

Dhaka Day by Day

Designing Dreams

by Samia Islam



Fashioning for future.

With Eid only days away the authorities of the Gulshart Club Ltd. of Dhaka arranged a three-day exhibition and grand Eid sale of fashion wear last week. The place was buzzing with life for three whole days as the city dwellers got a taste of the current fashion scene of the town in presence of 22 renowned boutiques as they gathered under one roof to display the attires of the 90's. Everybody who's anybody in the fashion trade was there to offer the connoisseurs of the city an opportunity to browse, reflect, compare and choose the one outfit of their dreams.

One shopper said that the event was the first of its kind in the city where all the home grown labels were around as well as some new boutiques showing potential. She added that Eid shopping would never be the same again. Looking around one would hardly be able to believe the tremendous progress the country has made in the fashion arena in the last couple of years. There is a streak of genuine creativity just waiting to be acknowledged and to render the senseless plagiarism of the styles of the neighbouring cultures quite unnecessary. The uniqueness of each designer's creation can vouch for the niche that we deserve in the global fashion scene regardless of the fact that most of our designers still don't have an institutional background. Yet the quality of the work that they accomplish by instinct is a wonder in itself. More so since almost all the boutiques are managed by women of various ages and backgrounds who have found their calling so demanding yet satisfying. Najmi Moyeen of Libasse has been in this business for the past ten years and has been participating in this yearly event since it first started four years ago. She attends not for publicity and sale

but because she enjoys it. Gazala of Api's boutique comes here for publicity as well as a means of socialising with friends. Younger women are also joining this line and young architect-to-be Shikha of Shaj boutique says that's because this is one business where you can operate from home but it keeps you busy because you have to move with the times. She thinks the increasing number of boutiques is a good sign since it means women are coming out in greater numbers to be independent.

The event that served the public so well had a few benefits for the participants as well. Asked to elaborate Humaira Khan of Anokhi said that not only was this exhibition a way to generate publicity for one's creations but also that it provided the opportunity to determine one's standing in the fashion arena. Bibi and Rubina are in this line because they want to give boys a break. Their boutique Naja Naja is based on such exhibitions and fairs and though this was their first appearance here, they made quite an impact with their message of liberalisation. Mentioning the down sides Sharmila of Riddhi's said that dresses are becoming more and more expensive as each boutique carves a niche for itself in the designing world. However she says that there's a tendency among people of waiting for the exhibition to do their Eid shopping.

Events like this are appreciated not because of the convenience that they offer to the people but also because they provide the much-needed encouragement and opportunity that designers require to grow and develop. Who knows, maybe designing is going to be the profession that will get us acknowledged in the global scene.

Call to maintain democratic process

Participants at a round-table discussion on "democracy and newspaper in Bangladesh perspective" yesterday called for maintaining the democratic process in the country, reports BSS.

Organised by the International Organisation of Journalists (IOJ), Bangladesh group, the discussion was held at the Jauya Press Club.

The Acting Editor of the Sangbad, Bazlur Rahman presided over the discussion while the Editor of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam, senior journalist Santosh Gupta, Prof Muntasir Mamun and Prof Syed Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University, former diplomat Mohiuddin Ahmed, and senior reporter of the Daily Ittefaq Shafiqur Rahman participated.

The participants dwelt on the role of the press in consolidating the democratic process and for the growth of objective and responsible journalism.

They observed that promulgation of martial law on several occasions after the independence was one of the major impediments on the way to promotion of journalism in the country.

Garments workers warn of gherao if bonus not paid by Feb 26

Garments workers demonstrated in the city yesterday demanding Eid bonus before February 26 and warned that failure of the owners to pay bonus by that date would force them to 'gherao' the garment factories from February 27, reports UNB.

The warning was given from a rally at Topkhana road, prior to a torch procession in the evening.

National Garments Workers Federation called for the demonstration in support of their demand for bonus.

The torch procession paraded city streets in different areas, including Press Club, Patan, Kakral, Shantinagar, Malibagh, Mouchak and Hajipara before terminating at Rampura road.

Addressing the brief rally, the federation general secretary Amirul Huq Amin demanded immediate re-opening of Delta Garments and payment of seven months' outstanding dues to the workers.

He also demanded compensation for the families of those killed in a fire incident at Mirpur's Prostar Garments.

The rally was also addressed by Shamsun Nahar, Alam Kabir, Parul Begum, Alamgir Ronny, Shafia Khatun, Mujibar Rahman Pintu, Faruq Ahmed, Jyotsna Begum, Jahangir Alam, Nur Nahar and Hiron Mia.

Akbar Hossain hosts iftar

The Minister for Environment and Forest Akbar Hossain yesterday hosted an iftar party at his residence in the city, reports BSS.

Among others attended the iftar include ministers, members of parliament and journalists.

Children painting contest Mar 10

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will hold an open children's painting competition at the Arts Institute premises on March 10 from 10 am on the occasion of the 75th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Children under three age groups: Ka — not above Class Three, Kha — Class Four to Six and Ga — Class Seven to Ten will participate.

Each group champion will be awarded Bangabandhu gold medals.



A sequence of the play 'Brittarajakanta', a new production of the theatre group 'Kanthashilon', at the Mahila Samity auditorium in the city yesterday. —Star photo

'Every child can be fully immunized by half-day military expense'

Every child on earth can be fully immunized from all kinds of contagious disease only at the cost of a half day military expenditure of the world, reports BSS.

This was told by Prof M A Mazed, president of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and vice president of South Asia Region of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) at a press conference in the city.

BMA is the affiliated body of IPPNW, an US based doctors forum which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

The organisation was established in 1980 and Bangladesh got its membership in 1984.

