

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Love for the Hairy Ones

by Muneera Parbeen

Very few people like to be dominated by anyone in their lives. In fact, one would almost do anything to get rid of such a situation. "I am my own master" many love to boast, yet so many of us are dominated by one kind of small creatures and we have hardly any complaint against them. These are mostly the "hairy" creatures that we have as pets within our houses.

Pets can be anything, ranging from a lizard or a snake! ... Yes, the Dhakaites are developing the range of choice for pets. The more common ones which we find in our lives are cats and dogs, though some feathery birds are also quite popular. The life of such an owner of cat or dog (or both) is certainly not dull. In fact, it's exciting and in all respects extremely interesting.

The day for one of us animal-lovers begins by the licking of the dog or cat on our feet. If not our lips. We try to put them out of doors to snore off a while more but their very nagging wails are enough to melt any pashan (hardy heart), so we give up. Imagine what happens when we return home all exhausted. Only to find that our beloved pet is sleeping cozily on our favourite sofa. Should we throw it out? No sir, instead we turn on the A/C or fan if it's a hot day, or bring in a warm blanket if it's a cold one. When we sit down to a meal, they sit next to us, very well-mannered for they don't jump on to the table. As we take a piece from our favourite fish or meat dish we have to steal a look on our pet's face. Unfortunately it's also their favourite

