

Dhaka Day by Day

Mummy, Can I Go Out to Play?

by Saifa Rashid

A great Bangla author once said, "wild animals are beautiful in the wild and children are beautiful in their mothers' laps." Maybe, children have not come across the famous saying or they are allergic to looking beautiful or they are yet an unidentified species of wild animals because all children love the forest or bush or wilderness. In the city of Dhaka forests are so faraway that they seem to be an intangible dream. Here the children say only one thing, "Mummy, I want to go outside to play!" But what is outside. There are very few people in Dhaka who have their own walled gardens. So outside to average Dhaka city dwellers means black tar roads crowded with fast cars, overloaded buses, honking baby taxis and howl-horrid, even a couple of trucks! Then there are the various other horrors of outdoors, open air vendors, beggars and the greatest fear of all mothers — children kidnappers. No self-respecting mother worth her name would send her darling child into all these nightmares. Better the children became pale and wan-cheeked, and fretful from lack of fresh air and exercise.

Of course, there are always the parks. A mother can spend time, energy and money to take her child to one of the parks of Dhaka. But unfortunately the environment of these parks has deteriorated beyond imagination. Parks of

Dhaka are full of lovers behind bushes, drug addicts, muggers and a couple of prostitutes thrown in for good measure. The shuddering mother will never willingly repeat a visit with her child to the park. Instead, let him stay home and watch cartoons on cable TV. At least that way he will retain a portion of his innocence.

Sangsad Bhaban is a popular spot for mother and children. Everything a child needs is available at Sangsad Bhaban. Green grass, stairs to race up and concrete road to skate across and even a few balloon vendors. But several times a year Sangsad Bhaban is closed to public during sessions of Parliament. There has also been reports of anti-social elements in this area. Besides it is difficult to go everyday.

There are also two colourful playgrounds, Shishu Park and Shishu Mela. Children greatly enjoy themselves on the mini-trains, merry-go-rounds and other mechanised wonders. But one cannot go everyday, it is taxing on the pocket and taxing on the strength and time of mothers.

Dhaka City has greatly developed and increased in size in the last 10 years. But the matter of child entertainment is relatively ignored and neglected. So for many years to come, mothers in Dhaka are going to dread that question, "Mummy, can I go out to play?"



The Left Democratic Front (LDF) brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of false cases against the front leaders. — Star photo

8 cr people suffer from iodine deficiency

By SSMCH Correspondent

Almost 69 per cent or 8 crore people of the country are suffering from biochemical iodine deficiency that causes brain damage and mental retardation. It is estimated that 1570 million people (29 per cent of the world's population) are at a risk of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD).

The experts were making their comments at a press conference in the city yesterday on the forthcoming international symposium on iodine, nutrition and human development.

Jointly organised by International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCID), Dhaka University, Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR), Beximco Pharmaceuticals and Bangladesh Salt Mill Owners' Association, the theme of the symposium is to share and exchange ideas among the scientists on iodine deficiency and other nutritional problems.

The participants at the press briefing were National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, Prof M Tahir, chairman of the symposium organising committee Professor H K M Yusuf, secretary Prof Anisul Haque, chairman of ICCIDD Prof John Stanbury, executive director Dr Bazil Hetzel, regional coordinator Chandrakanta S Pandav, managing director of Beximco Pharmaceuticals Delwar Hosain Khan, president of Bangladesh Salt Mill Owners' Association Shahidullah, Dunden Maekanjee and executive director of Micronutrient Initiative Venkatesh Mannar.

Over 45 national and international scientists are expected to participate in the symposium.

Prof Nurul Islam said adequate iodine intake should be ensured for all through coordinated efforts of the government as well as development partners. Adequate iodine intake can ensure healthy

growth of a nation. Prof Anisul Haque said the main objective of the 3-day symposium from April 10 to 12 is to share and exchange ideas among the scientists on iodine deficiency and other nutritional problems that still remain as great hindrances towards optimum human development in many countries.



3-day confce on diarrhoea ends

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf yesterday underscored the need for providing expanded and high quality clinical services to ensure effective control of diarrhoeal diseases, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking at the concluding session of the three-day conference titled "How Can We Stop Children with Diarrhoea from Dying: Future Search" organised by the Health Ministry and sponsored by UNICEF.

He said if appropriate and adequate treatment is provided on time to an acute diarrhoea patient, then child death due to this disease would be much less.

Appreciating the effectiveness of temporary camps in diarrhoea affected areas for the control of the diseases during epidemics, Kamal said such attention and attitude should be maintained in future.

He pointed out that the knowledge about different oral rehydration therapy (ORT) including ORS was universally known to the people but the practice was far from adequate.

