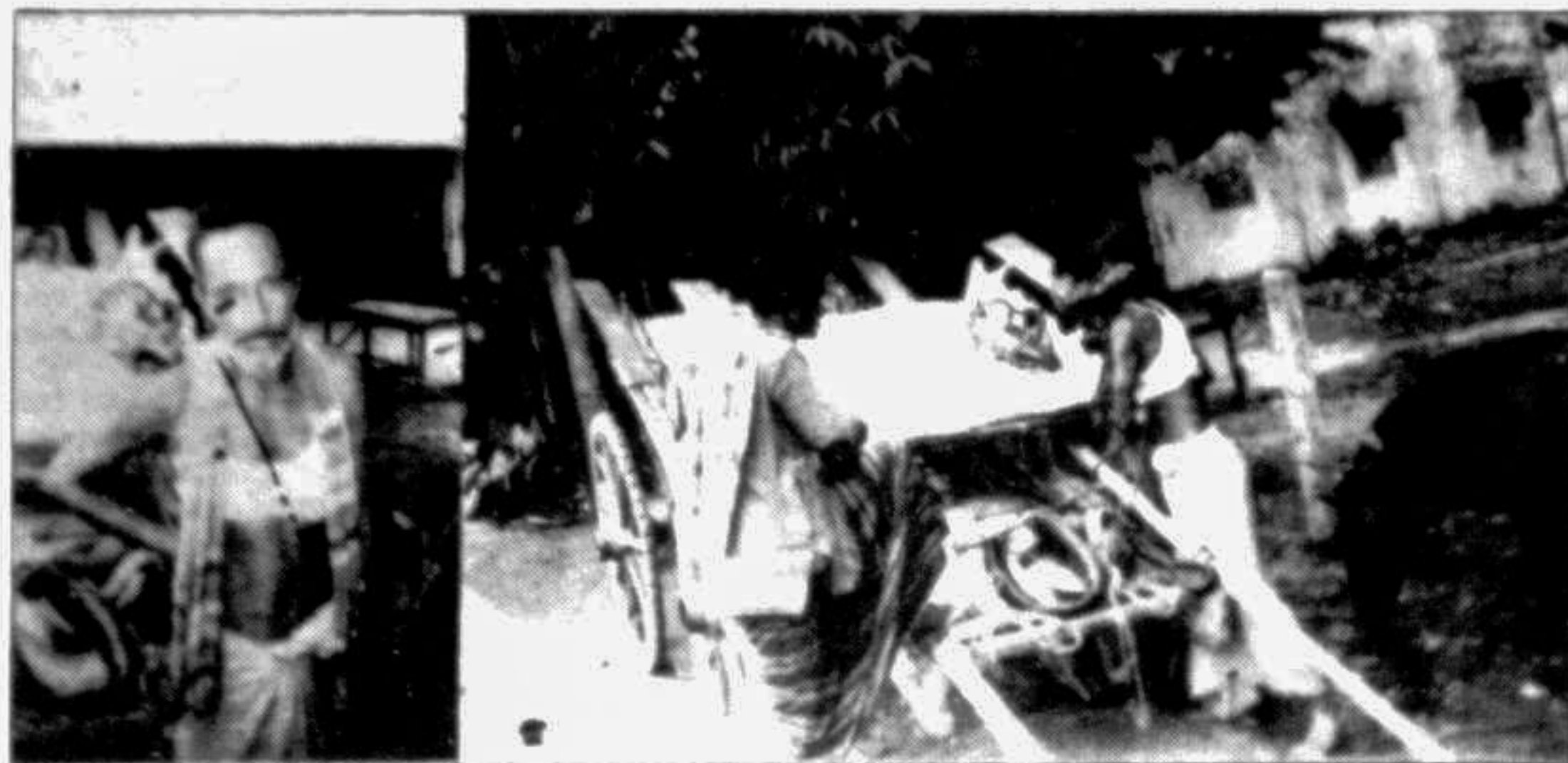


Letter from Bogra

A Fading Tradition

by Samudra Huq



Remembering the good old days.

"Tam tam! Oh Tamtamwalla!" Once upon a time this call could be heard all over the streets of Bogra. The sweet rhythm "Tak tak tak" echoed in the air to let the people know — the "tam tam" or horse carriage was passing by. However, with the advent of technology this wonderful mode of transport has disappeared from the streets, along with the other aspects of our lives.

Once there were many horse drawn carriages otherwise known as 'tam tam' or 'tanga' in Bogra district. These 'tam tams' were a popular mode of transport and ran between Bogra town and all the thanas (now called 'upazilas') and also around the village areas. Even during the late 60s these coaches could be seen. Now they are a faded memory, like a fairy tale heard in one's childhood.

