

## Dhaka Day by Day

# Architectural Choice

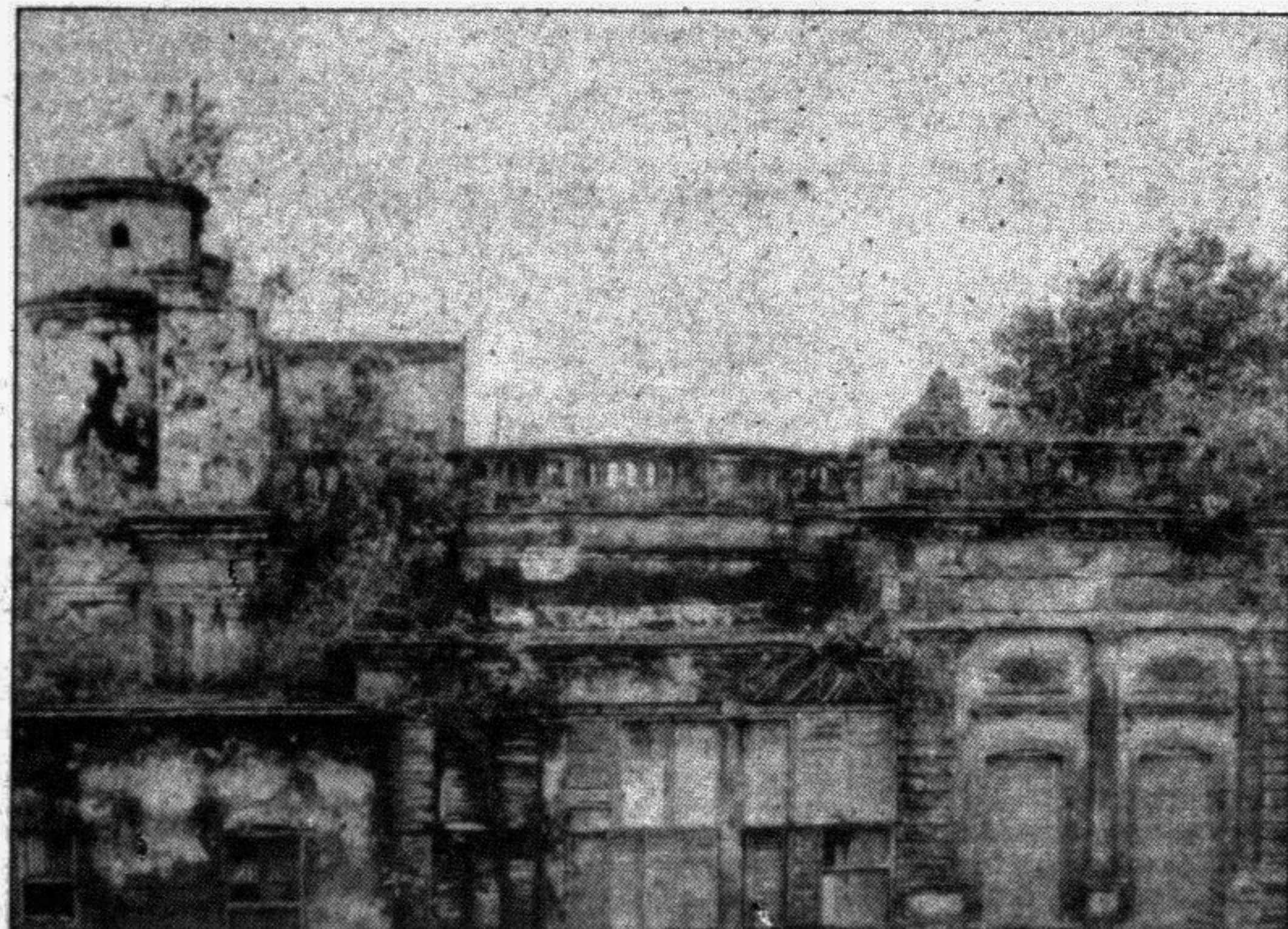
by Neil Ray

A TV antenna and a number of plants seem to be busy stamping their seals of conquest on this building in the picture. A spiral staircase on the far corner and an opening on one side of the top flight gives the impression of an observation tower rather than an attic. Most probably it was a fort that smacks of Portuguese architecture. But the columns, the doors and windows have a distinctive Victorian touch. And this is not the only old building of Dhaka that has a tale to tell.

