

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Dwindling Hobby of Angling

by ASM Nurunnabi

In our present fast pace of life, it is becoming increasingly difficult for many to hold on to their favourite hobbies. In earlier times when life ran at a slower pace, many people used to have one hobby or another which helped them to renew their zest for life by reducing any tedium that may accumulate in our day-to-day existence. A redeeming aspect of our life is, however, that in spite of its hectic pace, there are people who manage to find some time to pursue their hobbies.

Angling is one of the important hobbies that attract many people. For some it holds a passionate appeal. The sad reality is that there are not many places in the Dhaka city where a person interested in this hobby finds scope for the indulgence. Once the Dhanmondi lake was a favourite spot for anglers. Now this lake has turned into a reservoir of polluted water unfit for fish to survive. In its heyday, the lake attracted a large number of anglers who paid a specific amount for enjoying the facility. For their convenience, many bamboo platforms were raised near the edge of the water and on those platforms sat the enthusiasts for hours together with their fishing equipment and necessary food and drinks to sustain themselves while they kept their long vigil for their catch. These are now things of the past.

Other favourite spots used to be the Gulshan lake and the DND embankment. Facilities at these places have at present similarly suffered. But genuine enthusiasts are not easily discouraged by such handicaps. There are still some other small water areas within the city limit which offer limited facilities. With the fast pace of urbanisation, the large number of water areas, ponds and tanks which once dotted the city, have disappeared, greatly reducing the scope for angling. In these circumstances, the serious anglers do not hesitate to go even beyond the city limits, for example, to suitable spots in Rupganj, Narayanganj or Narsingdi.

Reportedly there is an Anglers' Association in the city whose main objective is to encourage the sport and to improve and extend the facilities for this pastime. It is also said to organize competitions periodically. In this connection, it is understood that in Indonesia positive steps are taken to encourage this sport. In that country fish sanctuaries are maintained where anglers are provided with all facilities, subject to one condition. When an angler is successful in catching a fish, he is not allowed to take it home; if he opts to retain it, he will have to pay the prescribed price for it. In spite of this restriction, there is reportedly great enthusiasm among anglers of that country to angle in those sanctuaries which are full of fish.

It is felt by some angling enthusiasts that if similar example of setting up a fish sanctuary is followed in the city, it will greatly give a boost to the interest of the city anglers. Such a sanctuary can be set up in the Dhanmondi lake if the polluted water is drained out and the cause of pollution arising from the drainage inflows from the adjacent buildings are stopped and thereafter fresh water is allowed to accumulate from heavy rainfalls in the rainy seasons and from pump water from nearby pump houses.

Another important suggestion made by a veteran angler is that if the water areas are stocked with fish fry of carp variety, as against Ruih, Katla or Mrigil, it will yield quicker harvest and offer better opportunities for angling. After all, an angler does not seem to mind if his catch does not belong to the better classes of fish. He, by and large, gets equal joy and excitement from his catch of lesser kinds of fish.

The waning sport of angling needs all encouragement from the concerned quarters, since this outdoor activity, besides its recreational aspect, teaches it adherents patience, concentration and a whole-hearted dedication.



# Metropolitan

## AL team in BTV programme

### Statements of wealth of all in govt if voted to power

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League has pledged to give statements of wealth of the people in government if the party is voted power.

"Every year accounts of wealth of those in government will be made public. AL does not believe in becoming rich after assumption of state power, top leaders of the party said while participating in a special pre-election TV programme Sunday night.

Leading a three-member party team, Hasina said if people voted her party to power, "my first task will be improving the overall law and order in the country".

Two senior party colleagues — president member Tofael Ahmed and International Affairs Secretary Abul Hasan Chowdhury — accompanied the AL president in the programme styled as "Sabinoye Jante Chal".

A panel of two journalists and an economist asked questions which the AL leaders answered. The programme was presented in a question-answer format with Anisul Haq playing the role of moderator.

At the end of the programme Hasina, in her one-minute sum up presentation before the nation, solicited votes for the AL's election symbol 'boat' pledging "We will present you a government for serving people".

"I want to serve the people, serve the nation. You had voted for Awami League in 1970 to achieve independence of the country. Give us an opportunity once more", she said.

Some other commitments the AL leaders made to the people through the TV programme are: ministers would not head parliamentary com-

mittees, rather, members of parliament both from the ruling party and the opposition would head those, putting an end to terrorism in educational institutions, moratorium on student politics if mutually agreed by all parties through discussion in the next parliament, repeal of the rule requiring prime minister's approval for probing into corruption by ministers and other people in government and running of the country on the basis of national consensus.

