

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Locked-up Tenants Go Thirsty

by Shoumi Mustafa

The modern housewife prefers the ultimate detergent, the most effective cleansing powder and also the safest disinfectant to keep her house clean and lovely.

One can easily see her on TV every day. But where does she get the other essential fluid — water? Its a big question.

Does she get it straight from the tap or does she have to keep it stored in giant drums

which one never sees in the modern bathrooms of the classy ads shown on television?

Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) is the cause of every city dweller. But the whole thing depends crucially also on the owners of the houses, so far as the tenants are concerned. WASA's supply is inadequate and it reaches its nadir during hot days in summer.

The average tenant, on the other hand, gets his supply throughout the year twice a day! Water flows freely at seven in the morning and at six in the evening. The schedule may vary, the frequency does not.

The holy water is stored in buckets (a lot of them), drums, bowls and every utensil with a hollow in it. The whole house goes through the twice-a-day routine of hectic activity trying to store the water.

This abominable state of affairs could be avoided with a little bit of flexibility on the part of the owner.

The small machine that every house has to pump water from the underground reservoir to the roof-top tank is used just twice a day. Only if it is used a little more, then the unhealthy thirst with water can be relaxed somewhat.

But, it is not. It seems that running water will soon be a luxury, with the use of modern sanitary facilities stopping completely.

What is the use of having a shower, or a low-down, if one never gets to use them? In fact, it is the buckets that matter. They come in different sizes and the more strict the house owner, the more varieties one needs.

How does the landlord manage with so little water himself, as he lives in the same building in most cases? Perhaps he substitutes his utility from water with that from a reduced electricity bill! Or he may simply like to make his tenants suffer. Even if it hurts him.

Well, that may seem too harsh on the poor owner. He himself is burdened with increasing taxes, the perennial list of complaints of the tenants, and the need to ensure security of his tenants, not to mention his own family.

Security is another touchy issue that causes a lot of sufferings even when its ensured. The responsibility lies, of course, on the shoulders of the landlord.

The local small-time thugs can not be denied of what may be called their 'rightful allowances'. But the unknown (better-known to the law enforcement agencies) strongmen, equipped with modern accessories and ruthless temperaments have to be kept out. The police can not guarantee that.

However, an old and simple device, the lock does it very well. But it has to be used indiscriminately. One or two locks are not enough, one needs at least five or six of them. The all-steel collapsible gates block the tiny entrances and locks are applied generously to make the perfect safety arrangement.

The only hitch of the system, a minor one though, is that the people inside become prisoners themselves. They have to be home by specific hours (11 pm is most preferred by landlords), and anyone who comes after that is received by the landlord and is reminded that dormitory days are never over.

An easy solution is to give each flat one key. But that's not feasible. How can one make five to ten copies of keys for five or six locks? Better to keep them all with one man, the landlord. Moreover, who knows what the tenant is upto? He may be irresponsible and may lose his ring of keys. As far as many landlords are concerned, the schoolboy treatment remains the best solution.

Of course, this lock-'em-up system is a risky one, in case there's an earthquake. But tremors are rare in Dhaka, even rarer than the landlord who gives keys to tenants or appoints a 24-hour guard to let people in and out.

As for a sudden sickness, or fire, they are all accidents. And accidents occur irrespective of circumstances. So let things be as they are. The hostel days and the martinet house tutors would always haunt the Dhaka city dwellers, so long as there are tenants.



Gate way to heaven or to hell?



**Wednesday**  
 5:00 Opening announcement  
 Al-Quran Programme  
 summary  
 5:10 News in Bangla  
 Tarunnya  
 5:25 Sports programme  
 Moder Garab Moder  
 Aasha  
 8:00 News in Bangla  
 8:30 Ritter Tale Tale  
 9:00 MacOyver  
 10:00 News in English  
 10:30 Bishwa Natok  
 11:30 Khabar/The News  
 11:40 Thursday's programme  
 summary  
 11:45 Closing



**Wednesday**  
 00:00 World News  
 00:25 World Business Report  
 01:00 World News  
 01:25 News from London  
 02:00 World News  
 02:15 Panorama  
 03:00 News Headlines  
 03:05 Documentary  
 04:00 World News  
 04:25 News from London  
 05:00 World News  
 05:25 Network East  
 06:00 World News  
 06:25 Newsnight  
 07:00 World News  
 07:25 World Business Report  
 08:00 World News  
 08:25 Newsnight  
 09:00 World News  
 09:15 40 Minutes  
 10:00 World News  
 10:25 Wogan  
 11:00 World Headlines  
 11:05 Inside Story  
 12:00 World News  
 12:25 Open Space  
 13:00 World News  
 13:30 Business Morning  
 14:00 World News  
 14:25 Kilroy  
 15:00 World Headlines  
 15:05 Inside Story  
 16:00 World News  
 18:00 World News  
 18:25 Wogan  
 19:00 World News  
 19:25 Open Space  
 20:00 World News  
 20:25 News from London  
 21:00 World News  
 21:15 40 Minutes  
 22:00 World Headlines  
 22:05 Inside Story  
 23:00 World News  
 23:25 Wogan  
 (Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)

