

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Fashion's Sticking Points for Dhaka

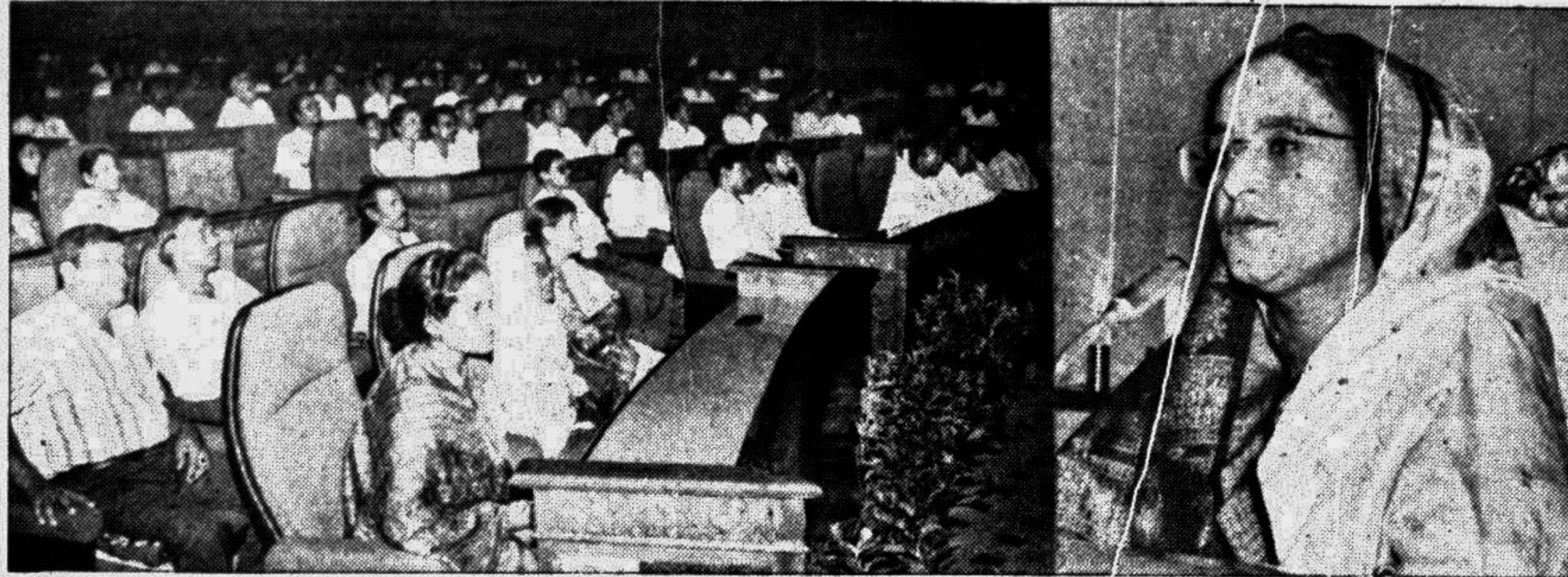
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The young people of Dhaka have always been extremely fashion-conscious and now even more so (boys and girls alike). Fashions come and go, but have anyone ever wondered why some fashions catch on to such an extent that one can see people of all classes (and I mean all) adhering to them? At times they come sweeping like a storm.

At one time, we could only see the snooty upper class following certain fashions. Of course, the trend-setters but some of these became so common that we can see the girl or boy next door following them. For instance, when the fashion of piercing two or more holes in the ear began, very few fashion-conscious individuals could be found not wearing four or more ear-studs. So much so, that even the boys started piercing their ears. Then came the famous side burns and 'Rahul cut' — a weird name perhaps; but after a popular Indian actor. Boys of all ages, shapes and sizes could be seen sporting the cut and sideburns, regardless of how it made them look. Thank



