

Dhaka Day by Day

Office with Kitchen

by Neil Ray

Who do you think is supposed to accost you first in the corridor of an office — a private one in particular? A doorman or a peon, you might answer. You are likely to be wrong 50 times out of a hundred. Instead of a human being, who is little interested in or has not the curiosity about you, a rush of mouth-watering smell of fried spices invades your nostrils immediately after you have stepped into an office. Your first reaction may be that you have come to a wrong place. Otherwise, why should the culinary excellences have such an unsolicited demonstration?

You read the address once again and be sure that it is the right address. If the person you have come to visit is favourably disposed towards you or feels inclined to entertain you because you are somebody and will be of help, you may soon actually have a practical experience of the culinary skills. Smells like sights can however be deceptive. Yet many offices today have been forced to make their own arrangement for refreshment or even meals for their employees and visitors.

The idea behind is to beat the nearby restaurants or tea-stalls which have earned considerable infamy for their lack of cleanliness and hygiene on the one hand; and for atrociously incompatible prices on the other. So a whole kitchen has to be forced into an office setting. No wonder, spicy smells greet you first when you enter an office. Certainly there are offices with cooking facilities in this city, where some items

— drink or snack — are their specialties. Others just maintain such an arrangement only because it serves basic human need for reenergising. However the objective is to save time. Going to a restaurant, ordering dishes of one's choice etc often prove very taxing for office people.

A nice and sensibly well-kept kitchen within the office can be an attraction and incentive for employers. A congenial office environment complemented by a satisfying kitchen service can bring the best out of all working in an office. The management that recognises this, becomes a gainer; one that does not, loses out.

Now the work ethics is directly related to physical fitness. A hungry man or woman is not expected to fully concentrate on the job at hand. The provision of catering service within the office is however not enough. Quality of the service matters. If the oil used for frying something the previous day is added to today's dishes and the process is repeated day after day, once you may end up with a poisonous liquid with a lengthy legacy outdoing the service period of many an employee. The spoon may have a grayish coating half an inch thick and yet people are found to put up with all this.

Those who can afford never avail of the service and in the process, the purpose of accommodating a smell-spreading kitchen within the office gets defeated.



BNP chairperson and leader of the opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia (R) met with hawkers' representatives at her official Minto Road residence yesterday.

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Use of modern technology in fish cultivation urged

Socio-economic development of the country and creation of jobs for unemployed youths through use of modern techniques in fish cultivation and marketing is a goal of the present government, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed said yesterday, reports BSS.

He was addressing a seminar on "Fish food production and using techniques," organised on the occasion of Fish Fortnight '96 at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) auditorium in the city.

The minister said the annual demand of fish in the country is 19 lakh tons but it produces only 12 lakh tons. "So, to meet the shortage, we have to increase fish production, by using modern technology in fish cultivation," he said adding creation of public awareness is a must to popularise fish cultivation at the grass root level. He urged all concerned to work unitedly to turn fish cultivation into a social movement.

Referring to the unemployment problem of the country, the minister said, "If we can motivate the country's unemployed youth force to get involved in fish cultivation, it will not only minimize the protein shortage, but will also help in solving the unemployment problem."

The minister said neighbouring countries have made significant progress in socio-economic sectors but Bangladesh is lagging behind because the previous governments could not abandon partisan interests in running the country.

The present government wants to work to improve the lot of country's 12 crore people, placing national interest at the top, he added. He said, "If we put in united efforts for the development of the country, Bangladesh will be able to emerge as a rich country very soon."

The minister said coordinated efforts of scientists, entrepreneurs and fish cultivators is needed to motivate the people in fish cultivation and for increasing production per acre. He said the government will provide all out support to any entrepreneur who comes forward to invest in fish production. He called upon the private sector to come forward to help government endeavours in fish production.

The minister said the government does not want to control the investment process and would welcome investment both from home and abroad in fisheries sector.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy said the present government has taken up a massive programme to meet the increasing fish demand of the country. He urged the scientists and researchers to put in their coordinated efforts in evolving sustainable technology for increasing fish food production.

Among others, Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Md. Ershadul Hoque, executive chairman of BARC Dr MSU Chowdhury, director of Fisheries Research Institute Dr MA Mazid and director general of Fisheries Department Liaquat Ali also spoke on the occasion.

Directive to enforce Guest Control Ord

The authorities yesterday asked the concerned magistrates to enforce the Guest Control Ordinance, which restricts entertainment of more than 100 guests at social functions, reports UNB.

In the cases of excess guests, Tk 25 per person will have to be deposited to the Treasury with the prior permission from the concerned Deputy Commissioner.

A fine of Tk 250 will be realised per person from the host if any additional guests are entertained without permission.

The ordinance will not be applicable for functions like urs, religious meetings and funerals.

Magistrates have been instructed to inspect all social functions, places, hotels and residences for ensuring the application of the ordinance.

BCTA condemns recent attacks on teachers

Bangladesh College Teachers' Association has urged the teachers community to build up a united resistance against harassment and attacks on teachers throughout the country, reports UNB.

In a joint statement yesterday BCTA president AKM Zahurul Islam and general secretary Kazi Farook Ahmed condemned the recent attacks on teachers in different places and demanded immediate action against the offenders.

