

Dhaka Day by Day

The Dilemma of a Would-be Doctor

by Saifa Rashid

As a fifth year medical student I thought that exams could terrorise me no more. I had battled successfully against teachers, question papers and practical too many times. I was a seasoned student. So in great delight I gave up studying. Until three months before my final exams.

Three months before my final exam I dusted by books with a sigh. Even a veteran has to study before an examination and I consoled myself with the thought that this was the final one. After this exam I could retire gracefully from the college and my parents would be satisfied with the thought that their daughter was fully educated.

I dreamily scanned the question-paper until I realized I could not answer a single question. Some of them like the questions on diabetes mellitus or hypertension would be solved by reading the relevant chapters but I was flummoxed by a few. One of them was to treat an unconscious patient. If I was ever asked to treat an unconscious patient I would probably faint myself. I shuddered to think of what would occur if I was left with an unsuspecting horde of patients. So I started my intensive course of studying.

I studied and studied and studied. Now and then I mixed up the clinical features of one disease with the treatment of another but I found that quite interesting.

The difficult part was the physical examinations. Yet since I live in a joint family I knew I would not be in short supply of subjects. Of course, they are somewhat doubtful of my medical abilities. After all doctors with foreign degrees are available at every street corner of this city. So, they call me a paracetamol doctor because I prescribe paracetamol for all their ailments. I have told

them with such a mediocre range of illnesses they can only expect paracetamol. If they want any other treatment they had better caught something drastic like osteomyelitis or rheumatic fever.

To build up their confidence in me I started the physical examination with a few days of pulse counting and blood pressure measuring. But the blood pressure machine proved to be too popular. Whenever I took it out of my bag I was mobbed by everybody in the house, including my four-year-old daughter and two-year-old nephew. Even the maid-servants lined up to get their blood pressures measured. Finally, I was forced to lock the instrument up.

This promising start encouraged me to go further. I was allowed to auscultate but not to palpate. So I resorted to stealth and unwary dozing people would suddenly wake up to find their liver and spleen being palpated. Recriminations showered round my head but the offers of violence finally forced me to desist.

Everybody was very relieved when I started studying gynecology and obstetrics, but not for long. Lacking patients I began delivering imaginary babies all over the house. My sister-in-law watched me conduct a forceps delivery for the fourth time in 10 minutes and thoughtfully said that the baby and mother were probably dead by now. My unmarried sister-in-law usually avoided me. I had a habit of grabbing people and describing labour in great detail.

I have only surgery left but my in-laws have said that either they would leave the house while I study this subject or I would be exiled to my parents' house. Oh the ordeals of a medical student!



DU student team meets Biswas

A delegation of the teachers and students of the Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas laid emphasis on concerted efforts of the university teachers for maintaining peaceful academic atmosphere in the campus. The President advised the students to be more particular in their studies for preparing themselves worthy for the future.

60 pc DA for pressmen demanded

Joint rallies of journalists, press workers and general employees held yesterday at different newspapers called upon the government to immediately constitute a full wage board and declare 60 per cent Dearness Allowance (DA) for the newspaper industry, reports BSS.

The meetings, held at Bangladesh Observer, Chitrail, Millat, Daily Star, Khabar, Asiatic Press of Janata, Banglabazar Patrika, Morning Sun and Al-Amin, were organised to make success the joint rally of the journalists and other employees of newspaper industry to be held at 11 am on November 20 at the National Press Club premises.

The meetings called upon the authorities to immediately constitute the full wage board taking members from the three federations and Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP).

Moulana Aiyub Ali dead

By Staff Correspondent
Moulana Dr AKM Aiyub Ali, a noted Islamic thinker, former registrar of Bangladesh Madrassa Education Board and former principal of the Dhaka Government Aliya Madrassa, died of old-age ailments yesterday at his Uttara residence in the city. He was 76. He is survived by four sons and two daughters. His first namaj-e-Janaza was held at Aliya Madrassa premises at 10 am and the second at a mosque at Uttara, Sector 3, after Jehr Prayers yesterday. He was buried at Banani graveyard.

