

Dhaka Day by Day

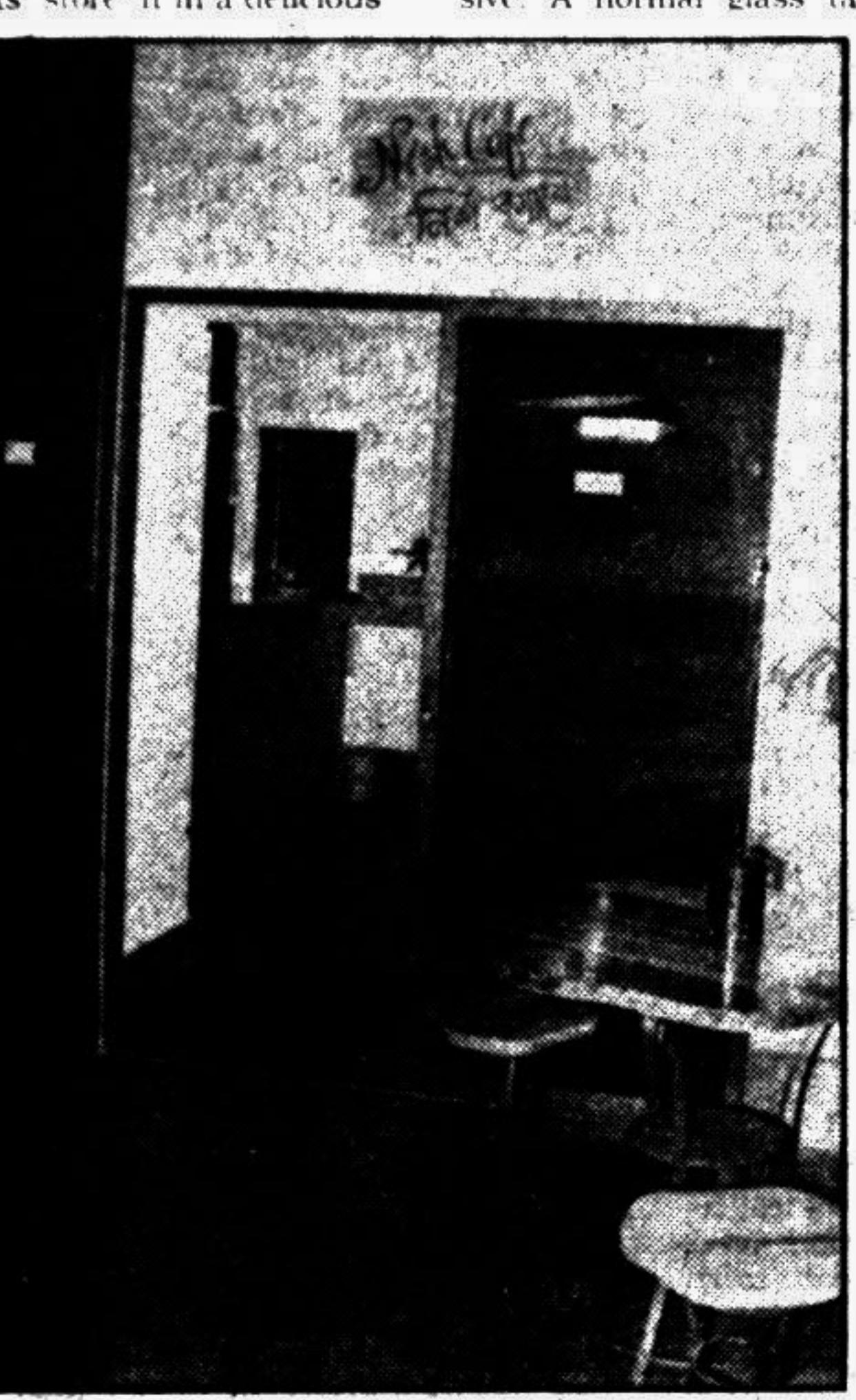
Drik's New Offer

by Gemini Wahaj

In addition to its art gallery, Drik now boasts Nish Cafe, a bookstore called Muslin Boi, and an artifacts store. It is a delicious find for anyone looking for a quiet place for a cup of coffee or some good relaxing reading. Make your way up to the second floor of this house on Road No. 26 to a sunlit terrace with potted plants and a roof built of tree trunks. From the trunks hang down long strands of golden shornata. It's a beautiful sight.

