

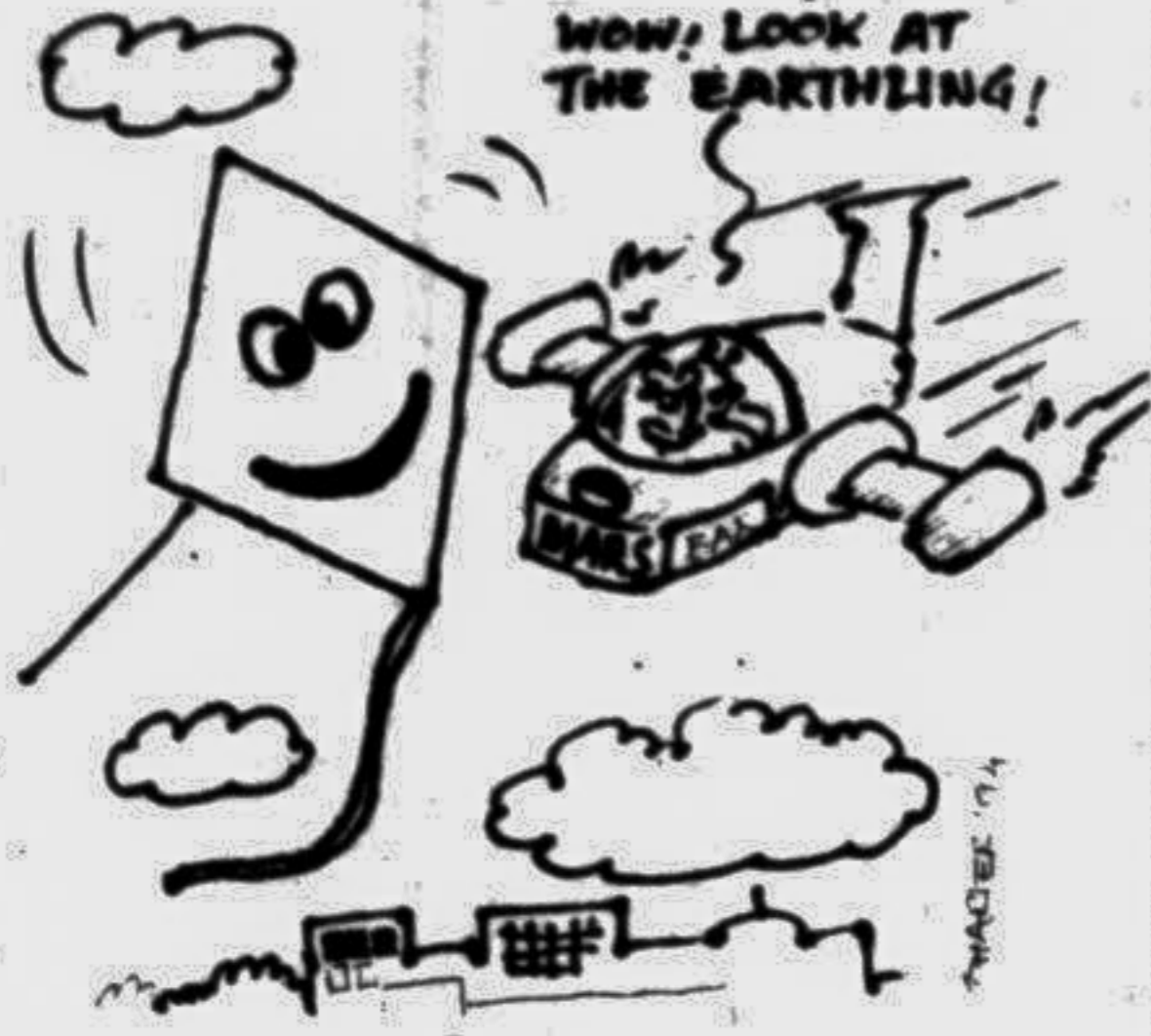
Dhaka Day by Day

The Joy of Kite-flying

by ASM Nurunnabi

Kite flying is a popular form of sport of recreation in our country. A kite is made of a light frame of varying shapes covered with paper, plastic or cloth. The kite commonly found in our country is made of paper. It is attached to a long cord held in the hand or wound on a reel or drum (called *latar* in Bangla) and sent up into the air.

