## Dhaka Day by Day

### Rickshaw — Our National Transport!

by Parveen Anam



controversy has been generated and debate the thought. How would the Dhakaite, ever get aroused, on the form of dress, which can be rightly called 'national'.

the debate and the controversy. When, but when has he been known to have reached a consensus on any issue, we the more ordinary sort tend to mutter to ourselves? Yet perhaps, there IS consensus on one issue, and that is the form of transport, which can be rightfully ealled the national mode of transport. And that is none other than the humble rickshaw. Come hail, come storm, come flood waters, come drought, it is the trusty rickshaw, which plods on and on, on a thankless mission and an even thankless job.

How many of us, deem it worth our while, to turn around and say 'thank you' (believe it or not, it actually costs nothing) to that poor man, or probably the poor little boy, who has been pulling that rickshaw, endlessly, drenched in sweat, with hardly a solid meal in days? But are we not quick to upbraid him, if he commits the slightest mistake? He is human too, remember, though it is so easy to forget, when he moves so inhumanly, on the roads, when the tar itself is melting in the heat.

Surely, he is entitled to that one little mistake? Maybe even a wee bit of respect and kindness? He is certainly the favourite of the policeman, who is always taking out his wrath on him. The truck drivers of course, always manage to get away. Its the regular greasing of the policeman's pocket, which gives him the privilege. Not so the rickshaw walla. He hardly earns enough at the end of the day, to buy himself a kilogram of rice.

Yet, the average Dhakaite, is totally at a loss.

ARBAN posters on show.

Association for Realisation

of Basic Needs (ARBAN) has

organised a three-day poster

exhibition on 'Posters for con-

sciousness' at the National

Art Gallery of the Bangladesh

Shilpakala Academy from

Weather

commencing 6 pm Wednesday.

rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5-12 am.

and towns on Wednesday were:

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divisions.

Court.

Cities/Towns

ARBAN poster exhibition

Day temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna division, a

few places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and at one or

two places over Rajshahi division during the next 36 hours

likely to fall by 2-3 degree Celsius over Chittagong division

and 1-2 degree Celsius over Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi

rain was recorded each in Dhaka and Khulna, 25 mm in

Satkhira, 14 mm in Jessore, 64 mm in Teknaf, 15 mm in

Srimangal, 8 mm in Cox's Bazar, 6 mm in Bogra, 5 mm each

in Tangail and Bogra, 4 mm in Rajshahi and 2 mm in Maijdee

The sun sets today (Thursday) in Dhaka at 6-48 pm and

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities

Temperature in

Rain or thunder shower accompanied by temporary gusty

Meteorological office forecasts that day temperature is

In last 24 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday, 33 mm of

Somehow, the Bengali has always been con- if the rickshaw walla, suddenly decides, to go fused, as to what his national dress is. A lot of on a strike. Dhaka without rickshaws? Perish things done? We curse them, we swear at them, but how can we live without them? We True to his characteristic, the Bengali loves need to go just around the corner, to buy the odd grocery; why bother taking the car out. especially if its the driver's day off? Hop on that rickshaw. The car has a sudden flat and the stapney is missing. Hail the nearest rickshaw. But, we have somehow, never managed to convince ourselves somewhere along the line, that that poor man, certainly deserves the dignity, owed a hard working man. Is the dignity of labour, such a difficult concept, for us in Dhaka? The trusty rickshaw is there, plying away silently, contributing nothing to the pollution, which we the educated masses meet in far off exotic places to discuss.

The rickshaw walla has never heard of Brazil, and the ozone layer, etc is as Greek to him as an air-conditioned car. He is there, any time of the day or night, unwept, unsung, carrying the millions to their destinations, without ever expecting anything in return, except that odd five taka note, which also we mostly grudge him, anyway. Why can't we sit around at a seminar or workshop, or whatever we like to call these things, and pass that resolution, resolving to declare the brightly coloured, gaudy rickshaw, a national form of transport? After all, we do have a national flower, a national song, a national bird, so why not a national transport?

Let us give the rickshaw man a bit of dignity, at some point in time. I do not think many would disagree, that the little rickshaw walla is probably one of the few men in this city, or this country of ours, who carns an honest living by the sweat of his brow. Literally.

Trader robbed

of Tk 90,000

yarn trader was stabbed and

robbed of Tk 90,000 at Nal-

pathar in Rupganj upazila of

the district today, reports

said Kabir Hossain, 32. was

rushed to the General Hospital

from his village home at Kan-

chan at 9 am when a gang of

Kabir was going to Bolta

here in critical condition.