Raisuddin, 58, was a 'king' coachman at that time. Now the 'King' has become a day labourer. He has two 'bigas' of land which he cultivates and is his only source of income.

Raisuddin used to live in the village called Rameswarpur of Gabtali upazila. With as many as eight members in his family Raisuddin is being grinded in the toils of the octopus like poverty. Raisuddin recalls that he used to have only one 'tam tam' which had been given by his grandfather. At a very young age, he would start in the early hours of the day with his carriage, towards the railway station. His first customers would be the train commuters and later he would take others from one place to another. At the end of each day he would come home with Taka 40 to 50 which was not bad for a day's work.

Within a few years Raisuddin made two more 'tam tams' which he rented out to other coachmen. At that time, says Raisuddin life was very comfortable. Rickshaws, pushcarts or motor cars could not enter the zig zag roads of Bogra.

'Tam tam' was the only speedy transport available and ran even on the 'pucca' road.

At the fag end of the sixties, the fortune of the 'tamtamwallas' began to dwindle. By the mid seventies this popular coach service was replaced by auto-rickshaws, motor cars, buses and minibuses. Soon even rickshaws and push carts entered the village roads. The sound of horse hooves on the streets stopped.

Other coachmen like Raisuddin who had entered the hereditary profession were at a loss and were forced to turn to other professions. Poverty struck them immediately. Some of them tried to sell their coaches. But where was the buyer? Maintaining the horses to keep the carriages running proved to be a very difficult job if not impossible for people like Raisuddin.

Now after 30 years, the coachmen's smile appears when there is the news of an impending 'hartal'. 'Hartal' means to the 'tamtamwalla' an increase in his meagre earnings. To youngsters of today, the 'tam tam' is a novel thing and something that spells out fun. At other times when there is a wedding, the 'tam tam' will carry the bridegroom to add to the pomp and grandeur of the occasion. Wedding seasons, therefore are also a happy time for the 'tamtamwalla'.

In spite of everything, Raisuddin is very attached to his 'tam tam'. Every day, he cleans it with loving care. "My sons are not interested in keeping it. The other day one of them suggested I break it up and use it as fuel — that was a great shock to me," says Raisuddin with a note of despondency.

For Raisuddin and others like him, the future is a bleak uncertainty. They do not know how long they will survive. Perhaps they too will be lost with the memory of the staccato beat of the 'tam tam'.

BARC council meet June 27

The 24th council meeting of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) will be held on June 27 at 12:00 noon at the BARC conference room, says a press release.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control and Chairman of the Council Major General M. Majid-ul Haq (Retd), will preside over the meeting.

DESA extends bill payment date

DESA authority has kindly extended the last date for payment of electricity bill upto June 30 '92, says a press release.

This move has been initiated due to Eid vacation and request from valued consumers. The consumers are requested to pay their bills at the respective Bank branches to avoid disconnection and punishment under Electricity Act.

Video production workshop at Goethe Institut

By DU Correspondent

A week-long video production workshop began yesterday (Saturday) at the Goethe Institut in the city.

The inaugural ceremony of the workshop was addressed among others by Course Director Wayne Royal Levy, Head of the department 'Media Production', Victoria College, Melbourne, Australia, Dr Golam Rahman, Chairman, Mass Communication and Journalism of the Dhaka University and Professor Tawhidul Anwar, Country representative, Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre (AMIC) and Zakir Hossain Raju, Workshop Coordinator and President, Pratishabha Alternative Communication Centre (PACC), Dhaka.

The workshop has been jointly organised by the AMIC and PACC in collaboration with the Goethe Institut, Dhaka. Thirty three people have been participating in the workshop.

Power supply suspension

Power will be suspended on Tuesday from 9am to 2pm at whole Dohar Upazila, Sreenagar Upazila, Nababganj Upazila as DESA will carry out urgent extension works, says a press release.

Apply science, tech to uplift country: Speaker

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Shaikh Razaque Ali, Saturday underscored the need for application of science and technology for the development of the country, reports BSS.

The Speaker was addressing as the chief guest a seminar on the Challenges of 21st Century and the Administrative reforms and preparations for Bangladeshis at the Engineers Institution organised by engineers, agriculturists, doctors and BCS Coordination Committee.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad was the special guest on the occasion. Chairman of the BCS Coordination Committee Mohammad Abu Hena presented the keynote speech while President of the Engineers Institution presided over.

Shaikh Razaque Ali said, Bangladesh needed a group of trained, expert and dedicated work force to make good use of the fruits of modern science and technology for solving the prevailing socio-economic problems of the country. He said the present government was trying to improve the standard of living of the people through proper application of science and technology.

A cross-section of professionals and experts participated in the seminar.



Shaikh Razaque Ali, Speaker of Parliament addressing a seminar organised by engineers, agriculturists, physicians and BCS coordination committee Saturday. — PID photo.

