

## Metropolitan

**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 play ground 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 weeknights 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 a 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.

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.



**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 Nasrin will attend the seminar as chief guest.

Dhaka University teacher Dr Abdul 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**

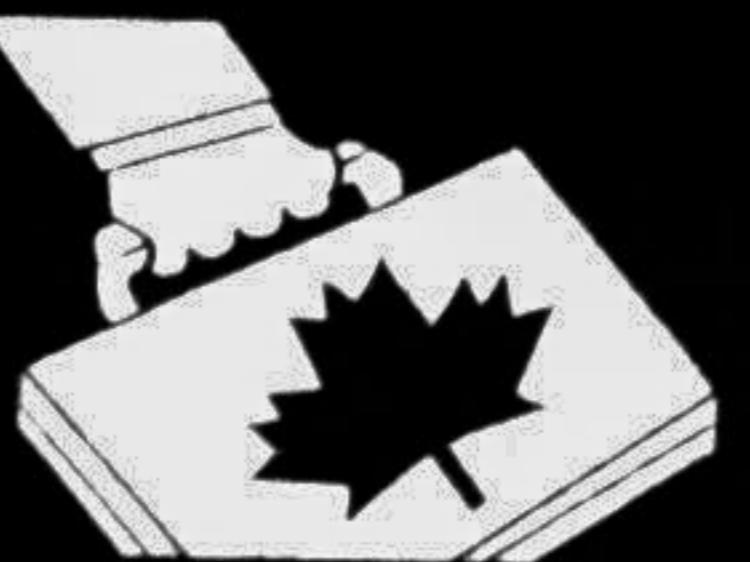
Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday visited ailing Awami League presidium member Mohiuddin Ahmed at Subhawardi Hospital in the city, reports BSS.

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

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**What's on today....**

**Seminar on transit issue:** Jonassama, a voluntary organisation has arranged a seminar on 'Transit issue', a vital factor in Indo-Bangladesh relations. A paper styled '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 Bhaban 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 partly 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	36.2	25.7	76	72
Chittagong	35.5	28.0	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

**Orchid show held**

Some 200 orchids were displayed at an Asian orchid show organised by Orchid Society of Bangladesh in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Several varieties of orchids including Mocara, Dendrobium, Oncidium and Vanda were exhibited at the 13th show of exotic Asian orchids.

A good number of orchid lovers visited the day long show held at Gulshan.

**NU Treasurer**

The government has appointed Advocate Syed Ahmad Hossain as honorary Treasurer of the National University (NU) for a two-year period, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is also the Chancellor of the NU, appointed Syed Ahmad Hossain to the post under the 1992 Act of the University.

According to a notification of Education Ministry, the Treasurer will get Tk 2,000 per month as honorarium.

Hossain is the honorary secretary general of the United Nations Associations of Bangladesh and was vice-president of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and at present is a member of the executive board of WFUNA (Geneva).

**'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) Walir Rahaman 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 Rahaman, Assistant Police Commissioner of Mirpur zone Golam Kibria and Officer in charge of Mirpur thana Abdul Malek.

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