Once Dhaka city was dotted with buildings like this one. Its landscape is now changing fast, so is its architecture. Much of the vertical and horizontal growth of the city is a necessity of time. But in the name of modernity and maximum usability aesthetics and architectural

ings? Starting with Louis Kahn-famed parliament building, Osmany Memorial Hall and the recently constructed Prime Minister's office and the Mayor Bhaban — all announce in no uncertain terms their isolation from the local architectural mould. Both Bangabhaban and Ganabhaban, however, somehow do not distance themselves from the people's mental reach. How the Shilpakala Academy will shape in its final stage is yet to be seen. The architectural design of the proposed permanent stage for theatre and the auditorium itself should also find their relations to the indigenous type.

The fallen poet-president spared hardly any area of art and craft without tinkering. He was manifestly on an Islamisation campaign, appar-



beauty are becoming a regular casualty. Most of the high-rise buildings of Dhaka seem to be ill at ease with their surroundings. The indigenous touch is missing. So conspicuous is their alien look that people marvel at the imposing structures but hardly think of those having a cosy closeness with the soil.

However, none has so far pronounced in very many words his or her opposition to the chaotic jumbles of concrete. Even Prince Charles, breaking with the royal norm, finds time to complain against the architectural savagery in London. Alas, we have none like the heir to the British throne to count upon. So we have reconciled with the idea that the moneyed men would give a full play of their whims in building their own abodes, meaning that in their private buildings they will try to bring a little of Hollywood, some of Paris, a small portion of Greco-Roman architecture and even a touch or two of the Japanese spatial expanse. A concision of everything.

Then what about the state or public build-

ently to appease his mentors in the Arab world. That, neither, is a solution to our mental poverty. Modern architecture is here to stay and there is, perhaps, hardly any point in complaining against it. The important point is to give a full play of the architectural imagination and bring about an indigenous version distinct from the rest of the world. We cannot go back 200 to 400 years into the past. An architect like Fazlur Rahman Khan, the designer of world's once tallest building, the Sears Tower, can surely be inspirational in this task.

However, the construction of new buildings ought not to be the only concern for the nation. The old ones need to be restored to keep alive part of our history. Ahsan Manjil was lucky enough to draw the attention of the authority. But there are others, which have been subjected to gross neglect throughout the ages, needing urgent repair and restoration. The real Dhaka is represented more by them than the glittering sky-scrapers of the commercial centres.



The 11-member team from the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), UK led by Rear Admiral T.J England, RN called on Foreign Secretary MR Osmany at the foreign ministry on Sunday.

## Free plastic surgery camp begins Oct 18

A group of plastic surgeons from home and abroad will treat patients at a four-day surgery camp beginning in the city on October 18, reports UNB.

The camp, first of its kind, will provide only reconstructive surgery to handicapped patients, particularly the poor. Bangladesh Drishti Foundation (BDF) and Inter Plast, Bangladesh will jointly sponsor the camp to provide free treatment at BDF Hospital at Mohammadpur.

There is no statistics of physically handicapped people in the country, but Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) alone enlisted 12,000 patients and operated upon 72 last year.

With physical disabilities, such people fail to get jobs, some cannot marry while others face various social problems.

