

# Dhaka Day by Day Food Frenzy

by Nadia S Hossain

The restaurant business seems to be on a never ending roll in Dhaka these days. Everywhere you look there are new restaurants popping up on both sides of the streets, conveniently scattered around residential areas. You can't possibly drive down Gulshan Avenue or Kemal Ataturk Avenue without a major traffic jam on both sides of the road because of all the cars parked around the restaurants. It definitely seems to be the right time and place to be in this business. Second, it seems, to the garment business. There's no denying that.

At first there were a huge number of Chinese and Thai restaurants, but now there are Indian restaurants, Italian restaurants (I don't mean the road side Italian restaurants) and even more Chinese and Thai restaurants.

For exquisite Indian food Sajna is still the favourite, the first good Indian restaurant. There are a few others now and as far as I have heard a few more opening up very soon.

As for Thai food Sawasdee and Lemon Grass still seem to be peoples' first choices. Sawasdee has always been famous for its lively atmosphere and interesting Karaoke singing. If however you've been at work all day with a splitting headache and want to simply enjoy the meal then DON'T sit upstairs, I sincerely doubt you'd want to listen to some tone-deaf, out-of-key person singing "Careless whisper" or even "Lambada". Definitely not!

Don Giovanni is well known for its pleasant atmosphere. The staff are very obliging and extremely friendly. Clearly, the result of good training and excellent management. Don Giovanni also has a reputation for having the best Italian food. But let's see, you never know with the new competition, lets just hope it turns out to be as

good as Don Giovanni.

For a nice view of beautiful Dhaka, Skyroom used to be the only place, but not anymore. White Castle has taken that away from it by advertising itself as being "Dhaka's top most skyline restaurant". Now, does that mean it's the best skyline restaurant or does it mean that it is the only restaurant on that level (higher than Skyroom).

If you want to eat inexpensively, you can always go to one of the numerous "kebab and nan" restaurants. Do not expect immaculate service. The tables and chairs are cleaned a good few minutes after you sit down, but who's complaining. Don't be shocked to hear such things as "Oy, do we have any brain today?" (brain masala) and "Is this today's drinking water or the other day's water?" The answer to that question "I got it from the tap behind the toilet yesterday".

The general everyday conversation between waiter and chef at some of the local open air restaurants, not much of an appetite crusher. (Ok, well maybe you go home feeling a little bit ill).

Unfortunately, there's not much in the way of vegetarian food at these "kebab and nan" places, or at many other restaurants really. Vegetarians always have great difficulty eating out in Dhaka, that's for sure. Upon asking the waiter if the dish is suitable for vegetarians, his response "Of course madam, it is vegetable dish for vegetarian with small piece of chicken here and there, no problem for you madam". A nice, relaxing meal out can turn into a rather frustrating and unpleasant experience on rare occasions.



## Body recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Police recovered body of one Hielal from an apartment building at Sidheswari road in the city yesterday afternoon.

Helal, 35, hailed from Kapasia, Gazipur, was servant at the house, police said.

Ramna police recovered the body from the fifth floor of the building at 3/L Sidheswari road at about 3:30 pm.

Sources said that mark of injuries were found on his body.

The cause of the death could not be known immediately. A case has been filed with the Ramna thana.

## Special Ph D course fund for BAEC scientists

The government has made special allocation of fund to finance higher studies, including Ph D for the newly recruited scientists of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) for 1995-96 fiscal, reports BSS.

Chairman of the commission engineer MA Quyum said this while speaking as chief guest at the certificate awarding ceremony of the three-month long basic nuclear orientation course organised by the training division of the commission held at the Centre auditorium in the city yesterday.

Member of the Commission (planning and development) Dr M A Ahsan presided the function.

## More relief for flood-hit dists

The government yesterday sanctioned more 1000 tonnes of wheat, 760 tonnes of rice as gratuitous relief, 400 tonnes of wheat as special test relief, Taka nine lakh 50 thousand 500 pieces of sharee, 500 pieces of lungi and 400 tins of biscuit for the flood affected districts, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

## Ln int'l director

Lion Moslem Ali Khan, at the recently held 78th International Lions Convention in Seoul, has been elected the International Director for the Region of Africa and South West Asia, says a press release.

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## JU senate polls held

By JU Correspondent

The adjourned meeting of the 14th annual session of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) senate ended Friday following the election of three new members of the university syndicate.

All of the three candidates nominated by the Salehin-Mafiz-Afsar group were elected to the university syndicate while another candidate of the same panel was elected to the university Finance Committee.

Prof M Salimullah Khan of the Government and Politics Department and registered graduate of the JU senate M Shamsul Haq were elected syndicate members from the senator category.

Mafizuddin Ahmed, Associate Professor of the Department of Economics was also elected syndi-

cate member from the prominent citizen category.

However registered graduate of the JU senate M Motahar Hossain was elected to the university Finance Committee.

Seventy-nine senators out of the total number of ninety-two cast their votes in the polls.

The other panel which took part in the polls was led by Prof Khondakdar Mustahidur Rahman.

Chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury, the adjourned meeting started at around 4:30 in the evening and concluded at 9:15.

The meeting began on June 29 and was adjourned on the same day after approval of the annual budget of the university.

## HERE and THERE

IUB

A certificate awarding ceremony was held in the city yesterday on the successful completion of one-week computer simulation course on marketing of services, conducted jointly by the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and Graduate School of Business, Paris (ESCP), says a press release.

Dr A Majeed Khan, president, IUB distributed the certificates among twenty-five participants representing banks, insurance companies, multinational and local business houses.

## Canada-Bangladesh Friendship Society

A meeting of the executive committee of Canada-Bangladesh Friendship Society, Bangladesh chapter was held in the city Tuesday with Justice Sultan Hussain Khan, president of the society in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting decided to hold a

seminar in the first week of August on the occasion of Canada Day, distribution of relief materials to flood affected people and support to the Bangladesh export fair to be held in Canada.

## Int'l Theater Institute Bangladesh Centre

A six-member delegation has returned home recently after attending the 26th World Congress of International Theatre Institute (ITI) held in Caracas, Venezuela, says a press release.

Some 200 delegates from 54 countries attended the congress.

Ramendu Majumdar, general secretary, Bangladesh ITI, led the team which included Ataur Rahman, Mamunur Rashid, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Mofidul Hoque and Debaprosad Debnath.

Majumdar, who chaired the second session of the general assembly of the congress, was elected a member of the 14-member executive of ITI for the third term.

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