Obituary

Mahtazuddin Ahmed, a retired official of the Engineering Department of Bangladesh Railway, died in city Friday night. He was 76, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife and four sons. He was buried at Banani graveyard. His khalwah will be held tomorrow after Maghreb prayers at House 11, Road 10, Sector 7 Uttara Model Town.



Mohila Awami League staged a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to protest the police attack on AL leader Motiya Chowdhury. — Star photo

EC training course for judicial officers

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday began a training course in the city for the judicial officers who will be involved in probing pre-election irregularities.

Inaugurating the four-day course, Chief Election Commissioner Justice A K M Sadeque said electoral inquiry committees were being formed for the first time at each district comprising judicial officers to check pre-election irregularities.

The committees would have to report to the EC if they find any irregularities detrimental to free and fair elections, Justice Sadeque said, adding that the EC would take necessary action on the basis of these reports.

He hoped that the judicial officers as members of electoral inquiry committees

would play an important role with a view to ensure a free and fair parliamentary election.

Justice Sadeque said constitutionally the EC was responsible for holding elections and to perform this duty, the EC sought cooperation of different government agencies. The EC would evaluate the performance of the government officers to be engaged in electoral process, he said.

Some 192 judicial officers are participating in the course, being held at the Election Training Institute at Mohammadpur.

Election Commissioner Justice M Abdul Jalil and Additional Secretary of the EC S M Zakaria were also present at the inaugural session.

Hasina condoles Ilias's death

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday condoled the death of Khondaker Mohammad Ilias a noted intellectual and former secretary general of Bangabandhu Parishad.

In a statement she recalled Ilias's role in all national struggles including the Liberation War and Language Movement.

She prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the members of bereaved family.

Sheikh Hasina in a separate statement also expressed shock at the death of Abdur Rahman Jaj, elder brother of Abul Kashem Montu, President of Dhaka city (South) Awami Juba League.

GCO condemns Shibir actions at JU, RU

By DU Correspondent

Ganotanrik Chhatra Oikky (GCO), a combine of seven left-leaning student organisations, yesterday strongly criticised the armed attack on the students at Jahangirnagar and Rajshahi university by the Shibir activists and demanded immediate arrest of them.

GCO brought out a procession in the morning and later held a rally at the Jatiya Press Club. They urged the student community to be united to resist the defeated force of 1971.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Samantantrik Chhatra Front president Belal Chowdhury, and Bangladesh Chhatra Motry secretary general Ziaul Haq Zia.

DMC K-29 batch reunion Dec 8

The K-29 batch of Dhaka Medical College (DMC) will celebrate the 25 years of their admission on December 8, '95, says a press release.

A day-long reunion ceremony at the DMC premises will mark the occasion.

Interested members of the batch have been asked to contact with Nevel Anthony D Rogero C/o Managing Director of Samarita Hospital for registration by November 25.

What's on today....

Gonotantri Party: The body will hold a memorial meet to mark the 3rd death anniversary of Sayed Altaf Hossain. Venue: Party office, 109 Siddik Bazar Road. Time: 4 pm.

Ford Foundation: A presentation on 'Internet and Women's Development' will be held. Venue: Goethe Institute. Time: 6:30 pm.

Discussion on Tolstoy: A discussion on 'L N Tolstoy and His Influence on Bengali Literature' will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5:30 pm. A film show will follow.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club. Time: 5:15.

Rapport training course: The four-week training course on business communication will begin. Venue: Rapport office, 98 Malibagh. Time: 5:30 pm.

Workers' conference: The Kuwait-Iraq Repatriated Bangladeshi Association will hold the conference. Venue: 162 Shantinagar. Time: 11 am.

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Rotary seminar: The Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan and Rotaract Club of Lalbagh Fort will jointly organise a seminar on 'Terrorism, Politics and Role of Mass Media'. Venue: VIP lounge, National Press Club. Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: Prof Shamsheer Ali, VC, Bangladesh Open University.