**Wednesday**  
 00:00 hrs St Elsewhere  
 01:00 Movie: Once Before  
 1 Die  
 02:30 Beyond Tomorrow  
 Newhart  
 03:00 The Bold & The  
 Beautiful  
 03:30 Donahue  
 04:00 Santa Barbara  
 Attitudes  
 05:00 Everyday Workout  
 07:00 Smoggies  
 07:30 Animated Classics  
 08:00 Terrahawks  
 09:00 Dr Fad Show  
 09:30 Children's Room  
 10:00 Jupiter Moon  
 10:30 Attitudes  
 11:00 Parent Survival  
 Guide  
 12:00 Mother's Day  
 Santa Barbara  
 Donahue  
 Eye on Asia  
 Madeleine Cooks  
 Mac & Mutley  
 Adventures on  
 Kythera  
 17:30 Out of Control  
 18:00 Jupiter Moon  
 18:30 Beyond Tomorrow  
 19:00 Whose Line is it  
 Anyway?  
 19:30 Big City Metro  
 20:00 St Elsewhere  
 20:50 Hollywood Stars  
 21:00 Movie Night  
 Elevator  
 Newhart  
 22:30 The Bold & the  
 Beautiful  
 23:00 Fame fortune &  
 Romance  
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**Wednesday**  
 00:00 120 Minutes  
 03:00 Music Videos  
 05:00 The Day in Rock  
 05:30 Rockumentary  
 Bryn Adams  
 06:00 Awake on the Wild  
 Side  
 09:00 MTV Power Pack  
 10:00 MTV's Most Wanted  
 11:00 Classic MTV  
 12:00 Awake on the Wild  
 Side  
 15:00 Music Videos—VJ  
 Danny McGill  
 18:00 Music Videos  
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### Weather

## Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Noakhali, Patuakhali, Barisal, Faridpur and Khulna and at one or two places over Sylhet, Comilla, Dhaka, Tangail, Mymensingh, Jessore and Kushtia during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday.

Meteorological office forecast that weather may remain mainly dry over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Patuakhali, Faridpur and Khulna.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

Rainfall would increase in subsequent two days.

On Tuesday 56mm of rain was recorded at Kutubdia, 20mm in Cox's Bazar 24mm in Mymensingh, 23mm in Comilla, 2mm each in Barisal and Ishurdi, and 1mm in Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:48 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:12 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Tuesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.5	28.4	82	81
Chittagong	34.2	25.4	77	67
Rajshahi	35.6	26.2	72	70
Khulna	35.4	25.6	82	63
Barisal	34.7	27.2	86	74
Cox's Bazar	36.0	26.0	66	89
Sylhet	34.0	24.0	85	70
Rangpur	35.7	26.6	61	74
Satkhira	36.2	26.7	77	66



Students of Polytechnic Institute brought out a procession demanding cancellation of higher diploma course in the city yesterday.

## MPs urged to work towards banning cloth import

Leaders of Bangladesh Tanti Sangram Parishad Tuesday urged the Members of Parliament to approve the textile policy proposed by them in the coming Parliament session to help the sector become a self-reliant one within a short period, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club they also urged the MPs to work towards banning import of cloth and non-imposition of new taxes on cotton yarn and chemicals necessary for textile production.

In a printed statement, Parishad Chairman M A Razzak

said that his organisation had submitted to the government a realistic textile policy last year which, if implemented, he claimed, would have made the sector self-reliant within three months.

He said the fate of local cloth producers was now at a stake due to the rampant smuggling of Indian cloths here and urged the government to take stern measures against those who were responsible for the illegal trade which was ruining the textile sector including the weaving industries.

M A Razzak urged the gov-

ernment and MPs to infuse new dynamism in the weaving sector through sanctioning loans and other incentives enabling it to contribute towards national economy by increased production of quality materials.

In this respect, he also urged the government to re-cast the textile sector including the Handloom Board into the highest level making it accountable with the determination to make the sector self-reliant through implementation of realistic steps.

