

Dhaka Day by Day

Learning Karate

By Tulip Chowdhury

It was early in the morning and the air was fresh and cool. At one side of the Abahani's playground in Dhanmondi, a group of boys aged between 12 and 14 were taking their karate lessons under the expert guidance of their teacher Imran Ahmed. Imran also runs a school of karate in old DOHS, Dhaka named Zendo. But on weekends at a very reasonable fee he gives karate lessons to children of different schools.

Recently there has been an increase in the number of karate schools in Dhaka. Children and youths take an active interest in learning karate. But yet confusions about the purpose of learning karate persist among many people.

"What's the use of learning fighting? Violence is already quite enough on its own," says the mother of a twelve-year-old boy.

On the other hand mother of Rumi who learns karate says, "These days there's too much violence around us. It's good to teach self-defence through karate."

Karate teaches self-defence without the use of fire arms. Its various techniques include electrifying actions of the legs and hands. Along with physical strength it also calls for control and thinking process of the mind. Karate is a Japanese word which means empty hands. In the 17th century karate took its final form in

Okinawa. 1920 Funakoshi, one of the three masters who brought karate to Japan maintained that the essence of karate was the way of life of the empty hands. Karate has been enjoying growing popularity every day, everyone since its introduction.

Many people assume that Judo and karate are the same things. In fact, Judo is also a well known martial art. It includes karate and kung-fu. The common philosophy behind them is that they are meant for self-defence rather than attack. Judo is purely for self-defence but with karate skill a person can attack an opponent also.

Many alert parents respond enthusiastically when they learn of the benefits of karate.

"All the schools do not teach karate in its perfect form, although there are several schools for karate in Dhaka. The art of karate takes acute dedication on the part of the learner too," says Imran who has spent seven years in Japan and had learnt karate there.

Some people also assume that karate is for the males. But karate takes men and women in equal terms. Karate makes no sexual discrimination. No wonder, many children in big cities of the world are being taught karate at schools so that they can cope with the dangers of increasing crime and violence.



Visitors at an orchid show organised by the Orchid Society of Bangladesh in the city yesterday. — Star photo

What's on today

Seminar on transit issue: Jonassamaj, a voluntary organisation has arranged a seminar on "Transit issue," a vital factor in Indo-Bangladesh relations. A paper titled "Security of Bangladesh on Transit" will be presented. Venue: Jatiya Press Club, VIP lounge. Time: 4 pm.

Computer training programme: Karamajog Sangstha, a voluntary organisation has arranged a computer training programme for the unemployed youth. The inaugural ceremony of the programme will be held. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the programme. Venue: Jubo Bhawan auditorium, 108, Motijheel Commercial Area. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Officers Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal and Dhaka divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm, reports UNB.

Met office said weather may remain mainly dry with party cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country.

Country's highest temperature 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and Jessore and the lowest 24.7 degrees at Madaripur.

The sun sets today at 06.03 pm and rises tomorrow at 05.45 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	35.2	25.7	78	72
Chittagong	35.5	26.0	83	72
Rajshahi	35.7	27.3	-	-
Khulna	35.5	26.8	-	-
Barisal	35.7	25.4	75	78
Sylhet	36.5	27.5	72	66
Cox's Bazar	34.8	26.4	80	78

7 army officers leave for ex-Yugoslavia

Bangladesh is replacing seven out of its nine army officers deployed as military observers in the UN missions in former Yugoslavia, an ISPR press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The seven officers have been working in the mission since September 14 last year. They will be replaced by other officers of the Bangladesh Army led by Major Sabir Ahmed. Seven of them, including the team leader, left the city on Thursday.

Seminar

Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association in observance of the 47th founding anniversary of the People's Republic of China will hold a seminar October 5, reports UNB.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim will attend the seminar as chief guest.

Dhaka University teacher Dr Abul Barkat will present the keynote paper at the seminar on the role of China in developing Bangladesh. It will be held at Hotel Purbani.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Zhang Su Jiang will be present as special guests.

Kibria visits ailing Ahmed

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday visited ailing Awami League president member Mohiuddin Ahmed at Suhrawardy Hospital in the city, reports BSS.

On his return home from Paris after attending the Aid Club meeting, the minister rushed to the hospital to see the ailing leader.

