

Dhaka Day by Day

Rain When Welcome, When not

by Gemini Wahhaj



Everything smells. The earth, the trees, and the rotting fruits felled by the *Kalboshaki*. For the past few days, any but the most perfect harmoniums have been out of order. The keys, once depressed, stay happily put where they are. "Unseasoned wood," explains the harmonium wallah. "Expanded in the rain." Well, whatever.

Co-workers discuss the best way to save shoes. "I wear sponge sandals and carry my good shoes in my bag," explains one. "Huh, listen to my solution," says another. "I have special rain sandals. She flashes a pair of shocking pink plastic heels. Another co-worker has promised to bring in a blow-drier, for our rickshaw-drenched clothes. On a side note, have those plastic rickshaw sheets ever kept anyone dry?

Just as the Eid flu party is recovering, another batch has started to sneeze already. One good thing: *khichuri* (staple rain food, for the ignoramuses who don't know) goes well with *korbantr gosh*. Also, no more five-shower days (rumoured to be the principal cause of water shortage). But this rain is hood/sun is hood debate is a complicated one, specially in Bangladesh. A car ride during a heavy shower

revealed that poor people don't have the best time in the rain. Families stood plastered against walls. A little child hid under a bowl. Who knows what they do when it rains all night? And what about the passenger-carrying launches that may go missing? What about the memories of the cyclone of 91?

They say Rabindra sangeet is best heard on a rainy day, holding onto the window bars, staring out into the blinding rain. So is any other Bangla nasal tune (discovery by self). Some people sit on their roofs, getting drenched with glee. Children dance in the streets. And imagine this — sitting in a rickshaw listening to the deafening sounds of rain drops on the roof!

But the sun is back already, in all its old splendence. "Do not go out between 11 am and 3 pm", Indian magazines advise by way of skin care. White is back in fashion, and Fair and Lovely tubes are squirting all over the place. But oh, for the rain that dances on the streets. The smell of the earth (so fresh, so clean, so real), and wet leaves. The sound of rain water draining from the pipes. The touch of wet, wet grass. When will it rain again?



Visitors at the fourth anniversary exhibition of the Shilpagon Art Gallery which began in the city yesterday. — Star photo

CCHRB's appeal to EC

The Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) has urged the Election Commission (EC) to extend the voter registration period by one week, reports UNB.

The CCHRB made the appeal at a meeting on Thursday so that all eligible voters throughout the country can register in the new voter lists, said a CCHRB press release.

Enforcement of environment laws underscored

State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday emphasised the need for the enforcement of the laws on environment, adopted in the current year, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the first annual convention of the Bangladesh Environmental Society (BES), the State Minister said the protection of the environment is a precondition

for sustainable development. The environment has to be protected for our future generation, he stressed.

A seminar was organised in connection with the holding of the convention where the World Bank mission chief in Dhaka Pierre Lapdell Mills and director general of Department of Environment, Syed ANM Wahed presented papers.