heavens, that has lessened to some extent, but only to make way for French beards! At first it was only the ones returning home from abroad for the holidays who grew such beards. But soon more people caught up with and it became a real rage amongst the guys. It's a bit like the time when perms became the rage among the fairer sex and almost every one started perming and puffing their hair into braids or spirals or what not! The pony tail amongst the guys can still be seen around but somehow it never seemed to catch like the others. And the latest among the girls seem to be highlighting or colouring the hair. Few seem to be content with beautiful black hair nowadays, so now they are busy turning it into different shades of red or brown. Perhaps in a way this underlines our fascination for whiter skin and lighter hair. Oh well, that's fashion for you? These are only a few of the examples of fashion in Dhaka, so let's wait and see what they come up with next.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing a delegation of Bangladesh non-government Primary Teachers Association at her office in the city yesterday.

## 2nd Nat'l Debating Festival begins tomorrow

The Second National Debating Festival begins in the city tomorrow, says a press release. Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim will inaugurate the three-day festival as chief guest at 10 am in the city's Public Library auditorium. Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq will distribute certificates among the participants on the concluding day Aug 31 at 3 pm, while director of Muktijuddha Museum, painter Hashem Khan will attend as special guest. Bangladesh Debate Federation, the central body of debating practice and movement in Bangladesh will bring out a colourful rally today at 9 in the morning from the Public Library.

## What's on today . . .

- Science lecture:** Prof Shafiq Haider Chowdhury will deliver a lecture on "Evolution of Eco-system." National Museum of Science & Technology has arranged the session. Venue: Auditorium of the National Museum of Science & Technology. Time: 4 pm.
- Publication ceremony:** The publication ceremony of a book based on War of Liberation "Bangal Keno Juddhe Gelo" by freedom fighter Siru-Bangalee will be held. Chief guest: M A Mannan, State Minister for Labour and Manpower. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. VIP lounge. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Workshop on Reproductive Health:** The concluding session of the workshop on "Reproductive Health with a Gender Perspective" will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 4 pm.
- Film show:** The film 'Baker Bhatra Agun' by Abdul Gani Khokon based on a novel from Jahanara Imam will be screened. Venue: German Cultural centre. Time: 4 pm & 6:30 pm.
- DUIJ meet:** A meeting of the central coordination committee comprising the three federations of the newspaper industry and Dhaka Union of Journalist (DUJ) will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 11 am.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka North West:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. It will be a joint meeting with Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka North West. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka South:** The 9th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Year 1996-97 of the club will be held. Dr Mizamur Rahman Shelly will speak on 'Development Challenges Before Bangladesh: Role of the People'. Venue: Purbari Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.
- Fashion show:** Jhalak Academy has arranged a fashion show and dance programme. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hassan Chowdhury will attend the function as chief guest. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

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Closing date: 7 September 1996.

## 'Health, family planning govt's top priority'

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said that the present government had attached the highest priority to health and family planning in its development programme, reports BSS.

"We have made a significant progress in achieving certain demographic goals within the socio-economic constraints of the country. But we still have to go a long way and strive hard to achieve some difficult objectives," Yusuf told a national workshop on 'reproductive health with a gender perspective' held at a city hotel.

"He said the government has responsibility and obligation to provide a comprehensive package of reproductive health care to the population and there should be specific guidelines for the package of services to be included in health care programme.

The minister said that total development efforts of the nation should address issues and programmes to elevate women's status.

He said that we have to strengthen our maternal and

## Govt protection for weaving industry sought

Bangladesh Tanti League, a front organisation of Bangladesh Awami League, yesterday organised a discussion in observance of National Mourning Day at Mirpur the city, reports BSS.

Chaired by convener of the organisation Suharabuddin Ahmed, several weaver leaders and weavers workers, including the non-Bengali Benarasi weavers, recalled with gratitude the role of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for the benefit of the weavers community as well as the promotion of the industry.

The weavers sought the assistance of the government, particularly for inputs like colour and thread and for the marketing of their products. They observed that unless government's protection is ensured, the Indian products from the state of Benaras will capture the Bangladesh market.

