

Admirers celebrate life of HUMAYUN AHMED

MAHDI AL MUHTASIM and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE

Nuhash Palli saw a crowd once again yesterday. So did Shahbagh. All these people, mostly youth, came together to celebrate the 67th birth anniversary of Humayun Ahmed, the person who had consistently entertained people with his unorthodox writings, films and dramas for four decades.

Readers, publishers, and family members held celebratory programmes throughout the country.

At Nuhash Palli in Gazipur, where he was laid to rest, people paid floral tributes and a mural of the novelist, dramatist and filmmaker was unveiled.

Lots of fans and admirers crowded Nuhash Palli, many young men clad in yellow panjabi, emulating the young character, Himu, created by Humayun. "I can't stand the word 'late' before his name. I think writers, artists or such great persons can't die, they live on," said Humayun's wife and actress Meher Afroz Shaon. She requested the government for taking initiatives to celebrate his birthday nationally.



A mural of Humayun Ahmed being unveiled at Nuhash Palli in Gazipur yesterday marking the author's 67th birth anniversary. PHOTO: STAR

On the public library premises in the capital, a nine-day fair solely of Humayun's books was inaugurated by Humayun's younger brother Prof Zafar Iqbal by releasing 67 balloons.

"He was an indifferent person. Sometimes I found some mistakes in his manuscripts and asked him to correct them, but he did not care to correct," he recalled.

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Girl murdered after rape in Ctg city

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An eight-year-old girl was murdered after being raped in Chittagong city yesterday.

Police found the body of Tania Akter, a class I student of Mohammadia Primary School, floating in a pond in EPZ area.

Tania's uncle Md Billal said Tania went to a shop to buy betel leaf around 7:30pm Thursday. She had been missing since then.

Sub-Inspector Shafikul Islam of EPZ Police Station said the body was stuffed in a plastic bag and had injury marks on the private parts.

Police and morgue sources said primary observation points out that the girl was brutally raped.

Abul Kalam Azad, officer-in-charge of the police station, said they have detained a 75-year-old neighbour in this connection.

Change mindset for better cities

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday called for taking initiatives to bring a change to people's mentality to make cities more livable and reduce pollution.

They also underscored the need for coordination among government bodies, including ministries and mayors' offices, to solve problems faced by cities. The roundtable on "City's Development and Environment" was organised by Bangladesh Economic Teachers' Association (BETA) at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Noted economist Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad said the number of slums increased over the years which was having an impact on those seeking to ensure proper service delivery to city dwellers. "Without examining its viability, development works are carried out in the country by blindly following foreign nations. Such development work is implemented for personal profits, not to serve public interests," he said.

He stressed the need for changing people's mindset, saying personal interests should be kept aside while providing services to the community.

Dr AKM Nazrul Islam of Dhaka School of Economics said the behaviour of humans should be changed. "We throw banana peels here and there or smoke cigarettes blocking streets without thinking of other's distress," he said. Such attitude needs to be changed, he said adding, "We can bring in infrastructural development but what we need most is bringing a change to our attitude otherwise these developments would not be fruitful."

BETA acting president Sarder Syed Ahmed said decentralisation of the administration, relocation of factories and shifting of universities to

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DIPAN MURDER

Gonojagoron Mancha wants arrest of killers

DU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Gonojagoron Mancha arranged a cultural rally in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday demanding arrest and exemplary punishment for culprits behind the murder of publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan and attacks on three people.

Demanding immediate execution of war crimes convicts Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahed and Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, the mancha's spokesperson Imran H Sarker said if they are hanged then all secret killings would stop. He urged the government to complete trials of all the war criminals.

Later, the mancha activists brought out a protest procession that paraded important points of the

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Artists take part in the rendition of a song at a fair, "Welcome to Shiny Seventeenth", organised by Bangla daily Prothom Alo on the premises of Bangla Academy in the capital yesterday to thank its readers marking its 17th anniversary.

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Late Mahfuzul Haque Sufyani

We Mourn

We are deeply shocked and grieved at the sad demise of eminent banker, past president of Rotary Club of Gulshan, life member of Gulshan Club and former consultant of Warid Telecom and shareholder of Butterfly Marketing Limited Mr. Mahfuzul Haque Sufyani (73) at United Hospital, Dhaka on last Monday, November 09, 2015 (Innallillaha wa Innailaihe Rajeun) leaving behind his one son, two daughters & lots of well-wishers to mourn his death.

On behalf of the company The Chairman & Managing Director, Directors and all employees of Butterfly Marketing Limited, we express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty Allah to grant eternal peace to the departed soul.

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Healthy Living

Why a Diabetic Shouldn't Skip Breakfast

What Is Breakfast?

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Breakfast is the first meal we have after getting out of bed, where you are essentially 'breaking your overnight fast'.

The food you consume in the morning provides the necessary nutrients and energy to last you for the first half of your day. A balanced meal in the morning can provide you with many benefits to your health and wellbeing, and boosts your performance at work, school or even in your daily chores at home. If you skip it you are technically running on 20% battery charge, if you were an iPhone your brain would be sending you a "low battery" notification. By charging your brain you are providing your body with a good quantity of vitamins and minerals such as protein, carbs and fibre. With your brain fully charged you will be more efficient throughout the day and consume lower calories during lunch and crave an early dinner (another healthy habit).

The benefits of starting the day with a healthy breakfast, which can help individuals manage their weight and, for people living with diabetes, keep their blood glucose levels stable. This has immense significance in the lifespan of a diabetes patient.



