

Dhaka Day by Day

Male Preening

by Fayza Haq

To possess one pair of leather boots from overseas is an asset in itself in Dhaka. Anwar, an acquaintance of mine, owns three pairs of boots from Sidney, and has a leather jacket, belts and a wallet to match with them. "My phuppi knows I have a weakness for boots — even in Dhaka's warm weather. I'm her only nephew in Bangladesh so she spoils me," he explains.

Another friend of mine, working in Purana Paltan, wears a fresh shirt every day of the month. "How do you manage such a jazzy wardrobe?" I ask him. "It's easy enough — I have forty shirts and a dozen new trousers and jeans — they've all been given by my friends and family. I just wear a fresh top every day and match it suitably. Sometimes, in winter, I wear my sister's jackets too and you couldn't tell that they are primarily for women," he replies.

The other day, I saw four of my male colleagues huddled over an airline brochure of colognes and perfumes. They appeared to know the scents and their prices like the back of their hand. How did these young men, with their limited income, and no experience of overseas trips, have all the know-how of expensive after-shaves and colognes, I wondered.

"I'm putting on too much of weight. If I don't watch out, I'll end up with a bulging midriff. Should I try and buy a corset?" says another friend of mine, whose face and hands look positively skinny to me. "I'm going to cut down on the sugar in my tea, and stop taking the singaras in the office. I must walk

a mile after office and have only vegetables for dinner," carries on this figure-conscious male, whose creases in the shirt are never out of place in the office.

The Lancelots and Don Juans of Dhaka are careful of their hair-cuts, shirt creases and kurta buttons. I've known them to flaunt gold chains and copper or silver bracelets, and when they are young, even earrings. They are careful to the last detail of their shoes and socks.

They will spend at least Tk 1,000 on their after-shaves and clothes when their earning can hardly support the luxury. It is not the occasional man that is suavely dressed. If you go to new Elephant Road or Mirpur Road shops, you find rows of expensive male colognes and after-shaves which easily outnumber the scents for women. One wonders where people have money to buy a tiny bottle of after-shave for Tk 3,000. One also asks oneself if the men in Dhaka are more vain than the women and how cluttered up are the

toilets and bedrooms with pre-shave and after-shave lotions, hair gels, talcum powder, deodorants, shoes, socks, ties, gold kurta buttons and what have you.

What has made our Dhakites so choosy and careful about their appearance? Perhaps it is the exposure to foreign magazines, newspapers and television channel — and trips abroad. Whatever it is, it should make the female counterparts more aware of their appearances too.



Acting chairman of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury addressing a meeting in Azampur, Uttara yesterday. — Star photo

Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Sylhet and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met. office says weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country.

Sylhet experienced the highest 15 mm rain yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 37.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest 19.2 degrees at Dinajpur.

Sun sets today at 6:17 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48 am. Maximum and 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	35.5	24.5	75	50
Chittagong	30.9	22.8	85	80
Rajshahi	37.0	19.5	80	33
Khulna	36.0	23.4	76	47
Barisal	34.6	23.8	82	57
Sylhet	31.2	20.5	70	63
Cox's Bazar	32.0	22.0	71	73

What's on today...

Lions Club of Dhaka Angels: The members enrolment ceremony will be held. Venue: Rendezvous, 23 Motijheel. Time: 6:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka: The Regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:15 pm.

Rotary Club Sonargaon: The regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Photo show opens

The fourth solo photo exhibition by M Nurul Islam was inaugurated at the gallery of the Bangladesh Photographic Society (BPS), says a press release.

BPS president Bijon Sarkar inaugurated the exhibition. The show will run from 12 noon to 8 pm everyday till May 2.

His works were displayed in the first BPS International Photo Exhibition in 1994.

His first solo show was held in Luxmipur in May 1988. A total of 31 photographs were on display.

JSP demands autonomy of radio, TV

Jatiya Sangskritik Party (JSP) has expressed solidarity with the movement of artists of radio and television demanding autonomy of the state-run electronic media, reports UNB.

JSP president Azmal Huda Mithu and general secretary Azam Khan in a statement yesterday said they will continue the movement until the demand is fulfilled.

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DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif exchanging pleasantries with the newsmen at his Gulshan residence yesterday. — Star photo

Habibur Rahman felicitated

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 5: About 70 teachers of Rajshahi University in a joint statement today felicitated Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman for his assumption of the office of the Chief Adviser of the caretaker government.

They also demanded legal action against those government officials who took part in the active party politics during the opposition sponsored non-cooperation movement. They observed that free and fair polling is not possible keeping those officials in their positions.

The teachers also demanded arrest and punishment of the persons responsible for destroying the name plate of "Shahid President Ziaur Rahman Hall." The signatories included Amiruzzaman Khan, Abbas Ali, Faisal Islam Faruki, Aminul Islam Beg, Yunus Ahmed Khan and others.

Meanwhile a press release adds: The BADC Officers Association Co-ordination Council in a meeting on Thursday felicitated Justice Habibur Rahman and his Advisers.

KCC, RCC mayors meet Biswas

Sheikh Taubur Rahman and Mizanur Rahman Minu, Mayors of Khulna and Rajshahi respectively called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas separately at Bangabhaban Thursday, reports BSS.

President Biswas advised them to cooperate with the non-party caretaker government for holding a free and fair election.

The mayors thanked the President for expediting the process of formation of the non-party caretaker government and assured their support for its success.

REVISED VISIT PROGRAMME OF BAF RECRUITING TEAM

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1. Candidates are to produce their certificates and marksheets of SSC and HSC Examination at the time of written test.
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12 Apr '96	Govt. Ashek Mahmud College, Jamalpur	Chittagong Govt. College, Chittagong	Thakurgaon Govt. College, Thakurgaon
14 Apr '96	Govt. Anandamohan College, Mymensingh	Feni Govt. College, Feni	Nilphamari Govt. College, Nilphamari
16 Apr '96	Netrakona Govt. College, Netrakona	Noakhali Govt. College, Noakhali	Govt. Charnicheal University College, Rangpur
18 Apr '96	Haji Asmat Govt. College, Kishoreganj	Chandpur Govt. College, Chandpur	Rajshahi Govt. College, Rajshahi
20 Apr '96	Govt. Shadat University College, Tangail	Govt. Victoria College, Comilla	Naogaon Govt. College, Naogaon
22 Apr '96	Govt. Rajendra College, Faridpur	B. Baria Govt. College, B. Baria	Govt. Edward College, Pabna

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Corrigendum of Tender Notice

This refer to our Tender Notice No. 44/95-96 dated 19.02.96 and Tender Notice No. 47/95-96 dated 25.02.96 published in The Daily News Paper for procurement of various items. All participants are requested to please note the following amendment:

1. Tender schedule are to be sold up to 13.04.96.
 2. The last date of Tender submission will be 15.04.96.
- All other terms and conditions of the Tender schedule will remain unchanged.

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