Weather

Thundershower may occur

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast till 6 pm Sunday says rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna division and at a few places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country.

Meanwhile, rain occurred at most places over Khulna division, at a few places over Rajshahi division and at one or two places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions.

Outlook for subsequent two days: rainfall activity likely to increase. Outlook for another five days: little change.

Saturday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 34 degree Celsius and the minimum 27.6 degrees. Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree was recorded at Rajshahi.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.49 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.12 am.

The temperature and humidity recorded in some cities in the country on Saturday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	34	27.6
Chittagong	33.3	26.2
Rajshahi	35.5	25.8
Khulna	32.8	25.7
Rangpur	34	27.1
Sylhet	32.8	26.6
Jessore	33.2	25.2

BTV Sunday

5:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
5:10 News in Bangla
5:30 Maakey Niye
6:00 TV series: Rock Sports
6:30 Sports programme: Cricket
7:05 Tagore Songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Probaha
9:00 Drama series: Oshin
10:00 News in English
10:25 Parliament roundup
10:30 Raag Rong
11:30 Khabar/The news
11:40 Monday's programme summary
11:45 Closing



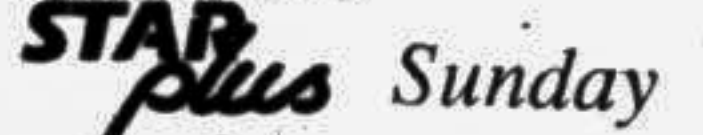
Sunday

00:00 World News
00:25 Business Matters
01:00 World News
01:25 Crime Ltd
02:00 World News
02:25 World News Week
03:00 News Headlines
03:25 The Late Show 1
04:00 World News
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05:00 World News
05:25 Whicker's World
06:00 World News
06:25 The Human Element
07:00 World News
07:25 How do you Manage?
08:00 World News
08:25 Everyman
09:00 World News
09:10 Assignment
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10:25 The Racing Game
11:00 World Headlines
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12:00 World News
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14:25 Everyman
15:00 World Headlines
15:05 TBA
16:00 World News
16:25 The Late Show 2
17:00 World News
17:25 Spain on a Plate
18:00 World News
18:25 On the Line
19:00 World News
19:25 The Racing Game
20:00 World News
20:25 The Late Show 2
21:00 World News
21:10 Assignment
22:00 World Headlines
22:05 TBA
23:00 World News
23:25 On the Line
(Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)



Sunday

00:00 Asian Top 20 Video Countdown
02:00 Rockumentary: Bryan Adams
02:30 Just Say Julie
03:00 Music Videos - VJ Danny McGill
05:00 Buzzcut
06:00 Earth to MTV
06:30 Best of Saturday Night Live
07:00 Yo! MTV Raps
08:00 120 Minutes
10:00 Headbanger's Ball
12:00 Unplugged: Mariah Carey
12:30 MTV Sports
13:00 Music Videos
15:00 Music Videos - VJ Danny McGill
17:00 Buzzcut
18:00 Asian Top 20 Video Countdown
20:00 MTV Mon Amour
21:00 MTV Weekend Special: Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
22:00 Earth to MTV
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00:00 Crime Story
01:00 Movie Gunfighters
02:30 Big City Metro
03:00 Eye on Asia
04:00 Travel Travel
04:30 Asian Horizons
05:30 Fame Fortune & Romance
06:00 Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous
07:00 Kidpix
08:00 Terrahawks
08:30 Reader's Digest Classics
09:00 Cartoon Classics
09:30 Bearskin
09:45 Enchanted House
10:00 Attitudes
11:00 Joan Rivers
12:00 Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous
13:00 Sally Jessy Raphael
14:00 Matinee Classics: Santa Fe Trail
16:00 Midsummer Night's Dream
18:30 Eye on Asia
19:30 This Week on Star Plus
19:45 The Wonder Years
20:00 Crime Story
20:50 Hollywood Stars
21:00 Movie: Horror Express
22:30 Asian Horizons
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Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia laying foundation stone of Feni Circuit House Saturday. — PID photo

Be alert to successfully implement uplift efforts: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia Saturday called upon the local level officials to remain alert and vigilant to successfully implement the development efforts of the government, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was speaking to the Feni district level officials at the head office of Rural Electrification Board.

She said the government had given top-most priority to the education sector in the proposed budget. She asked the officials to work sincerely and dedicatedly to realise the aims of the government in this sector.

The Prime Minister emphasised the need for the timely taking up of the projects in every sector.

Meet on local govt structure held

The 16th meeting of the Local Government Structure Review Commission Saturday discussed in detail the possible tier of the local government, reports BSS.

The meeting, held at the conference room of the Information Ministry, stressed the need for strengthening the local government bodies to institutionalise democracy.

