

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Taking Care of a New-found Green Culture

by Tanya Mahaz Huq

Our beloved metropolis seems to be suffering from an acute space problem. So it is often not possible for people to have large gardens. This must be terribly frustrating for the ones

with cool green waters. Though these nurseries mainly supply seeds and saplings of various kinds of plants and trees, one or two do something a little different. For example, they

don't sell plants or seeds, they rent out potted plants mainly to offices and houses. The rent is about Tk 1,000 to Tk 2,000 according to the plant. They deliver the plants to the offices that order them, and about once a day the men from the nursery go there to tend and water the plants. Of course, these charges are included within the rent.



They tend plants for others.

So, instead of flower beds in lawns, now we see different varieties of potted and hanging plants adorning the verandahs in flats, which often look picturesque, and pretty. The various nurseries all over the city are responsible for supplying the seeds and saplings of big trees to small and exotic potted plants. The nursery business is a very lucrative one that can be seen in many parts of Dhaka city, from roadsides to Lakesides.

There are a few nurseries on the banks of Dhanmondi lake that have a flourishing business. While passing by the lake it is certainly a sight for sore eyes to see the beautiful greenery of the nursery plants on the banks of the Lake

no harm in adding a little bit of green around the place. Because there's nothing like a beautiful green plant to soothe your eyes after a hectic day.

### Robbery in city garment factory; Valuables worth Tk 10 lakh looted

An armed group has looted clothes and valuables worth an estimated Tk 10 lakh from a garment factory at Rampura in the city, police said, reports UNB.

According to a case filed at Sabujbagh thana, the gangsters snatched the keys from the guards of National Apparels Ltd at gunpoint and looted the factory on April 27 evening.

M Kamal Ahmed, managing director of the factory, stated in the case that Rahisuddin of Purba Rampura and his Rokon and Babul came to his office at 1 pm on April 26 and demanded Tk 50,000.

Asked why he (Kamal) should pay the money, Rahisuddin said he was in jail and a lot of money had been spent for coming out.

On Kamal's refusal, Rahisuddin threatened him brandishing a pistol and asked him to give the money on April 27 at 5 pm. The accused then left the office firing one shot.

On April 27 evening the goons came and enquired about Kamal. They then forced into the factory and looted it in absence of the MD.

### Seminar on credit for poor May 8

A two-day seminar on "Credit for the Poor: Aspirations, Realities and Prospects" begins in the capital on May 8, reports UNB.

Organised by Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), an NGO, the seminar will begin at 9 am at its Mirpur, Senpara Parbatta main office training hall.

The seminar will review experience of the NGO's credit programmes.

### Myanmar asked to buy more goods from Bangladesh

Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman has requested the government of Myanmar to buy more goods from Bangladesh for giving a fillip to bilateral economic cooperation, reports UNB.

Rahman made the proposal when the new ambassador of Myanmar in Bangladesh, U Tint Lwin, called on him at his office Saturday morning.

Welcoming the new envoy, the Chief Adviser expressed satisfaction over the existing relations between the two countries and hoped it would further strengthen if bilateral trade and economic cooperation got a boost.

Rahman further proposed exchange of students between Bangladesh and Myanmar and stressed enhancing bilateral cooperation in cultural field.

The issue of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh also came up in the meeting.

The Chief Adviser hoped that the process of repatriation would be geared up.

Some 253,000 Rohingya Muslims had crossed over into Bangladesh since February 1991, and around 2 lakh of them have so far been repatriated from camps in Cox's Bazar and nearby Bandarban districts.

Secretary to the Chief Adviser Abdullah Haroon Pasha was present.

### Course on research methodology begins

A three-week course on Research Methodology began yesterday at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre at Savar, reports UNB.

Twelve officials of different organisations are participating in the course, inaugurated by AZM Shamsul Alam, Rector of the BPATC.



