vesterday.

ports BSS.

President Abdur Rahman

Biswas vesterday called for

making united efforts for

peace, stability and prosperity

in society by recognising family

life as the basic foundation, re-

President Biswas was inau-

gurating a function marking

the observance of the

International Day of Families at

Osmany Memorial Hall in the

Dr A Moveen Khan and Country

Director of UNFPA Alain P.

Mouchiroud attended the func-

Welfare Fazlur Rahman chaired

the function which was organ-

ised by the Ministry of Social

Welfare. Additional Secretary

in-charge Mohammad Abdul

The theme of the day

Tolerance Begins in the

Family", focussing the role of

family in promoting social

harmony, reflects the UN

General Assembly's designation

of 1995 as the United Nations

President Biswas said

People of the world want

peace today, we all have to put

our efforts to make family the

to individual, collective and na-

tional development, he said

the holy Quran had called for

maintaining good relations

among family members. He

said the main objective of the

observance of the day was to

establish equality between men

and women in the family, take

proper care of the children

and to show love and respect

President Biswas referred

to the theme of the day and

said the slogan was appropri-

Bruno Award '94

announced

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam of

Chittagong University has been

selected for the "Bruno Award

'94", said a press release of

the Bangladesh Astronomical

Bruno Award is given every al-

ternate year for outstanding

contributions in the field of as-

will be presented with the

award at a function to be held

at the National Science and

Technology Museum audito-

rium in the city on May 29 at 5

the award in the past years are:

Mohammad Abdul Jabbar of

the Mathematics Department.

Bangladesh University of

Engineering and Technology

(1990). Dr A R Khan of the

Physics Department, Dhaka

Those who have received

Dr Islam, a mathematician,

Introduced in 1990, the

Association (BAA).

tronomy and physics.

to the elderly people.

Describing family as the key

abode of peace." he added.

State Minister for Social

State Minister for Planning

city vesterday morning.

tion as special guests.

Hannan also spoke.

vear of tolerance.

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The 'Polite Man': An **Extinct Species**

by Samia Islam



Once there were Dinosaurs and dodos on this Earth - animals that are extinct today. In a way our part of the world also paid a price in the evolution process. Call it a blessing or a curse but there was a particular mammal that was a refreshing sight in our day to day life who without our knowing what went wrong disappeared one day. Known as the polite men this species resembled man in all aspects save one - their strange behavioral pattern. They, like us, carried themselves on two of their hind limbs vet the burden of responsibility that weighs down on us so heavily seemed unable to mille their feathers. This leads to the conclusion that the primitive counterpart of modern man was stronger. In their childhood they were taught not only by their teachers at school and coaching centres but also by their parents who drilled into them the significance of some meaningless (!) virtues like kindness. patience and respect towards fellow creatures. Equal importance was given towards their selfdiscipline and education. The offsprings were expected to behave in a given manner, be responsible for their actions - live life and not just exist

Characteristics: The Polite man, apart from being adept at using their eyes, ears, hands and teet in the desired way also had the remarkable capacity to communicate intelligently. When they talked, they usually made sense and when they listened, they heard. At educational institutions, offices, on the streets and on public transports they carried themselves with dignity, a term now obsolete, origin unknown meaning possibly self respect.

Three principle words in their vocabulary were please, sorry and thankyou. They would help one out on the street with directions. which proves that they had not discovered the pleasure of harassing innocent people. In case of freak accidents on the road they didn't quite have the sophistication to applaud at some poor fellow's misfortune nor did they have the linesse to run a commentary of the events for the benefit of the newcomer at the scene of the mishap. At seminars and AGM's they never thought of cutting the ground out from underneath the speaker and enjoying him squirm. Instead they followed the old-fashioned rule of live and let live wherever they

Chinese envoy

meets Lutfor

Xujiang called on State Minis-

ter for Industries Lutfor Rah-

man at his office in the city

yesterday and discussed differ-

ent aspects of setting up

Shahjalal Fertilizer Project in

up of joint-venture projects on

official handout, the envoy and

the minister discussed various

ways and means of strengthen-

ing existing relationship be-

tween the two friendly coun-

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of trade and industry.

tries, particularly in the field

the basis of mutual interest.

They also discussed setting

During the meeting, said an

Sylhet, reports UNB.

Chinese Ambassador Zhang

Eating Habits: Our primitive ancestors' diet consisted of the same stuff that we take today. The difference was in the style of eating and not the cuisine. They persevered not to make any unsavoury sounds while taking their food; drank, and not sucked, their liquids. Unlike some of us who have mastered the art of resembling a cow chewing cud while chomping our dinner, they tried not to offend others around by curbing the curious grimaces that are part and parcel of the eating scene today.