Presided over by Commission Chairman Barrister Nazmul Huda, the meeting was attended, among others, by State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain, Deputy Minister for Local Government Abdul Hye, Dr Abdul Monir Khan MP, ATM Alamgir MP, Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman, Statistics Secretary Dr Fazul Hasan Yusuf and Export Promotion Bureau Vice Chairman Walid Islam.



Sultan Ahmed dead

Former Deputy Speaker and Planning Minister Barrister Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury died in London Friday. He was 65, reports BSS.

A distinguished industrialist and founder of Sultan Ahmed College in Chittagong, Barrister Chowdhury had been suffering from diabetes for a long time, according to a press release.

His body will be flown here this morning. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Magreb prayers today. His second namaz-e-janaza will be held at Lalidighi Maidan in Chittagong after Jhor prayers on Monday before burial at the family graveyard at Halishahar.

Death condoled

Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali Saturday condoled the death of Barrister Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, a former Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the Speaker paid rich tributes to late Barrister Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury and recalled his services to the nation as a politician and as a deputy speaker. He said, in his death the country had lost an experienced politician and a parliamentarian.

Shaikh Razaque Ali expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Earlier, the meeting discussed the condition prevailing in education sector, particularly primary education, rural electrification, law and order and other development sectors of the district.

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Shopowner stabbed, robbed

A shopowner was stabbed and robbed of Tk 4,100 early yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Abdul Mannaf Sarker (65), owner of a grocery shop on the Outer Circular Road, was stabbed in front of the Deaf and Dumb School, Bijoyanagar while he was on way to Kaptanbazar at around 7.45 in the morning.

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Bangalee tradition reflected in Sangskriti Utsab

Discussions on Bengalee culture, gana sanget, solo recitation, Dhigendra Gecit, Atul Prasad's songs, Rajnikant's songs and dances featured the third day's proceedings of Bengalee sangskriti festival in the capital Saturday, reports BSS.

The festival-spread over different places in the country — began at the Shilpakala Academy here two days ago focussing on the growth and development of Bengalee culture through different phases of history.

The festival is somewhat remarkable in the sense that the ingredients that formed the traditions of the centuries-old Bengalee culture are reflected in the present festival.

"Banana tree," used to set up arches in festivities in the rural areas of Bangladesh featured yesterday in the erection of the gate in the festival.

Small hut, fishing nets, etc, were on display at the venue.

The five-day festival in the capital seeks to reflect the tradition of the Bengalee culture nurtured over the centuries.

"Udichi" and the "Gananatya Dal" presented "gana sanget" while Nishat Jahan Rana, Ashaduzzaman Noor and Blashar Banerjee recited poems.

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Foundation stone of circuit house laid in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 20: Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia today laid the foundation stone of a new Chittagong circuit house building, adjacent to the old circuit house building, reports BSS.

The new building will be constructed at a cost of more than Taka four crore in about 300 days. The new circuit house will be a two storied building. The cost of the land for the building is more than Taka seven crore.

Agriculture Minister Majedul Huq, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Khondokar Mosharraf Hossain, Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mian, State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan, Whip Mahbulul Alam Tara and Chittagong City Mayor Mir Nasiruddin were present on the occasion.

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Abba, Amma & Sheahan

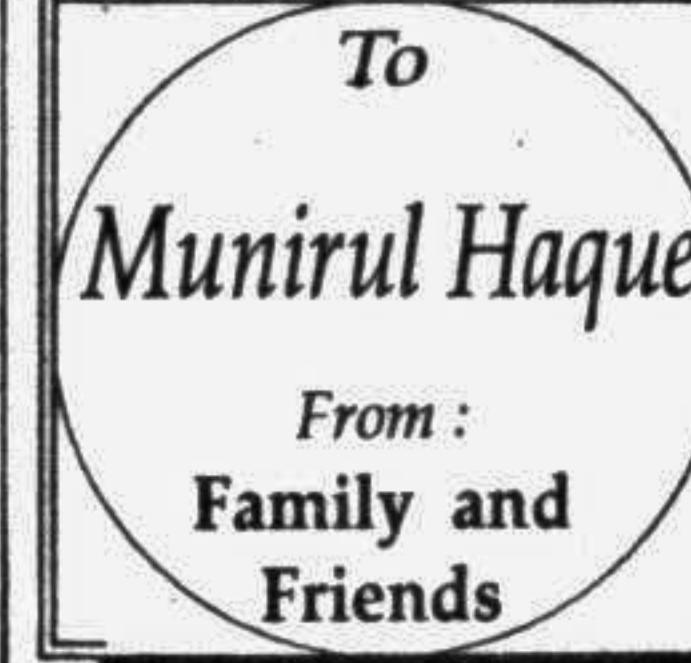
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