The press conference was attended, among others, by the parishad's Acting General Secretary Mohammad Babul Sarker, Vice-President Hafizuddin Kahu and members Abdul Latif, Mohammad Alauddin and Motul Islam.

## 'Place donors' conditions before Sangsad'

By Staff Correspondent

The standing committee of the Workers Party Politburo Tuesday called for presenting the aid conditionalities placed by donor agencies along with the budget in the Jatiya

Sangsad for discussion and approval by the members.

In a statement the committee also urged for increasing the time for holding discussions on the budget saying that the present period of about ten days is quite insufficient.

The statement went on to urge a 'significant' reduction of military expenditure and reducing the administrative expenditure in the public sector.

The other proposals include adequate steps to curtail corruption and wastage, increasing the percentage of direct tax and restructuring the tax administration and increasing internal savings.

The statement called for cancelling any plan to retrench "excess" employees in sector corporations instead make a "rationalisation" proposal in the budget.

The Workers Party also called for maximum allocation for agricultural and water resource development and for an allocation totalling one-third of the budget for education, health and other social sectors.

## Appointments

By Staff Correspondent

The government has appointed Kamal Uddin Ahmed and A B M Mahbul Amin Khan as the Deputy Governors of the Bangladesh Bank on June 15.

Kamal Uddin Ahmed, prior to his new appointment, was the Executive Director of the Bank while Mahbul Amin was Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM).

## Bangali Utsav begins in city tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The 'Bangali Sangskriti Utsav-1399' begins tomorrow (Thursday) at the Dhaka Shilpakala Academy. The five-day festival will be inaugurated by poet Sufia Kamal tomorrow at 7 pm.

The first day's programme includes: Flute, Baul songs, Bhandari, Palagan and many other folk art presentations from the regions of Chittagong, Comilla, Manikganj, Narail and Sonargaon.

Different cultural organisations of the city will present recital of poems, songs, dances and street plays on the second and the third day.

The fourth and last days will be marked with selected programme presentations from the regions of Khulna, Kushtia, Rangpur and Mymensingh.

Shamsur Rahman, Sanjida Khatun, Anisuzzaman, Anisur Rahman and Rashid Karim will present as regular discussions in the festival every day.

Earlier the festival was held in a colourful mood in Khulna, Kushtia, Rangpur and Mymensingh.

## PIB workshop for journalists of weekly magazines begins today

A week-long workshop for journalists of weekly magazines begins today (Wednesday) at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), reports UNB.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will inaugurate the workshop as chief guest while Information Secretary Nuruddin Al Masud will attend the function as special guest.



Reazuddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, addressing a discussion organised by BFUJ in observance of 'Black Day' at the National Press Club yesterday.

## BNP politics aims at people's welfare: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Nilphamari Tuesday that the politics of BNP was aimed at the welfare of the people and all its programme would be directed towards it, reports BSS.

"Our objective is to alleviate poverty from the society and consolidate the hard-earned democracy through people's participation," she told a big public meeting at Nilphamari High School ground here this morning.

Begum Zia sought cooperation of the people to work for the development of the country saying, "There is no question of government party, we will have to work together to lead the nation towards progress and prosperity."

Presided over by district BNP president, Ahsan Ahmed the meeting was, addressed by State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Huq.

Dr R A Ghani, Mrs. Selima Rahman MP local member of parliament belonging to CPB M Shamsuddoha, former minister and BNP leaders Rezaul Huq Sarkar Rana, and Anisul Arefin Chowdhury.

Begum Zia urged the people to strengthen the hand of BNP and said "Inshallah Nilphamari will be buzzing with developmental activities within five years."

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Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate E/M works enlisted 1st, 2nd class contractors having A,B,C/B,C.& supervisory licence for the undermentioned work quoting item wise rate. The sealed envelope containing tender should be addressed to the Executive Engineer Public Works E/M Division-6, Dhaka and the name of work prescribed there on. Tenders will be received in the box prescribed for tender at the office of Public Works E/M Division -4/5/6, Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka, by 12 noon on 25-6-92. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12.30 minutes in presence (if any) of the intending tenderers or their representatives. Tender form, schedule of item terms, and conditions etc. can be collected from E/M Division 4/5/6 Public Works Eden Building Division office in Dhaka metropolis on cash payment at usual rate (non-refundable) during office hours. No tender schedule/terms & conditions etc will be supplied on the date of opening tender. Advance Earnest Money at the rate 2% in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Treasury Challan/Call Deposit from any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-6, Dhaka should be deposited with the tender. The contractor himself or his representative carrying his attested letter can purchase the tender and schedule on production of registration book with necessary papers. The last date of selling tender documents is 24-6-92. The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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