

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR

Leaving Home

THIS time every year, many young people leave home for pursuing higher studies, like I did years ago. When I left home, my parents gave me two small notebooks filled with advice for an independent life. Over the years I have updated and shared this advice, reproduced below, with nephews, nieces and my own son.

1. Achieve your goals: Write down your goals before you leave home. This is your most important mission, the one you must achieve.

2. Take care of your health: studies demand energy; then there are extracurricular activities. Get enough rest, exercise and good nutrition. Avoid junk food. Exercise caution when seasons change or when a disease goes around. It is no fun being sick far from your family.

3. Learn: Learn your field of study. Learn where you can find the things you need to know. Learn how to organise your thoughts, your work and your life. Learn something that you will never get another chance to learn, e.g., Chinese or Latin or playing the guitar. Learn to dream big and how to turn them into reality.

4. Producer, not consumer: the world is consumer-oriented, and you will be tempted to spend and buy things. But this is also the time to learn to be the producer who makes those things. For example, instead of buying a fashionable new computer, try making one yourself from the parts.

5. Be yourself: A new place and new people may place many demands on you. Never forget who you are. Always be proud of yourself, your culture, and your values. This does not mean you do not adapt but that you remain steadfast on your foundation, the one that your parents and your teachers spent years helping you build. Don't do things that will shame your family or teachers.

6. Don't quit before finishing your studies.

7. Stay on top of coursework: In four years of a demanding engineering education, I never stayed up all night to study. My secret was to stay ahead of my



Parental advice is not just for kids.

PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

coursework and get help from teachers well ahead of deadlines.

8. Avoid vices: Pick sensible friends who will not lead you astray. Learn to deal with temptation: avoid drugs and alcohol; don't overeat. But don't become a monk or a nun either - enjoy your youth which comes only once.

9. Teachers: Show respect to teachers, work with them and learn the most from them. Don't be shy about negotiating better grades if you believe you deserve better, and can prove it.

10. New situations: You will always face new situations, sometimes in urgent circumstances. Be unwavering in your faith. Don't panic or give in easily. Take your time making a decision. Avoid shortcuts.

11. Friendships: Build friendships with good people and nurture them. Be a leader for the smart people around you - who knows, they might become your partner in that empire you build one day.

12. Succeed and make us proud!

www.facebook.com/tangents.ikabir

6 killed in city road crashes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six people, including a schoolboy and a nurse, were killed in five road crashes in the city yesterday.

The deceased were Shabnam Mushtari, 24, a nurse of Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital and Research Institute at Shahbagh; Mohammad Limon, 9, a class IV student of Pallabi Govt Primary School and also a helper of a human hauler; Kirwan Murong, 22, a security guard of a garment factory at Banani; Shariful Islam, 32, a security guard; Khorshed Alam, 20, a helper of an air conditioner technician; and Khorshed's cousin Shah Alam.

Shabnam was run over by a Farmgate-bound bus of 'Bihanga Paribahan' while she was crossing the road in Bangla Motor area around 1:00pm.

Limon was killed when he fell down on a road from the rear of a speeding tempo and was hit by a covered van from behind at Pallabi.

Witnesses said the covered van first hit the tempo while Limon was standing at the rear at Lalmati Tempo Stand in Mirpur around 9:00am.

Police said locals caught the vehicle driver and handed him over to police.

Kirwan Murong was killed when an airport-bound speeding microbus hit him near Banani Chairmanbari area at about 12:15am while he was crossing the road.

The microbus fled after the accident.

Shariful Islam, of Nalitambari in Sherpur, was killed as an unidentified vehicle crushed him on Dhaka-Mymensingh road near Khilkhet Police Station around 4:30am.

Khorshed Alam and his cousin Shah Alam were killed when a speedy pickup van hit them while they were crossing Dhaka-Mymensingh highway near Khilkhet over bridge around 7:30pm.

Cocktail hurled at DU VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals threw a cocktail at Vice Chancellor (VC) of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arifin Siddiqui on the campus yesterday evening.

The cocktail exploded near IER, a few metres away from the VC, while he was going to his office in the Registrar's Building around 6:00pm.

The incident took place on the eve of two-day strike on the campus called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) from today.

The VC suspected that the cocktail might have been hurled at him to create panic ahead of the strike.

"Academic activities will not be hampered due to this attack. We will run classes and other activities during the strike," he said.

OC of Shahbagh Rezaul said it was a cracker, which was not life risking.

Two other cocktails exploded in front of National Museum in the evening, said police.



Daylong rains bring homeless and floating people extra misery. The photo was taken from in front of Curzon Hall, Dhaka University yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWS IN brief

Puja parishad protests hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad and Mahanagar Sarbojaneen Puja Committee leaders yesterday demanded withdrawal of hartal called on July 3 and July 11 as annual Jagannath Rathajatra (chariot procession) will be observed on both the days.

They said the country's Hindu community from different districts will join the processions, one of their biggest religious festivals, says a press release.

Mentionable, National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports called a half-day hartal in the city on July 3 and 12 political parties called a 30-hour hartal from July 10.

Woman kills husband

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A woman killed her husband at Shibrapur village in Sadar upazila early yesterday after he protested her extramarital affair which was blown recently.

Deceased is Mosharaf Hossain Mridha Khokon, 45, son of Arshed Mridha of Dilalpur village under the same upazila.