Pradip Narayan Saha, a teacher of Sonapur College in Noakhali district and Khadem Ashraf Alam of Dania College in the city were seriously wounded in separate attacks by miscreants recently, the release added.

Abu Sayeed back home

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed returned home yesterday after attending the 5th conference of the Information Ministers of Non-Aligned countries held at Abuja, Nigeria from September 3-6, said a PID handout, reports UNB.

Abdus Shahid dead

Abdus Shahid, a noted social worker and left wing politician died in his Rampura residence in the city on Sunday. He was 81. He had been suffering from serious abdomen disease and diabetes for the last three months. He left behind his wife, two daughters and one son, says a press release.

Shahid was born in Balhar of Chakhar under Barisal district in 1915. He received his graduation from the University of Calcutta in 1944. Shahid was one of the injured activist in the Khapra Ward Movement in 1950. Among his publications, Alma Katha, Kara Smriti and Khapra Ward Gull were famous.

BSS adds, State Minister for Jute and Textiles ABMK Faezul Huq has expressed profound sorrow at the death of writer, journalist, leftist leader Abdus Shahid.

In a statement, the minister said throughout his life, Shahid served the people and society through his journalistic profession, social work and political activities. He was an honest politician who upheld moral values, he said.

Weather

No change in temperature

Light rain is likely at one or two places over Sylhet division and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says no appreciable change in day temperature is likely during the period.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weatherman predicted little change while forecast increase in rainfall in the following five days.

Meantime, Rangpur had the highest 24 mm rain in the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Barisal yesterday and the lowest 24.2 degrees at Jessore.

The sun sets today at 06.07 pm and rises tomorrow at 05.44 am.

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	34.8	25.6	78	75
Chittagong	35.1	26.7	78	73
Rajshahi	33.4	26.5	79	79
Khulna	34.5	26.8		
Barisal	35.4	25.6	82	89
Sylhet	34.0	25.6	78	63
Cox's Bazar	33.8	25.0	68	92

BSPS rally held

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity yesterday held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the attempt on the life of its general secretary Khandakar Enayeturrahman, reports UNB.

Addressing the rally, the BSPS leaders accused Mirza Abbas and some of his associates for the attempt and demanded their immediate arrest, said a press release.

The rally was addressed by MA Kader, Hasan Imam, Chowdhury Firoz Hasan, Abdul Baten Babu and Kazi Alimuddin with BSPS president AK Jainul Abedin presiding.

Poribesh Theatre anniversary Friday

Space and Acting Research Center, Popularly known as Poribesh Theatre, will observe its fifth founding anniversary on Friday, reports UNB.

To mark the day, the centre will bring out a procession from Dhaka University TSC at 11 am on the day. Journalist Kamal Lohani will lead the procession. In the evening, it will arrange a reunion programme at Russian Cultural Centre. Poet Shamsur Rahman will attend the function as chief guest.



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Director (Vocational) Directorate of Technical Education 19, Ispahani Park, Moghbazar Dhaka-1217

Memo No. VT/P/03/96/2001

Dated: 3-9-96.

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Tender documents are available from the office of the

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19, Ispahani Park, Moghbazar, Dhaka.
OR
Senior Assistant Secretary (Technical)
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Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.

The tender documents will be available on all working days during office hours from 16-09-1996 to 22-09-1996 on payment of Tk. 750.00 (Seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set on a written request in the letter pad of the respective firm. No tender document will be sold after 22-09-1996. The sealed bids must be dropped in the tender box kept in any of the above two offices on 26-09-1996 up to 12-00 Noon.

Along with other documents, all bids be accompanied by 2.5% (Two and a half per cent) earnest money of the total quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Director (Vocational), Directorate of Technical Education. The tenders will be opened in the Office of the Director (Vocational) on 26-09-1996 at 13-00 hours in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if present). The successful bidders will be required to furnish a security of an amount of 10% (Ten per cent) of the contract value which will be kept for at least one year or guarantee period as mentioned by the tenderer from the date of completion of the supply.

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Directorate of Technical Education

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Recitation on Liberation War held

The cultural arena of the country will be unchained from all black laws so that literateurs and poets could freely contribute to enrich the cultural heritage, reports BSS.

The State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader said this while speaking as chief guest at a poem recitation programme on Liberation War, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at the Academy's auditorium in the city Sunday evening.

Presided over by the acting director general of the Academy, the function was also addressed by poet Anand Chowdhury, who proposed to open a recitation department in the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Meanwhile, Obaidul Quader paid a surprise visit to Bangladesh Folk Art and Craft Foundation at Sonargaon near Dhaka yesterday.

The minister visited folk art and craft galleries, library handicrafts stalls, administrative section and nearby tourist spots.

Sagupta Yasmen MP accompanied the minister. Quader talked to the officials regarding management and activities of the foundation. He instructed the officials to be sincere and dedicated in discharging their duties.

The minister said Bangladesh Folk Art and Craft Foundation was established by Bangladesh's government to highlight the thousands-year old enriched cultural heritage of the country. Necessary steps would be taken to make the historical Sonargaon a rich tourist spot, the minister added.



Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling party, brought out an anti-terrorism rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

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Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession on Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding release of arrested JCD leaders.

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