Police and hospital sources

NARAYANGANJ, June 17: A



## Thursday

Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary 5-15 Live telecast from San gsad: National budget 92-93 News in Bangla Drama

10-00 News in English 10-25 Sangsad round-up 10-30 Drama series: Twin Peaks 11-30 Khabar/ The News 11 40 Friday's programme

STAR

summary

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#### Thursday

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15:00 15:05 16:00 18:00 Human Element 18:25 World News 19:00 19:25 Spain on a Plate World News 20:00 20:25 News from London World News 21:00 UN Report 21:15 World Headlines 22:00 22:05 Horizon

World News 23:00 23:25 Human Element (Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh



### Thursday

Headbanger's Ball 00:00 Music Videos 03:00 The Day in Rock 05:30 Kevin Seal: Sporting Fool Awake on the Wild 06:00 Side 09:00 MTV Power Pack MTV's Most 10.00 Wanted 11:00 Classic MTV Awake on the Wild

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Standard Time)

Music Videos-VJ

Danny McGill

Music Videos

Sporting Fool

MTV's Most

Classic MTV

Thursday

Movie: The

Treasure of

Jamaica Reef

Rude Health

Santa Barbara

Beautiful

Attitudes

Smoggies

Terrahawks

Dr Fad Show

Jupiter Moon

Attitudes

Matters

Your Family

Santa Barbara

Island Wildlife

Sally Jessy Raphael

The Bold & The

Just for the Record

Sally Jessy Raphael

**Everyday Workout** 

**Animated Classics** 

Children's Room

00:00 hrs Hill Street Blues

(Please deduct 2 hours from

Wanted

above timings for Bangladesh

Kevin Seal:

The Day in Rock

MTV Power Pack

about 20 miscreants attacked 12:00 and knifed him before snatchng the money. 15:00 The hijackers also snatched the wristwatch of 18:00 the young businessman. 20:00 A case has been lodged with 20:30

Rupganj police. People's Court' verdict: BSD collects 5000 signatures

- Star photo

Humidity in

The exhibition inaugurated

by President of Charukala

Shilpi Sangsad artist Hashem

Khan was attended by ARBAN

Coordinator Mohammad Kamal

Uddin, Ahmed Safa, artist

Biren Som and Academy Direc-

tor Subir Chowdhury.

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Wednesday collected more than five thousand signatures in support of the execution of the verdict of the People's Court' Golam Azam.

BSD ran its signature campaign yesterday in Motifheel

Expressing resentment over police interference while BSD's signature campaign Tuesday in Mohakhali, the leaders warned the government of paying the price dearly if it takes side of the Jamaat block.

The campaign was addressed by Fayez Ahmed of Combined Cultural Front. Golam Kuddus, Nasiruddin Yusuf of Group Theatre Federation, Ismail Hossain Howlader of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, BSD leader Golam Mahmud, Abdur Razzak, Mostafa Farqok and others.

BSD launched the campaign on May 31.

Obituary



after Zohr prayers.

naluddin Chlliury, Depu-Manager, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) died of prolonged illncss Wednesday.

He was 44 says a press His Qulkhwani will be held at 170, Bara Maghbazar on Fri day after Asr prayers and at BPC Head Office on Saturday

Beyond Tomorrow 15:30 Slim Cooking 16:00 Mac & Mutley 16:30 Adventures on 17:00 Kythera Kidsongs 17:30 18:00 18:30 19:00 20:00 20:50 21:00

Jupiter Moon Invention Beyond 2000 Hill Still Blues Hollywood Stars Movie : Attic Suite Rude Health The Bold & the Beautiful Runaway with the

Rich & Famous (Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)



A joint meeting of Dhaka City committees of Awami League, PDF and Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote was held yesterday at Taher auditorium June 21 hartal a - Star photo

## 'Fair polls a must to consolidate democracy'

The Chief Election Commissioner, Justice Abdur Rauf Chowdhury Wednesday laid stress on preparing a correct voters list to make elections fair and meaningful, reports

He said fair and meaningful elections are the prerequisites for institutionalising democracy and added discipline would be restored in all other sectors if it could be estab lished in the election sector.

The CEC was addressing the Deputy Commissioners at the National Economic Council Conference Room here.

Justice Chowdhury urged the DC's to play an active role in presenting the nation with a correct voters list which, he said, would give democracy a permanent shape. He also thanked them for

their effective role in carrying out election activities successfully in the last three pollings. Election Commissioner

Justice Mesbahuddin Hossain. Secretary to the Election Commission AZM Shamsul Alam and Joint Secretary to the Election Commission SM Zakaria also spoke on the occasion.

Justice Rauf said allegations had been raised about the correctness of the present voters list. He regretted that the Election Commission could not formulate a new voters list during the last elections due to lack of time.

