

Dhaka Day by Day

Blessing In Disguise

by Sabah Chowdhury

Odd as it may seem one could never think of a thirteen year old Wasim as a beggar. He is more of an entrepreneur, very much into the "asking business" who is to be lauded all the more, because he has a major hurdle to overcome. After all who can't grudgingly respect a boy barely in his teens, who pays a house rent of Taka one thousand per month. This amount is often a burden for those who are well into adulthood and desperately trying to survive and at the same time support a family.



The entire family of Wasim huddle and live in a single room. The Taka one thousand worth cars for the minimal handouts, which keep the family going, perhaps the answer is there!

Call to restore power supply in Baitul Mokarram

Baitul Mokarram Traders group Tuesday demanded immediate restoration of power supply in the market and cancellation of single metre system, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at Jatiya Press Club here, Ali Akbar Khan, President of the group warned that unless their demands were met by Thursday, they will gear up the office of Islamic Foundation, whom the group, held responsible for their sufferings.

They also pressed for revival of individual billing system.

Power Development Board snapped electricity supply to the market on April 28 following non-payment of outstanding bills of Tk. 42 lakhs by the traders.

The group accused a section of PDB employees of collaborating with some Islamic Foundation officials for imposing the bill using the single metre system.

The power supply in the market was also disconnected on two occasions last year but was restored on orders from the High Court, Khan said.

He said the power disconnection was a "violation of court order" adding PDB's one metre system of billing as "anti-people".

The group, comprising of traders from 355 various business concerns, said power supply disruption have so far cause them a loss of about Tk. 20 lakh.

The conference was also addressed, among others, by Amirullah, General Secretary of the group and Samsul Alam Hashu, President of the Jewellers Association.

Dhaka-Canberra ties to grow

The Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Richard Gate, called on LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at his office in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interests and further promotion of friendly relations that exist between the two countries.

PROGRAMME Seminar at BUET

Dr. Robert B. Wardlaw of UK, will deliver a lecture on "A Seminar on Practising Hydrology: some experience and expected development" today (Wednesday) at 4:30 pm at Seminar room, Civil Engineering Building, BUET, says a press release.

Rotary Club meet

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka, says a press release.

Alliance Francaise

Alliance Francaise will be holding its annual diploma certificate giving ceremony on Friday at 5:00 pm, says a press release.

Lions club of Dhaka Blues executives

The election of the Board of Directors of Lions Club of Dhaka Blues was held in a local hotel recently. The following persons elected office bearers for the year 1991-92, says a press release. Immediate Past President Ln. Mofleh Uddin Khan; First Vice-President Ln. Mujibul Hoque; Second Vice-President Ln. Md. Ismail Hossain Miah; Third Vice-President Ln. S. M. Wahiduzzaman Babur; Secretary Ln. Muzibur Rahman; Joint Secretary-I Ln. Abdul Wahab Alamgir; Joint Secretary-II Ln. Mosharrif Hossain Khan; Treasurer Ln. Altafuddin Sk; Joint Treasurer Ln. Kamal Uddin Ahmed Khan; Tall Twister Ln. S. M. Hashem Ali; Lion Tamer Ln. Asadur Rahman; Directors Ln. A. K. M. Emdadul Huq; Ln. A. T. M. Musa Khan; Ln. Intaz Ahmed; Ln. S. M. Hashem; Ln. A. S. M. Abdullah; Ln. Jamal Uddin Ahmed and Ln. K. M. Nazrul Alam.



Prof. M. Muniruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University on Tuesday. Prof. M. Muniruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Wakil Ahmed, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of DU are seen in the picture.

Army airdrops 3.7 lakh chapatis for cyclone victims

The members of the armed forces are carrying on relief operations at the cyclone-torn coastal areas and the offshore islands, according to an ISPR press release in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The army personnel supplied 3,70,000 chapatis for the distressed people from Tuesday morning till afternoon. Out of these 1,50,000 from the Dhaka and Savar Cantonment were airdropped and paraded in inaccessible areas of Hatiya, Urir Char, Sandwip, Maheshkhali and Kutubdia islands. Meanwhile, 30,000 from the Jessore Cantonment, 70,000 from Comilla Cantonment and 1,20,000 from the Chittagong Cantonment were despatched to different affected places including Jahajmara, Nijhum Deep and Hatiya.

Besides, the Comilla area troops sent 5000 bun ruti donated by the Comilla Medical Association and other relief materials including 29 cartons of biscuits, 200 tins of baby food, 54 bags of sugar, 300 pieces of water filter, 230 Saudi tents and 200 tins corn beef to different affected areas. The relief materials distributed by the army personnel till Monday, included 8,93,720 and 171 kgs of chapati, 5,01,212 kgs of rice, 1472 kgs of atta, 1447 packets and 2228 kgs of biscuits, 1928 kgs of powdered milk, 4147 kgs of sugar, 31,027 kgs of chira, 929 kgs of dal, 200 tins of corn beef, 484 kgs of salt, 10 cartons of baby food, 950 ltrs of edible oil, 250 ltrs of kerosene, 12726 match boxes, 10200 pieces of water purifying tablets, 400 pieces of water filters, 22,887 of cloth, 219 yards of white cloth, three bales and 180 kgs of old cloth, 330 Saudi tents, 8648 packets of emergency food, 9120 kgs of gur, 715 bread, 50 packets of jet powder, 50 pieces of soaps, 40 pieces of saree, 40 pieces of lungi, 881 kgs of khichuri, 240 kgs of murti, 8400 kgs of sweet potatoes, 1000 pieces of bun ruti, 100 cans of drinking water and Taka 85000 in cash.

