

Dhaka Day by Day

"HEARTBEAT" Without Keyboards

by Ekramul Kabir

We habitually overlook the natural talents who find it hard to make a way for themselves. So is "Heartbeat" — a local musical band at Mirpur.

There was a friendly talk with three of them over a few cups of tea. We were listening to their first album which was ready to be launched. Reza, the band leader, who was also one of the vocalists and the lead guitarist, seemed very much enthusiastic. Pintu and Russel, the vocalist and the rhythm guitarist respectively, were in a tranquillising mood. They just returned from BKS campus at Savar after a successful performance.

There were seven of them in the band. As for Pintu, singing was a hobby at his teenage and later inspired by Rupel — a neighbour, singing with confidence. Russel, Reza and Lingkon — the bass guitarists, have been playing guitar from their childhood. Rokan was encouraged and gripped the drumsticks. With Babu as the side vocal and Shantu as the manager, "Heartbeat" did its first performance in December 9, 1988 at the Pallabi M.I. Model High School premises.

All of them seemed to be fond of Azam Khan, "Miles" and "War Faze" — the two other well reputed bands in Dhaka. They expressed their inclination to Van Halen and Pink Floyd. But personally Pintu's admirations were for Hemanta Mukherjee and Mig Jagger. Reza talked about David Lee Roth and David Gilmore as well as well as with Russel.

The most interesting attitude of "Heartbeat" was that they were not using the keyboards all these years. Though they have one but they wanted to represent the keyboard by using three guitars as they recorded the album. All the songs of the unnamed album were experimental. Pintu told that they wanted something new to break the tradition in what the other bands were up to.

They researched both western music and Bangladeshi folklore and composed in a way that each song was a new one. The country folklore of Bangladesh added an extra ornamentation with the rock music.

When they were asked if they had been singing to support their families, Reza gave a negative gesture. Russel explained that at the maturative stage it was their families who supported them when all of them were students. As they could procure their pocket money and at the same time were doing something creative, their parents appreciated and helped.

Apart from the shows at Hotel Sheraton, Engineers' Institute and BKS they travelled various places all over the country on political and national occasions. They performed at Chittagong, Comilla, Shununganj, Sirajganj and Tongi. They were always on the top chart on marriage festivals at Old Dhaka City and at Mirpur.

Speaking about the difficulties they faced, Reza regretted that they had never been encouraged by the celebrated singers and bands. But they all were very much obliged to the principal and the members of the Pallabi M.I. Model High School Committee. The school provided some place for them to rehearse their programmes. The "Heartbeat" boys were also thankful to their local fans as they helped them in numerous ways.

Finding a sensitive producer for the album was among their future plans. Pintu said that they had already applied for a television show and were hoping to arrive on the screen by January '92. They also decided for an audition at Bangladesh Musical Bands Association (BAMBA).

Speaking to these three youths was just a pastime but another step ahead into the arena of Bangladeshi band music.



Players of the Heartbeat

Removal of CU VC condemned

By Staff Correspondent

More organisations condemned the recent government decision to remove Dr Alamgir M Shirajuddin from the post of Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University.

Bangladesh College University Teachers' Association (BCUTA) President Dr M Akhteruzzaman and General Secretary Professor Shaful Alam in a statement Wednesday said that Dr Shirajuddin was removed by disregarding the "democratic ordinance" of 1973 through an "autocratic law" of 1987.

The BCUTA leaders called on the government to take such decisions through the Parliament.

CPB President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid, in a statement, also strongly protested the decision to remove Dr Shirajuddin as the VC of Chittagong University.

Murtaza, Naser BUETTA President, Secy

Prof Dr Md Ali Murtaza of Civil Engineering and Dr JA Naser of Mechanical Engineering Department have been elected President and General Secretary of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association (BUETTA) for 1992, a BUET press release said in Dhaka Wednesday night, reports BSS.

Other elected executives are Vice President — Dr Md Fazul Bari, Treasurer — Dr Md Ali Bhuiyan, Joint Secretary — AKM Nurul Islam, Magazine Secretary — Dr M Shahidul Amin and Entertainment Secretary — Md Abdul Karim.

The six executive members are: SM Sohel Imtiaz, Moazzem Hossain, Dr Subdar Ali, Dr Md Humayun Kabir, Dr Md Mujibur Rahman, and Dr Md Monwar Hossain.

The elected executives took charge of their offices. Dr Md Imtiaz Hossain, Professor of Mechanical Department, conducted the election.

