

## Metropolitan

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Rendezvous à la Bibliotheque

by Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

It was 3 pm on a sunny weekday. A teenaged couple was engaged in an earnest conversation. "Did you have a problem coming here today?", asked the young man. His girlfriend replied, "No, mom was suspicious but I convinced her that I was going to do some serious studying".

Well, this typical conversation didn't take place at "Gelato" or any other food joint for that matter — rather in a city library.

If you are a regular library-goer or happen to pop into one every once in a while, you are bound to be aware of how some people use the reading places merely as meeting places.

Maybe, these following examples will help



you get a clear picture of what goes on (besides studying of course) at the libraries.

Some school kids were having an animated discussion at their school gate. Just as the downpour started, one of them yelled, "Let's go to BC" (the British Council). Others echoed their approval. Together the rowdy bunch stormed into the library, oblivious of other peoples' presence and huddled into an empty corner.

On one of those tiresome days, when you are on your toes frantically rummaging through the books at every section of the library — you will get to hear many bits and pieces of amusing conversations, come within your earshot.

"Hugh Grant looked so gorgeous in 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'!"

"Yeah, but do you think Pierce Brosnan is macho enough to play James Bond?"

"Isn't it awesome that Agassi won the US Open title?"

"Nice to see you Omer, can I borrow your Reality Bites CD?...."

Chatter, Chatter, Chatter.

Sometimes gossiping is at its peak. "So you say Farah and Adnan broke up? About time too. What? Now, he is seeing Naomi! What a jerk!"

Snatches of dialogues, filled with innuendoes and insinuations that are only coherent to them alone.

At times, the Dhakaites even use these places for clandestine meetings. Not that they are very discreet about it. Like the two weirdos

sitting next to you talking in a confidential tone: "Nobody knows we are here, so we can stay here for an hour or so."

You can also get free counselling. Confusion? Well, dig this incident. Someone rushed to the library to prepare for her exams. With hands full of required texts, she had no choice but to share a big table with a disputing duo, who were debating whether or not to tie the knot. The couple couldn't seem to agree on anything. They did not have to worry as out of the blue came the mediator, offering his unsolicited but valuable advice. The interesting thing was they actually listened to him. So, if you want unbiased, neutral opinion from a total stranger

— Star photo

try the 'knowledge homes'. If you are lucky you might meet the good Samaritan, who will help you snap out of your doledrums.

The dictionary defines the word library as a place where there is a collection of books. It's about time it was added 'and also a chat spot'. For it's no secret that they have been used for that purpose for a long, long time.

Even sherbet writers and playwrights couldn't resist writing a sequence, where the main characters are seen peering through the stacks of books at where else?

Our public library too has the 'honour' to appear on the TV screen many times in those boring weekly dramas — where the lead actress invariably bump into each other at the library premises.

There must be hundreds of fastfood shops and restaurants for the young people to hang out. So, why the libraries? What's the charm? In answer a couple using a particular library as a regular rendezvous says, "All those places are jam-packed, you can't even hear your own voice. In comparison, at the library everyone talks sotto voce, as a general rule." While the girl adds with a mischievous grin, "It's easy to get out of the house when you say you are going to the library to study." In any case it's a very cheap date!

No prying eyes, no lewd comments, no sniggering or guffaws from the nosy masses to distract you at the libraries. So they say. On the contrary, they are the ones who disturb quite a few serious readers out there.

## APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR PARTICIPATION IN GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE).

THE GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) IS AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR PROMOTION OF GOOD-WILL AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH ORGANIZED TRAVEL AND PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT.

## ROTARY CLUB OF DHAKA NORTH WEST

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## MIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA?

Ismail Hasan, Bdes born Aust citizen & Govt licenced Migration Agent (Reg 73801) offers professional & reliable service, reasonable fees, women welcome. Persons proficient in English & falling under one of the following may respond. Master degree & employed in senior management; or masters in chemistry, geology, economics, bachelor in Agri & employed in relevant fields; or B.Ed/M.Ed from D.U. teaching upto intermediate; or chef/waiter with 8/5 yrs int'l hotel experience; or marine qualification/STCW endorsement; or professional setar player/dance teacher.

## Hasan Australia Migration Service

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NOTE: Doctors, engineers, dentists, veterinary surgeons, agri engineers, accountants and lawyers need not respond

Bismillah Rahman Rahim

## Holy Child International School (RESIDENTIAL/NON-RESIDENTIAL)

(an English medium branch of Holy Child Public School & College)

RABINDRA SHARANI, SECTOR-3, UTTARA, DHAKA.