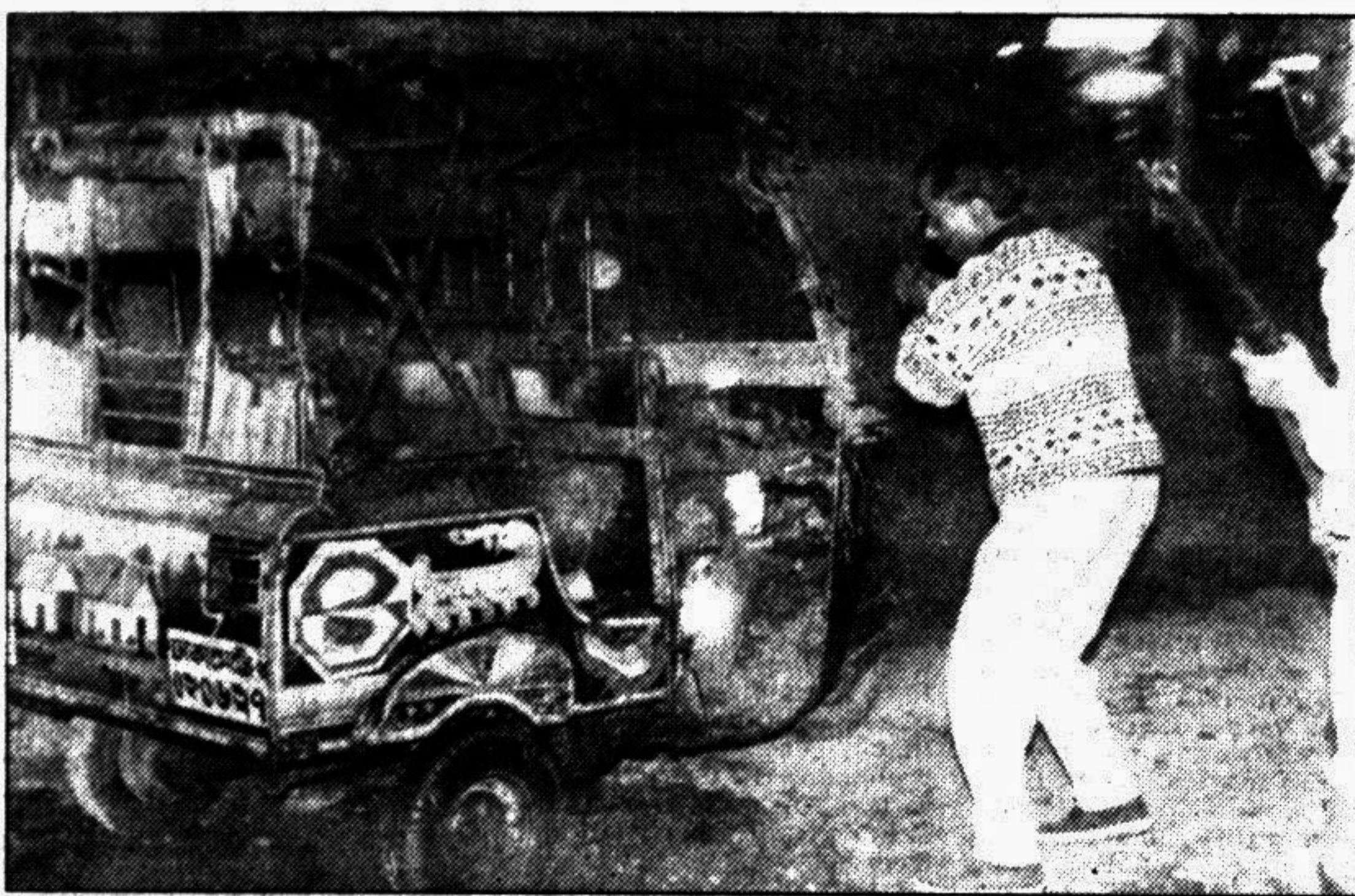
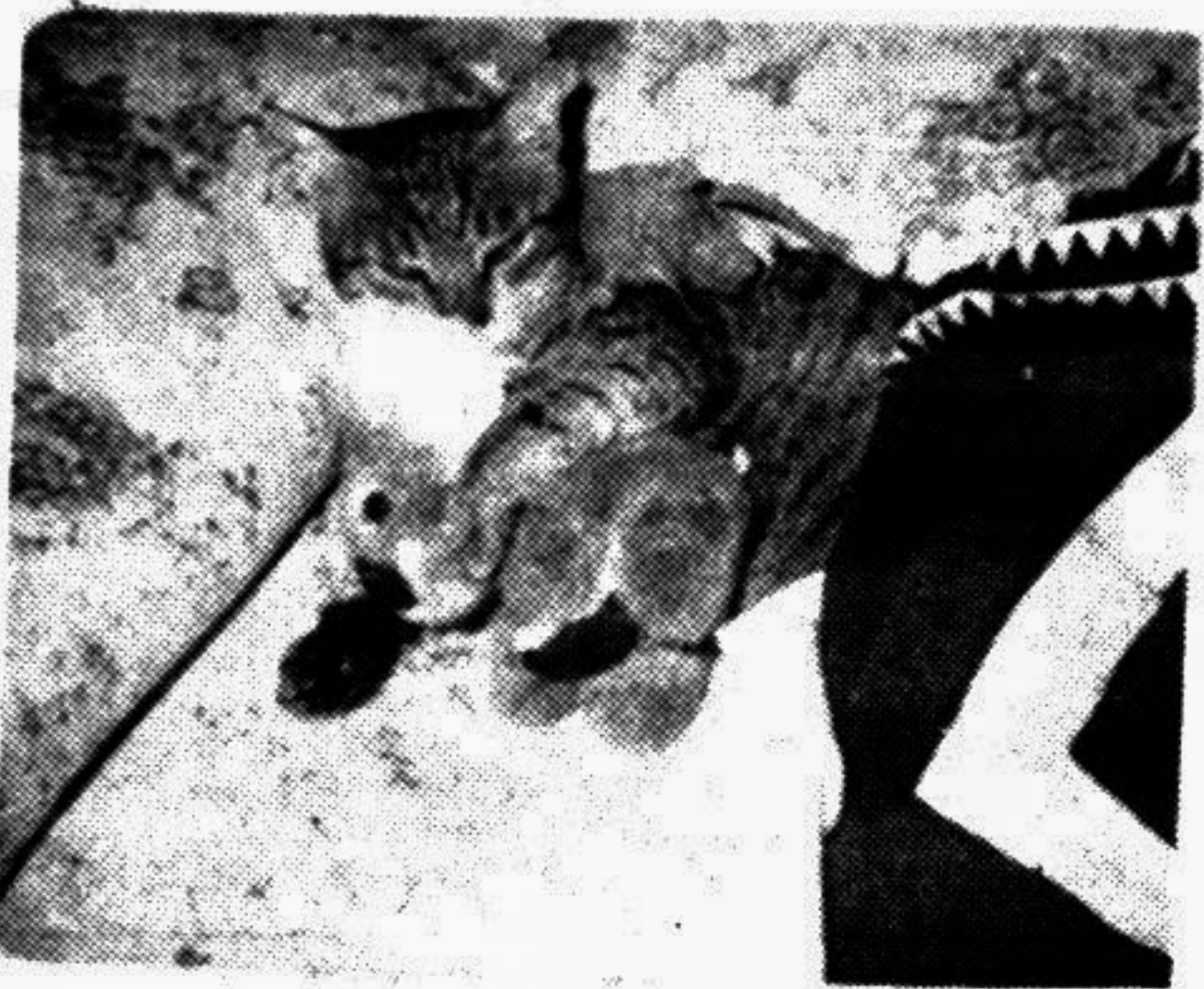
dish, so we quietly pass it when no one is looking at (we think). Our pets are far more smart, after they have made a round of the table by looking miserably at each and every member, they tuck in their tails and move on to their dishes. Sadly, we can't share from their dishes!