Tk 300 cr gas, power bills remain outstanding

Stern action against defaulters from Jan 16

The government has decided to take stern action against defaulters, both in public and private sectors, for non-payment of power and gas bills totalling more than Tk 300 crore.

A drive to snap electricity and gas connections of delinquent clients begins January 16, an official source told UNB on Wednesday.

About Tk 250 crore billed by three gas companies remained unpaid by different government, semi-government, autonomous and private mills, factories and offices and domestic consumers.

The arrears bill in the power sector under PDB is about Tk

45 crore only in the government sector. It is apart from the unpaid bills of the newly floated DESA (Dhaka Electric Supply Authority).

A high-level meeting at the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources on December 30 asked the defaulting clients to pay off the bills by January 15.

The meeting directed different ministries to pay the bills even by borrowing money from other heads of their budgets and to adjust it in revised budgets.

Student hostels, hospitals and other similar establishments will be treated as domestic

clients, and they were also asked to pay the bills before the deadline.

Of the defaulting clients, big ones are state-run organisations.

Power Development Board (PDB) alone owes nearly Tk 80 crore to the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited.

CPB demands expulsion of Golam Azam

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Communist Party leaders on Wednesday stated and strongly protested the recent Jamaat-e-Islami Party decision to appoint Golam Azam as the Amir and demanded his immediate expulsion from the country.

CPB President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid in a joint statement termed the decision as against constitution, law and the ideals of the freedom struggle.

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Abdul Matin
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Al-Haj A.E. Taslimuddin Quader
Consultant Surgeon
Abdullah Pund Hospital, Damman

Both the brothers left this world for Eternity this day the 2nd January, 1986 in the Thursday evening from their paternal house at 11 Segun Bagan. Millions of pupils, friends, colleagues and relatives throughout the country and beyond will kindly remember them in prayer.

suggestions for solutions.

There were surplus staff and workers in the government offices and public sector corporations, he said, adding a significant part of the public resources drained to maintain administration, he said adding, if we could reduce the wastage of public resources the size of our development investment would increase.

Urging the journalists to properly utilize the press freedom for achieving self-reliance, the Finance Minister said, don't encourage the mini Maxwells of the country to plunder the public money.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury stressed the need for curbing smuggling. He said without rooting out smuggling, the nation cannot attain self-reliant economic development. Use Bangladeshi products for the growth of the domestic industries, he added.

Fresh DU exam schedule

By DU Correspondent

The fresh schedule of the postponed Honours examinations of 1989 under traditional system of Dhaka University has been announced.

Political Science 2nd part examination will be held on Feb 1, '92. Third part of English, Bengali, Philosophy, History, Islamic History and Culture, Political Science, Accounting, Management, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Statistics, Mathematics, Geography, Islamic Studies and Psychology will be held on Feb 9, '92.

Third paper of preliminary Masters degree of 1989 under traditional system of Islamic History, Arabic, Shanskrita, Pali, Philosophy, Management and Marketing will be held on January 12, (Sunday), 1992.

Steps to be taken to hold Islamic cultural contest

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof. MA Mannan Tuesday said that steps would be taken to hold national level Islamic cultural competition among the school-going children each year to make them aware of the Islamic ideals and teachings, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest on the occasion of distributing prizes and certificates among the winners of National Islamic cultural competition organised by Islamic Foundation Bangladesh in Dhaka at the auditorium of the foundation.

Trial of political killings demanded

Speakers at a rally in front of National Press Club Wednesday demanded trial of political killings including that of Siraj Sikdar, reports BSS.

Held in observance of the 17th death anniversary of Siraj Sikdar and organised by Deshpremik Sangsad, the rally was presided over by Shamsuzzaman Milon.

Among others, Faiz Ahmed, A Hye Sikdar, A Matin Master, Sakawat Matin, Nayeem Jahangir and Rasha addressed the rally.

Speakers paid tributes to Siraj Sikdar and recalled the unfortunate circumstances in which he was killed. They also stressed the need for solving all outstanding bilateral issues with India including Talpatty and Tin Bigha.

67 arrested on various charges

Police arrested 67 people on various charges in last 24 hours from different parts of the city, police said on Wednesday, reports UNB. They were later produced before court.

Drug abuse prime cause of social maladies: Speaker

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razaque Ali laid stress on launching an anti-drug crusade by creating a social movement involving the members of youth community to free the nation from this social vice, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion on "The drug abuse and its illicit trafficking" at the Ibrahim Memorial Diabetics Centre auditorium in Dhaka. Anti Drug and Anti Smoking Society (ADASS) organised the discussion on the occasion of the beginning of the second year of the anti-drug decade (1991-92) of the United Nations.

