

Dhaka Day by Day

Need More Recreational Facilities

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Life for the Dhakaite has become totally unbearable all on a sudden. What with pollution, congestion, political impasse, a deteriorating law and order situation etc. etc. The list seems to be endless. From the moment one wakes up in the morning and steps out into the streets one is confronted with all kinds of hostility on the way. In fact it has become really difficult to ascertain whether one will arrive at one's destination without being almost two hours late (and losing one's sanity in the process) or whether his/her car will still be in one piece, without

falling into the hands of demonstrators (since to them the best way to protest is to damage vehicles regardless of who they belong to). So after making it through another hectic week the Dhakaite can't help but heave a sigh of relief when the weekend finally arrives. But sadly there is so little to do for recreation during the week-ends or holidays in the city. There aren't many parks or resorts worth visiting with families and nowhere to go for a day's outing. Though it makes one ashamed to say this but the quality of our movies is so poor that the movie halls are definitely not a destination for an outing! Also the fashion shows and concerts held regularly at the city hotels are often unaffordable for the average person because of high priced tickets. The picnics and meena bazaars are only held during the winter season, but one cannot go to such places every often. As a

result, nothing much seems to be done on week-ends and public holidays except visiting one's friends and relatives, eating out and of course going for long drives for the romantically inclined.

The average Dhakaite desperately needs somewhere to go and something to do. The "Castle Resort" situated just about 45 minutes out of Dhaka on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway comes as a pleasant surprise. Though it is still in the process of being built as a hotel, one can still have a decent meal either in the tiny restaurant or in the quaint looking boats, and in pleasant surroundings. The food is quite good though the price may be a little high for the average person. But still the place is nice and most of all it provides a perfect atmosphere for the lovebirds to get away from the crowds and the sharp eyes. The drive is also nice as soon as one gets out of the famous Jatra Bari jam. Another place to visit is the Mary Anderson restaurant which is aboard a ship situated close to Narayanganj. These are mainly eating places. If they offered a few more facilities, it would be even better. Dhaka desperately needs a few more places of this kind with more facilities like boating, amusement rides, playgrounds for children, lovely gardens, so that families can go for a weekend outing and have an enjoyable time away from the din-and-bustle of everyday life.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaking at a meeting with teachers at the party's central office yesterday.

Foundation stone of DCH laid

The Ministry of Social Welfare will provide Tk 6.81 crore out of total Tk 8.31 crore for the expansion of the Dhaka Community Hospital (DCH), a welfare oriented medicare centre in the city, reports UNB.

Former Planning Commission secretary Mohammad Asafuddin laid the foundation stone of the new 75-bed hospital building on Friday to ensure low cost medicare facilities to the poor through introducing health insurance scheme.

The DCH will provide the remaining Tk 1.50 crore. The hospital set up in 1988 is being run by the Dhaka Community Hospital Trust.

This health insurance scheme has also introduced outside the capital including Dulai, Bishnupur, Luxmipur and Palna sadar, Hajrahata of Kushtia, Shibganj of Chhapainawabganj, Agaljhara of Barisal, Palash of Narshingdi, Islampur of Jamalpur, Chohali of Sirajganj and Charpata in Noakhali.

Russian expo \$ 5.7 lakh orders for Bangladeshi goods

Bangladeshi firms received spot export orders of 5.7 lakh dollars and potential orders worth 55 thousand dollars from the Russian importers at the Consumexpo-96 held in Moscow from January 15 to 19, export Promotion Bureau sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Eight Bangladeshi firms from the private and the public sectors participated in the fair with products like carpets, garments, sports shoes, ceramic products, melamine products, handicrafts, sanitary wares, green check and ballpoint pens.

Accredited

The government has accredited Mohammad Julmat Ali Khan at present Bangladesh ambassador to Thailand, to the Kingdom of Cambodia, a Foreign Office announcement said in Dhaka yesterday.

Ganja worth Tk 40 lakh recovered

Narcotics and police personnel in a joint drive recovered contraband ganja worth about Tk 40 lakh from Gunaritala at Madarganj thana in Jamalpur district on Saturday, reports UNB.

They also arrested 11 people, who were long been involved in cultivating and marketing the contraband, said a press release of the Narcotics Department in Dhaka yesterday.

The arrested are: Ainul, Azizul Haq Khan, Abdul Kader Sarkar, Kalu Mondol, Yunus Mondol, Mohammad Jewel, Amjad Bepary, Ali, Tota Mia, Fakir and Abdus Samad.

The recovered contraband included a truck-load plants and two mounds of refined ganja, the release said.