These hairy friends of ours, docile as they may seem, are not to be taken by their very cute and innocent appearance, for they are as sly and cunning as anyone else. Many a cat or dog keeps his master up half of the night for they have been put out of doors. If they can't sleep, they make sure that we can't either. If

all else fails to awaken us, they, especially cats, run off to scratch on our favourite pieces of furniture. Can we ignore it then? Try writing an important report and the cat decides to sleep on our papers for we are paying more attention to it than them. Just imagine if a child tried doing this to us, their bottoms would probably be all snatched out!

Jealous too are these timid little darlings and they absolutely refuse to share their love with anyone else. A new infant in the house is all that it needs to arouse their jealous feelings inside. They drop their ears and walk out of a room in silent protest if anyone happens to bring the child in.

After all this, what do we do? Actually there is nothing we wouldn't do for them. They dominate our lives, they spoil our belongings and demand all our attention, and we? We all just love it.



Opposition activists set this three-wheeler ablaze in the city's Gulistan area yesterday afternoon. — Star photo

### World Muslim leaders greet Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has received messages of felicitation and good wishes from the heads of state and government of different Muslim countries on the eve of the Eid al-Fitr, reports BSS.

In their messages, they prayed for the blessings of the Almighty Allah for peace, happiness, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Bangladesh and peoples of the Islamic nations.

The messages received are from the King of Jordan, Presidents of Egypt, the Maldives and UAE, amirs of Kuwait and Qatar, sultan of Oman and Vice-President and Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

### Nari Samaj rally at Dinajpur today

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilita Nari Samaj, a platform of women organisations, will hold a rally at Dhamrai in Dinajpur at 10:00 am today.

Nari Samaj is waging movement against the increasing incidents of repression on women and protesting the rape and killing of Yasmeen in Dinajpur, says a press release.

Some leaders of the Nari Samaj including Khushi Kabir, Shirin Akhter, Farida Akhter and Laila Arjunand Banu would address the rally, the release added.

### JCD rally held

By DU Correspondent

The leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of ruling BNP said, in a democratic state election is the only means to power handover.

JCD leaders told this at a rally held in front of the Madhu's canteen on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

The JCD leaders said that the Awami League was afraid of participating in the election as it was rejected by the people in the '91 polls.

They said the city corporation polls held during the BNP rule was completely fair. It is the BNP government which can guarantee fair polls in Bangladesh, they said.

The JCD rally was addressed by Muniruzzaman Monir, Tariqul Islam Bani, Shahabuddin Labu, Nasiruddin Asim and Monir Hossain.

### Death condoled

The members and staff of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (BELA) along with the members of the lawyers community mourn the demise of Justice Muhammad Ismailuddin Sarkar, former Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, says a press release.

Signed by BELA secretary general Dr Mohiuddin Farooque the message recalled that Justice Sarkar left behind vivid illustrations of efficiency, honesty and the courage in upholding the law. Justice Sarkar initiated the process of entertaining environmental cases in the Writ bench and was the presiding Judge in rendering the first reported case having bearing on environment.

### BDRCS lottery draw held

The twelfth lottery draw of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) was held at the Nursing School auditorium attached to the Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital yesterday, reports BSS.

The draw was held by a four-member panel of judges headed by the Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Prof Mohammad Shahjahan. Other members of the panel were Mahfuz Ullah, a journalist, Mostafa Kamal Sayed, deputy director general of Bangladesh Television, and M. Barak Hossain, director general of the Shilpakala Academy.

### BVA team meets Noman

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al-Noman yesterday said veterinarians can play an important role in our livestock subsector. He was talking to the leaders of the Bangladesh Veterinarians Association (BVA) when they called on him at his residence, reports BSS.