One tradition holds that kites were invented by a 5th-century B.C Greek scientist, Archytas of Tarentum. They have been in use among Asian peoples from time immemorial. The sport has long been a national pastime of the Koreans, Chinese, Japanese and Malaysians. Kite flying at night over a house was believed to keep evil spirits away. A religious significance is still connected to some ceremonial kiteflying in Asia.



Practical use has been made of kites through the ages. Tradition states that a Korean general once suspended a lantern from a kite as an inspiring signal to his troops. In his famous experiment of 1752, Benjamin Franklin hung a metal key from a kite line and, by attracting electricity from the air during a storm, demonstrated the electrical nature of lightning. Kites were long used for weather observations; instruments were carried aloft to record otherwise unobtainable data until the advent of balloons and airplanes.

Kites in the shapes of birds, men, ships, butterflies and other forms have a novelty appeal. A favourite Chinese fancy kite is the dragon, a ferocious-looking head kite with many smaller flat body kites strung behind on parallel tie lines.

Kites are best flown in open spaces where the wind velocity is 80 to 200 miles per hour less wind makes it difficult to lift the kites and more makes them hard to handle or may even break them. Kite-flying tournaments are annual events in many communities.

In the old part of the Dhaka city, kite-flying is extremely popular. Both the young and the old take part in it. There is a particular season in a year when this game is played with high enthusiasm and gusto.

Because of limited open space in that part of the city, kite-flying is mostly done on house tops. The thrill of the game lies in engaging other kites in elimination bouts. In this competition, various techniques are used. Elaborate preparations are made to impart sharp edge to the cords used by means of various concoctions such as mixing fine grains of

broken glass with glue made with flour and other exotic ingredients. Such treatment of cords used for kites in competition is called *marja*. Apart from the various techniques used in the competitions, the experts in this line strictly guard their secrets of the composition of their *marja*.

In the peak season, the skyline in that part of the city is covered with kites of various shapes and colour. Another thrill of the game is that when a kite is cut loose from its cord by an opponent's kite, the moringless kite floats in the sky in the direction the wind blows. If the wind is strong, such kites without moorings travel a long distance. But the children of the neighbourhood are never deterred by their journey across the sky. They run

after it with long poles in their attempts to catch it. In many cases, their efforts prove futile when such break-away kites fall on high trees or on houses of others or go into the jurisdiction of another neighbourhood where the children of that locality take over.

The experts of kite flying often prove themselves very bold. They fly their kites across the boundaries of their neighbourhoods and swoop down on opponent's kites in another neighbourhood often miles away. If their bold attempts fail, they suffer considerable loss when substantial lengths of their cords are snatched by all and sundry in the path of the flight of the defeated kite.

The kiteflying culture is not so developed in the new part of the city. The reason perhaps is that the new generation coming from more financially stable inhabitants of this part of the city are not acquainted with the thrills and excitements of the game which may be regarded as archaic in their eyes, beside video games, for example.

During the high season of kites flying, some children become victims of accidents when they indulge in this game on open roofs without parapets. Another important precaution that needs to be observed is that contact of the hand line with high-tension electric lines or wires be avoided because of the great danger of electrocution through a damp cord.

As with many other things, prices of kites have now become high, considering the small resources in general of the children who play this game. Particularly poor children are deprived of this great source of joy. For them, the compensating excitement lies in running after kites which are cut loose in competitions.



BDR personnel in front of the secretariat during yesterday's hartal hours. — Star photo

Sircar tells JS

Enrolment target for primary level education 95 pc

The government has fixed a target of enrolling 95 per cent of the country's children at the primary level by the year 2000, reports UNB.

Disclosing this in parliament yesterday, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar said enrolment in primary school was 75.5 per cent in 1991 and the target for 1995 has been set at 82 per cent to ensure education for all by the year 2000.

Replying to a question from Niamatullah Sabu (BNP), the minister said the government has taken up various programmes to implement 'Education for All' by the year 2000. The programmes include declaring primary education as compulsory, introduction of mass education and formulation of a national work-plan.