Meanwhile, the Narcotics Department in two other operations in the capital yesterday seized 130 grams of heroine, 200 grams of ganja, eight ampoules of tussic injection and five bottles of phenesdyl syrup.

Exam shifted

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: The 1992 final year MA examination in English under Chittagong University scheduled to be held on March 4 will now be held on March 17, a university press release said today, reports BSS.

CU vacation

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: All classes of the Chittagong University will remain closed from February 1 to February 29, on account of the holy Ramadan, Shab-e-Quadr, Shaheed Day and Eid-ul-Fitr, a university press release said here today, reports BSS.

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Obituary

Abdur Rouf Majumdar, a social worker of Feni died of old age complications at his village home at Paschimdebpur under Chhagalnaiya thana on January 22. He was 81, say a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, four daughters.

He was buried at his family graveyard the following day. His gulkhwani was held on January 25.

Majumdar was Chairman of Mahamaya union parishad in Chhagalnaiya for many years. He was associated with a number of social welfare organisations and educational institutions.

Seminar on Sundarbans Feb 2

The gradual depletion of the Sundarbans and drying up of wetlands in Bangladesh mainly due to alarming fall in the flow of her rivers, including the Ganges, are gaining the world's attention, reports UNB.

This frightful aspect of Bangladesh's ecological system will be highlighted at a seminar being organised on February 2 by the Coastal Area Resources Development and Management Association (CARDMA) in cooperation with the IUCN-World Conservation Union.

Environmentalists and scholars are expected to participate in the seminar. Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Morshed will be the chief guest on the occasion.

The President of CARDMA, Hasan Moudud, told UNB Sunday the seminar would dwell on the problem of conservation and management of wetlands and on the need for an immediate action plan to protect them.

The seminar will also urge UNESCO and other relevant bodies to declare the Sundarbans as a "world heritage site," for the protection of its eco-system.

The smaller part of Sundarbans, which is in the Indian state of West Bengal, has already been declared one.

The CARDMA has been striving to get the Sundarbans declared as a "world heritage site" and St Martin's Island as a "protected marine park."

What's on today . . .

Programme on Zahir Raihan: A discussion meet and screening of four documentaries will be organised by the Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 3 pm.

Jatiya Kabita Parishad: The body will hold a press conference. Venue: VIP lounge, Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

AIDS and Health Writers Group: The body will hold its monthly orientation meeting. Venue: Conference room, Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

Demonstration on INTERNET: The programme will be held at the computer science department of Dhaka University. Time: 5:45 pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: 7/C Paribag. Time: 4:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Motijheel: The club will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: 369/B Elephant Road. Time: 3 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Singer's Sewing School, Kakrail. Time: 4 pm.

Weather

Dry weather to prevail

Prevailing dry weather may continue over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office said temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The sun sets today at 5:43 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am.

The country's lowest temperature 9.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the highest 27.5 degrees at Kutubdia.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.5	10.7	70	64
Chittagong	26.0	14.0	80	67
Rajshahi	25.8	9.5	69	48
Khulna	26.2	10.0	89	66
Barisal	25.6	10.5	76	61
Sylhet	26.5	13.1	89	66
Cox's Bazar	26.5	16.3	59	62