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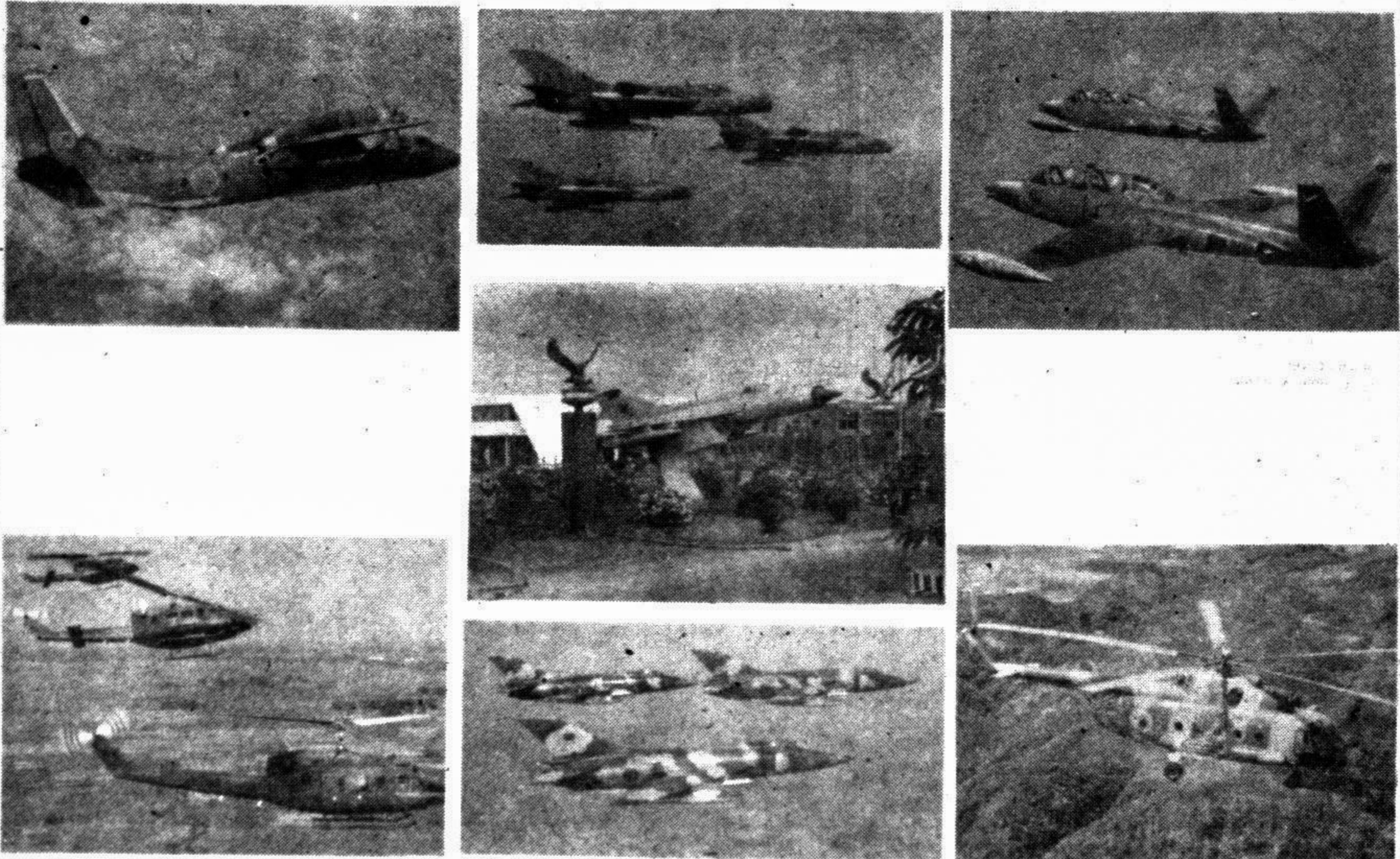
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Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka divisions and the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Comilla and Sylhet during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

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

Day temperatures are likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

In its outlook for today and tomorrow, the weathermen say the occurrence of lightning and thunder may continue. Giving extended outlook for another five days: the Met Office forecast an increase in rainfall.

Dhaka experienced 9 mm of rain during the 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 43.0 degrees Celsius recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest was 24.0 degrees at Dhaka and Tangail.

The sun sets today at 6:40 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	35.4	24.0	82	74
Chittagong	33.0	27.5	75	74
Rajshahi	43.0	28.5	73	41
Khulna	38.0	27.6		
Barisal	34.5	26.6	78	75

JU classes resume tomorrow

Classes of Jahangirnagar University will resume tomorrow after a 25-day summer and Eid-ul-Azha vacation, an official announcement said, reports UNB.

The vacation was earlier curtailed from 42 days to 25 days, to complete the courses in the scheduled period.

Meanwhile, the first year Honours admission tests in the different faculties and institutes of the university will be held from June 14 to 22.

According to officials, the detailed schedule of the admission tests will be announced soon. This year some 43,000 students will vie for the 625 seats.

3 killed in road accidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Three people were killed in separate road accidents in and around the city yesterday. One Habib, 25, who received serious injuries when a speeding truck hit him near the Svedajud bus terminal in the early hours of yesterday, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In another incident, a Kapasia bound bus ran over one Shah Alam 30, at Ershadnagar, Tongi in the afternoon. He died on the spot.

Meanwhile, another road accident victim 50-year-old Salahuddin succumbed to his injuries at the DMCH yesterday. He was injured seriously when a bus hit him at the Siddhirganj bus terminal Thursday afternoon.

Clashes leave 13 hurt in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, May 26: Thirteen people were injured, eight of them seriously, in separate armed clashes in Satkania and Fatikchhari thanas of the district yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said eight people were injured as one of the supporters of Saieed Mia of Nayapara village in Satkania thana attacked the supporters of one Saifuddin of the same village following a dispute over land demarcation.

Both the sides used fire arms and lethal weapons in the clash that lasted about an hour, beginning at noon. Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. They also picked up 12 people from the scene with two LMGs and one bullet.

