

# Dhaka Day by Day

## A Project with Hopes and Aspirations

by Fayza Haq

A splendid display of what NGOs do in Dhaka was witnessed recently at a house show at Mohammadpur. This handicraft show was organised by Taranga, a section of a Bangladesh-German NGO begun by Father Klaus Beurle. Taranga has three other counterparts, viz Dipshikha, Shampriti, and B-G Shampriti.

There were admirable samples of items such as garments, household goods and objects of daily interest made from jute, cotton, silk and straw on display at the show. The craftsmanship was neat, precise and relatively cheaper than commodities sold in shops run by other NGOs.

"The difference between Taranga and other parallel NGOs in Bangladesh is that it exists on the earnings of its own trained workers and does not rely on any foreign aid," says Shamsun Nahar, its executive director.

"We have established centres in eight districts, i.e. in Dinajpur, Gazipur, Dhaka (Mirpur), Cox's Bazar, Gopalganj, Barisal, Kushtia and Madaripur," she says. Asked to

week, for two to three hours. He checks mothers and their children, prescribing the necessary medicines. The poor people who come to the centre are thus treated for only Tk 2 for all their needs.

In the preventative side, the project deals with further mother and child care, as well as sanitation (such as the use of toilets; the necessity of drinking pure water; deworming; prevention of scabies etc.). It provides individuals with water-sealed toilets and dug-out covered ones.

On the construction side, the project repairs roads and culverts in villages at Dinajpur and Barisal. It provides 75 per cent of the cost while the rest is given by the local people. The work is done mostly by men who form club-type groups. The project also encourages and supervises planting of trees — about 1,500 trees have been planted in Dinajpur alone.

In the training services, mobile workshops run by the project provide hand-sewing, carpentry, and mechanical as well as electronic



A scene from the Taranga house show

elaborate on how the work is actually done, she said, "It is done by women, both at home and the centres that we have established. There are approximately 985 women working in the various villages of Bangladesh. Another 600 are also attached to Taranga, but they have not completed their training yet."

Apart from the trade aspect, this NGO also caters to local development programmes, such as education of children till the pre-school stage. They provide books and necessary equipments for school rooms. There are six such school rooms at Dinajpur and Barisal. It provides stipends for older children at the primary and high schools in the same districts. When the children with scholarships reach their teens, they join Taranga in creating handicrafts and learn to do official work connected with it. The brighter ones get permanent posts with the project.

This project also caters for awareness of environment, health and education of adults in the form of group activities. There are 1,500 women involved in this adult awareness programme. They learn about the adverse effect of deforestation and improved methods of cooking with the help of a metal net placed over mud ovens found in local villages.

Meanwhile, in the health section of the project, there are two parts, one being curative and the other preventive. In the curative section, primary health care and complicated medical cases are dealt with.

A thana health officer, a local qualified doctor, comes to the project's centres once a

month. The courses vary from three to six months.

This project which has been operating for a year, produces items, ranging from jute products to nakshikantha, batik prints, embroidered cotton and handloom work. In the jute section, there were items like chhikka; bags for toiletry; table-mats; hammocks; carpets; shopping-bags; doormats; shoe-holders etc. Among the nakshikantha items made by the project were embroidered panels for kameezes; table-mats; pencil-covers; and spectacle holders. In the batik section, the same type of ornamental, sophisticated and selective work was done on silk and cotton for kameezes, shirts, and household equipment. In the handloom section, one found similar fine and delectable work. Straw greeting cards remain a speciality of this project. These were all on display — at the exhibition.

Taranga operates in collaboration with foreign experts in Germany. The reason why this project had to bifurcate from Dipshikha, set up at Dinajpur, was due to ideological differences, as this project's officials explained. Dipshikha could not handle all the required products, which NETZ German experts wanted, say the same officials.

This project has its show-room at Banani and has its main office at Mirpur. It is interesting and informative to compare and contrast the quality and prices of the commodities of Taranga and other similar NGOs, with their central offices in Dhaka.



Writer Syed Abdul Maksud addressing a publication ceremony of the book on Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani at the Bangla Academy auditorium in the city yesterday.

## Biography of Bhasani

A journalist-cum-writer with his indomitable zeal and arduous endeavour for years has succeeded in bringing forth a complete documentary life-sketch of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, reports BSS.

Syed Abdul Maksud, a News Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and a renowned writer of the country, has tried to focus on all important sides of the great leader's whole life and political career in 110 chapters of the large 892-page volume.

The first-ever authoritative book on a towering personality like the Maulana titled 'Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani' was published by the Bangla Academy this year as per its decision taken in 1992.

Addressing a press conference at the Academy auditorium here yesterday, Director General Prof Harun-ar-Rashid said that such books on Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq, Hussain Shahid Suhrawardi, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman would also be published by the Bangla Academy in phases.