Replying to a written ques-

tion from Advocate Khairul Anam, the minister said there are 37,710 government primary schools and 13,344 registered private primary schools in the country. There is no plan to nationalise any private school at present, he added.

Responding to a supplementary, Sircar said four teachers will be given appointment for every unregistered primary school.

There is no shortage of fund to implement the mass education programme, he said referring to the highest allocation in the education sector.

Replying to another supplementary from Md Hafizuddin, the minister said that repeated hartals and indiscipline have been hampering education programmes as well as development and economic activities in the country.

Commonwealth secy-gen arrives Dhaka Sept 15

Commonwealth Secretary General Chief Emeke Anyaoku will arrive in Dhaka Thursday on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, official sources said, reports UNB.

During his September 15-19 visit, Emeke Anyaoku will call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina.

He will also visit Grameen Bank projects at Gazipur.

Discussion on int'l qirat competition

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain Sunday underlined the need for following the ideals and principles of Islam and the teachings of Prophet Mohammad (SM) in our day-to-day life to achieve the cherished goal of peace and progress in the society, reports BSS.

He said this while addressing as the chief guest a discussion on the 3rd international qirat competition held at the National Museum auditorium in the city.

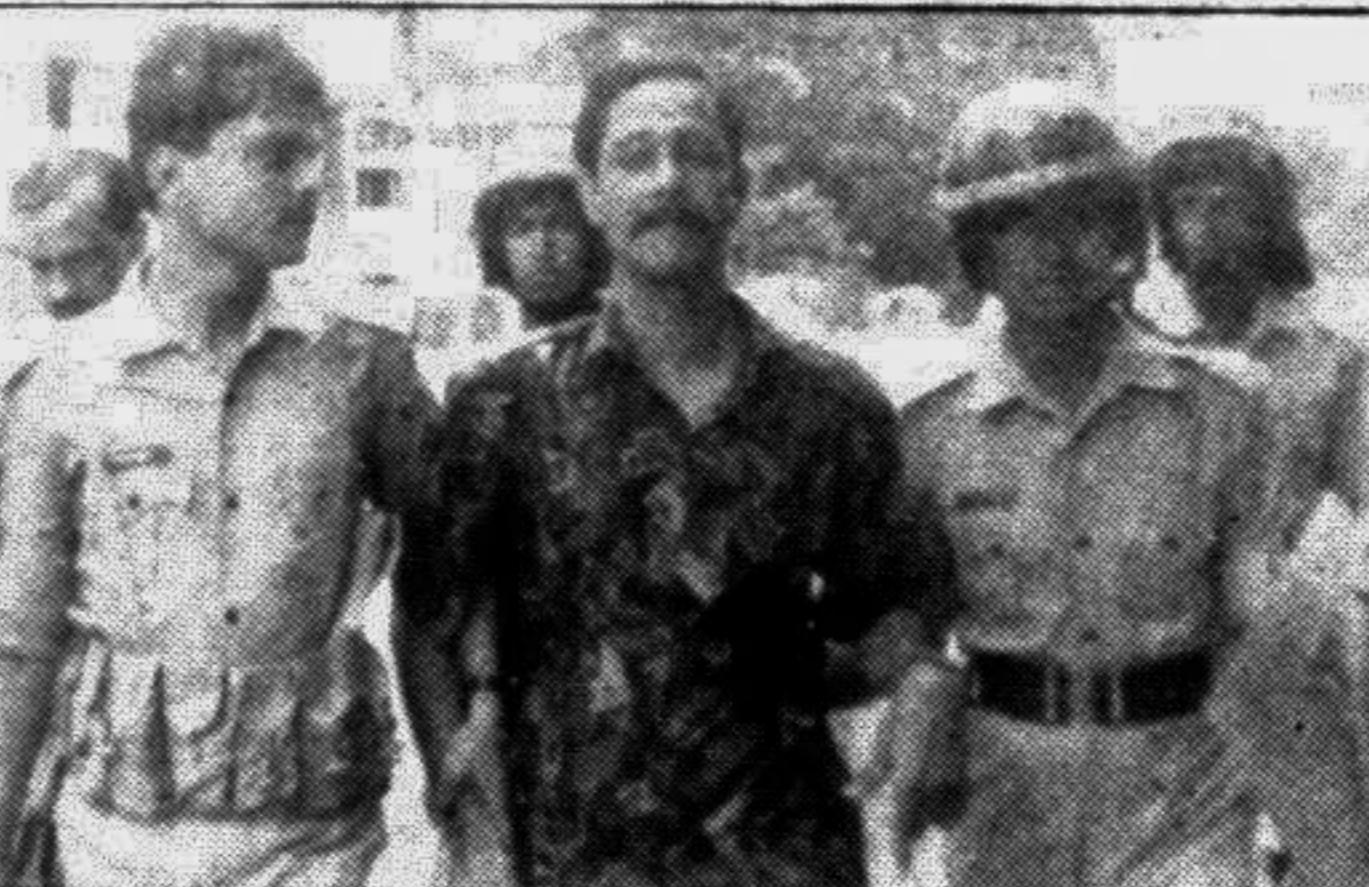
The energy minister said Islam is the complete code of life which provides unique and best solutions to all problems in individual, national and international arenas.