Police arrested Khokon's wife Beauty Khatun, 40, from her house. Enayet Uddin, OC of Sadar Police Station, said, 2-3 men came to her residence early yesterday and strangled Khokon with help of Beauty.

30 kg of hemp seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) recovered 30 kg of hemp worth about Tk 3 lakh from a maize field at Bhutiya Mangol border village of Doikhowa outpost in Hatibandha upazila yesterday.

BGB official said acting on a tip-off, a team of 31 BGB battalion raided the village and recovered the hemp but the drug traders fled the spot.

BIT graduation ceremony held

METRO DESK

The annual IGCSE Ordinary and Advanced Level graduation ceremony of Bangladesh International Tutorial (BIT) was held in the city Thursday.

Top students and dedicated teachers were awarded in the ceremony at BIT auditorium in Uttara, says a press release.

Lubna Choudhury, founder principal of BIT, addressed the ceremony with Saidur Rahman, country manager of EDEXCEL International, attending it as the chief guest.



Heavy rainfall likely

UNB, Dhaka

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over the seven divisions and at many places over in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, said Met Office.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15am.

Country's highest temperature 32 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and Dinajpur and lowest 23.8 degrees at Sylhet.

Highest and lowest 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	27.0	25.0	90	88
Chittagong	26.8	25.5	98	95
Rajshahi	29.7	24.5	97	90
Rangpur	31.0	25.6	93	87
Khulna	29.2	26.7	91	86
Barisal	29.0	26.5	97	89
Sylhet	29.1	23.8	97	92
Cox's Bazar	28.0	24.8	93	96

E-service centres at all districts by Aug

BSS, Barisal

Major services at the 64 district administrations will come under digital system by August, ending the era of traditional ways of providing government services, which often cause sufferings to public.

All upazila headquarters will also have the similar service centres by the end of 2012, a workshop on digital Bangladesh was told here yesterday.

A model one stop service center has already been introduced in Jessore and two more will be operative in Chittagong and Sylhet soon, it was also told.

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) organised the orientation programme for the journalists of Barisal division with its Managing Director and Chief Editor Ihsanul Karim was in the chair.

Jahangir Kabir Nanok inaugurated the workshop at the conference hall of Barisal deputy commissioner.

Prime Minister's Private Secretary-1 and National Project Director of A2I Programme M Nazrul Islam Khan presented the keynote paper on the issue.

Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) Director General Dulal Chandra Biswas made a presentation on the ways of effective coverage of digital Bangladesh.

Barisal DC Arif-Ur-Rahman and BSS City Editor and Focal Point BSS-A2I Media Campaign Ajiit Kumar Sarkar also spoke.

BSS-A2I Media Consultant for Promoting Digital Bangladesh M Rahmat Ali moderated the workshop.

Some 30 journalists participated in the workshop, supported by the Access to Information (A2I) Programme of the Prime Minister Office.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 10th death anniversary of internationally reputed arsenic specialist and researcher Dr Shibtosh Roy.

Dr Roy was killed in a tragic road accident on this day in 2001 in Taraganj, Rangpur.

He had gone to the northern region of the country to identify arsenic affected patients under a joint research programme.

Dr Roy visited 5,000 villages of 64 districts of the country to identify arsenic patients for treatment.

Dhaka Community Hospital will hold a discussion and religious rites will be organised by his family.

Govt barring pre-hartal activities: Prof Anu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports yesterday alleged government's obstruction in its activities ahead of the half-day hartal called for tomorrow (Sunday) in protest against signing production-sharing contract (PSC) with US-based oil company ConocoPhillips for gas exploration in the Bay of Bengal.

"Police are preventing our activists from distributing leaflets published in justification of the protest, charging baton on our gatherings, and arresting the activists," said Prof Anu Muhammad, general secretary of the platform.

Eight activists of the committee have been arrested in the last three days, he said while addressing a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

On June 18, the national committee called the half-day hartal, which was later supported by different organisations.

Meanwhile, Islami Andolan Bangladesh (IAB) called a half-day hartal for tomorrow, which coincides exactly with the length and time of the hartal called by the national committee.

Prof Anu Muhammad termed the IAB hartal a government's conspiracy to foil the their protest.

How will you remember so many things in life?

1ম পার্কে বলে বাদাম খাওয়া ১৭ মার্চ - মঙ্গল ১০টা

১ম বাগ অফিস ২৮ জানুয়ারি

১ম কুচকা খাওয়া ০৮ মে - ০৮টা

১০ম জন্মদিন ০৩ জানুয়ারি

Happy ব্রডস দেয়া, ২৩ মার্চ, ০৮টা

১ম বাগ অফিস ২৩ জানুয়ারি, ১১:৩০

০২ জন্মদিন ০২ জানুয়ারি

১ম বাগ অফিস ২৩ জানুয়ারি - ০২:৩০

১ম বাগ অফিস ২৩ জানুয়ারি - ০২:৩০

From now on, give the responsibility of sending that special SMS to your loved ones at the right time to **banglalink timer SMS**

To set timer SMS: recipient's number <space>DDMM <space>HHMM <space>Message → **8899**

example: 019XXXXXXX 1802 1000 Happy Birthday!

send to 8899

• Tk. 2/SMS (VAT applicable) • for details call 121 or visit www.banglalinkgsm.com

making a difference