Meeting on Forestry Master Plan: The local consultative group meeting on Forestry Master Plan will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 8 am. Chief guest: Akbar Hossain, Minister for Environment and Forest.

Japanese film festival: The five-day film festival will begin. The film 'Doomed' will be screened. Venue: Cultural Centre, Embassy of Japan. Time: 3:30 pm.

French film show: The film 'Rive Droite, Rive Gauche' will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 8:30 pm.

Korean film show: The show is a part of the on-going Korean cultural festival. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and the regions of Khulna during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says light rain may occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the region of Jessore.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country with partly cloudy sky.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected over the coastal regions and temperature will remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast improved weather.

The country's highest temperature 31.4 degrees Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest 18.0 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:16 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.7	23.8	86	67
Chittagong	26.4	23.0	86	89
Rajshahi	29.7	21.0	88	87
Khulna	27.0	23.0	91	
Barisal	26.5	20.6	95	92
Sylhet	28.2	21.3	81	80
Cox's Bazar	26.0	23.5	91	95

Mannan Bhuiyan tells JS Buffer stock of fertilizer in flood hit N-dists created

Food and Agriculture Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government had taken measures for proper distribution of fertiliser to meet the requirements of the Rabi and Irrig-Boro crops, reports BSS.

He said the government has created a buffer stock of fertiliser in the flood affected northern districts and there was no chance of any shortage.

Urea fertiliser would be distributed from 21 wholesale centres from where the government appointed dealers would lift their requirements he said adding that if necessary the number of wholesale centres may be increased.

The minister was replying to question from Begum KJ Hamida Khanam (women-20) regarding fertiliser prices and their distribution in the country.

Bhuiyan said, if the fertilizers lifted by the dealers for one district is sold to another district, then government may take a number of actions including cancellation of dealership and forfeiting of earnest money.

In reply to a supplementary, the agriculture minister

said the wholesale dealers would appoint retail dealers at different levels to sell fertilisers and if at any stage the traders charges exorbitant prices, the government would take necessary steps against them. He said, in this case also the wholesale dealers will lose their dealership and earnest money.

The minister said that earlier there was no appointed dealers and the traders used to lift fertiliser from the factories on first-come-first-serve basis. But now dealers have been appointed from the fertiliser traders having at least three years experience, he pointed out.

In reply to another question from M Niamatullah (Dhaka-12), the agriculture minister said according to an economic survey conducted by the government, the increase of agricultural productivity in the country in 1994-95 was 0.2 per cent

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1. Sealed tenders are invited from the genuine businessmen/suppliers for the supply of the following items for the period from 01 January, 1996 to 31 December, 1996 to Rajshahi Cadet College. Earnest money for each group mentioned in column 'C' is to be deposited as Bank Draft/CD/Pay Order in favour of 'Principal, Rajshahi Cadet College' against 'Sonali Bank, Rajshahi Cadet College Branch.' Date, place and time for collecting/purchasing as well as dropping the tender form/schedule are mentioned below. Tender box will be opened at 1200 Noon in presence of available tenderers. No tender form/schedule will be sold on the date of opening the tenders of the respective group. Tender form/schedule may be collected on any working day during office hours paying the fixed amount (non-refundable) mentioned against each group. The office remains open between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. Intending businessmen/suppliers are required to produce the following papers/documents at the time of collection/purchase of tender form/schedule. The same papers/documents must be submitted/attached at the time of dropping the tenders, failing which the tender will be treated as cancelled.
(a) Trade Licence (b) Bank Solvency Certificate (c) Income Tax Certificate (current year) (d) Original/Photo copies of Bangladeshi Nationality Certificate (e) Statement of Bank transaction for last six months (f) Affidavit from a class I Magistrate regarding partnership of the business (if any) (g) 03 (three) copies of attested photograph (passport size).

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a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1	Meat, Fish, Egg etc.	35,000/-	17,00,000/-	750/-	Office of the undersigned & Station Headquarters, Rajshahi	03 December 95 at 1130 hrs
2	Rice, Dal, Spices, Jelly etc.	32,500/-	13,00,000/-	750/-	-do-	-do-
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