The finance minister spent some time with the veteran political leader and enquired about his treatment.

The minister also prayed for his early recovery.

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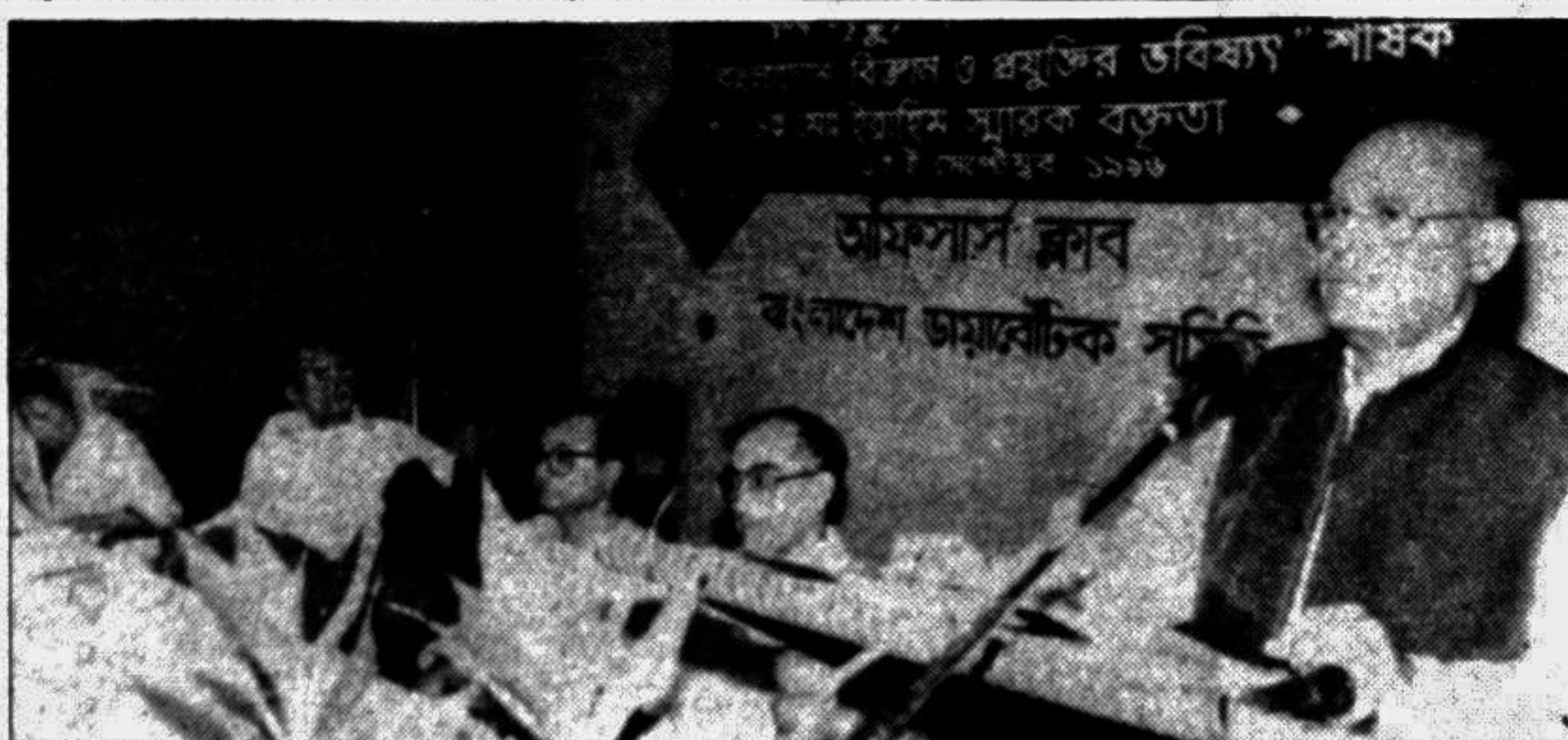
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Tofael Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries, speaking as chief guest at the Dr Ibrahim Memorial Lecture, organised by the Bangladesh Diabetic Association at BIRDEM auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

Intelligentsia to be consulted in running the country: Tofael

Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmed said yesterday that the present government would seek cooperation and advice of the experts, talents, learned and knowledgeable persons in different fields in running the country, reports BSS.