He said the commission was going to prepare a new voterlist for the poura area at first enforcing all related election laws. Referring to various problems in formulating the voters list, the CEC said the floating population in the poura area should be settled for preparing a fair voters list.

He urged the DC's to supervise the activities of those involved in the preparation of the voters list through check and cross-check to remove faults in it.

Justice Chowdhury said the commission was contemplat ing to introduce identity cards for all voters in future to bring about a qualitative change in the electoral process. He said the identity cards could be used for multi purpose activi-

He said they would also issue polling cards for the vot ers of poura area.

## What's on today

Workshop on productivity

International Labour Organisation (ILO), National Coordination Council on Labour Training and Samajtantrik Sramik Front will hold a two day-long workshop on 'Productivity' today (Thursday) at 10 am at 23/2 Topkhana Road.

Video workshop

A video production workshop organised by AMIC and Protishabda and sponsored by Goethe Institute will be held today (Thursday) at the Goethe Institute at 4 pm.

At Mahila Samity

Theatre will stage its drama "Rakkhushi" today (Thursday) at Mohila Samity auditorium at 7 pm. At Guide House

Theatre Topkhana will stage the play 'Desher Manush' today (Thursday) at 7 pm at Guide House Auditorium.

# ... and tomorrow

At Engineers Institute

The two day long grand national conference of engineers, agriculturalists, physicians and Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination Committee will begin tomorrow (Friday) at 3 pm at the Institute of Engineers.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will be present as chief guest at the inauguration ceremony.

Jubo Union meeting

An emergency joint meeting of the presidium and the 4th national conference preparation council of Bangladesh Jubo Union will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 7 pm at the central office of the union.

#### King Fahd greets Biswas

King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and the Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud who is also the Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia in separate messages grected President Abdur Rahman Biswas on the occasion of Eidat 1-1 a. says a PID handout.

#### Manu, Khowai register sharp rise

The Baily Star 3

Major rivers of the country excepting the Manu and the Khowai in Meghna basin are flowing below the red mark, according to Flood Forecasting Centre of BWDP in Dhaka

Wednesday, reports BSS. The Brahmaputra recorded slight rise at Chilmari and Bahadurabad.

The Manu river recorded sharp rise by 2.08 metre at Manu Railway Bridge and by 1.33 metre at Moulvibazar. The river is flowing 1.05 metre above danger level at Manu Rathway Bridge point.

The Khowai at Habiganj registered sharp rise by 145 centimetre but it is flowing below the danger level.

#### **Notice**

The name of "The Pakistan Inland Water Ways" (Passenger Carrier's) Association has been changed. From now on it will be called as Bangladesh Inland Water Ways" (Passenger Carrier's) Association.

Al-Haj Md. Kalimullah

Chairman Bangladesh Inland Water Ways 8-150 (P/C) Association, Dhaka

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M. V. "BRANDENBURG" V EM216 from Hamburg, Aarhus, Bremen, Antwerp, La Spezia, ex.M. V. "JAHANSTADT" V-733 from Damam have been relayed to M. V. "FONG SHIN" V-9217, Import Rotation No. 447/92, is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 17.6.92 from Singapore.

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#### Indian HC calls on Mirza Hafiz

Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh K Raghunath called on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz at his secretariat office Wednesday, reports BSS.

The High Commissioner stayed with the Law Minister for some time. They discussed matters of mutual interest, a PID handout said.

The Minister said that the existing friendly relation between the two countries would be further consolidated in the years to come.

#### "Evolve means in prevention of disaster"

State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Lutfor Rah man Khan Wednesday said that proper and appropriate preparedness and coordinated measures to tackle disaster could help reduce the loss of life and property, reports BSS.

inaugurating a workshop on Disaster management at the conference room of disaster monitoring and coordination unit at Dhanmondi, Khan called upon the participants at the workshop to evolve advanced means in the prevention of disaster. Help under the auspices of

UNDP and the Relief Ministry, the function was addressed, among others, by Relief Secretary M A Hakim, UNDP Resident Representative in Dhaka C Larsimont and Workshop Leader M P Gilham.

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01. Accounts Department, BGSL, Head Office, Chapapur, Comilla. 02. Accounts Section, BGSL, 14, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong.

03. Transmission West, CGS, BGSL, Demra, Dhaka. 20.6.92 to 29.6.92 Selling dates of tender documents:

#### Name of the offices to receive and open tenders

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02. Regional Distribution Office, 100, Momin Road, BGSL, Chittagong.

03. BGSL, Liaison Office Wing, CGS, Demra, Dhaka.

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