Replying to questions regarding formation of BKSAL and raising of Rakkhi Bahini during the AL rule just after independence, the leaders said BKSAL was formed not for introducing just one-party rule, rather, it was formed to unite all parties for achieving the goal of economic emancipation.

Rakkhi Bahini was raised with freedom fighters, who were later absorbed in the national army, explained the AL

**'Modhur Amar Mayer Hashi' tonight on BTV**

A special magazine programme on independence, democracy and elections, titled "Modhur Amar Mayer Hashi" (Sweet is my mother's smile), produced by Bangla Telefilm, and written and directed by Mamunur Rashid, will be broadcast tonight on Bangladesh Television, says a press release.

Popular artistes including Aly Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Fazlur Rahman Babu and Azad Abul Kalam will participate in the programme, which will be presented by Mamunur Rashid.



Chief of the Air Staff Air-Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed giving away the 'Sword of Honour' to the 'best all-round' cadet at the Graduation Parade of BAF Academy at Jessore yesterday. — ISPR photo

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### BAFA passing-out parade held

The Passing-out Parade marking the commissioning of the 32nd General Duties Pilot GD (P) and the 36th Ground Course of the Bangladesh Air Force Academy (BAFA) was held at the BAFA parade square in Jessore Monday, reports UNB.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed, as chief guest, reviewed the parade and took salute at the march past.

He also distributed the "Sword of Honour" other trophies, certificates and flying badges among the passed-out cadets.

Flight Cadet Under Officer Chowdhury Mohammad Ziaul Kabir was adjudged the 'best all round' cadet and was presented with the coveted 'Sword of Honour'.

Flight Cadet Wing Under Officer Mohammad Riad Hasan Rabbani and Flight Cadet Mir Mahmud Hossain got 'Osmani Gold Medal' and 'Commandants' Trophy' for best performance in Academics and General Service Training respectively.

'Chief of the Air Staff Trophy' was given to Cadet Mohammad Rabiul Islam for his outstanding mark from the ground course. Meanwhile the 'Academy Colour' for the summer term was presented to Number One Squadron on the basis of its overall performance in different competitions during the last term.

The ceremonial parade commanded by Flight Cadet Wing Under Officer Mohammad Riad Hasan Rabbani was witnessed, among others, by members of the diplomatic mission in Dhaka, PSOs, senior military officers, local elite and guardians of the cadets.

### BAUEC awarding ceremony held

A prize distribution and certificate awarding ceremony for the school students for vegetable cultivation on their school premises was held at the Bangladesh Agricultural University campus at Mymensingh on Saturday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Agricultural University Extension Centre (BAUEC) organised the competition. Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof Shah Mohammad Farook distributed the prizes and certificates among the winners.

Addressing the function the VC laid stress on modernisation of agriculture and called for dissemination of the agricultural technology through rural students for strengthening the country's economy.

## Weather

### Moderate rain likely

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal, Khulna and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted little change. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast gradual increase in rainfall activities.



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In the Court of Sub-Judge, Artharin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka

**Pubali Bank Ltd.**  
 Nawabpur Branch, Dhaka. Plaintiff.

-Versus-

- Md. Yusuf Mahmud Prop. M/S. Rajdhani Electric Co. 127 Nawabpur Road, Dhaka. Residence: 1-G, 5-12 Mirpur, Dhaka.
  - Md. Shahjahan
  - Mulluk Chand
  - Sarfraz
  - Yaqub Ali
  - Yunus
  - Elias
- all residing at Vill. & P.O. Nabiganj, P.S. Bandar, District-Narayanganj.
- Mrs. Nawabahar Daughter of late Haji Darbesh Ali.
  - Mrs. Nargis Sultana W/O Yusuf Mahmud both residing at 1-G, 5-12 Mirpur, Dhaka.

By this notice the above named defendants are hereby informed that the plaintiff Bank has filed the above suit for realisation of Tk. 3,64,470.06 (Taka three lac sixty-four thousand four hundred seventy & paisa six) only as on 21-12-94 against you. Therefore, you are notified to appear in the Court in person or through advocate on 23.6.96 and to reply if any otherwise the suit will be disposed to exparte.

Given under signature and seal of this Court this the day of 3/6/1996.

By order  
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 Sub-Judge Artharin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka.

## NOTICE FOR FEMA MEMBERS

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