Media centre at Sheraton

The Press Information Department of the Government has set up a Media Centre at the Dhaka Sheraton to assist the visiting foreign journalists who are now in Bangladesh to cover the devastating cyclone and relief operation. The Media Centre will operate round the clock at the Melanee III, says a press release.

About one hundred foreign journalists from a good number of countries, representing world renowned news agencies, television network, radio and newspaper are staying at the Sheraton Hotel. The hotel has kept its Business Centre equipped with all modern facilities such as fax, telex, word processor, open for 24 hours to facilitate the journalists.

Raushan's bail : Govt asked to show cause

By Staff Correspondent

Begum Raushan Ershad has obtained a rule on Tuesday from a Division Bench of the High Court Division comprising Justice AKM Sadek and Justice Md Ansar Ali as to why she should not be released on bail in a criminal case.

She has been accused of causing loss to the government to the tune of Taka 27 lakh by showing the lowest price of 12 kathas of land at Kawran Bazar. She purchased 12 kathas of land out of two bighas of land from the allottees. The land originally belonged to RAJUK.

Khaleda visits relief godown

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday visited the President's relief godown to see the stock position of relief goods there, reports BSS.

Later, she visited the Relief Coordination Cell located at the President's Secretariat.

Brig. S M A Bhuiya, Principal Staff Officer (PSO) of the supreme commander, who is also in charge of the cell, explained to Begum Zia the functioning of the cell and relief activities.

State Minister for Information, Nurul Huda, accompanied the Prime Minister.

Weather Gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours ending 6 pm Wednesday. Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The Sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.31 pm and rises on Thursday at 5.20 am.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather is likely to improve.

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity (%) | |
|-----------|------------------------|------|--------------|------|
| | Max | Mini | 9am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 34.0 | 24.5 | 81 | 79 |
| Rajshahi | 38.5 | 23.9 | 84 | 62 |
| Khulna | 34.7 | 28.0 | 77 | 72 |
| Bogra | 34.0 | 22.4 | 88 | 86 |
| Rangpur | 27.1 | 21.6 | 91 | 98 |
| Sylhet | 23.0 | 19.6 | 91 | 87 |
| Barisal | 32.6 | 24.8 | 89 | 86 |
| Srimangal | 29.0 | 19.8 | 97 | 80 |
| Comilla | 30.0 | 24.0 | — | 92 |

1.5 lakh tons IRRI-Boro output to be hampered

The post-cyclonic overall food situation in the country was reviewed at a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on food at the Conference Room of the Ministry in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

The convener of the sub-committee, Agriculture Minister, M Majidul Haque presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed in threadbare the loss of food-grains in the cyclone, present IRRI-Boro production position, proper transportation and distribution and its import position.

The meeting was informed that the production approximately one and a half lakh tons of IRRI-Boro will be hampered by the cyclone. It was decided that, the internal procurement would be increased by the district food procurement committees through strengthening of the foodgrain procurement programme.

For this purpose the meeting decided that the Food Ministry would specify one day of every week as special procurement day and food procurement drive would be taken in the presence of State Minister for Food Minister Nazmul Huda in different areas of the country.

LORD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, Finance and Planning Minister Md Saifur Rahman, State Minister for Food Minister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Jute Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan secretaries of the concerned ministries and senior officials were present in the meeting.

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Moreover, various telecommunication buildings and working radio, telephone and public call offices at Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Hatiya and Sandwip were also damaged in the cyclone—the loss of which was estimated at about Taka 2 crore.

The report said, different telephone cables, dropware, cabinet and distribution points were also lost in the cyclone which will cost the board another Taka 2 crore.

Hearing of writ challenging WB Award today

The hearing of the writ petition challenging the implementation of the Wage Award for journalists and other newspaper employees will be taken up today (Wednesday) in a division bench of the High Court Division, reports BSS.

The court comprises of Justice M. Abdul Jalil and Justice M. Badruzzaman.

Barrister Joyanal Abedin, the Counsel of the BSP, on Tuesday prayed for extension of the stay order till disposal of the writ petition.

Barrister Akhtar Imam, the Counsel of the BFUJ, BNPF and BNPEF, opposed the prayer and upon hearing. The learned counsel of the court was pleased to extend the stay order for one week only and the matter was fixed in the list so that it may be taken up for hearing today.

Senior Advocate Khondker Mahubuddin Ahmed with Barrister Joyanal Abedin appeared for the petitioner, Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad.

Senior Advocate Barrister A.R. Yusuf and Barrister Akhtar Imam along with Advocate Habib-ul-Alam, Advocate Khalequzzaman and Advocate Mozammel Haque Mehdi appeared for the respondents, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalist (BFUJ), Bangladesh Newspapers Press Workers Federation (BNPWF) and Bangladesh Newspapers Employees Federation (BNEF).

Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, Additional Attorney General, with Syed JR Modasser Hossain, Deputy Attorney General are representing the State.

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- Small lump
- Swamp shelter
- Viper
- Army meal
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- Prophets
- Guido's high note
- Scottish cap
- One's relatives
- Hesitate
- Young cat
- A Peiner
- Mexican dish
- Hard-shelled fruit
- Lure
- Sounded a horn
- "Anything"
- Marsh
- Southern blackbird
- Airline info.
- Ocean
- Follows Fri.
- Three-toed sloth