### Doa Solicited

Almighty graciously granted a new lease of life; let us all join to pray for his speedy recovery. Tazkia, Arzish, Andalib, Zubayir Jilani, Rashad, Najma, Belal, Yasmeen, Itekhhar, Natasha, Nehal and Amma. D-90

### দিল্লী ওয়ার্ল্ড বুক ফেয়ার '৯৬

আপনি কি লেখক/প্রকাশক?

আগামী ফেব্রুয়ারিতে অনুষ্ঠিত দিল্লী বিশ্ব বই মেলায় আপনার বই প্রদর্শন ও বিক্রি করা হবে।

আপনার ইংরেজী ভাষায় প্রকাশিত বই ও বইয়ের তালিকা নিয়ে ২৫শে জানুয়ারী ১৯৯৬ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করুন:

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### What's on today...

**Zahir Raihan Film Society:** The society has arranged the screening of the 11 episodes of the film 'Heimat' (The Homeland) by German film maker Reitz. The second and the third episodes of the film will be screened today. Venue: German Cultural centre. Time: 3:00 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Bangladesh Chhatra Union:** The two-day conference of the DU unit of the body will begin. Venue: Aam Jala, Arts Building premises. Time: 10 am.

### Weather

### Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says night temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

Country's lowest temperature 6.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Srimangal and the highest 26.4 degrees at Teknaf.

The sun sets today at 5:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 am.

Minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Min	Max
Dhaka	9.4	23.8
Chittagong	13.0	25.0
Rajshahi	7.6	22.4
Khulna	11.4	24.3
Barisal	10.8	24.4
Sylhet	10.2	22.8
Cox's Bazar	14.4	25.5
	Morning	Evening
	76	67
	79	57
	93	75
	84	64
	84	60
	88	65
	68	57

### BCS (Taxation) Assoc apex body

By Staff Correspondent

A 45-member executive committee of the BCS (Taxation) Association was formed for 1996-97 with Chairman of the Privatisation Board M Motiur Rahman and the Commissioner of Taxes Md Delwar Hossain as its president and secretary general respectively.

The new committee was formed at the annual general meeting of the association held in the city on Friday with the outgoing president A F M Teyebur Rahman in the chair, says a press release.

Other office bearers of the new committee are: vice presidents — Harunur Rashid and Faruque Ahmed Shiddiqui and A S M Abdul Aziz, joint secretary generals — M A Quader Sarker and Mahbubur Rahman Azad, treasurer — Md Sajjad Hossain, office secretary — Md Meftah Uddin Khan, publicity secretary — Kazi Imdadul Haque, sports secretary — Md Wahid Hossain, publication secretary — M M Fazlul Haque and cultural secretary — Md Shajahan.

### BWDB workshop

A day-long workshop on management was held in the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) conference room yesterday, says a press release.

The course inaugurated by Water Resources Secretary Md Nazrul Islam, aimed to analyse board management development.

### Prize-giving ceremony

Speakers at a function have called for extending facilities to the children for their proper development especially in the cultural and musical fields, reports BSS.

Organised by the Saheli Sangeet Shiksha Pratishthan, a musical school located at East Kafil in the Dhaka Cantonment area marking its first founding anniversary, a prize-giving ceremony was held in the Zia auditorium of the Bangladesh Shishu Academy Tuesday.

Presided over by Tuesday Soheli Ahmed, founder president of the school, the function was addressed by Quamrul Islam Siddiqui, chief engineer of LGED as the chief guest, Captain A N M Okba and Anwar Yusuf as special guests.

### VOA Fan Club quiz contest

The first round of the VOA Fan Club's countrywide quiz contest was held yesterday morning at its central office in the city, reports BSS.

Rafiqul Islam Sarkar, chief news editor of BTV was the chief guest in a discussion held on the occasion while Zahurul Alam, VOA correspondent in Dhaka was the special guest. Former VOA coordinator Shafiqur Rahman conducted the programme.

Over 80,000 people participated in the contest. Since, there was a large number of correct entry, 30 winners were selected through a lottery. Final draw will be held later.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will sponsor first, second and third prizes which include Dhaka-Hong Kong-Dhaka, Dhaka-Karachi-Dhaka, Dhaka-Kathmandu-Dhaka air tickets.



Matiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary-General of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh addressing a rally in the city yesterday. — Star photo



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