He said that the learned and knowledgeable persons of various fields could help the government in decision making through their counsels and added they (learned person) would be consulted in this regard.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the memorial lecture series on National Professor Dr Mohammad Ibrahim on the occasion of his seventh anniversary of death in the Diabetic Hospital (BIRDEM) auditorium yesterday.

Former advisor to the caretaker government of Justice Habibur Rahman and a professor of civil engineering, Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury delivered this year's memorial lecture entitled "The prospects of science and technology in Bangladesh."

Organised by Officers Club of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, the function was addressed by former minister and secretary general of BIRDEM, Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab, president of Bangladesh Diabetic Association Prof Wahiduddin Ahmed, general secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association Dr Kazi Shahidul Alam, President of Officers Club of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, Dr CM Delwar Rana, chairman of memorial lecture series sub-committee Dr Sirajul

Huq and general secretary of Officers Club Morshed Hossain. Mrs Sakina Ibrahim, widow of Dr Ibrahim, was present as special guest.

Tofael Ahmed said that the people had voted the Awami League to power as a majority party but it would (Awami League) run the country as the representatives of the 12 crore people of the country.

Paying tributes to late Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, the minister said Ibrahim had adopted human service as religion of his life.

Referring to the contribution of Dr Ibrahim in the establishment of Diabetic Hospital, Ahmed described it as a rare example of medical institution in this sub-continent.

The Minister said BIRDEM is now considered as a model. Underlining the need for further expansion of the activities of Diabetic Hospital, Ahmed assured that the government would extend its all-out cooperation for the expansion of its programmes. He also said that the government would take efforts to materialise the dreams of Dr Ibrahim by establishing "Ibrahim model" in this region.

Ahmed regretted that Bangladesh could not achieve its expected level of development in the last 25 years. In this regard, he said, the politicians of the country would have to rectify themselves so that the country does not turn backwards.

Referring to the tremendous progress made in countries like Japan, Malaysia and South Korea, the minister said that concerted efforts were essential for the development of the nation.

Ahmed said that the government would formulate an industrial policy in consultation with the concerned experts. About investment, he said that the foreign investors were showing keen interest to invest in Bangladesh.

The minister said that the Awami League would run the country on the basis of consensus.

In his memorial lecture, Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury said that Dr Ibrahim had dedicated his life for the development of science and technology. Dr Ibrahim, he said, had given directions in solving the country's problems by utilising the domestic resources and depending on the talents of the local scientists.

Describing BIRDEM as a "centre of excellence" in the field of international medical treatment and research, Dr Chowdhury said that the Ibrahim model could be a matter of our national pride.

The research activities in the field of science and technology is limited in Bangladesh, he said. Dr Chowdhury regretted that we had failed to properly utilise the country's human as well as natural resources. He also said that the country was increasingly depending on the foreign experts day by day instead of utilising the talents of local scientists, engineers and technologists.

'Develop community policing to combat terrorism'

Speakers at a meeting in the city Thursday laid emphasis on developing community policing to stamp out terrorism from society, reports UNB.

Echoing the Awami League government's top agenda to eliminate terrorism, Deputy Police Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan (West) Waliur Rahman said neighbourhood security committees have been formed in different parts of DMP following the developed countries model to combat terrorism.

Referring to terrorism being perpetrated by Keramat and his gang in Mirpur area, he said the government has decided to declare a reward for nabbing Keramat. "Police administration is always aware of their responsibilities to bring the criminals to book," he said disclaiming the speculation of alleged relationship of Keramat with

police. Emphasising the need for modern equipment, vehicles and trained manpower in police department to crackdown on the terrorists, he said police-public ratio in India and Pakistan is 1:500 while it is 1:1500 in Bangladesh.

Organised by Tolarbagh Social Welfare Organisation, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Rector of IPSA Dr Z Karim, General Secretary of Government Employees Union Shahalam, Deputy Director of Bangladesh Bank Monirul Haq, senior officer of Agrani Bank Sheikh Mohammad Mostafa, local Awami League leader Mokbul Hossain, Soadur Rahim, Assistant Police Commissioner of Mirpur zone Gollam Kibria and Officer In-charge of Mirpur thana Abdul Malek.

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