Cause of extinction: The real cause is still unknown but it is suspected that their affliction was in reality a genetic disorder. The illness weakened their system to growing social pressures and prolonged suffering form the disease left them without defenses to stand up to their modern counterparts, us. who fortunately or otherwise were born free of the genes that caused this fatal illness. Modern medical research has not been able to find the cure for a disease such as this, should it appear again like the plague or the small pox. But a mixture of two parts - selfishness plus one part cynicism and one half that of skepticism

- has been known to subdue the disease for extended periods without killing it totally. However the symptoms of the disease should be taken seriously for neglecting them could be fatal. Among the very first symptoms that should be dealt with caution is the unusual feeling of stopping for a red light without being forced to.

Time of extinction: The correct timing is not traceable but it is associated with a sound resembling a sigh that was heard at the beginning of the last decade. As to the cause of extinction some researchers have come up with a parallel school of thought that argues in favour of extinction due to abysmal disappointment in life and the state of the world leading to collective suicide of their souls. Of course supporters of this line of sentimental mumbojumbo have a lot to prove and they have not come up with a plausible explanation as yet.

Conclusion: Even though what happened was possibly for the best in the best of all possible worlds, some old-timers still reminisce about the good old days of vore and miss their childhood friends but it's consoling to know that this can be primarily attributed to senility.

### Family day observed

By Staff Correspondent The Dhaka Ahsania Mission organised a discussion meeting yesterday in observance of the International Day of Families. says a press release.

The meeting, held at the mission office, was chaired by M A Sohban. Director Research Division.

The chairman in his speech emphasised the responsibility of families in the development of a culture of tolerance, peace and cooperation.

The executive director of the mission. Kazi Rafiqul Alam stressed the need of organised and stable families for a disciplined nation. He also observed that it was the social responsibility of all to provide familial atmosphere for those unfortunate children who are without families of there own.

Amongst others, Nurul Islam. Sadeque Rahman and Afroza Khatun participated in the discussion.

Meanwhile. Speakers at a discussion organised by Solidarity in observance of the International Day of Families observed that world peace can be ensured through building peaceful families, says a press

With the organisation president Sheikh Farooq Ahmed in the chair, the meeting held at the liaison office of the Solidarity in the city, was addressed by Dr F A Madani Tahmina Nahar Islam, Sayed Lutfar Rahman, Mominul Islam and others.

#### Prize bond draw

The 57th draw of 50 taka Bangladesh Prize Bonds was held in the city at the Commissioner Office vesterday with Md Enamul Karim, Additional Commissioner, in the chair, says an official handout.

The results are: First Prize of Tk 2.50,000-0028232: Second Prize of Tk 50.000-0120535: Four Prizes of Taka 5.000/ each-0112483 0144713. 0230905. 0474784 Four Prizes of Taka 2,500/ each- 0000457, 0048623, 0192782. 0434384; Ninety prizes of Taka 500 each-

## Smuggled goods worth Tk 1 crore

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seized

RAJSHAHI. May 15: BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized smuggled goods worth about Tk one crore and 13 lakh from different places of the district during the last month reports BSS.

The Indian items included spare parts of radio, buffaloes. cows. sarees. sugar. country boats, imitation jewellery. phensidyl syrup, insecticide powder, carbon films etc.

The seized articles were deposited with the local University (1992). Customs authorities.

said reports UNB.

Cox's Bazar

Weather 🖔 🖔

unchanged elsewhere over the country.

ate in the present Bangladesh context as tolerance was most desirable to give democracy a permanent shape.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing as chief guest a function organised in

observance of the International Day of Families at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city

Family key to individual, nat'l

development: Biswas

He pointed out that in the developing world the concept of joint family was fading away with the speedy industrialisation, urbanisation, dearth of employment opportunities in the villages and rise of standard of living. He said single family was emerging with the break of joint family.

President Biswas said the government had taken a numbet of steps with a view to alleviating poverty and bringing about socio-economic development through coordinated programme using limited resources of the country.

Dr Moyeen Khan said the entire world was now discussing social integration as family is the mainstay of society. He called for raising the status of women in society and said. "Without their involvement, society could not pros-

Mouchiroud said families and households form the basis for economic growth, social development and personal fulfilment.

Fazlur Rahman said that a family binds us together and encourages its members to take decisions jointly for the betterment of the family. He said the concept of joint family had always been productive for our society.

## Obituary

- PID photo

Tahmina Yusuf (Moni), wife of Ziauddin Yusuf, former chief engineer. WAPDA and third daughter of late Sayed Nawab Ali of Bogra expired in Houston, Texas, in USA on May 14. reports BSS.

