# Travails Of Lending And Leasing

by Fayza Haq

When I returned home to Dhaka after five years, I found my collected works of Shakespeare and Shaw missing, along with my favourthe novels by PS, Buck and Maugham. "What's happened to them ?" I naturally asked my mother. She calmly informed me that members of the family needed them for theatre rehearsal and other reasons, and I have since then never seen those books.

I myself have lent prized books to friends , which I collected with great difficulty over the years, and which are not available in Dhaka today . Like the naive individual that I am, I never kept a record of these books. I did get back quite a few of the books. But the rest remain untraceable. I could not get them back even with a crowbar.

There was a time I lent a treasured French book, complete with casettes to a friend , when I needed the item myself badly . My friend busy with her schedule of nine- to -six job at a busy Dhanmandi commercial establishment, and the housework at Hatkhola to tend to later - never had the time to really use the book. But I finally got the items years after I had lent them to her. She still hankered after a last glance at the book and a final hearing of the tapes, when I fabricated the tale of how my bag was packed for Mel-

bourne, with the French book included in the essential luggage, and that I had inadvertently lost the keys to the bag. One has to sometimes resort to such white lies to protect one's own property. Lending books,

clothes and other personal items can really break up friendship. I know of a friend of mine who lent her gorgeous embroidered "sari" to a colleague, and got it back only covered with turmeric stains. Although this item was

eventually sent to the laundry, it was never the same. This same friend has lent out her 'shalwar-kameez" and "kurta-pajama" sets, only to have them returned stained, torn and faded. "I dare not refuse," she confessed to me. I am new in the city and need friends.

I know of my sister lending her best French chiffon "saris" to my cousins, with whom she was apparently hand in glove. When the items were returned after months, after repeated reminders, the hooks were missing and there were tears in the entire body of the "saris". But my sister's lips were scaled. She dared not rebuke the cousin who had caused her so much of misery. How people get off Scott free because someone else is too polite or gentlenatured to reprimand!

I myself have lent items like typewriters, heat-ray lamps, and baking trays to get the typewriters and the other items, busted, cracked or the essential non-stick base missing. I obviously have lent them to people I was friendly with and trusted. It was only because I dared not annoy my friends that I resorted to parting with my prized possessions. Yet do you think these friends and acquaintances remember that you ever lent them anything in the first place?

Recently when a friend of mine, working at

RAJSHAHI, Aug 22: State

Minister for LGRD and Coo-

peratives Kabir Hossain Thurs-

day said the government would

constitute a commission soon

to recommend the amend-

ment of cooperative rules and

regulations for the welfare of

the members of Cooperative

bers of Cooperative Societies

to strengthen the cooperative

movement for achieving self-

cross section of people includ-

ing executives of different

Token hunger

strike in Sangbad

today

tion from work was observed

Thursday in the Sangbad Office

from 10 am as part of the 11-

point charter of demand of the

Sangbad Unit of Dhaka Union

A. 12-hour token hunger

of Journalists, a press release

strike will be observed from 6

am today in the Sangbad Office

while a journalists' rally will be

The BFUL and DUJ leaders

will attend the rally, the press

release said.

held 'nere tomorrow (Satur-

of the unit said, reports BSS.

A three-hour token absten-

Addressing a meeting of a

He called upon the mem-

Societies, reports BSS.

sufficiency.

Commission to amend

cooperative rules soon

Cooperative Societies, chair-

men and members of union

parishads and upazila officials

of Paba upazila here, the State

Minister said national consen-

sus for establishing parliamen-

tary form of government had

been achieved unanimously in

parliament through passage of

the 12th Constitution Amend-

ment Bill. He urged all con-

cerned to motivate the people

at grass roots level for ensu-

ring mass participation in the

referendum on September 15.

officials to render their ser-

vices properly in the referen-

dum for greater national inter-

inaugurated tree plantation

programme'91 organised by

BRDB, Paba, planting a sapling

at the upazila premises. About

8,500 saplings are being

planted under the programme.

15 crew of

sunken trawler

rescued

frigate of Bangladesh Navy

Wednesday rescued all the 15

crew members of a trawler

named "Shammi Aktar," an

ISPR release said, reports BSS.

miles west off Cox's Bazar

The trawler sunk about 29

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 22 : A

He asked the government

Earlier, the State Minister

Naya Paltan office, asked me to lend him my typewriter - admired and trusted him as I did - I am sure I annoyed him no end by flatly refusing to lend. In taking the step of not lending, I also kept in mind that he could easily afford ten typewriters, with his present income, and what was he to do with a piddling manual contraption? It had, moreover sentimental value to me - as it was a birthday gift from my

If it is a matter like lipstick, eye-shadows or pencil-heeled court shoes, I have had them back as stubs, with the leather nicked off, or the friend simply forgets the entire matter of ever having borrowed your entire range of make-up set, and then ensues the embarrassment of wondering to oneself, "Shall I remind her or is her job at Motijheel running her down and she needs the set just to boost her

It's not just books and clothes. Sometimes I have known people to borrow radios, taperecorders. VCRs and even cars and to return them in a damaged condition. The father of a friend of mine in Purana Paltan lent his brand new car to his business partner, and got it back with paint removed and the back smashed up. He dared not say a word for fear

of incurring the disfavour of the partner. Not being of a Muslim origin, he feels somewhat insecure in Dhaka, and gives in to the whims of his colleague.

I have the experience of lending money to my male colleagues who have come up with comments like "What do you as a woman require money?" 1 would have to manufacture all sorts of excuses, when trying to get the sum back. owe my brother

money since ages and he is flying down from London next month So buddy, you must return my Tk 2000," were the lines my girl friends taught me.

I have so far only narrated incidents of slippers and slips. When there are more serious matters such as getting rent from the tenants, to whom you have leased out your house, the situation is more grave.

We happen to lend out a small cottage with a corrugated tin roof to a well-to-do and wellknown member of Dhaka society, he flaunts swanky cars and his wife sports the finest "saris", and he himself creates a stir, with his carryons, of late, in the Sangsad Bhaban. To get a petty sum of rent from these tenants has always been a Herculean task. I would have to fly from Melbourne to Dhaka, before any due payments were ever paid. There was invariably some lame excuse. And to think I had once coaxed my father to rent out the cottage to them because I considered them my close

Our aunts and uncles too have constant problems with their tenants. Even though they have all the money in the world, and live in exclusive places in Banani, Eskaton, and Dhanmandi, and can afford gala parties twice a week, getting the rent out of them is like getting blood out of a stone.

# What's on today.

Public Works Directorate Employees' Union The employees Union of the Directorate of Public Works will hold a press conserence today (Friday) at 5 pm at the National Club in protest against, what it said, violation of rules

of business of the Directorate. Mymensingh Zila Samity

A discussion meeting of Mymensingh Zila Samity will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at the Samity Office at 384, Maghbazar (Second floor) in the city. All the committee members have been requested to attend

Moitry Samaj meet

the meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Moitry Samaj Kalyan Sangha will be held today (Friday) at 9.30 am at its central office at Faridabad in the city.

## . . and tomorrow

BARC workshop

A four-day workshop on 'risk management in Bangladesh agriculture' sponsored by the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) will be inaugurated at the International Conference Centre in the city tomorrow (Saturday). Prime Minister Begum Zia will inaugurate the workshop at 10.30 in the morning.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Major General (retd) M Majid-ul-Haq, and State Minister for Environment and Forest Abdullah Al Noman will be present at the inaugural session as the special guests.

M Anwar Iqbal, PSO, BARC and Member Secretary of the oranisation workshop organising committee will deliver the vote of thanks.

#### Seminar on telecommunication

A seminar on 'the role of telecommunication in the context of developing countries' will be held at the German Cultural Centre and Goethe-Institute at House No. 23, Road No 2, Dhanmondi in the city tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 pm. Sponsored by Carl Duisberg Samity, Bangladesh, the semi-

nar will be chaired by Prof Dr A M Patwari, Director General, ICTVITR and ex-Vice Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). Michaela Spacth, Second Secretary of the Embassy of the

Federal Republic of Germany, will be the guest of honour on the occasion. Engr Muhammad Fariduddin, General Manager of the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha- will present the key-note paper.

#### Mofassiluddin trust fund lecture

The Professor Molassiluddin Ahmed Trust Fund Lecture 1991 will be held at the auditorium of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 pm.

Dr M Kurshed Ali, sormer director, students counselling and guidance, Dhaka University will deliver the lecture on "characteristics of psychotherapeutic interview." Dr A M Sharafuddin, President of the Society, will preside.

### BCU mass hunger strike

CPB-backed Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will organise a country-wide mass hunger strike tomorrow (Saturday) to press home its demands of reopening all the closed educational institutions.

In the city, a seven-hour hunger strike will be held in front of the National Press Club. Compiled by NA

# Iraq to issue exit visa to 14 Bangladeshis

After much persuasion the Iraqi authorities have finally agreed to issue exit visa to 14 stranded Bangladeshi nationals who have taken refuge in Bangladesh embassy premises in Baghdad since July 27, this year, a government handout said, reports BSS.

International Organisation for Inauguration (IOM) has been requested to arrange their repatriation by IOM flights from Amman on urgent

These nationals were originally recruited for serving in an Iraqi private company.

The names of these nationals and their passport numbers are given below : Zaker Hossain, S/o late Abul Khair-F795095, Hanif, S/o Nur Mohammed-F774074, Abu Sayed, S/o late Mokram Ali-G301691, Md Ali Ahmed, S/o late Ramjan Ali- F903142. Mohiuddin, S/o Mostafa Meah-F794538, Majharul Alam, S/o Abdul Hamid-0299868. Sheikh Mejbah Uddin Ahmed,

S/o late Md Shaffullah-G319105, Delwar Hossain, S/o Elim Bepari-F526309, Mafiz Ullah, S/o Wali Ullah F955475, Harun-or-Rashid, S/o Nurul Islam-G332008. Nurul Islam, S/o Ruhul Amin-G336952, Abdul Malek, S/o Farid Miah-G300580, Md Nurujjaman, S/o Ayub Nabi-F899828 and Abdul Gafur, S/o Monsur Ali-F656051.

Three Bangladeshi nationals living in Baghdad who had gone to Amman a few days ago are being repatriated to Bangladesh through IOM flights. They are expected to arrive Dhaka on Thursday or by Friday.

### killed, 10 hurt in road mishap

One person was killed and ten others were injured when a truck overturned and was hit by a bus at Batuly in Dhamrai upazila on Dhaka-Aricha highway Wednesday night, reports

# Weather

### Depression may intensify

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain / showers with a few moderately heavy falls at most places over Khulna and Chittagong Divisions and many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi Divisions during the next 36 hours. It may be accompanied by gusty

UNB adds: The Well-marked low over the northwest Bay close to north Orissa-West Bengal coast rapidly concentrated into a monsoon depression and was centered at 6 pm Thursday about 240 kilometre southwest of Khulna town. Met office said the depression was likely to intensify fur-

ther and move slowly in a northwesterly direction. Maximum sustained wind within 45 km of the depression centre is about 40 kilometre per hour (KPH), rising to 48 kph in gust or squall.

speed of 40 to 55 kph is likely to sweep the coastal districts of the country. Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal number 3

Under its influence, south-southeasterly squall at the

rpt 3. All fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay have been advised to keep close to the coast and proceed with caution. Temperature and humidity recorded in major cities and

towns on Thursday were: Cities/ towns Temperature in degree Humidity in percentage Min 9 am 6 pm Dhaka 31.4 26.6 77 Chittagong 33.6 26.0 Rajshahi 31.0 35.2 83 Khulna 25.0 78 31.0 Tangail 31.6 26.0 75 Sylhet 34.2 75 26.5 Comilla 32.2 25.4 Cox's Bazar 32.4 25.5 Dinajpur 30.5 23.6 Barisai 31.4 25.2



Government employees brought out a procession in the city Thursday protesting new pay scale and office time schedule. -Star photo

# 1385 acres of land released from acquisition in city

A total of 1385 acres of land have been released from government acquisition in Badda, Khilkhet and Zoar Shahara areas, reports BSS.

A government source Thursday said the government released the land "purely on humanitarian considerations". The 30-year-old problem was solved at a cabinet meeting held on Monday night. The government has already issued directives to take necessary measures by the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha in this regard.

### R & H employees reject pay scale Roads and Highways Depa-

rtment employees on Thursday abstained from work rejecting the new pay scale announced by the government last Tuesday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Sarak and Jana path Karmachari Union (BSJKU) held a rally in front of the Sarak Bhaban in the city Thursday morning.

its leaders at the rally maintained all government employees had rejected the new pay scales as "unrealistic" and framed whimsically.

The leaders also called for continuing three-hour work stoppage from August 24 and day-long abstention on August 29 to press home their demands, including higher pay and rescheduled office tim-

### Radio Engineers' Welfare Assoc executives

Nurul Huq and A M Mohiuddin have been elected President and General Secretary respectively of the BCS (Information) Engineers' Welfare Association of Radio Bangladesh for a two-year term (1991-92), a press release said on Thursday, reports BSS. The other office bearers of

the 15-member committee are: Vice Presidents - Syed Abdus Saker and A T M Solaiman, Joint Secretary -Alauddin, Publicity and Office Secretary - Sirajul Islam Gazi, Cultural Secretary - A S M Mahbubur Rahman, and Treasurer - Golam Mostafa Mollick.

The members of the committee are: Danej Uddin, Abdus Saber Siddiqi, Mohammad Ali, Humayun Singh, Syed Sharafat Ahmed, Aftab Uddin and Abul Kalam Mohammad Khair.

The source said the affected people in the project areas of Badda and Khilkhet would be of land and also for houses ungiven compensations under existing rules and regulations. In this connection, a committee would also be formed. This high-powered committee

### DCC Mayor off to Canada

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas left Dhaka on Thursday for Canada to attend a seminar on environment beginning August 25 in Toronto, reports BSS. The Chief Executive officer of DCC Alhaj Janibul Haq is also

press release of the Corporation said. Mirza Abbas is expected to return in Dhaka on Septem-

accompanying the Mayor,

der existing rules. Besides, RAJUK would planned developed, roads, supply of gas and electricity. RAJUK would also start approving plans for constructing houses in these ar-Te local people continued their movement over the acquisition problem since 1961-62. They also sought legal

protections, but RAJUK got

court verdict in its favour. The

problem was not solved de-

spite assurance by various gov-

ernments on political consid-

would take measures on losses

of the people for acquisitions

erations. The government under Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia solved the long pending problem of 30 years within a short time as it was her election commitment, the source

### 7,000 nabbed during **Operation Durbar** operation in Dhaka city, Chitta-

Police netted more than 7,000 people during its special drive "Operation Durbar" ac ross the country in last six days, reports UNB.

The police crackdown star-

ted on August 17 in a bid to

ensure peace and security in the public life. During the operation, a huge quantum of illegal fire

arms, deadly weapons and explosives were recovered from different districts.

Police Headquarters sources today said, 1,500 people were rounded up during the tion.

gong city, Gopalgani, Shariatpur, Feni, Jhenidah, Kushtia, Dinajpur, Bogra and Jaipurhat in last 24 hours. The arrested include fugi-

tives, mastans, "armed miscreants" of the so-called Sharbahara Party and drug addicts. Twelve fire arms, 93 rounds

of ammenttions, 16 explosives, two revolvers, one double-barrel and one single barrel guns and eight pipe guns were also recovered during the opera-

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TOEFL EXAMINEES

Examinees who register for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)in Bangladesh will be required to present a valid passport as identification, beginning with the November 16, 1991 test administration. No other form of identification will be accepted at test centers in this country.

Please note that no candidates will be allowed to take TOEFL without a valid passport beginning with November 16 TOEFL.

TOEFL Office Princeton, NJ, USA

# **BCIC International Tender Notice**

Managing Director, Zia Fertilizer Company Limited, Ashuganj, B. Baria, Bangladesh hereby Invites sealed quotations as under :-

SI. No.	Tender Enquiry No.	Description of goods	Terms of delivery	Due date of opening	Price of tender documents (non- refundable)	Earnest Money	Source of Financing
1	OS-1501	Bushing Ring for H.P. Heat Exch- anger		28/9/91 at 2-30 PM	Tk. 400/-	1% of total quo- ted value (but not less than Tk. 1000/-)	Any suita- ble source of finance
2	OS-1506	Aluminium Foil	do-	-do-	Tk. 400/-	do-	do-
3.	OS-1507	Portable Blower /Exhauster	C&F/C&F (C) Chittago	1000	Tk. 400/-	do-	do-
4.	OS-1502	Check Valve & Fittings	-do-	30/9/91 at 2.30 PM	Tk. 400/-	-do-	do-
5	OS-1483	CAF Gaskeet Sheet	-do-	-do-	Tk. 400/-	do	-do-

Tenders will be received by the Chief Comm. Manager, Zia Fertilizer Co. Ltd. Ashuganj, B. Baria, Bangladesh upto 2-30 PM on the date mentioned above and be opened the same day immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers representatives, if any.

Tender documents with detailed specifications terms and conditions will be available on all working days from 9.00 AM to 12.30 PM on payment of the prescribed price in cash from the office of :-(i) The Controller of Accounts, BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

(ii) The General Manager, BCIC Shipping and Liaison Office, 6-Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong. (iii) The General Manager (Accounts & Finance), ZFCL, Ashugani, B. Baria. No tender documents will be sold on the date of tender opening.

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## **BCIC INTERNATIONAL** TENDER NOTICE

General Manager, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj invites "Two Invelope System" sealed tender for supply of High Temperature Resistant Alkali Proof Gland packing against Tender No. 238 on C & F Chittagong basis under any suitable credit. Tender schedule available at Tk. 50/- per set from (a) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, (b) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and (c) SPPM Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj. Tender along with 1% earnest money will be received upto 3-00 P.M. on 02.10.91 and thereafter opened Technical Offer. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

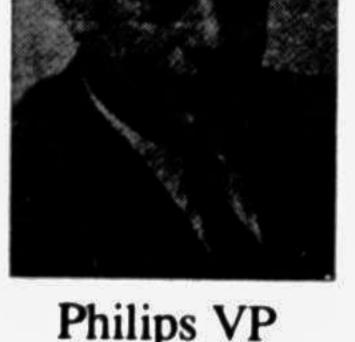
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3.15 Alor Dishari feature film

songs News in Bengla The Cosby Show

8.00 9.00 Saptadinga 10.00 News in English 10.30 Film: LA Law 11.30 Khabar / The News Closing



# arrives in city

K Hubee Vice-President and Vice-Chairman, Philips Board of Management along with Mr A Veldhutzen, Director, Regional Bureau, Philips International arrived in city Thursday, says a press release.

During their stay in Dhaka they will have a busy schedule. They will have discussions with Government, business people and the Philips Organisation in Bangladesh.

W Friday **Morning Session** 

Opening announcement. Al-Quran, programme summary News in Bangla The Chronicles of Narnia

Nutun Kuri 97: Children's programme News in English Macgyver 10.10 Moner Mukurey: Ayamoy 12.22 Closing

Evening Session 3.00 Opening Full length Bangali Sports Programme Sangeeta: Modern