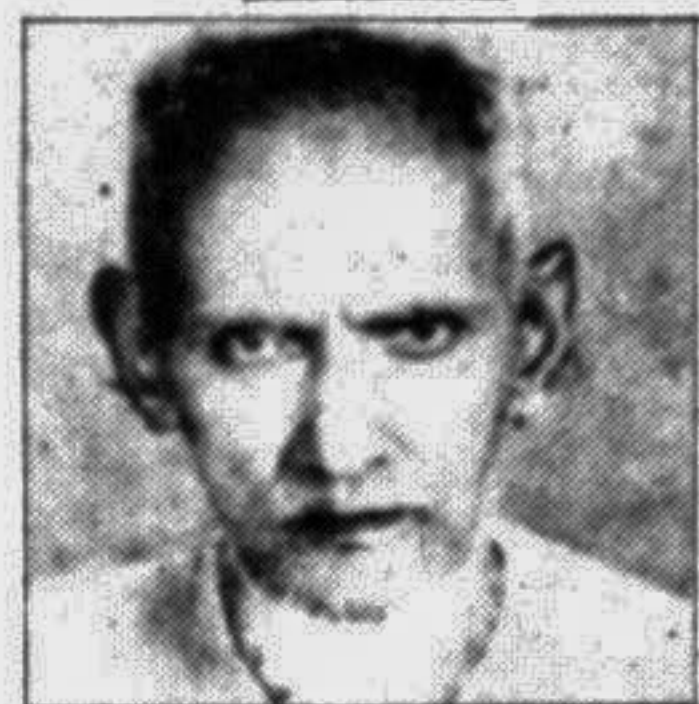
He said the academy had taken the decision to publish biographies of national leaders to enable the future generations to know about the political history of the country.



## TOAB seeks govt help

The Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) yesterday urged the government to allocate funds to the private sector for the development of tourism industry in the country, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at Hotel Abakash in the city, Hasan Mansur, chairman of the organisation said the private tour operators would like to invest in the tourism sector with government support.



## Abdul Karim's anniversary of death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 41st death anniversary of Abdul Karim Shahittaya Bisharad, a noted litterateur, will be observed today.

Different organisations including the Bangla Academy planned day-long programme to mark the day.

The Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) named a road after Abdul Karim Sahittaya Bisharad to pay respect to the late litterateur.

The Bangla Academy will hold a day-long discussion on life and three books of Abdul Karim published by the academy.

## Miru's photo show begins today

By Staff Correspondent

A solo photographic exhibition of Mir Ahmed Miru, staff photo-journalist of the Daily Janakantha, begins today at the Shilpakala Academy gallery.

Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University, Professor Emajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the four day exhibition at 4 pm. Ruling party Whip Mahbubul Alam Tara and advisory editor of the Janakantha, Toab Khan will be the special guest in the inaugural ceremony which will be chaired by editor of the daily Mohammad Atiqullah Khan Masud.

The exhibition would be opened from 3 pm to 8 pm everyday till October 3.



## Morning Session

- 8:00 Opening
- 8:10 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Programme on Islam for Children: Alor Dishari
- 8:40 Documentary film for children
- 9:00 Sports programme: Khelar Jagot
- 9:30 Film show: Batman
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:05 Retelecast of selected drama: Moner Mukure
- 11:15 Film show: Tarzan
- 11:40 Programme on medicine: Prescription
- 11:55 Folk songs: Marami
- 12:30 Close down

## Evening Session

- 3:00 Opening
- 3:10 Tripitaka Recitation
- 3:15 Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3:40 Feature film in Bangla
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Sport Programme
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Modern songs: Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy show: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Magazine programme: Ityadi
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series: Law and Order
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Announcement of tomorrow's programmes
- 11:45 Close down

## Smooth management in land reforms stressed

By Staff Correspondent

Secretary for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Asaduzzaman Al-Faruk said yesterday that functional coordination among the court, police and administration could ensure quick disposal of cases relating to land disputes.

Addressing as the chief guest, the certificate-awarding ceremony of a training course on land reforms at the auditorium of the Land Reforms Board office in the city, the Law Secretary noted that proper and smooth management in land reforms could help reduce sufferings being caused to the land owners.

The week-long training course for the settlement officers and additional deputy commissioners (revenue) was organised by the Land Reforms Board. Nine settlement officers and 15 ADCs participated in the course.

Chaired by the director of the Land Reforms Training Centre, the certificate-giving ceremony was also addressed by the ADC (revenue), Dhaka.

Asraful Maqbul, a trainer of the centre Mashur Rahman and other officials.

The participants of the training course viewed that lack of adequate knowledge about land laws among the commonmen and complexities in these laws were resulting in the delay of disposing the land-related cases. The government initiatives for land reforms were not enough to cope with the situation, they added.