## TEACHERS WANTED

This institution invites application from female candidates for the post of the following teachers to deal with the students of Play Group to Std-V for immediate appointment.

(i) Resident teacher (Fulltime)- 2

(ii) Non-Resident teacher (Only for the concerning period)

(a) School teacher - 5

(b) Coaching teacher - 1

Candidates must have good command of both written & spoken English & they also have to fulfill any one of the following criteria. (i) having an academic qualification of honours/masters Degree. (ii) simply graduated with 'O' / 'A' level background. (iii) studied or taught abroad. (iv) having at least 3 years teaching experience in a reputed English medium school.

Muslim candidates should have adequate knowledge of Islam & they must be practicing muslims.

Attractive salary will be offered for the deserving candidates.

Energetic, dedicated & hardworking candidates are requested to apply on or before 6/10/94 alongwith attested copies of certificates, three copies of recent passport size photograph & Curriculum vitae.

Applicants should have to attend a written test & then also have to face an interview. Finally they should have to conduct demonstration classes (written test on 7/10/94)

Principal



A rally of the Sylhet Bibag Andolan proceeding towards Prime Minister's Secretariat in the city to handover a memorandum demanding Sylhet division yesterday.

## AMADEUS COLLEGE

একাদশ (বাংলা/ইংরেজি মাধ্যম) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি হচ্ছে ছাত্র/ছাত্রী।  
২০, ৯, ৯৪ইং তারিখ থেকে ভর্তি ফরম সম্পূর্ণ করতে পারবে।

## ADMISSION GOING ON

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HOUSE NO. 509, ROAD NO. 7, DHANMANDI R/A, DHAKA

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FOREIGN COMPANY URGENTLY SEEKS HOUSE FOR RENT. 3 TO 4 BEDROOMS AND LARGE GARDEN ALL OF HIGH STANDARD. GOOD RENT PAID FOR CONTRACT OF ABOUT 3 YEARS. FOR SERIOUS PROPOSITIONS PLEASE REPLY IMMEDIATELY TO  
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## 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The first death anniversary of late Begum Shakera Banu, wife of late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman, will be observed on Saturday, the 24th September 1994.

On this occasion, a Milad Mehfil will be held after Asr Prayer (5:00 PM), at NE(J)-4, Road No.83, Gulshan, Dhaka.

All her relatives, friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the Milad and pray for her eternal peace.

## Bangladesh Lamps Limited

## NOTICE OF THE 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 26th October 1994, at 3 p.m. at Hotel Sonargaon, Dhaka to transact the following business:

## AGENDA :

1. To confirm the minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting held on 23rd December 1993.
2. To receive and adopt the Directors and the Auditors reports and the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1993.
3. To declare Dividend for the year 1993.
4. To elect Directors.
5. To appoint Auditors for the year 1994 and fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board

September 23, 1994  
100, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue  
Kawran Bazar  
Dhaka-1215

A.K.A. Muqtadir  
Acting Company Secretary

## NOTES :

1. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. The proxy form, as specified in Article 106 of the Articles of Association of the Company must be stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk. 5 and submitted at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 72 hours before the meeting.
2. The Register of Shareholders and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 2nd to 26th October 1994, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfer will be effected.
3. For the sake of convenience shareholders are requested to submit their queries on the Directors Report/Audited Accounts for the year 1993, if any, at the Registered Office of the Company preferably 7 days before the day of the General Meeting.



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Police blocking a Prokrichi march towards Prime Minister's Secretariat at the Farm Gate in the city yesterday.

## Weather

## Dry weather likely

Chances of temporary light to moderate rain accompanied by thundershowers is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail and Sylhet during the next 12 hours commencing from 6:00 am today, the Met Office forecasts, reports UNB.

The weather may remain mainly dry with a partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country. No appreciable change in the day's temperature is expected during the period over the country.

The forecast also said weather may deteriorate in the following week.

The highest rainfall 22 mm was recorded at Dinajpur while 19 mm in Rangpur and 4 mm in Rajshahi.

The country's highest temperature 34.4 degrees Celsius was registered at Sylhet while the lowest at 23.6 degrees at Jessor.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures recorded at different districts and humidity measured in percentage are as follows:

City	Temperatures in Degrees Celsius	Humidity in Percentage		
Max	Min	9 am 6 pm		
Dhaka	33.0	25.0	77	—
Chittagong	33.2	26.2	84	73
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.2	68	73
Sylhet	34.0	24.9	80	73
Rajshahi	29.8	24.3	70	87
Rangpur	31.0	25.0	85	83
Dinajpur	30.4	24.0	85	89
Barisal	33.6	25.0	95	72

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়

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