'Discard politics of hartal'

The Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon urged the political parties to settle the disputed political issues through dialogue discarding the politics of hartal for the shake of people and to protect the national economy, reports BSS.

In a statement the party chief Maulana Shahua Ahnadiullah Ashraf said although the hartal was aimed at embarrassing the government but actually the struggling people became the most sufferer of such agitation.

'Time has come to realise for whom that democracy causing sufferings to the people,' he asked and described hartal as 'contrary to the human rights and in the eyes of Islam strike is not legal.'



Police rounding up Awami Juba League leader Fazlul Haque from near the Jatiya Press Club during yesterday's hartal in the city. — Star photo

Indian HC to hold print show from Sept 16

The Indian High Commission will organise a fortnight-long print show of the Dhaka print makers from September 16 at the High Commission art gallery at Satmasjid Road in the city, reports BSS.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by noted artist Mohammed Kibria and will remain open to all till September 30.

This is the first exhibition to be held in the art gallery of the Indian High Commission.

Prof Mannan leaves for Vienna

State Minister for Science and Technology Prof M. A. Mannan left here yesterday for Vienna. He is leading a two-member Bangladesh delegation to attend the 38th general meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), reports BSS.

The other member of the delegation is engineer MA Quayum, Chairman, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC).

The delegation is expected to return home on September 26.

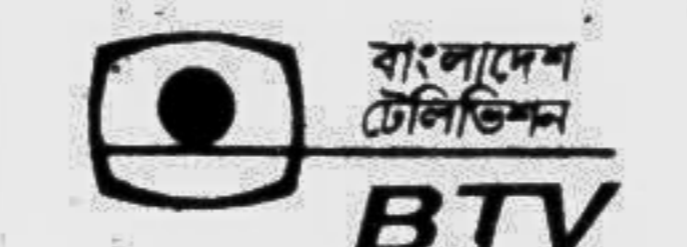
Biman enquiring into Aug 31 incident

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday said, Biman authorities have been enquiring into the complaint that travel agents issued OK tickets to passengers without confirming their seats with the reservation system, reports BSS.

Making a statement on a call attention notice by treasury bench member Begum Khaleda Rabbani on off-loading of 35 London-bound passengers by Biman at Osmany Airport, Sylhet on Aug 31, the state minister said those passengers did not have confirmed seats.

Mannan said, the passengers were, however, sent to London by the next Biman flight on September 4 and they were given hotel accommodations and other facilities in the meantime.

The state minister said, five to ten per cent over-booking in a flight is a normal procedure in international airlines business to ensure higher load factor in case of non-reporting of confirmed passengers. He said in order to ensure better service to passengers, Biman has introduced the provision for compensation to passengers refused seats despite holding OK tickets.