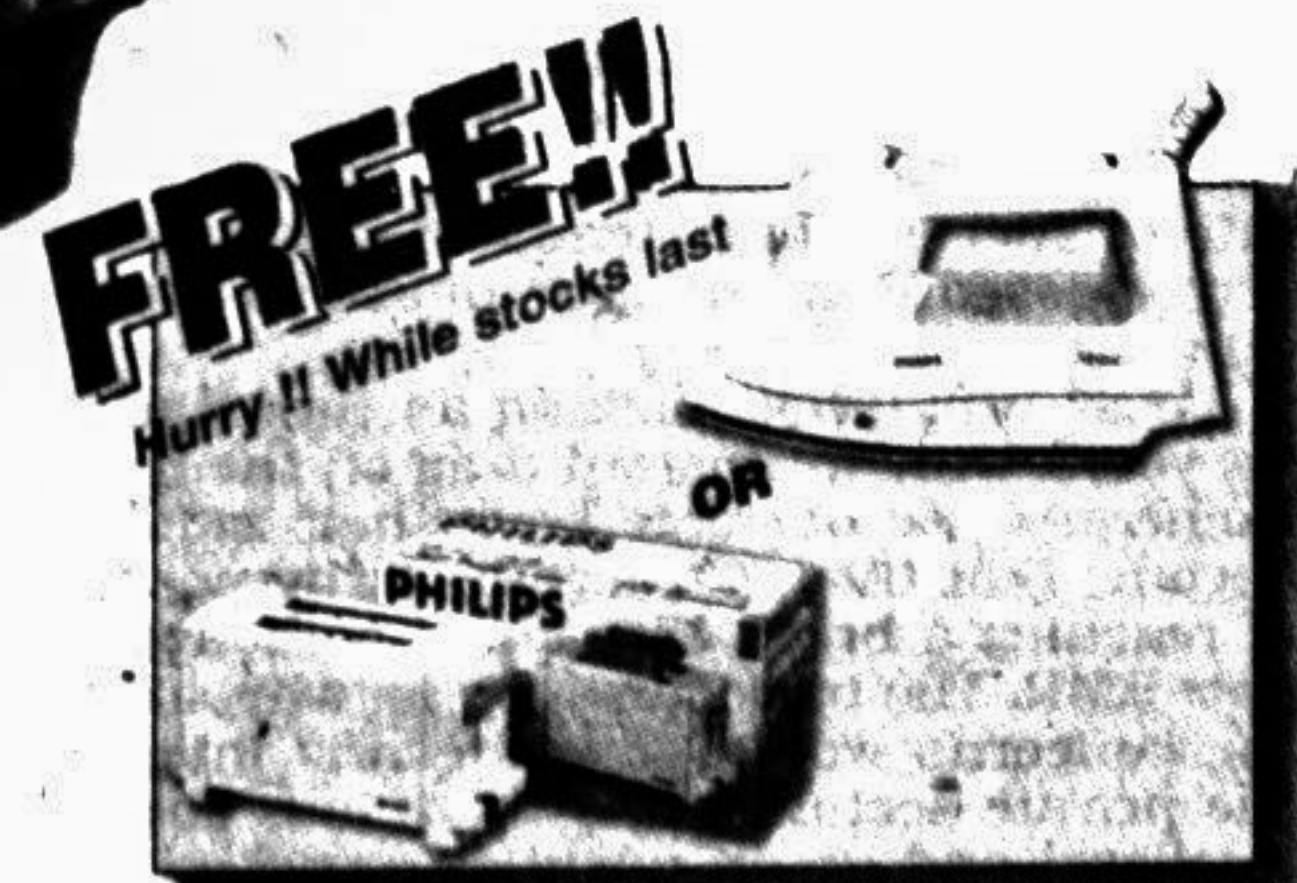


Stranded passengers at Sadarghat launch terminal during yesterday's hartal.

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2	Line Hardware.
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4	Distribution Transformer (5 KVA, 10 KVA, 15 KVA, 37.5 KVA, 50 KVA, 75 KVA, 100 KVA & 167 KVA), Fuse Cut-Out & Fuse Holder, Surge Arrestor & Fuse Links.
5	Single Phase Meter, Single Phase Meter (Socket Type), Three Phase Meter w/o demand, Three Phase Meter with demand & Energy Meter Accessories.
6	Street Light & Line Tools.

2. Schedule of selling of bidding document and receiving/opening of tender.

Package No.	Bidding Sale Date		Bidding Receiving		Bidding Opening	
	From	To	Date	Time	Date	Time
1, 2 & 3	04 Feb 1996	19 Mar 1996	20 Mar 1996	Upto 11:00 Hours	20 Mar 1996	At 11:10 Hours
4, 5 & 6	05 Feb 1996	20 Mar 1996	21 Mar 1996	Upto 11:00 Hours	21 Mar 1996	At 11:10 Hours

(Sale will be on and during working days and office hours only; time mentioned will be Bangladesh Standard Time indicated by time-signals on Radio Bangladesh).

- Price of Tender Document: Taka: 2000/- (Take Two Thousand only) for Bid Packages No. 1, 2, 5 & 6 and Taka: 2500/- (Take Two Thousand Five Hundred only) for Bid Packages No. 3 & 4 payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of "Rural Electrification Board" for each copy of Bid Package. At least equal to 5% (five percent) of the offered value.
- Bid Bond: Directorate of Procurement, Rural Electrification Board, House No. 823, Road No. 19 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh. (Through an application along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of price amount).
- Tender Document will be available at: Tenders will be opened in presence of the bidders or their representative (if any) in the office of the undersigned.
- No tender document will be sent by REB by mail/courier service.
- Mode of Payment: Through letter(s) of Credit.
- Source & Origin of Material/Equipment: All countries except Serbia & Montenegro (Breaks-away of former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) and Israel.
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- The offer of material and equipment must be quoted on C&F basis. Offers must be submitted as per forms and conditions set forth in the bid document. Equities, if any, must reach the undersigned at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of opening of tender.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the undersigned during the sale period of respective Bidding Documents on and during working days and office hours.
- Rural Electrification Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereto.

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