Secretary general of BMA Prof Kazi Shahidul Alam and leaders of the association Prof Sharifuddin Ahmed, Dr Gazi Abdul Haq, Dr A Z M Zahid Hossain, Dr Firoz Mahmud Iqbal and Dr Akhtar Yusuf were present at the press conference in which proposed IPPNW activities in Bangladesh for the current year were discussed.

Prof Mazed said, despite the end of cold war, the risk of atomic warfare is still very high. The current stock of atomic weapons is 48000, the destructive power of which is 48000 times more compared, to the atomic bomb of Hiroshima, he said.

The BMA president said IPPNW believes that the cause of all regional and international unrests and conflicts across the world lies in uneven distribution of wealth, social insecurity, lack of justice, lack of tolerance and the ultimate

BCL (S-P) DU unit hosts iftar

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) hosted an iftar party at the Madhus Canteen on the university campus yesterday.

Leaders of Awami League, former leaders of the BCL, teachers of different departments and journalists attended the party.

First poetry festival ends in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Feb 24: A day-long poetry festival ended here today with a pledge to build up strong resistance against pseudo-culture in order to enrich Bengali language and literature, reports BSS.

Held under the auspices of Chittagong Poetry Festival Celebration Committee, the festival, first of its kind in Chittagong, was inaugurated by elderly poet Ohidul Alam.

The inaugural function was addressed, among others, by poet Sikder Aminul Haq, Abul Momen and Ohik Osman.

Later, a seminar on 'Influence of Ekushe in Bengali Poetry' was held with Dr Anupam Sen in the chair.

Prof Selina Shelly presented the key-note paper. Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Prof Fauzul Kabir, Arun Dasgupta and Abul Momen were, among others, took part in the seminar.

Chinese team leaves for home

The Chinese cultural delegation left the capital for home last evening concluding its three-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

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Mrs Zobaida Zeenat, Yusuf Huda Shahine, Yasmeen Shabnam & Shahnaz, daughter in law, sons in law and grand children.

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A European Country Embassy wishes to rent a villa or small building with garden facilities in Gulshan or Baridhara, total capacity 21 rooms.
Interested proprietors are invited to submit their offers up to end of February 1995 to the following address:
8 Park Road, Baridhara, Dhaka 1212
Tel. 882751-5. Fax. 883655
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Notice
In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division
(Original Civil Jurisdiction)
Matter No. 11 of 1995
In the matter of:
An application U/S. 81 read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.
And
In the matter of:
Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Society
And
In the matter of:
Md Akhlaqur Rahman,
Secretary General, Petitioner.
Notice is hereby given that an application U/S 81 read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting for the years 1993 and 1994 of the above noted Society was filed and moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the application the Hon'ble Court has been pleased to admit the same on 16.2.95 and fixed it for hearing on 16.3.95.
Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court by himself or through his duly authorised Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.
M Moniruzzaman Khan
Barrister-at-Law
47/1, Purana Poltan
Dhaka - 1000.
S-127

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong division and the regions of Mymensingh during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

Night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Meantime, Barisal experienced the highest 21 mm rain during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday. Sylhet had 20 mm, Rajshahi 19, Dhaka 15, Comilla 11 and Jessore 7 mm shower during the period.

In its outlook for subsequent two days the Met Office forecasts that weather is likely to improve at the end period. Giving extended outlook for another five days the Met Office says that weather is likely to deteriorate at the end period.

Country's lowest temperature 15.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rangpur and Dinajpur while the highest 28.3 degrees at Cox Bazar and Khepupara.

The sun sets today at 5:59 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:24 am.

The minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Min	Max	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	17.8	27.7	91	64
Chittagong	20.2	27.3	94	76
Rajshahi	17.2	25.8		
Khulna	19.4	27.2		
Barisal	17.8	26.5	92	68
Sylhet	16.0	27.0	80	68

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229
Tender Notice
"গাছ লাগান; গাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান" — প্রধানমন্ত্রী
বিমান বন্দর পরিষ্কার বাবুন
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from CAAB enlisted E/M contractors having A, B & C Electrical Contractor Supervisory Licence & experience in similar nature of works of the following works:
Extension of passenger terminal building at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka (S. H. Lifting out of L. T. power cables, checking of cable trench and laying of L. T. power cables).
The cost of tender documents Tk 150/- (Taka one hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable). Earnest Money: @ 2.5% of the quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, E/M Division-1, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka must be submitted alongwith the tender. The tender will be received by the undersigned on 6-3-1995/22-11-1401 up to 12:00 Noon & will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the intending tenderer, if any. The tender papers & other terms & conditions may be had from the Office of the Member (Finance), CAAB, H. O. Cash Section, Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka & Office of the undersigned on cash payment. No tender will be sold on the date fixed for opening the tender.
The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender or part thereof without assigning any reason.
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Al-Quds Day observed

Industries Minister A M Zahiduddin Khan yesterday said that the united efforts of world Islamic Ummah is a must for the liberation of holy Al-Quds and Palestine from Zionist occupation, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest a seminar on liberation of holy Al-Quds and Palestine from Zionist occupation at the National Press Club auditorium in the city.

Held on the occasion of Al-Quds Day, organised by Al-Quds Committee, Bangladesh the seminar was also addressed by Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, chairman of Bangladesh Press Council, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Bangladesh Mahmud Bayat, Ambassador of Palestine Shata Zarab, eminent Islamic thinker Moulana Abul Kalam Azad and convener of Al-Quds Committee, Bangladesh Prof A N M Abdul Mannan Khan.

Syed Tasharuf Ali presented the key note paper at the seminar.

The industries minister said people of this country had always protested any conspiracies against Islam in the past and it would continue in future. Supporting the movement of Palestinian people for their motherland he said, Bangladesh would continue its possible allout support for establishing independent Palestine.



Jute-arn-textile mills workers brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday. —Star photo