Referring to the need for optimum utilisation of ORT corners at the thana health complexes he said time had come to think whether these corners could be handed over to the local government institutions step by step which might produce better results.

Presided over by the chairman of the steering committee of the conference and additional secretary of the ministry Fazlur Rahman the concluding session was also addressed by director general of health service Prof Dr A K M Shamsuddin Siddiky and UNICEF representative Rolf C. Carriere.

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JU female students demand security on campus

A group of female students of the Jahangirnagar University brought out a procession yesterday demanding their security on the campus, reports UNB.

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Pak navy team in city

A 12-member team of the Pakistan Naval Staff College led by its Commandant Commodore M A Khalid arrived in the city yesterday for a week-long study tour to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

During its stay, the Pakistan Naval Staff College team will call on senior military officers. It will also visit military training institutions in Dhaka and Chittagong including the Defence Services Command and Staff College.

Steps for smooth celebration of Bengali New Yr

By Staff Correspondent

A number of steps were taken at a meeting yesterday for smooth holding of the Bengali New Year celebration programme at the Ramna Park on April 14.

The meeting, held at the Public Works Division with its Additional Chief Engineer Mohammad Siddiq Ullah in the chair, decided not to allow any type of shops within the boundary of the park.

Registrar and Proctor of Dhaka University, Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (South), engineers of Public Works Division and representatives of Chhayanaut attended the meeting.

The meeting resolved that some makeshift shops may be installed on the footpath adjacent to the Suhrawardy Uddyan with prior permission of the authorities.

Children's cultural competition

The cultural wing of the Embassy of Russian Federation in Bangladesh has organised a cultural competition for the children on the occasion of the Bengali New Year 1402, says a press release.

Divided into three age groups (below 8, 8-12 and 12-15), the competition on five subjects — painting, recitation, dance, music and chess — will be held on April 13-16.

Interested children have been requested to contact the cultural centre on April 12 for details.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong division and the regions of Jessore, Khulna during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

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

Day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted that there would be no appreciable change. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast thundery activity.

Country's highest temperature 37.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 18.0 degrees at Srimangal.

Sun sets today (Friday) at 6:17 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:45 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	37.1	22.8	71	48
Chittagong	32.6	21.2	57	74
Rajshahi	37.8	18.7	52	35
Khulna	36.2	21.4	78	39
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Sylhet	33.2	19.8	67	53
Cox's Bazar	33.3	21.8	65	75

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Md Moinul Islam Chowdhury was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn on November 24, 1994. He had earlier successfully completed the LL.B (Hon's) course from the Anglia Polytechnic University in Essex. He is the third son of Nurul Islam Chowdhury of Noakhali. He is also the only son-in-law of Advocate Faizur Rahman, a former president of the Dhaka Bar. S-180

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WANTED

A foreign NGO is looking for a Maintenance supervisor/Head Mechanic for its workshop at head office in Dhaka. The incumbent should have good mechanical engineering background with the ability of looking after general maintenance of vehicles and assets including electrical appliances. Good knowledge in written and spoken English is essentially required. Application with bio-data along with a recent passport size photograph should reach within 23 of April 1995 to GPO Box No. 986 Dhaka 1000.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation To Let (Office Space)

BTMC intends "To Let" Office space at 7th floor about 14,590 sq ft and at 3rd floor about 8000 sq ft in BTMC Bhaban (in Front of Hotel Sonargaon), 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka to the interested parties/firms for office use. There is provision of modern lift's in the building.

Interested parties/firms are requested to quote "Rent rate" per sq ft per month both in words and figures for full floor or part & drop into the Tender Box kept in the office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC, BTMC Bhaban (2nd floor), 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka in sealed cover on 18-4-95 up to 11.30 AM and will be opened on the same day at 12.00 Noon in presence of the offerers, if any.

Offerers may visit office space before submitting the offer. The other terms in respect of lease agreement will be settled through mutual discussion.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason thereof.

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New award in journalism from next year

An award after the name of a late journalist Mohammad Hasan Ali will be introduced from next year for contributions to the field of journalism, reports BSS.

A five-member committee comprising Dr Anisuzzaman, Jawadul Karim, A T M Shamsuddin, Dr Arefin Siddiqui and Baby Moudud has been formed to this effect.

The committee will nominate one journalist every year for Hasan Ali Gold Medal.

Mohammad Hasan Ali joined the "Daily Sangbad" in 1964. He worked as the chief reporter and city editor of the daily. He, however, later joined the legal profession when he was not reappointed in the Sangbad following resumption of its publication on October 1975.

Hasan Ali was elected a member of the Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) in 1966.

He died of a heart attack at the age of 41.

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