A milad mahfil will be held on May 17, after Asr prayers at House No 34, Road No 3, Dhanmandi residential area in the city.

#### Myanmar becomes 12th CIRDAP member

Myanmar has become the twelfth member of the Centre for Integrated Rural Development in Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), the inter-governmental organisation with its headquarters in Dhaka, reports

Hla Myint Oo, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to Bangladesh, called on Abdus Salam Talukdar, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, and the Chairperson of the CIRDAP governing council at the latter's office here recently.

The present members of the CIRDAP are Bangladesh. Pakistan, India, Indonesia. Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Iran had earlier indicated its intention to join CIRDAP. Combodia and Afghanistan have also expressed their willingness to join the organisation in the near future.

CIRDAP, established on July 6, 1979, had been undertaking Programmes and projects in the member countries with the aim of reducing poverty.

Right from its inception, CIRDAP has conducted a total of 162 projects for the benefits of its members and non-member countries.

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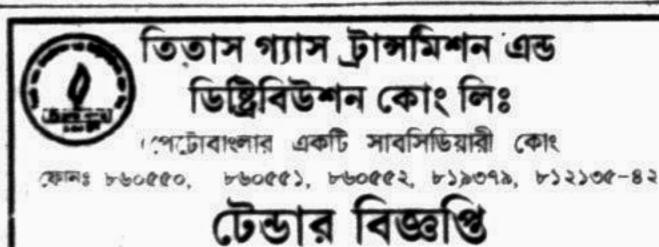
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Dated May 15, 1995

**Momshad Hashem Company Secretary** 



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Housewife

killed

A housewife was allegedly

Firoza Begum, 26, died on

By Staff Correspondent

killed by her husband in the

old city under Sutrapur thana

the spot when her husband al-

legedly attacked her with a

sharp kitchen knife at their

residence of 12/1 Begungani

hue and cry following the as-

Mohammad Babul and handed

ing, sent the body of Firoza to

Dhaka Medical College

Police later in the morn

vesterday, police said.

Lane at 4:30 am.

him over to police.

Hospital for autopsy.

কে। তিভাস গ্যাস ভবন, ১০৫, কাজী নজকুল ইসলাম এভিনিষ্ট, কাওরান বান্ধার বা/এ,

(খ) ৭ মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢা-গ।

।প।কোম্পানীর ডেমরাস্থ কার্যালয়, ডেমরা, ঢাকা ৫। অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র দলিল দাখিলের দিন অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে তাহা পরবর্তী দিনে খোলা হইবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো বাতিরেকে যে কোন দরণত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরণত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কোম্পানী সংরক্ষণ করে

"गाइ मागाम: गाटहत नतिहर्या करून এবং পরিবেশ বীচান'' - প্রধানমন্ত্রী

ভিত্তাস/জনসংযোগ-১৩১/৯৪ - ১৫ উপ-মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক ক্রেম্

Teigaon around 9:20 am. pital (DMCH) for autopsy.



Parveen Rahman rendering Tagore songs at a function held on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary, organised by Bangladesh Lekhika Sangha recently in the city.

#### Book on Language Movement

By Staff Correspondent

A revised and updated version of Badruddin Omar's "Language Movement: Some Documents" has been published by the Bangla Academy recently, a press release said.

The book contains detailed information of booklets and bulletins used during the Language Movement, documents of the Communist Party and Tajuddin Ahmed's diary.

The Bangla Academy also announces the publication of a new book called "United States and American Studies" written by Professor Hasina Matin. The book looks at different

states of the United States and their functions. It costs Tk 110 and can be bought at the Bangla Academy

#### Two crushed under wheels

book stall.

By Staff Correspondent Two unidentified youths were crushed under the wheels of trains in the city yesterday

Railway police sources said one was killed at Uttara at 8:20 am, while the other dead at

The bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hos-

recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Rainfall Humidity City/Town Temperature in mm in Celstus in percentage Morning Evening 29.5 26.3 Dhaka 02 78 25.4 29.7 Chittagong 07 26.0 30.8 Rajshahi 24 Khuina 25.2 30.8 17 25.0 30.0 Barisai 07 25.5 32.5 Sylhet 31 29.0 24.5 Cox's Bazar

Heavy rain likely

Moderate to heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by

temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most

places over Dhaka. Khulna and Barisal divisions and at many

places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions with heavy falls

at places over coastal regions of the country, the Met office

Barisal and Khulna divisions and regions of Noakhali.

Chittagong, Faridpur and Dhaka and may remain nearly

Day temperature may fall by 1-2 degrees Celsius over

The country's highest temperature, 34 degrees Celsius,

The sun sets today at 6:34 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15

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