Of the injured, five people were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Of them, the conditions of Shah Alam, 45, Abdul Haq, 40, and Shamsul Haq, 45, were said to be critical.

In another incident, five people received bullet wounds when the rival groups of two areas in Fatikchhari thana clashed to establish supremacy in the locality.

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- B. Sc. Engineering (Mechanical/Aeronautical).
- B. Sc. Engineering (Electrical/Electronics).
- B. Sc. Engineering (Mechanical/Electrical).
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COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

- (a) Prescribed Application Form may be collected from BAF Information and Selection Centre, Old Airport, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 in lieu of a Bank Draft/Pay Order of Tk. 75.00 (Non-refundable) which should be issued in favour of "Central Non-Public Fund, BAF". Bank Draft/Pay Order should be payable to Agrani/Sonali/Janata Bank of Dhaka Cantonment.
- (b) The Application Form may also be obtained by post on submission of a Bank Draft/Pay Order along with a self-addressed envelope (Size: 9"X4") which must be affixed of Tk. 4.00 Stamps.
- (c) Application Form should be submitted by the candidate physically on the date of examination mentioned in the Application Form. No Application Form will be entertained if it is sent through mail.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED WITH THE APPLICATION

- (a) Attested copies of all Academic Certificates/Testimonials and Mark Sheets.
- (b) Nationality Certificate with marital status from Class-1 Gazetted Officer or Union Parishad/Municipal Chairman.
- (c) Two copies recent passport size photograph duly attested by Class-1 Gazetted Officer.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- (a) Written Test (b) ISSB (c) Medical Examination by CMB (d) Final Selection by AJR Headquarters.

FACILITIES FOR ENGINEERS

- (a) Candidates holding degree in Engineering from recognized Universities will be given two years antedated seniority from the date of commission.
- (b) Tk. 25,000/- only will be given as grant on confirmation in service.

SELECTION SCHEDULE

- (a) Summer Session : January to June
- (b) Winter Session : July to December

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Selection Test is held on every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday (throughout the year) at BAF Information And Selection Centre, Old Airport, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

OTHER ELIGIBILITY

- * Nationality : Male Citizen of Bangladesh.
- * Height : Minimum 1.63 metres (5'-4").
- * Age : 16-1/2 yrs to 22 yrs (30 Jun/31 Dec) for GD (P) Branch.
- 18 yrs to 30 yrs (30 Jun/31 Dec) for Ground Branch.
- * Weight : 45 Kg to 50 Kg.
- * Chest : 76 cm to 81 cm.
- * Marital Status : Unmarried for GD (P) Branch.
- Unmarried/Married for Ground Branches.

INELIGIBILITY

- (a) Screened out once and rejected twice by ISSB (b) Withdrawn/Discharged from Army/Navy/Air Force or any Govt Service. (c) Rejected twice by Air Headquarters Selection Board. (d) Convicted by any Court (e) Rejected by Appeal Medical Board.

WRITTEN TEST

- (a) IQ, English, Physics and Mathematics for GD(P) Branch.
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Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Bandarban Road Division Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

গাছ লাগানো পাইলের পরিচর্যা করুন
এবং পরিবেশ বাঁচান - প্রধানমন্ত্রী

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in BD Form No. 2911	
1. Tender Notice No	188/EE BRD/1994-95
2. Name-of work	Construction of flexible pavement/ Sub-base, water bound macadam & seal coat damaged by flood water at 57th KM of Bandarban-Bangalhalia road under Bandarban Road Division during the year 1994-95.
3. Estimated cost	Tk 1,01,334/-
4. Earnest money	Tk 2,027/-
5. Time allowed	15 (Fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors	Enlisted 'A' to 'E' general category tribal contractor RHD, only.
7. Name of offices of availability of tender document	The Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Bandarban/Rangamati and Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-III/Asstt. Engr. RHD, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division Bandarban.
8. Name of offices to receive tender bids.	i) The Superintending Engineer, RHD, CHTs Road Circle, Rangamati. ii) The Executive Engineer, RHD, Bandarban Road Division, Bandarban.
9. Last date of selling of tender	On 6-6-95 up to 5-00 PM.
10. Last date of receipt of tender	On 7-6-95 up to 12-30 PM.
11. Date and time of opening of bids	On 7-6-95 at 12-45 PM.
12. Chargeable to	Impt. to Bandarban-Bangalhalia road Md Wazed Ali Executive Engineer, RHD (Current Charge) Bandarban Road Division Bandarban

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