Healthy Eating Begins with Breakfast

Associate Professor and Consultant of Diabetology and Endocrinology at Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, Dr. Ahsanul Haq Amin explains, "Diabetes is one of the leading reasons for anxiety about global health problems. This epidemic is increasing gradually compared to the past." Many people have questions about what to eat and what not during breakfast in diabetes, because the level of glucose depends on types and amount of food consumed. Changes need to be accommodated into a patient's diet plans according to the age, weight, and type of diabetes, lifestyle, profession, and workplace atmosphere of the diabetic. Eating breakfast is the secret to staying healthy. Recent observations show that a diabetic who skips breakfast seems to have problems in concentration, metabolism, weight balance, and cardiac health. Chief Dietitian of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, Tamanna Chowdhury elaborates, "Regularly eating a healthy breakfast may help you to lose excess weight. Skipping breakfast will make you more likely to fill up on snacks high in fat and/or sugar before lunchtime." Many researchers believe that eating first thing in the morning may help a diabetes patient stabilize their blood sugar level, which then regulates their appetite and energy.

Dr. Amin further assures his patients that life can still continue normally through control, "Diabetes cannot be eradicated but it can be controlled. During controlled conditions the diabetic may feel as though they are completely healed, and can be active in daily life and routine. Additionally they can protect other vital organs (brain, heart, kidney, nerves etc.) from further damage through this diet plan. He further said, "The probability of a diabetic patient getting a heart attack is twice if not three times more likely than that of a normal person." Consequently Dr. Amin suggests the following rules for breakfast for a diabetic:

- Eat on time. The main meals of the day should be taken at morning, noon and night and at regularly scheduled times of the day. Do eat light food in the time between the larger meals. Do not be unfed for a long period of time. Try to keep the portion of food for each meal of the day the same.
- Eat carbohydrate foods that contain more fiber during breakfast. Food with more fiber such as green-leaves, salad, green peas etc. is more helpful as a snack than biscuits or bread.
- Avoid fat associated foods such as: oil, butter, ghee, cream, animal fat etc. Fried foods (paratha, haluwa, sweet, etc) increase both fat and glucose in your blood.
- Avoid sugar and food made by sugar (payeas, shemai, haluwa, sweet etc.)
- Consume less salt. Fully avoid the urge to add extra salt while eating, which is a common unhealthy habit in our community.
- Avoid Fast foods during breakfast (Burger, Hot Dogs, Pastry, Pizza, or even a sugary French Toast.)

The Basics of a Healthy Breakfast

Breakfast can include all sorts of options: cereals, bread, fruit, dairy products, eggs, milk and lean meats.

Chief Dietitian Tamanna explains, "A number of factors influence what people like to eat at breakfast, such as their food preferences, cultural background, religious beliefs and the time available before they have to rush out of their homes."

As the Chief Dietician of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka she has advised the following list of healthy breakfast items for a diabetic:

- Whole grains. Examples include whole-grain rolls, bagels, hot or cold whole-grain cereals, low-fat bran crackers, Roti and toast. These can now be regularly found at local bakeries and five-star hotels in Dhaka City.
- Lean protein. Examples include peanut butter, lean meat, poultry or fish, and hard-boiled eggs. This is also an important point for diabetics who workout and are looking to gain muscle mass.
- Low-fat dairy. Examples include milk, plain or lower sugar yogurts, and low-fat cheeses, such as cottage and natural cheeses. However, many Bangladeshis are unknowingly lactose-intolerant, therefore it is highly advisable to get checked before you continue to consume milk-based products.
- Fruits and vegetables. Examples include fresh or Dried fruits and vegetables, 100 percent juice drinks without added sugar, and fruit and vegetable smoothies. However an important point to make here is that depending on your type of diabetes you must consult your health physician, doctor, and or dietician to ensure that the fruits you are eating are safe for your health, especially if you are diabetic.

To prepare quick and healthy breakfast for diabetic patients that will help keep their blood sugar levels in control, stick to the following items:

- Cereal or oatmeal with non-fat yoghurt and fruits.
- Wholegrain toast made with banana spread and a glass of skim milk.
- Chirra with bananas and yoghurt.
- Sweet grapes with the skin sliced open.
- Red Atta-Roti with boiled vegetables and a boiled egg (yolk-free).

Now a day's diabetes has become a very common phenomenon in global human health. Most people take this slow killing long-term disease very lightly ("dud-bhaat") in society because the disease has become so common. Dr. Amin describes the nitty-gritties of the disease, "The majority of diabetic patients are affected by various long-term complexities. Uncontrolled long-term diabetes may lead to long-term illness, loss of organs, paralysis or even in advanced cases of ignorance - the possibility of death."

The guideline provided above will help you or your family member live a smoother life living with diabetes.

However the sad truth is children are not out of danger from this epidemic. Obese, overweight or even underweight children can be found to be diabetic and may suffer tremendously if gone undiagnosed. If you notice your child fainting often, see a doctor immediately. Discourage your child from eating breakfast in front of the television, because it increases the amount of food they consume and they develop a habit of literally not watching what they eat. Creating a healthy eating habit can also help speed up early morning pre-school routines. These healthy breakfast habits will be one of the vital lessons they carry throughout their life. Healthy eating begins with breakfast, and this gives you and your loved ones the chance to start each day with a healthy and nutritious meal, a habit that helps not only throughout the day but throughout your family's individual lifetimes, and for a loved one or you who is a diabetic it is twice if not three times as important.

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