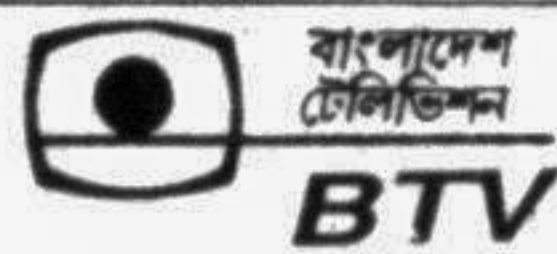
"Plastic surgery can free those people from disarray," said Dr Shahidul Bari, Secretary General of Inter Plast and Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery, Department of DMCH.

Dr Bari told a press conference in the city yesterday that a British Plastic Surgeon, Dr William Ron Hyles, would be present at the camp for three days.

The screening of the patients will be held for five days from today and complicated cases will get preference in the four-day camp.



Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister and the secretary general of BNP Abdus Salam Talukder addressing a press conference at the party office in the city yesterday. Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury (middle) and Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan (L) are also seen. — Star photo



**Tuesday**  
4:45 Education programme: Esho Para Shikhi  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Comedy series: Miraculous Melpse  
6:00 National Television debate competition  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Musical programme: Sangeeta  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Fortnightly drama serial: Matir Maya  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure  
11:40 Khabar/The News  
11:50 Closing

## 2 killed, 2 hurt in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons including a minor boy were killed and another two injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

A minor boy met his end under the wheels of a speeding microbus at Khilkhet bus stand at about 9:30 am yesterday.

The victim, Basir, 12, was seriously injured and was immediately sent to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) where the doctors on duty declared him dead. Police, however, arrested the killer driver Dulal, 28 and seized the microbus. A case was filed with Cantonment police station in this connection.

In another road mishap, one person was killed and another two injured when a speeding auto-rickshaw turned turtle at the Airport Road early yesterday morning.

The victims identified as Hasan, 30, Manju, 30 and Shahid, 28, were seriously injured and sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where Hasan succumbed to his injuries at about 8:30 am.

The victims were on their way to the Zia International Airport (ZIA) from Kakrail when they met with the accident.

## JS body on estimates meets

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on estimates was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with its chairman Abdur Rouf Chowdhury MP, in the chair, reports UNB.

## Contraband

RAJSHAHI, Oct 10: A special squad of the 20 rifle battalion destroyed nine thousand Indian eggs, 350 kg of sugar, 550 kg of salt, 630 kg of pulse and 780 kg of onion at the battalion area of the district recently, reports BSS.

## Seminar held

Speakers at a seminar held in the city yesterday on the occasion of 45th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China lauded China's tremendous economic development following her open door policy in recent years, reports BSS.



