Dhaka Day by Day

Kind-hearted Pickpockets !

by Shahriar Khan

Has your wallet been pickpocketed alongwith money and important papers lately ? Or have you lost them ? Have you given up all hopes about finding them back ? Well, if you care a little about your lost money and a lot about your important papers, chances are there that you may have them back.

The Railway Mail Service or the RMS letter-sorting office beside the Kamalapur rail station has a system that returns your pickpocketed or lost things.

The Railway Mail Service collects letters from all the post boxes around the city everyday. They often find passports, driving licences, wallets, bluebooks etc. in the post boxes. "Strangers drop those things," says the RMS Superintendent Mr. Nurul Amin, "without any envelope or any sender's message."

But many people do not know about this place. After all the RMS did not take this responsibility officially. There is an open box in the records room of the RMS where these lost-and-found things are kept. Few people who heard about it somewhere in the corners of the city sometimes come here to claim their property.

Although there is no proof who put these things in the mail boxes, Mr. Abdul Majid Miah, Assistant Head of the Records believes strongly that kind-hearted pickpockets do it. "People come here and many complain to have been pickpocketed,", he says supporting his belief. This might be true, since wallets are found with no money in it. And also we can assume that if a gentleman finds anything on the street, he may prefer to go to police boxes than to drop it in the mail boxes.

Although this RMS facility is not official, they have developed a sense of responsibility about it. They do not return any of the lost-and-found things without any proof. Mr. Majid Miah showed me an application made by the Association of the Kuwait Returnees. Twenty-nine of the Kuwaiti returness claimed loss of papers, passports and wallets. The RMS was able to return many of those.

The RMS people do not quite remember when this system had first developed. "This system started from the Pakistani period, I guess," says the Superintendent. "Since then, it has become a tradition in the RMS."

The RMS do not find these papers or empty wallets daily. The Superintendent says,"Sometimes several things are found in the boxes, other times there is not such thing."

There is, however, no guarantee that you will find your pickpocketed or lost things in the RMS mainly because it depends upon the altruistic attitude of the pickpockets or the man who finds it. But you can try your luck.

The people at the RMS are very cooperative and seem to enjoy this voluntary responsibility.

Debate on form of government unnecessary

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Nagarik Parishad in a statement on Friday said that unnecessary debate had been raised on the question of presidential and parliamentary system.

The statement said which system would be right or wrong it depends on implementation. Parliamentarian system under the leadership of Prime Minister may introduce dishonest ruling in the country the statement further said.

The statement issued by Dr. Golam Hossain and A.K.M. Abdul Kayum, convenor and joint convenor of the parishad, said that the newly elected parliament members would take the decision on it in the Parliament.

Garbage at Nayapaltan

By Staff Correspondent

Garbage have piled up in Nayapaltan area of the city. Bad odour is emitting from the rotten heaps of garbage causing health hazards to the residents of the surrounding areas.

Local residents say there is no dustbin in the area and the residents throw garbage in the vacant places of the narrow lanes finding no other alternative.

The sweepers used to collect the garbage from near the holding No 3/6 Nayapaltan regularly. But for the last few days, they are not collecting it. The residents say the reason was not communicated to them by Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

The local residents seek an immediate redress to the problems of piled-up garbage and its health hazard threats.

Farhana Keya presenting a dance number at a cultural function at Nazrul Academy on Friday in connection with celebration of Independence Day. — Star photo

Govt urged to set up Ibrahim Khan Academy

Bangladesh Seerat Mission Friday held a discussion in observance of the 13th death anniversary of eminent educationist Principal Ibrahim Khan, reports BSS.

Moulana Shah Abdus Sattar, Chief of the Mission, presided over the function.

Among others, Moulana Hossain Ahmed, Hafez Mohammad Sadat Ullah, Khaleque bin Joyenuddin, Mohammad Mozammel Hossain Angur and Prof Mohammad Obaidullah, spoke on the life and works of Ibrahim Khan.

Moulana Abdus Sattar said Principal Ibrahim Khan was one of the few Muslim educationists in the sub-continent who initiated the Islamic renaissance with his writings.

He urged the government to set up an academy in Dhaka after Ibrahim Khan and publish his literary works.

Ibrahim Khan Academy

Ibrahim Khan Academy and Principal Ibrahim Khan Admirers Council Friday jointly held a meeting in observance of the 13th death anniversary of Principal Ibrahim Khan at Kakoli High School here.

State Minister for Information, Mr Mohammad Nurul Huda, was the chief guest on the occasion, while Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf presided.

Among others Mrs Shamsul Nahar Awal, Mr Mokhlesuzzaman Khan, Mr Ramjan Ali Khan Majlish, Mr Ibrahim Rahman, Begum Akhtar Imam and Begum Khaleda Habib, spoke on the occasion.

The State Minister, in his speech, said Principal Ibrahim Khan was the dreamer of Bangladeshi nationalism. He (Principal Ibrahim) could realise the necessity of nationalism long ago, the minister added.

In his presidential address, Dewan Mohammad, Azraf said that Principal Ibrahim wanted to build the Sadaat College of Korotia in the Aligarh College model.

Plea to maintain sanctity of Ramzan

Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Majlish on Friday held a rally at the southern gate of Baitul Mokarrom Mosque here demanding maintenance of sanctity of the Ramzan, reports BSS.

They called shutting down of hotel-resaturants during the day time, and stopping of upward trend of the prices of the essentials, a press release said.

The rally, presided over by Secretary General of the Organization Mohammed Jahangir Hossain, was addressed by Abdul Mazid, Yeakub Ali Talukdar and Sultan Muhammad Shamsuzzaman.

The rally was followed by a protest procession, which dispersed in front of the Jatiya Press Club after parading Gulistan, Nawabpur, English Road, Fulbaria, Golapshah Mazar and Paltan area.

Jamaat concern over jail incident

Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Thursday expressed his concern over the loss of lives centering resentment among the inmates of different jails in the country, reports BSS.

In a statement, he called for probing the causes behind the unrest among the prisoners and restoring peace and discipline in jails by solving their problems.

Dhaka, Beijing to talk direct air, shipping link

The Bangladesh-China joint Economic Commission meets here early next month for a review of its achievement and to explore new areas of cooperation.

Officials told UNB the three-day meeting, beginning April 8, was expected to take a concrete decision on setting up a 250-bed modern hospital and a bicycle chain manufacturing factory in Bangladesh with Chinese assistance.

Proposals for introducing Dhaka-Beijing direct air and shipping services are likely to come up in the session. Chinese assistance for flood control will also be discussed.

Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade Wang Wengdong arrives here on April 8 leading an 8-member delegation.

It will be the commission's sixth session since it was set up on November 2, 1983 to promote cooperation between the two nations in economic, trade, science, technical, transport and cultural fields.

Bangladesh-China relation, which had steady growth, bears a testimony to unique bilateral ties covering all aspects of cooperation.

In the last 15 years, China, under 7 agreements, has given Bangladesh 363 million Yuan (about Tk 363 crore) in interest free loans for implementing several development projects.

Of the amount, 58 million Yuan was spent for construction of Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge over the Buriganga and 42 million Yuan for Shumbhuganj Bridge.

The Chinese-aided other completed projects are Sundarban Textile Mills, Rupganj Water Conservancy and Palash Urea Fertilizer Factory.

Dhaka and Beijing early last year signed Barter Protocol-12 setting an annual trade target of 30 million US dollar each way.

Bangladesh exports tea, leather, jute goods and raw jute to China against imports of coal, iron, billet, rice and machinery. Balance of trade at present is slightly against Bangladesh.

The two countries signed an agreement on direct airlink in April, 1988 when a Bangladesh Biman delegation visited Beijing. An agreement seeking direct shipping between the two countries was also concluded in May, 1988.

Bangladesh and China also have agreements on cultural cooperation and exchange of news also.

Brilliant DU student killed in road mishap

By Staff Correspondent

Nafia Kamal Ghazi, a final year student of Dhaka University Economics Department was killed when her rickshaw was hit by a speeding truck near Mouchak on Friday at 10.30 am.

She was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctor's declared her dead.

Nafia got first class in her Honours examinations last year. The driver managed to escape with the truck.

Nafia was actively involved with various cultural and literary activities. She has already authored two books Dhanmarich, a rhyme and, a book on late President Ziaur Rahman's affection to children. She was also a good debator.

Her father Ghazi Kamal Ahmed is a tea garden manager in Sylhet.

Khaleda condoles

BSS adds: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia expressed her profound grief at the death of Nafia Gazi.

In a condolence message, the Prime Minister said her premature death put an end to a promising life from among our midst.

She prayed for the peace of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved family.

Rejoinder

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Abdul Hakim Sarker, Assistant Professor of the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, Dhaka University protested a news item captioned "Social Welfare Institute Closed sine die" published in the Daily Star on March 29.

Dr Sarker in rejoinder issued on Friday said the news was absolutely irrelevant and unfounded.

He said he was not in the examination committee. So the question of delaying and manipulating examination results did not arise.

Independence Day programme condemned

By Staff Correspondent

Gana Adhikar Parishad in a statement on Friday condemned the programmes of Independence Day broadcast in the media saying appropriate evaluation has not been done on the role of leaders including Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Tajuddin Ahmed, M A G Osmani and Ziaur Rahman during the period of Liberation War.

The statement said the National Day was observed in an environment free from autocracy but the standard of the national programmes was low.

'Govt alone can't ameliorate sufferings of orphans'

Minister for Education and Culture Prof AQM Badrudoza Choudhury on Thursday called upon the well-to-do people and NGOs to come forward in aid of the orphans and abandoned children of the society, reports BSS.

He said the number of those children in the country is so large that no government alone could ameliorate their sufferings.

The Education Minister was speaking at a function of the World Orphans and Abandoned Children Welfare Association, Bangladesh on Thursday night.

Presided over by Prof Mustafizur Rahman, an eminent eye specialist and Vice President of the association, the function was addressed by Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, prominent journalist Gias Kamal Choudhury, Mrs Shamsunnaher Ahsanullah, Advocate Golam Morshed, Shariful Islam and Kazi Anisur Rahman.

The Education Minister said the BNP government wants to spread the education all over the country through mass education programme.

He said the under privileged and abandoned children would be given functional education so that they became conscious of their social and political rights.

Prof Choudhury said, in spite of creation of a large number of educational institutions, a high rate of illiteracy is prevailing in the country.

He stressed the role of mass media for eradication of the widespread illiteracy.

Minister for Industries Shamsul Islam Khan highly appreciated the role of the association in redressing sufferings of the down-trodden children.

Gias Kamal Choudhury said due to lack of sincerity and devotion, the Pathkali programme could not achieve progress during the last autocratic regime. He called upon the members of the association to put in their sincere efforts for the overall welfare of the orphans and abandoned children.

Cancellation of Matin Committee Report demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Anwar Hossain and Md Ruhul Matin, President and Member Secretary respectively of Engineers Service Structure and Welfare Committee, Engineers Institution, Bangladesh, demanded immediate cancellation of Matin Committee Report and recommendations of CONCOP.

The leaders of the engineers in a press release on Friday also demanded promulgation of an Engineers Ordinance and establishment of an Engineering Staff College.

They also demanded appointment of engineers as the Chairman of Water Development Board, Directorate of Environment Pollution Control, Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Project, Steel and Engineering Corporation, Rajuk, Wasa and Chittagong Development Authority. They appealed to take quick steps to fill up all empty posts of engineers in all engineering directorates and divisions and corporations.

PROGRAMME today

JSP meeting

An extended meeting of Jatiya Sramic Party (JSP) will begin today at 123, New Kakrail Road (first floor), Shantinagar.

Acting Chairman of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury will attend the inaugural function as chief guest while presidium member Sirajul Hossain Khan and Acting Secretary General A B M Shahjahan will be the special guest.

Asiatic Society

The fifteenth monthly general meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be held today (Saturday) at 4-30 pm in the Seminar Room of the Society at 5 Old Secretariat Road, Nimtali, Dhaka.

BCPFA meet

The biennial general meeting and election of the Bangladesh-Chinese People's Friendship Association will be held today (Saturday) at 4-00 pm at the office of the Association at 18, Purana Paltan, Dhaka.

Weather

Rain and gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower with gusty wind likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the region of Jessore, Kushtia, Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Noakhali, Comilla and Sylhet. Weather likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius.

The sun sets on Saturday at 6:14 pm and rises on Sunday at 5:35 am.

Rain and thundershower occured at many places over Dhaka division and the region of Comilla on Friday. Weather remained dry elsewhere. Rainfall in Tangail was 53 millimeters, while 12 millimeters in Dhaka and 2 millimeters in Comilla.

Day temperature remained nearly unchanged over the country except in Tangail, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra and Jessore where it rose by one to two degrees Celsius.

The highest temperature of 37.2 was recorded in Jessore and Chuadanga.

Out for subsequent two days: Little change.

Extended outlook for another five days: Weather likely to improve.

The temperatures and humidity of some cities on Friday:

City	Temperature in Celsius max	min	Humidity (%) 9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34	22.6	70	74
Chittagong	32.6	23.8	83	71
Rangpur	—	19.5	73	—
Sylhet	34.2	21.5	66	64
Comilla	—	22.8	85	—
Dinajpur	33.8	21.5	63	67
Rajshahi	37.2	23	73	—
Cox's Bazar	32	—	—	—

The maximum temperatures of two regional cities:
Delhi : 35 degrees Celsius
Colombo : 32 degrees Celsius

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Follows March
6 Couples
11 "A — in the the Sun"
13 Pursue
14 Teutonic deity
15 Take dimensions of
17 Tellurium symbol
18 Bushy clump
20 Freshet
21 Seed container
22 Prepare for print
24 Flightless bird
25 Certain
26 Three feet
28 "A Comedy of —"
30 Flesh
32 Lampreys
33 Wandered
35 Expired
37 "On Golden —"
38 Legal matter
40 Descent
42 Find a sum
43 Type of code
45 Old French coin
46 Concerning
47 Conflicts
49 Physician: abbr.
50 Motor
52 Empower
54 Rock
55 Beef animal

DOWN

1 Rugged mountain crest
2 Burlesque musical composition
3 Providence's st.
4 Doctrine
5 Falsehoods
6 Gaze intently
7 Frothy brew
8 Negative prefix
9 Helicopter blades
10 Stockholm native
12 Back of neck
13 "Back to the —"
16 Identical
19 Neil of song
21 Ships' accounting clerks
23 Walk on
25 Not hollow
27 Obstruct
29 Crimson
31 Cylindrical
33 Rat
34 Depression
36 Scribble aimlessly
37 Peels
39 Auction
41 More refined
43 Sheet of glass
44 Camera part
47 Storage compartment
48 College boards
51 Proceed
53 Ebsen ID

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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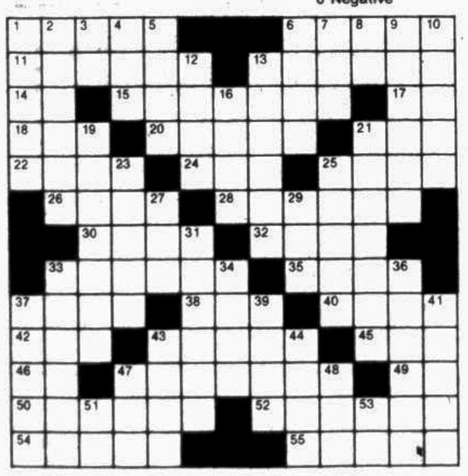

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