Tuesday

4:30	Opening session
4:40	Geeta recitation
4:45	Mass education: Esho Para Shikhi
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Comedy series: Coach
6:00	National TV Debate Competition for college and university students
7:00	Open University
7:25	Modern songs: Sangeta
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama serial
10:00	News in English
10:30	Film show: Northern Exposure
11:30	Khobar/The News
11:40	Closing

Discussion on Miladunnabi

Minister for Housing and Public Works Rafiqul Islam Miah yesterday underlined the importance of the distribution of wealth in accordance with Islamic rule for establishing justice in the society, reports BSS.

'Islam does not support wastage and luxurious spendings,' the minister said. Rafiq was speaking at a discussion at the Kawran Bazar Shahi Masjid in observance of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

Presided over by Alhaj Maulana Abdul Matin, president, Bangladesh Sirat Bastabayan Parishad, the meeting was also addressed by Alhaj ABM Zahidul Huq, Deputy Minister for Shipping and noted Islamic philosophers.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderate to heavy falls may occur at places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions with rain or thundershowers at many places over the region during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today, reports UNB.

The Met Office forecasts rain is likely also at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the period. The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, the Met office added.

The country's highest temperature of 33.8 degrees Celsius is registered at Jessore and Chuadanga and the lowest of 23.1 degrees at Feni.

The highest rainfall of 28 mm registered at Mymensingh in the last day, 23 mm at Barisal, 20 mm at Cox's Bazar and 10 mm at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6.05 pm while rises tomorrow at 5.44 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures of different regions registered in Celsius and humidity measured in percentage is given below:

City/Town	Temperatures in Celsius		Humidity at Percentage	
	Max	Min	6 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.4	26.5	79	89
Mymensingh	28.2	26.2	93	90
Chittagong	31.8	25.0	89	83
Cox's Bazar	30.0	25.0	85	83
Sylhet	31.6	25.0	90	85
Rajshahi	32.8	26.7	90	96
Barisal	31.5	24.6	95	85
Dinajpur	32.2	25.7	79	88

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SUIT NO 168/93 ARTHO RIN
Rupali Bank Ltd. Namaj -ghore branch, Bogra town, Bogra Plaintiff.

VERSUS

1. M/S Rajib Traders
Chelopara, Sariakandi Road
Bogra town, Bogra,
2. Md. Motiour Rahman @ Chan.
S/O. Easin Ali Pk
Vill- Meghagacha, P.O. - Sabgram
P.S. & Dist - Bogra, Defendants.

The above mortgage suit has been filed against you by the plaintiff, Rupali Bank Limited for realisation of Tk 5,48,167/57. you are Notified to appear in the aforesaid suit in the Concerned court at 10.00 A. M on 29.9.94 either in person or through an authorised attorney on failure of which the suit would be heard ex parte.

By Ordered of court
Md. Mozammel Hoque
M. A. LLB.
Advocate & Legal Adviser
Rupali Bank Ltd. Bogra

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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত "গ্রামীণ মহিলাদের জন্য কর্মসংস্থান সৃষ্টি" প্রকল্পের জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত পদে সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক পদের অন্যান্য চাকরির পদের পাশে বর্ণিত বেতনক্রম মোতাবেক প্রকল্পের খোদাকালীন সময়ের জন্য সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে স্নেহ নিয়োগ করার জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

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দরখাস্তের শর্তাবলী:

- ১। বিজ্ঞপ্তির পদটি সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে প্রকল্পের খোদাকালীন সময়ের জন্য বহাল থাকবে। মেয়াদান্তে কর্তৃপক্ষ নিয়োগকৃত কর্মচারীদের ব্যাপারে কোন দায়-দায়িত্ব বহন করবে না।
- ২। আবেদনপত্র নিম্নবর্ণিত বিবরণ ও সকল সন্দেহের সত্যায়িত প্রমাণ প্রদানকৃত "গ্রামীণ মহিলাদের জন্য কর্মসংস্থান সৃষ্টি" প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ৬২৩, বাড মগবাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৭-এ প্রিকোনায় পৌঁছাতে হবে।
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- ৬। সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের চাকরিতে প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
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- ৮। উপরোক্ত শর্তাবলী অসম্পূর্ণ থাকলে দরখাস্ত বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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শাখা স্থানান্তর

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