry, departments and autonomous bodies attended the meeting.

## What's on today....

**Discussion Meet:** On the introduction of SimpliRED HIV-1/HIV-2 jointly organised by Advanced Chemical Industries Ltd (ACI) and Agen Biomedical, Australia. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 7 pm.

**Bangladesh-German Sampreeti:** A cultural programme has been arranged followed by a handicrafts show. Venue: Goethe Inst auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

**CODA:** On the occasion of the founding anniversary of the College of Development Alternative (CODA), a discussion meeting and a prize-giving ceremony will be held. Chief guest: Information Minister Nazmul Huda. DU VC Emajuddin Ahmed will preside. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4 pm.



Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan and other senior army officers attending the *namaz-e-janaza* of Risalder M A Harun-ur-Rashid at the Choppers Den, Dhaka Cantonment in the city yesterday. Risalder Harun was killed in Kuwait on August 12. — ISPR photo

## Weather

## Moderate rain likely

Occasional light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the next 12 hours ending 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said the country may experience temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the period.

Rain fall activities likely to increase gradually during the next two days but little change predicted in the following week.

Day temperature may remain unchanged during the period.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degrees Celsius was registered at Dinajpur and the lowest 23.8 degrees at Teknaf. Sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:30 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:35 am.

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius		Humidity In Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	26.3	77	68
Chittagong	32.2	25.4	80	89
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.5	77	81
Sylhet	33.4	27.5	73	78
Rajshahi	33.2	26.3	78	69
Khulna	31.5	26.4	83	88
Barisal	30.6	26.6	85	80

## INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

BID PACKAGE NO. 5

UNDER KFAED LOAN NO. 440

Scaled tenders are hereby invited by Rural Electrification Board, (REB) from interested suppliers in the following descriptions:-

1. Bid Package No. 05 Description of Materials/Equipment  
Power Transformer 1.667 MVA & Accessories, Controlling Equipments, S/S Connectors & Accessories and Switches & Fuses.

2. Schedule of Selling of Tender Document & Receiving/Opening of Tender:

Bid Package	Tender Document Sale Date	Tender Receiving	Tender Opening
No.	From To	Date Time	Date Time
05	25-08-94 24-10-94	25-10-94 Upto 11-00AM	25-10-94 11-30AM

(Sale will be on and during working days and office hours only; time mentioned will be Bangladesh Standard Time indicated by time signals on Radio Bangladesh)

3. Availability of Tender: Directorate of Procurement Rural Electrification Board House No. 823, Road No. 19 (Old), Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.

4. Price of Tender: Tender will be opened in presence of bidder or their representative (if any). Tender document will be available for sale at the address mentioned in para-3 above through an application and on payment of appropriate price as detailed below in the form of pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of 'Rural Electrification Board'

a) Bid Package No. 05: Tk. 2000.00 (Taka Two Thousand only) for each copy.

5. One Bid Package cannot be used for submission of Bid Proposal (s) by more than ONE BIDDER. One bidder may, however, submit any number of bids included in the bid package by purchasing only one copy of the concerned bid package.

6. Bid bond: At least equal to 5% (Five percent) of the quoted price.

7. Mode of payment: Through Letter of Credit.

8. Source & Origin of Materials/Equipment: Materials & Equipment to be furnished under tender must have their "Source" and "Origin" in countries who are eligible to trade with the state of Kuwait and the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

9. No Document will be sent by REB to any purchaser by post or Courier Service.

10. Offer must be submitted as per terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Document (s). Enquires, if any must reach the undersigned at least one month prior to the opening date of tenders as mentioned in Para-2.

(Md. Rezaul Hoque Bhuiyan)

Director (Procurement)

Rural Electrification Board

House No. 823, Road No. 19 (Old)

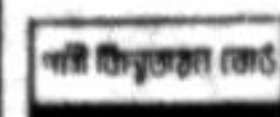
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