They observed that more than two lakh weavers are engaged particularly in the traditional Benarasi weaving, who produce Tk. on and half crore worth of this world-famous sar annually.

Ward commissioners Ali Haidar and Mostafa Kamal Master, local Awami League leaders Latif Biswas, weaver leaders Fezul Haq Tara, TA Sattar, Idris Ali Sardar and Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The speakers demanded immediate steps in Parliament for ensuring the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and his family members as well as others assassinated during the coup of August 15, 1975 and in November 3.

## Thana health complexes to have generators

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government was planning to provide generators to all the thana health complexes across the country, reports BSS.

Replying to a call attention notice from Mohammad Golam Hossain (JP-Kurigram) for supplying generators to Roumarf and Rajibpur thana health complexes under Kurigram district, the minister said the government was planning to provide generators to these two thana hospitals on priority basis as both of them have X-ray machines.

The minister, however, was critical of the past BNP government for providing equipment without any planning. He said it was very unfortunate to see that the past government provided facilities without any foresight.

He said the present government was working to remove all indiscipline and provide basic healthcare facilities to grass root people.

## BSD slates govt for failing to maintain order

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) yesterday criticised the government for its failure to maintain law and order in the country, reports UNB.

Although the head of the government has been delivering speech against terrorism, the people know that there are terrorists in her own party. BSD leaders said while addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

BSD organised the rally to protest the killings in Bogra, with Abdullah Sarkar in the chair. It was also addressed by party leader Bazlur Rashid Piroz, said a press release.

They also accused the present government of patronising the terrorists like the previous ones. The ruling party's terrorists are occupying the bus terminals and university halls in presence of police, the press release said.

## Committee formed to observe 50th anniversary of Tebaga Andolon

A 51-member national committee to observe the 50th anniversary Tebaga Andolon was formed with Amel Sen as convener at a meeting held at Taher auditorium in the city Monday, reports BSS.

Rashed Khan Menon, AFM Mahabubul Haq, Kamal Lohani, Binayak Sen, Ajoy Roy, Haider Akbar Khan Ronoo, Bimal Biswas, Farhad Majhar, Dr Sayed Hasany, Mesbah Kamal, Abu Syeed Khan, Farida Akter were present at the meeting.

Besides the representative of different political parties, social organisations, peasants, labourers and student organisations were present at the meeting.

An elaborate programme for observation of Tebaga Andolon will be drawn up on September 2 at a meeting of the committee.

## PM gives Tk 1 lakh to widow of Jubo League leader

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday handed over a cheque of Tk one lakh to Asma Akhtar, wife of Badruddin, who was killed during an anti-government movement last year, reports UNB.

Badruddin, Ward-90 Awami Jubo League president, was shot dead allegedly by Jubo Dal workers on August 27 last year in the city's Farmgate area when an anti-BNP procession was going towards the Election Commission to lay a siege there.

Hasina consoled Asma who came to the Prime Minister's office with her two minor daughters.

## Theatre week at Indian Cultural Centre

The High Commission of India in Dhaka will present a theatre week in the city from August 29, reports UNB.

Some leading theatre groups of Bangladesh are taking part in the week-long programme, said an Indian High Commission press release yesterday.

The schedule of the programme is 'Ekattorer Pala' by Dhaka Theatre on August 29, 'Sonai Madhab' by Lok Natyia Dal on August 30, 'Sportha' by Theatre on August 31, 'Diwan Gazir Kissa' by Nagorik on September 1 and 'Bichhu' by Natyia Kendra.

Entry-passes for the programme will be available at the cultural centre of the Indian High Commission, 754 Satmasjid road and from other designated places in the country.

## Weather Temperature may rise

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country except Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions where temporary light rain likely to occur at one or two places in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 36.2 degrees Celsius at Sylhet and the lowest 24 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 6:21 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	35.5	69
Chittagong	33.0	25.5
Rajshahi	35.0	25.2
Khulna	33.5	26.4
Barisal	34.4	26.8
Sylhet	36.2	26.5
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.6



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