The bookstore is small, but carries a good selection of UPL publications, and Drik photo albums. Among the usual development titles, you will also find Moudud Ahmed's Democracy and the Challenge of Development. You're welcome to browse. There's even a table placed strategically before a large window with light streaming in that begs you to sit down with a long book.

Ah! For some odd reason, there are also some tapes by Papiya Sarwar (this reminds me of Dolce Vita which carries two audio-CDs only).



Nish Cafe's nice setting

The artifacts room (I don't know what else to call it) is very pretty and very expensive. A normal glass table is priced at Tk 5000, and a candle holder sells for Tk 750. The cafe is just wonderful. There are clever photographs by Drik photographers on every wall, in addition to your token Monet poster. A smiling chef clad in a saree assures you that she can prepare anything on order, even tehart. But usually, if you're lucky, you might get the last plate of alur dom or chatpatti. We noticed a sound system, but forgot to ask what kind of music they play. Hopefully nothing loud.

The best thing about Drik is that a second look in any direction reveals something

interesting. The counter in the cafe, for example, is wrapped around with a patti (floor-mat). The lights in the art gallery hang from tree trunks. And everyone around is there for the same reason — just some quiet conversation in a very pretty place.

— Star photo

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JCD rally at DU

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Birth anniversary of Shawkat Osman

Cultural activists the country will observe the 80th birth anniversary of noted writer Shawkat Osman on January 7, 1996, says a press release.

A 101-member celebration committee with Mosharraf Hossain Faruk as Convener and Mahbubul Haq Shakil, Aslam Shishir and Shamsi Kaisar as co-ordinators respectively has been formed in this connection.

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Dated: 26-12-95

Tender Notice
No. 4/1995-96

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following Scheme under German (GTZ) assisted Rural Development Project-14: Infrastructure, Tangail District (TIDP) by the undersigned from Pre-qualified Contractors/Firms of RDP-14, as well as Contractors/Firms of RDP-4, 6, 7 & 13 under LGED in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for execution during the financial year 1995-96.

- Place of Purchasing of Tender Documents : A. Project Director, Rural Development Project-14: LGED, 3/11, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207.
- Place of Submission of Tender Documents : A. Project Director, Rural Development Project-14: LGED, 3/11, Lalmatia, Block-B, Dhaka-1207.
B. Deputy Commissioner, Tangail.
C. Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Tangail.
D. Thana Engineer, Ghatail, Tangail.
- Last Date of Tender Purchasing : 15th January, 1996 during office hours.
- Date & Time of Tender Submission : 16th January, 1996 up to 1:30 PM.
- Date & Time of Tender Opening : 16th January, 1996 at 3:00 PM.
- Special Conditions : A. The tenderers have to show their renewed papers of Pre-qualification at the time of purchase and the attested photo copy of the same has to be with the tender documents.
B. Earnest Money mentioned against each group of work has to be submitted in favour of XEN, LGED, RDP-14: TIDP, Tangail, in the form of BD/CD/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.
C. The authorities reserve the right to accept anyone or reject all or any tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
D. Payment will be made when the fund will be available.
E. A Pre-tender briefing session will be held at the office premises of the undersigned on 10-01-96 at 10:30 AM.
F. Detailed specification and other terms & conditions can be seen at the undersigned office during office hours.
G. Income tax and VAT etc. will be deducted from bills as per Government rules.

Description of work:

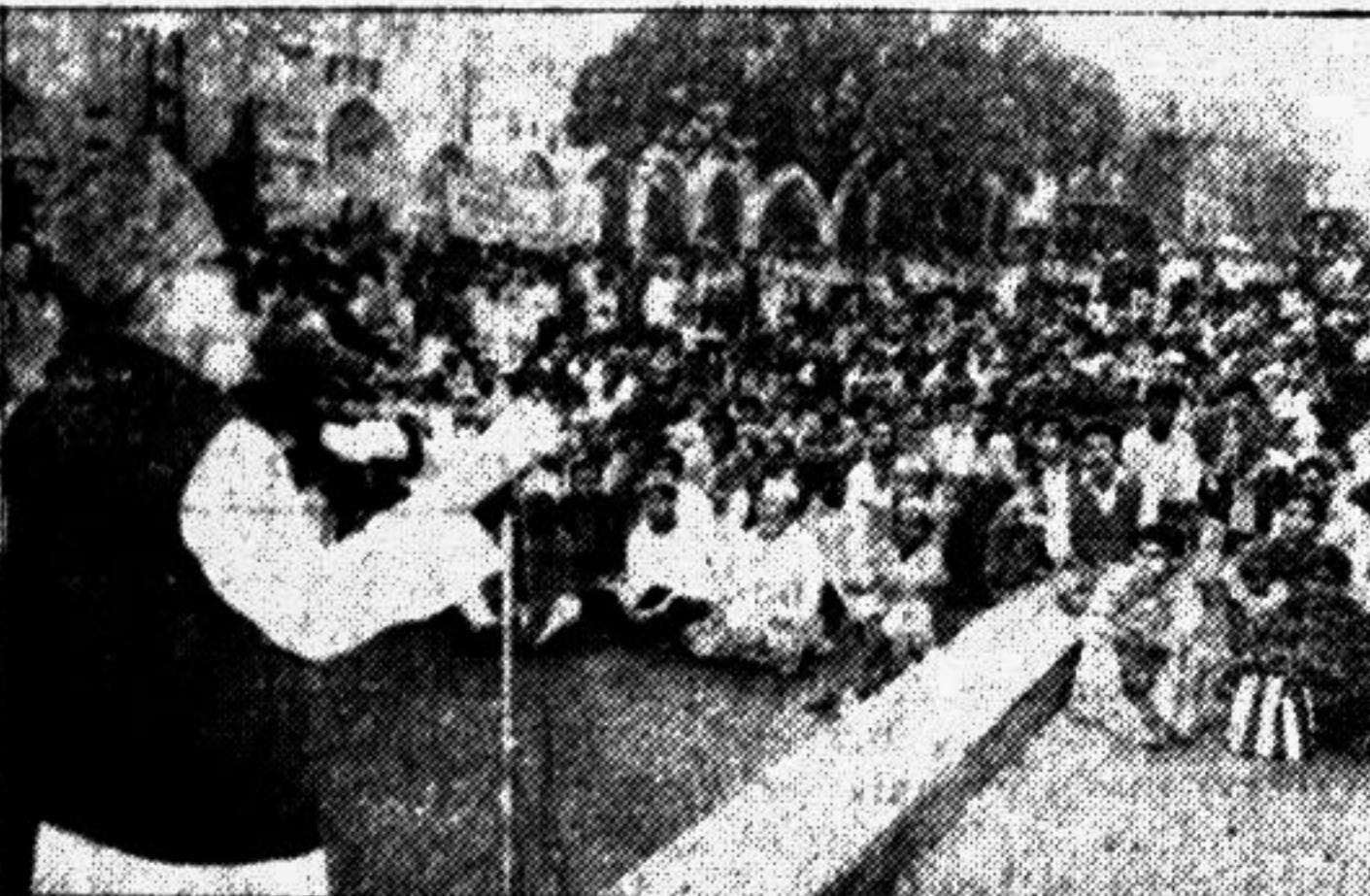
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1	LG-GD-21	Remaining works at Bangshi River bridge approaches and pond places on Ghatail-Dhalapara road in Thana Ghatail District-Tangail under RDP-14.	30,000.00	1000.00	15 Weeks	"C"

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Jamaat-e-Islami leader Motiur Rahman Nizami speaking at a rally at the north gate of the Baitul Mukarram mosque in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on tomorrow...

French film show: The film 'Les Cavaliers de l'orage' will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Condolence meet: The meeting will commemorate the death of veteran communist leader Abdul Haq. Venue: TSC premises, DU. Time: 4 pm.

Tourism month: The closing ceremony of the Tourism Month '95 will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: President Abdur Rahman Biswas.

Photo exhibition: The Bangladesh National Museum and photo journalist Monwar Ahmed will jointly organise the exhibition titled 'Birds'. Venue: Children's auditorium, National Museum. Time: 6 pm.

Bangladesh Jatiya League: The party will hold a press conference. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 11 am.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office forecast 1 to 2 degree fall in night temperature during the period across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted little change. Giving a extended outlook for another five days weathermen says that night temperature may fall.

The country's lowest temperature 10.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishurdi and the highest 28.5 degrees at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 5:25 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 am.

The minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns are:

City/town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	min	max
Dhaka	12.7	27.8
Chittagong	15.4	27.2
Rajshahi	11.7	25.8
Khulna	14.5	27.7
Barisal	14.5	27.8
Sylhet	14.8	27.6
Cox's Bazar	17.4	27.5

New surgery unit at BIRDEM

A Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department has started functioning at the BIRDEM hospital from Monday, says a press release.

Prof M Shahidullah has been made director of the new department.

A noted surgeon and former president of the British Association of Plastic Surgeon, Prof Ronalds Hayles is scheduled to visit the BIRDEM on January 18. He will give consultation and perform operations during his stay.

Names of the persons interested will be registered on January 9-10 at the room of RS (general) at the outdoor of BIRDEM hospital between 9 am and 12 pm.

New club for engineers

A club styled 'AEC Club 54-58' of the entrants of 1954 or graduates of 1958 of then Ahsanullah Engineering College, Dhaka, has been formed in the city recently, says a press release.

The office-bearers of the club are: Md Anwarul Alam (president), A. H. Abdur Rahman (vice-president), Md Mujibul Rahman (general secretary), Abdus Saleque (treasurer) and members, Masud Hasan Jamey, Quazi Hamidur Rahman, Ershad Uddin Ahmed, Fazil Majid, Abdul Bari Chowdhury and Abdul Hafiz Chowdhury.

Scouts CLT concludes

The six-day five course for leader trainees (CLT) organised by Bangladesh Scouts ended at the National Scout Training Center, Mouchari, Gazipur on Saturday. A press release.

On the concluding day Md. Shah Alam, national commissioner (training), Bangladesh Scouts distributed certificates among the 52 participants.

M. Mahabubuzzaman, president, Bangladesh Scouts, Manzoor ul Karim, Chief National Commissioner, Habibur Alam, Bir Pratik national commissioner (programme), Md Abdul Quayum Thakur, national commissioner (administration), Afzal Hossain, national commissioner (headquarters) exchanged views with the participants.

Rahim will be buried at his family graveyard at Kusumpur village of Munshiganj district. He left behind his wife, six sons and two daughters.

Obituary

Abdur Rahim Miah, a noted social worker of Bikrampur, died at a Calcutta clinic yesterday. He was 73, reports BSS.

Rahim will be buried at his family graveyard at Kusumpur village of Munshiganj district. He left behind his wife, six sons and two daughters.

Foundation of DU BBS bldg laid

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed laid the foundation stone of the academic building for the Faculty of Business Studies of the university January 2.

The three-storey building will house 20 classrooms, 60 rooms for the teachers, two examination halls, two common-rooms, a computer centre, a teachers lounge, a cafeteria and a book-stall. The project will cost Tk. 3.9 cr.

Prof Emajuddin said, it is very difficult to carry out construction works due to rampant extortion.

He hoped that the authority would complete the construction of the BBS building in time.

"We will continue the construction work by deploying 24-hr constant police vigil at the construction site, if needed", the VC said.

Chaired by the Dean of the Faculty, Prof Moinuddin Khan, the programme was also addressed by Pro-VC Shahid Uddin Ahmed and the treasurer of the university, Prof M Shamsul Haq.

Prof Moinuddin urged all teachers and students to extend their help for successful completion of the construction.

Nuban's death condoled

By DU Correspondent

Some 101 teachers of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) in a statement expressed their deep shock at the death of Nuban Ahmed, a teacher of the Dhaka University.

Nuban Ahmed, a young teacher of the Department of Economics of DU was severely injured on December 17 when some unidentified miscreants attacked him at the South Plaza of the Sangsab Bhaban. He succumbed to his injuries on December 26 at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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Re-Tender Notice

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Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under lac sealed envelope are invited from LGED enlisted (as per financial capability) & LGED all groups pre-qualified regular contractors for implementation of work of the undermentioned scheme. Tender schedule can be purchased at the prescribed cash price (non-refundable) from the office of the Project Director, RIDP/Rural Development Project-3, Superintending Engineer (Administration Maintenance), Executive Engineer, LGED, Moulvibazar. Prior to issuing Work Order, 10% (ten per cent) on total quoted amount including earnest money should be deposited as security money by the successful tenderer in the form of BD/CD in favour of the undersigned, within 3 (three) working days. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright.