'Cobbler, Cobbler Mend My Shoes'

by Sabah Choudhury

One of the most important contributions of Rabindranath Tagore, to Bengali lore, is the creation of the tow characters Hobu Chandra, the king and Gobu Chandra the prime minister, who have found a permanent place in our literature, as two archetypal characters with a lot of power and no brains. These two characters in Tagore's famous poem were responsible, for the discovery of shoes (Juta Abishkar) also the title of the poem.

Trying to keep the feet clean, the pair first tried to settle the issue, by sprinkling water, which only resulted in making a lot of mud all over. They even tried to cover the earth in leather, in a desperate attempt. But ultimately,

the problem was solved by the humble shoe-maker. invented shoes. Can anyone today think what life would be, if there were no shoes and no cobblers to mend them?

Well, so much for the cobbler, and his brilliant idea, to protect the feet from dust. It was no doubt an excellent invention, without which today's civilized mortals would find it extremely messy to lead a clean and hygienic way of life. For in a society, otherwise civilized, it would indeed be improper to find it's citizens roaming bare-

Once shoes were invented, man hardly parted with them and they continued to be a very important part of his attire. Thus like any

other society and country, the cobbler thrived in Dhaka also. There was a time a few decades

much more mobile, and used to go from house ly re-doing the shoe, and making it wearable, to house, mending shoes. Some of them even became favourites of particular households, and would visit it regularly.

With changing trends, the pattern of this trade has also changed. Today, shoe-menders usually station themselves at one point, either a market place or an office area etc. This way, they can get more customers. Of course, they are those who still continue to be street callers, but their number is increasingly reducing.

Zafar's petition

granted

Zafar Ahmed filed and moved a

petition Saturday before the

District and Sessions Judge.

Dhaka, for recalling the wit-

nesses to cross examine. The

court granted the petition and

fixed May 25 for the hearing.

before the Sessions Judge,

Dhaka. The trial began in ab-

sentia as Kazi Zafar remained a

charge against accused Kazi

Zafar Ahmed under Section

7(B) of the Special Powers Act

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The court earlier framed

fugitive since December 6.

He was produced in the day

reports BSS.

Former Prime Minister Kazi

Shourja Mohan Das, is one such mender of shoes, he sits at Mohammedpur market, repairing shoes alongwith a number of those in the same trade. All of them are easily distinguishable by their faded umbrellas, and a row of tattered and worn out shoes lying to be repaired in front of them. His shop consists of a wooden box, containing the accessories a plastic sheet to sit on, and a torn umbrella.

Shourja Mohan Das, of Brahmanbaria, said that, he had been in this trade since he was 15 years old. Answering a question, he replied that, he had chosen this trade, as it was pursued by his ancestors, and he would not want to do anything else.

Commenting on the difference o shoe material and style these days, he said the shoes he gets to mend nowadays is made either of rubber or synthetic stuff. The reason being that leather is very expensive. He informed, that al though he only repairs shoes, others involved in the same job, also make shoes for their customers. But the quality, and design of these shoes are not as good as those that adorn the windows of expensive shoe stores of the town. Besides, those who place order with these makeshift shops are very ordinary people, who cannot afford shoes from such a store. His customers mostly men, who wait by the side of his shop or wander nearby while the work is being done. Head of a family

A street-side mender reconditioning a pair of of five members, he -Star photo stays in Gopibagh. He charges Taka 6

Prof Shahjahan, Vice-Chancel-

lor of BUET as the chief guest.

Dr Shahjahan said that the ex-

hibition will provide a great

contributions to increase the

field of association among the

two countries and also encour-

age the field of research on

clared that all the books have

been furnished in the exhibi-

tion, will be provided to BUET.

made open to all from 2 pm to

6 pm everyday. It has been ex-

Course on personal

management

course on 'personal manage-

ment and human relations' be-

gins today (Sunday) at the

seminar hall of Rapport Bang-

Weather

A three-week training

The exhibition has been

Caron in her speech de-

science and technology.

tended upto May 21.

over the country.

from Feni.

Town/City

Chittagong

Rajshahi

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Monday at 5. 14 a. m.

cites on Saturday were:

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ladesh.

Inaugurating the exhibition,

back, when people of this profession were to 7 Taka to repair one pair of shoe. For partialthe charge is Taka 10 to 15. This is popularly known as doing a 'half soling'. His daily income comes to about Taka 40. After meeting all expenses, he is able to save about Taka 1000 per

These shoe menders, quietly crouching under their torn umbrellas, from early morning to late evening, are hardly aware that, even in exchange for money, the service they render, is irreplaceable.

Book exhibitions

boost research

By BUET Correspondent

A week-long book exhibi-

tion relating to the science

and technology jointly organ-

ised by Bangladesh University

of Engineering and Technology

(BUET) and USA Information

Service (USIS) in Dhaka began

at the Central Library of BUET

on Saturday. The US based

Science and Technology

Parishad sponsored the exhi-

bition where a total of 600

books, journals and catalogues

Diana Caron, Director of

USIS and Jahirul Islam, librar-

ian of BUET were present at

the inaugural ceremony with



Chhatra League (A-A) brought out a procession demanding release of its workers in city on Saturday.

Call to write off farmers' loans

The leaders of Bangladesh Krishak League called for continuing the present relief activities in the calamity affected areas till the next harvest as peasants had lost their standing crops in cyclone, tidal surge, tornado and floods, re-

Placing before the government a number of demands at a press conference in the National Press Club, the Krishak League General Secretary Rashed Mosharraf. MP urged the government to write off the old loans of farmers and sanction new long-term loans for house building agriculture, shrimp culture and salt bed in the cyclone -affected areas of the country.

Dhaka-London

trade discussed

British High Commissioner

in Bangladesh Colin H Imray

Saturday called on Commerce

Minister Muammad Keramat

Ali at his office in city, reports

bilateral issues relating to

trade between the two coun-

tries. During the meeting, the

British High Commissioner

referred to his government's

involvement in Bangladesh tea

rehabilitation project which in

now in the third phase and

also expressed their interest

in the development of the

stated that the tea rehabilita-

tion project has proved very

useful for the growth and de-

velopment of the tea industry

in Bangladesh. He deeply ap-

preciated the British govern-

ment's assistance in this re-

further develop and diversify

trade between the two country.

USSR eager to

set up joint

venture

Ambassador, Vitali S Smirnov,

paid a farewell call on Acting

President Justice Shahabuddin

Ahmed at the President's

Secretariat Saturday, reports

would help Bangladesh in

power generation sector and

would like to make investment

in joint venture projects par-

ticularly in shrimp culture.

called the role of the Soviet

Union in the country's libera-

Humidity in percentage.

6 p. m.

72

tion war

Rain with wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

says: rain/ thundershower accompanied by temporary

Kalbaishaki squalls likely to occur at many places over Dhaka,

Rajshahi, Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna

divisions. Day temperature likely to remain nearly unchanged

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6. 37 p. m. and rises on

Outlook for subsequent two days: little change. Extended

Rain/ thundershower occurred at most places over Dhaka,

Highest maximum temperature of 38.0 degree Celsius was

Temperature and humidity of some important towns and

Rajshahi, Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna

division. Chief amount of rainfall was recorded in Dinajpur 12

reported from Jessore while lowest minimum of 19.5 degree

outlook for another five days: no marked change.

Temperature in Celsius

Weather forecast valid for 24 hours till 6 p. m. on Sunday

The Acting President re-

garment and leather sectors.

Smirnov said his country

The out-going Soviet

They also discussed how to

The Commerce Minister

same in future.

They discussed matters of

He also urged the govern-

ment to construct immediately cyclone centres and embankment in the coastal areas and take up an emergency programme for reconstruction of educational institutions, religious places and distribution of books and other materials among the students there.

Rashed Mosharraf, who visited several cyclone affected areas recently, said that the killer cyclone had left a trail of unprecedented destruction in offshore islands and the coastal districts. "We must work unitedly to bring back normalcy in the areas" he said

The Krishak League leader called upon the government to sanction one tubewell for 100 people free of cost, deploy medical team with emergency

medicines and water purifying tablets, bury human bodies and carcasses immediately and take up a well -coordinated plan to check epidemic in the affected areas.

He demanded of the government to publish a white paper on the death toll there and the relief received so far from foreign countries and agencies.

He called for emergency relief activities in the tornado and flood affected districts of greater Sylhet, Gazipur, Pabna. Jamalpur, Stratgant, Bartsal, Patuakhali and Jhalakathi

Rashed Mosharraf said the government should immediately bring the affected industrial in its into production after their necessary rehabili-

relief materials from peoples

from all walks of life on Satur-

Awami League will hold a

meeting today (Sunday) at 5

pm at its office with Sheikh

'Summer Science

Institute' course

begins at DU

Advancement of Science and

Technology Teaching (IASTT).

ing programme, "Summer

Science Institute", of psychol-

ogy, philosophy and manage-

ment for the teachers of col-

leges and universities of

Bangladesh began on Saturday

on Dhaka University campus,

University Professor M. Moni-

ruzzaman Miah presided over

the inaugural ceremony while

Dr. Abu Obaidul Haque,

Coordinator of the IASTT

spoke on the objectives of the

courses. Dr. Anisur Rahman,

Chairman of Psychology de-

partment, Dr. M A Quasem,

Chairman of Philosophy de-

partment and Dr. Md. Moinul

Islam, Chairman of Manage-

ment department of the Uni-

occasion.

versity, also reported on the

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka

says a press release.

Sponsored by Institute for

A four-week inservice train-

Central relief committee of

day from 9 am to 11am.

Hasina in the chair.

Parties greet US

Different organisations on Saturday hailed the active participation of the US Marine Task Force in the relief and rehabilitation work in the cyclone-affected areas of

In separate statement, they termed the US marines' arrival a selfless gesture in the friendly relations of the United States and Bangladesh.

They said the people and the members of the Armed also in serving the distressed humanity they were

of some political parties against the US marines presence in Chittagong, in connection with the relief and rehabilitation work.

Organisations issuing the statements are Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad, Bangladesh Islami Andolon and Mujaheed Bangladesh.

JUCSU polls

JU Correspondent

SAVAR, May 18: The Election Commission for the JUCSU (Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union) election '91 has announced the schedule for holding the forthcoming 8th JUCSU and hall-association election. The election will take place on June 6 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Nomination paper for the election will be given from the Election Commission Office on May 19 and 20. The nominees will submit their nomination papers on May 22. The commission will present the tentative candidate-list on May 23.

Candidates may withdraw

Viva-voce exam

The result of the written admission test of the first year honours classes of four different faculties of Jahangirnagar University will be announced on May 22. The viva voce exam of the selected candidates will take place on June 16, 17 and

Cultural contest

The competition was for-

Social Recreational Secretary, JUCSU, the competition included patriotic song, modern song, tabla, classical song, Nazrul song, instrumental song, dance (general), Tagore's song, folk song, lalon song and

Bid to export manpower illegally to ME foiled

Biman officials have foiled an attempt by a travel agency to send a number of passengers to the Middle East region with irregular documents, a Biman Press release said in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

While boarding on a Biman flight to a Middle East country, the Biman officials at Zia International Airport detected Friday that about 27 innocent passengers, were cleared with passports in one name and tickets and boarding cards in

Such passengers, if they would have flown to the destination, would usually be deported to the place of em-

It has been feared that this type of irregularity is being

done in exchange of benefits. the Biman Press release said. On examination, it was found that one Hamidia Travels

had issued all these tickets. Biman has lodged a police case in this connection.

Release of BCL workers demanded

Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) Saturday held a rally infront of Jatiya Press Club demanding the immediate and unconditional release of party workers arrested from the campus Wednesday night. The rally was addressed by Shah-e-Alam, Ashim Kumar Ukil, Golam Mustafa Sujon and Kamruzzaman Ansari.

Direct dialing system to be installed in Savar

Minister for Industries Shamsul Islam Khan Friday said that the government was committed to save the cyclone -hit people through appropriate relief operation.

The Post and Telecommunication State Minister said the direct dialing system would be installed in Savar within next July.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Food Bangladesh Secretariat : Dhaka

Corrigendum to Tender No. MF (PRO. 1) IP-2/91/64 Dated 22.1.1398 BS (6.5.1991) for Import of 200,000 M.T. of Wheat.

The following amendments/additions are made in the aforesaid Tender Notice and the Tender documents:

In Tender Notice:

PARAGRAPH-1:

- (i) Against Item No. (h): Date of shipment: Following shall be inserted against the present entry: 60-70,000 M.T. by 30th June, 1991 and balance to be shipped by 15th July, 1991.
- (ii) Against Item No. (j): Time and Date of closing Following shall be inserted against the present entry : 11.00 hrs. BST on 8th June, 1991.
- (iii) Against Item No. (1): Validity of offer to be kept: Upto 17.00 hrs. BST on 11th June, '91.
- 2. PARAGRAPH-2: In the third and fourth line, the date "25th May, 1991" shall be substituted by "8th June, 1991".
- 3. PARAGRAPH-3: In the second line the date "23rd May, '91" shall be substituted by "6th June, '91"

IN TENDER DOCUMENTS: CLAUSE-2: TENDER INSTRUCTIONS:

(i) Against the Item No. (3) and (8) in the fifth and third lines respectively, the date "25th May, '91" shall be substituted by the date "8th June, '91"

(ii) Against the Item No. (9) In the 1st and 2nd line the date "28th May, '91" shall be substituted by 11th June, 1991.

CLAUSE-6: PERIOD OF DELIVERY/SHIPMENT:

Against the shipment clause in the 2nd line, the date after the word "60-70,000 M.T. of wheat be made by shall be substituted by "30th June, 1991 and balance to be shipped by 15th July, 1991."

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Notice and Tender document shall remain unchanged.

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(Syed Monjurul Islam)

29-04-91

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Sr. Asstt. Secretary Tele: 235111/3035

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marines' relief work sition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina accepted donations and

Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Forces of the United States had once again proved that not only in the war field but equally effective. They condemned the protest

schedule

their papers between 9 am and 12 pm on May 26. All sorts of election campaigns will be prohibited from June 4.

Our BUET Correspondent adds: A 4-day long annual cultural competition organised by Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) has began at the gallery of Social Science Faculty of the university on Saturday.

mally inaugurated by Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University amidst great enthusiasm.

Conducted by Nurul Islam, gano sangeet.

The competition will commence at 3 pm everyday and it is open to all

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Reference No. BPC/01/57/91/2022 **Tender Notice**

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Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractors for the following works.

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Tender schedule may be obtained upto 29.05.91 on payment of Tk. 300/- (three hundred only) (non-refundable) per set for schedule No. "KA" and Tk. 100/- (one hundred only) (non-refundable) for schedule No. "KHA" on all working days from the Accounts Department, Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka and from the Director's Office, Special Project Directorate, Biman Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka.

Tenderers will have to submit attested copies of Trade Licence, work-experience certificate (certificate of similar amount of money as quoted in the tender) and Income Tax Clearance Certificate etc. with tenders.

Tenders will be received on 30-05-1991 upto 12 noon in the Tender Boxes kept at Biman Poultry Complex, Ganakbari, Savar and in the ground floor of Biman Bhaban, Motifheel, Dhaka (in front of Security Box) and be opened the same day at 2.05 in presence of tenderers (if any) in the office of the undersigned at Savar.

Biman Poultry Complex Authority is not obliged to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all tenders partly or in full without showing any reason.

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