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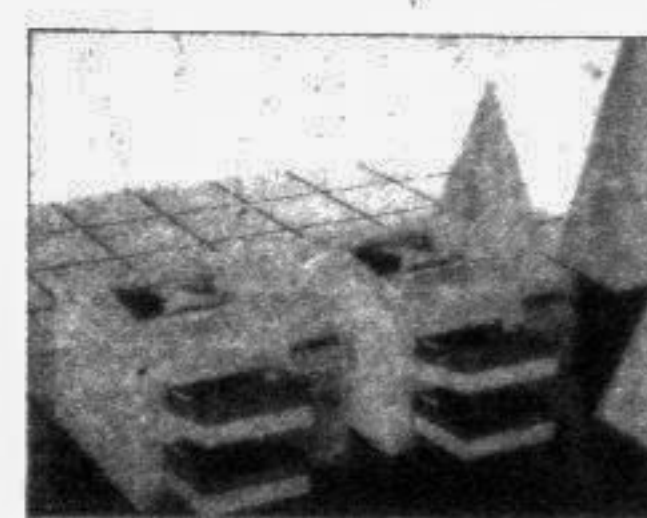
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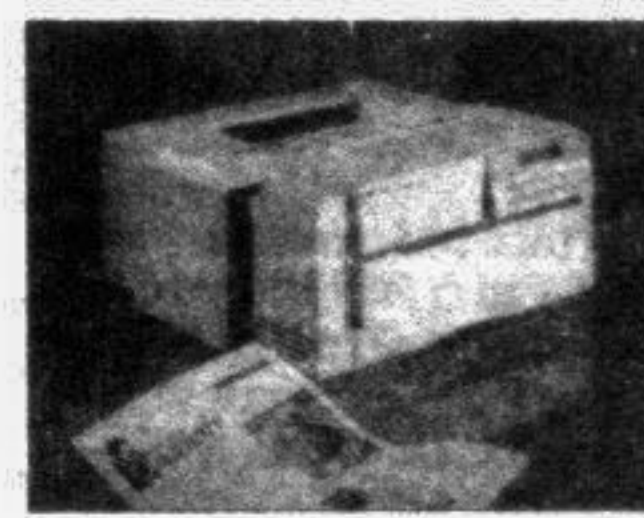
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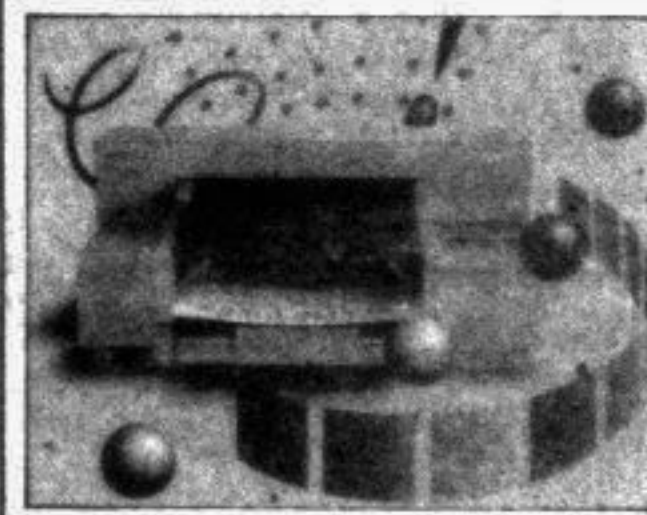
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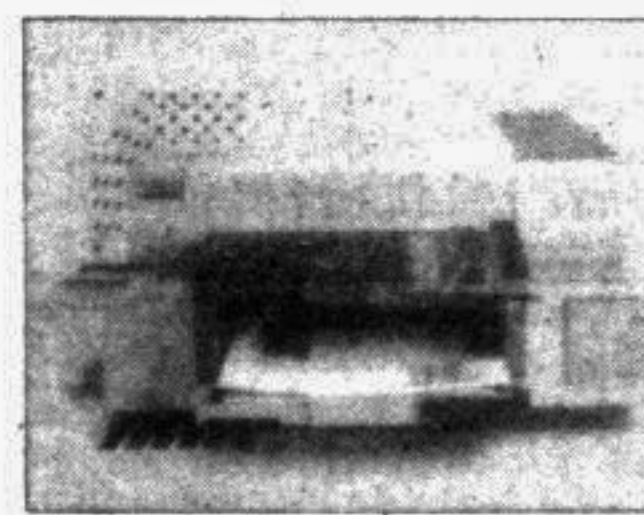
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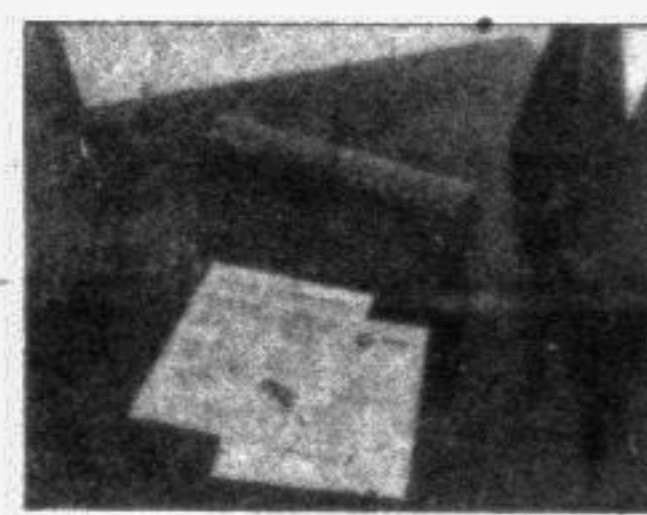
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Title Suit No. 101 of 1993.