The Ambassador of Myanmar in Bangladesh U Tint Lwin called on Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman at his office yesterday. — PID photo

### JU classes resume tomorrow

By JU Correspondent

Classes and offices of the Jahangirnagar University resume tomorrow following a 10 day vacation on the occasions of the holy Eid-ul-Azha, May Day and Buddha Purnima.

Admission forms and prospectus for admission in the 1st year (Hons) classes of 1995-96 session will again be available from tomorrow till May 16 at Agrani Bank's branches at New Market, Green Road, Farm Gate, WASA (Kawran Bazar), Bangabandhu Avenue, WAPDA (Mottijheel) and Mirpur section-1 during the office hour.

### Lily Chy's death condoled

The Bangladesh Awami Aijibi Parishad has condoled the death of Naima Chowdhury Lily, a ward commissioner of the Dhaka City Corporation, who died of cardiac arrest Thursday night.

In a press statement yesterday, Advocate Sahara Khatun, convener and Advocate Abdullah Abu, secretary member of the Parishad expressed deep shock at the untimely death of Lily Chowdhury, who was also the vice-chairman of the Bangladesh Mahila Awami League.

They also extended their sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

### 50 firearms recovered

Police recovered 50 firearms including two sawed off rifles, three revolvers, four pistols, 33 pipe guns, two cut guns and three single barrel guns from different parts of the country yesterday, reports BSS.

The police also arrested 20 persons for possessing illegal arms and explosives.

The police have recovered 1163 different types of illegal firearms and arrested 755 persons for keeping illegal arms and explosives in their possession since April 1.

Police also arrested 8700 persons throughout the country on warrant of arrest.

## What's on today....

**Film show:** Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised a special film session in celebration of the 75th birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray. 'Satyajit Ray' a documentary by Shyam Benegal and 'Jana Aranya' by Satyajit Ray will be screened today, the concluding day of the session. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

**FEMA discussion meet:** The Fair Election Monitoring alliance has organised a discussion meeting to help holding fair and neutral polling in the forthcoming Jatiya Sangsad elections. Venue: House 20, Road 16 (New), Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 3:30 pm.

## Weather

### Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions and the districts of Tangail and Mymensingh in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country while day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged.

Meantime, Rangpur experienced the highest 40 mm rain in the last 36 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Sylhet had 21 mm rain. Dinajpur 13 and Mymensingh 7 mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rangamati and the lowest 19.5 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 6:30 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:24 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and town yesterday were

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	34.7	26.8	79	65
Chittagong	34.1	26.7	70	75
Rajshahi	35.5	26.7	78	60
Khulna	35.4	26.5	84	98
Barisal	34.2	24.6	86	70
Sylhet	33.0	21.0	91	65
Cox's Bazar	33.5	26.4	75	72



Police searching body of a passer-by on Dhaka University campus yesterday as part of ongoing countrywide drive to recover illegal arms. — Star photo

## India-Pakistan-Bangladesh-Ceylon Conference

This is an amendment to and replaces the Notice issued on 25th April.

### NOTICE TO TRADE CHITTAGONG

Further to their announcement of 1st April, the Member Lines wish to advise that there has been slight improvement in conditions in the port of Chittagong. In the circumstances, in respect of all East and Westbound cargo moving through the port of Chittagong, the existing surcharge will be reduced to the following levels effective Wednesday 22nd May -

- \$ 150 per teu (FCL)
- \$ 15W/\$7M (LCL/Breakbulk)

The port situation at Chittagong will be monitored on a continuous basis. 30th April, 1996.

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Applications are invited for appointment of Principal in The Sylhet Khajanchibari International School. Candidates having Second Class Masters Degree with honours and at least 10 (ten) years' experience as Principal or Vice-Principal of a reputed institution may apply. In case of candidates having outstanding capabilities the above conditions may be relaxed. Persons with MEd/BEed degree will be given preference. Attractive salary will be given to suitable candidates.

Application along with a copy of photo and complete Bio-data must reach the Chairman, Board of Trustees, The Sylhet Khajanchibari International School, Nayasarak, Sylhet under registered post within 10 (ten) days from the publication of this notice.

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