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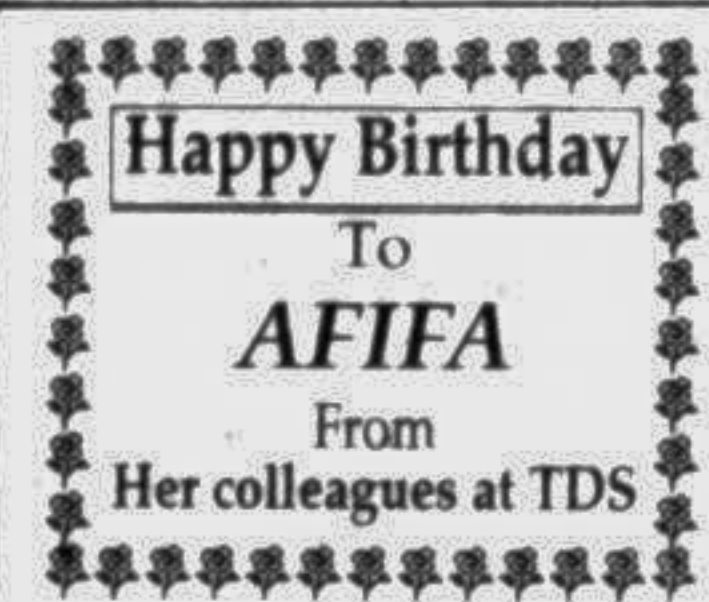
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- ১। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ : ক। প্রকল্প পরিচালক, পিএল-৪৮০, টাইটেল-৩ প্রকল্প, স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর, ৬/১১ লালমাটিয়া, ব্রহ্ম-বি, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এর দপ্তর।  
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- ৩। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ : তারিখঃ ৯-১০-৯৪ ইং/২৪-৬-১৪০১ বাং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পর্যন্ত)।  
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- ৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময় : তারিখঃ ১০-১০-৯৪ ইং/২৫-৬-১৪০১ বাং (বেলা ১-০০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত)।  
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- ৫। দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের তারিখ : তারিখঃ ১০-১০-৯৪ ইং/২৫-৬-১৪০১ বাং (বেলা ১-০০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত)।  
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- ৬। বিশেষ শর্তাবলী:
  - ক। দরপত্র প্রকল্পের সময় ঠিকাদার বা ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত ব্যক্তিকে অবশ্যই ৯৪-৯৫ অর্থ বৎসরের ঠিকাদারী তালিকাভুক্ত নবায়নের কাজসমূহ এবং ভাট নিবন্ধনের,সদরপত্র দেয়াইতে হবে।
  - খ। দরপত্রসমূহকে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, এলজিইডি, ঢাকা এর অনুমোদিত দরপত্রের উক্ত মোট মূল্যের ২ ১/২ % (শতকরা আড়াই ভাগ) হারে আমানত আকারে অগ্রীম জামানত যে কোন শিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হবে।
  - গ। দরপত্রসমূহকে দফাওয়ারী দর বিবেচনায় দরপত্রের নির্দিষ্ট স্থানে রাখা এবং অত্র দফাওয়ারী দর অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করিতে হবে।
  - ঘ। কাজের দফাওয়ারী প্রতিটি পর্যায়ের সময়সীমা উল্লেখপূর্বক ওয়ার্ড শিডিউল দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হবে।
  - ঙ। দরপত্রের সুযোগসম্পন্নকারী ঠিকাদারদের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে ক্রমিক নং-১ ও ২ কাজ এর জন্য যথাক্রমে ৩০ মিঃ ও ৪০ মিঃ স্প্যানের কাঠ-ইন সিট/প্রি-কাষ্ট পাইল দ্বারা নির্মিত আরসিসি রীজ সস্তোষজনক ভাবে সমাধিকরণের প্রত্যয়ন পত্র সপ্তর্ষি দর প্রদান/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর নিকট হইতে প্রাপ্তপূর্বক দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হবে।
  - চ। সরকারী নিয়মানুযায়ী মূল্য সত্যায়ন করা (ভাট) এর নিবন্ধনপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দরপত্রের সহিত অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হবে।

উপরোক্ত বিষয়ের যে কোন একটি দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল না করিলে দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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১	২	৩	৪	৫	৬
১।	নব্যায়নকৃত থানা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী-সদা সড়ক তালিকাভুক্ত বাস্তবায়নের উপর ৬৬ মিঃ স্প্যান আরসিসি রীজ নির্মাণ। (৬৬টি আবহাওয়া)	উক্ত মূল্যের ২ ১/২ % হারে।	৩০০০/-	১ বৎসর	"বিশেষ" শ্রেণী
২।	থানা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী-জাইল-পাড়াঘাট (জিসিআর) সড়কে ইছামতি নদীর উপর ৯৪ মিঃ স্প্যান আরসিসি রীজ নির্মাণ (৫ম আবহাওয়া)।		৩০০০/-	১ বৎসর	"এ"

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