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.....Plaintiff

**VERSUS**

1. **Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd.**, 11 A Eskaton Garden, Dhaka.  
2. **Mr. Nazim Kamran Choudhury**, Chairman and Managing Director Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., 11 A Eskaton Garden, Dhaka.

and

- House No. 46, Dhanmondi R/A, Road No. 2, Dhaka.
3. **Mr. Niaz Ahmed Choudhury**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., House No. 132, Road No. 13C, Block-E, Banani, Dhaka.
4. **Mr. Abu Raihan Omar**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., House No. 2, Road No. 3, Section-6, Block-A, Mirpur, Dhaka.
5. **Mr. Luthfur Rahman Choudhury**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., 63 Dhanmondi R/A, Road No. 9/A, Dhaka.
6. **Mr. Nazim Kois Choudhury**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., Nazimgarh, Khadimnagar, Sylhet.
7. **Mr. Nazim Tarek Choudhury**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., 6/6 Sir Syed Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.
8. **Mr. Rafiqul Islam**, Director, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., 297 Dhanmondi R/A, Road No. 15A (Old 26), Dhaka.
9. **Mr. Abdul Mokim Choudhury**, Shareholder, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., Nazimgarh, Khadimnagar, Sylhet.
10. **Mrs. Geetara Safiya Choudhury**, Shareholder, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., 46 Dhanmondi R/A, Road No. 2, Dhaka.
11. **Mrs. Riya Choudhury**, Shareholder, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., House No. 132, Road No. 13C, Block-E, Banani, Dhaka.
12. **Mrs. Molly Chowdhury**, Shareholder, Bangladesh Dyestuff Industries Ltd., Nazimgarh, Khadimnagar, Sylhet.
13. **Mrs. Shahida Khatun**, 46, Dhanmondi R/A, Road No. 2, Dhaka.

.....Defendants

14. **Zaman Agencies**, 53, Motijheel C/A, Modern Mansion (12th Floor), Dhaka.

.....Proforma Defendant

**Suit for realisation of money by sale of mortgaged property and Charged/Mortgaged/Pledged/Goods and Property**

By this notice the above named defendants are notified that the Plaintiff bank has filed the above suit for realisation of Tk. 6,58,93,635.00 (Taka Six Crore Fifty Eight Lacs Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-five only) as on 17.10.93 against you. Therefore you are notified to appear in the Court in person or through Advocate on 22-10-94 and to state your reply if any failing which the above Suit will be disposed of ex parte.

By order of the court  
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## World Mental Health Day observed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said that all necessary steps had been taken for the establishment of a hundred-bed mental hospital in the city and development of a national institute of mental health and research, reports BSS.

The President was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the World Mental Health Day 1994, held at the Osmany auditorium in the city.

He urged the medical scientists to strengthen their research activities

## Weather

### Dry weather likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower may occur at many places over Chittagong division and at one or two places over Barisal division in the next 24 hours, reports UNB.

The Met office says the weather may remain mainly dry over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna divisions during the period.

Day temperature may rise by one to two degrees in Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country.

The highest rainfall registered 53mm, was in Faridpur, followed by Sylhet with 39mm, Rajshahi 38mm, Jessore 30mm and Rangpur 22mm rain.

The country's maximum temperature 32.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Patuakhali and the minimum 22.0 degrees at Dinajpur.

Temperature and humidity recorded at different districts yesterday are given below:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.6	25.6	87	77
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.5	78	87
Sylhet	29.0	23.5	100	97
Rajshahi	30.7	24.2	80	50
Rangpur	30.2	22.3	91	84
Dinajpur	30.5	22.0	82	81

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