Shaikh Razaque Ali suggested proper application of laws, expansion of preventive education, control of production, distribution and treatment and rehabilitation of the drug addicts to curb drug abuse.

He also suggested measures including educational programme, motivational activities, increasing consciousness of the guardians, establishing drug-free educational institutions, anti-drug campaign and expansion of religious spirit in combating this menace.

Shaikh Razaque Ali termed drug abuse as an international

disease and a problem of great dimension.

He linked restlessness among the country's young people with the drug abuse and said this vice had been contributing largely for the use of arms by the youngmen instead of keeping pens in their pockets.

He also described drug abuse as a major reason for all our social maladies including illegal toll collection.

The Speaker said it would not be possible on the part of the government alone to combat drug abuse and its trafficking and sought cooperation of the people of all strata in this regard.

MPs urged to repeal Special Powers Act

A bar association Wednesday urged the legislators for amending civil and criminal procedural codes to ease people's suffering caused by existing legal complexities, reports UNB.

It's legacy of British rule in India, said the Bangladesh Jubo Ainijibi Samity at a press

Presided over by Manzurul Karim, President of ADASS the meeting was also addressed by the Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam, Mayor of Dhaka Mirza Abbas, noted psychiatrist Prof Kamruzzaman MP, Director General of Bangladesh Television Fatzdr Razzak, Additional Director General of Bangladesh Narcotics Control Directorate Saiful Islam Khan, WHO Representative Dr L Nagar, President of Diabetics Association Alamgir M A Kabir, Secretary General of ADASS Dr C M Dilwar Rana, Major Gen (Retd) Dr A R Khan, Prof Syed Firoza Begum and Sultana Razia.

MPs urged to repeal Special Powers Act

conference, urging the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and members of parliament for necessary amendments to the age-old laws.

The young lawyers also demanded repeal of the Special Powers Act 1974 and retaining the upazila court.

Citing some of the sufferings of justice-seeking people, convenor of the samity Advocate Abul Kalam Azad called for making laws for disposal of criminal cases within 6 months and appeal cases against life-term or capital punishment within 3 months.

They demanded laws for disposing civil cases within one year and appeals within 6 months.

The lawyers also made some proposals for curbing terrorism and maintaining law and order all over the country.

Association members Fariduddin, Abbasuddin, Mustafa Kamal Chowdhury and Shaifq Ahmed Pintu also addressed the news conference at the Press Club.

Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary.
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Reading from the Gecia
5.30	Balte Paro
6.00	Three stooges
6.30	Jiboner Alo
7.05	Katha O Shur
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Drama of the week
10.00	News in English
10.30	Drama series: Twin Peaks
11.30	Khabar/The news
11.40	Friday's programme
11.45	Closing



A sequence of drama 'Lokalaya' staged at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium Wednesday on the occasion of National Drama Festival. — Star photo

Rafique Azad gets Ahsan Habib Award

Poet Rafique Azad will be awarded "Ahsan Habib Literature Award," reports BSS.

Ahsan Habib Smriti Committee announced the Award Wednesday on the eve of 75th Birth Anniversary of poet Ahsan Habib today, a press release of the committee said.

One stabbed to death: 4 held

By Staff Correspondent

One person was stabbed to death Tuesday night. Immediately after the incident police arrested four people in this connection.

The arrested persons are: Mohammad Hafiz, Bellal, Khokon and Ashak Kumar Rajbangshi. They were taken on two days police remand.

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or drizzle is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Chittagong Divisions and weather will remain mainly dry over the Rajshahi Division.

During the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday, says Met office.

Night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period but would fall further in next 72 hours, Met office also said.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	20.5	12.8
Chittagong	18.6	14.3
Rajshahi	20.0	10.4
Bairisal	21.5	13.2
Cox's Bazar	21.8	13.8
Srimangal	19.8	15.5
Dinajpur	20.2	8.4
	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	78	69
Chittagong	75	74
Rajshahi	95	87
Bairisal	83	70
Cox's Bazar	39	71
Srimangal	88	89
Dinajpur	88	84

The lowest temperature on the day was at Srimangal.

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3. He is finally instructed to join his place of work within 3 (Three) working days of publication of this notice in the newspaper. Otherwise he will be dismissed from service in accordance with Government Employees (Special Ordinance) 1979.

In this regard, it will be treated as final notice.

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Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism
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