

Dhaka Day by Day

Second Time Containers

By Ekram Kabir

Shameem does not have any post-liberation dream of making money, yet he is a salesman. We, the beaux and belles have an endless adoration for the stuff he sells and are always eager to pay for those — no matter what the prices and stakes are. But Shameem does not demand too much since his customers are mostly middle class or people below that level and his wares are not real.

He made his position cemented beside the pavement of Gulistan among many others. He vends perfumes, eau de toilettes, eau de colognes, deodorants and after-shaves.

The salient side of these ritzy balmies is their foreign brand along with the containers. Like Shameem, copious other vendors are sitting with Gucci, Dunhill, Lacoste, Brut, Old Spice, Timotei et cetera. If the shops hadn't been on the street, nobody could guess that those containers had been ever used.

One can easily imagine by looking at the refilled containers that they have just been obtained from bonafide manufacturers.

But wait, there is a cyclic fairy-tale in which we are also self-deceivingly involved. Those who can afford to buy these aromatics from the elegant department stores have an inclination to sell the empty bottles after their use to mobile buyers of empty cosmetic containers. They buy these at nominal prices.

The mystery is that these are not treated as junk to be recycled. Then where do they deliver or sale their stuffs? Well, there obviously is a group of fabricators who work behind the

curtain. And that is the reason why Shameem declined to answer while he was queried about the source of these items.

He politely asked not to be curious about it. He said, "What's the harm, this is far better than being a beggar. Maybe it is illegal, but thousands of people are being benefited who enjoy wearing sweet smell but cannot afford to make a purchase from classy shops."

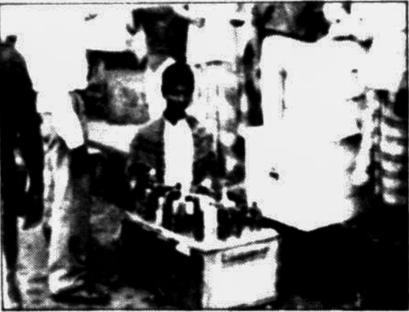
Nurunnabi, another auctioneer, better known as Lashkar who had an arrogant look, loudly questioned back, "What makes you think that the posh department stores keep hundred per cent genuine goods?"

He was manifestly angry when he said, "If you really want to buy some of these, start your bargain or else stay away from us. Don't try to make us 'once unlucky, always unlucky.'"

It was certain that they knew the illegal manufacturers who market fake fragrances. Anyhow, many like Shameem are in this dubious business. They are just the end point of a racketeering which needs to be unearthed if the consumers are going to have a fair deal.

Lashkar, however, put forward a question that is enough to catch us all flat-footed. Does our conscience ever get pricked when we buy these sort of aromas and sell the bottles after use? Are we aware of the fact that we are being put paid to by our own misconduct?

Since we bother least to crush the empty holders, they stand the chance of being refilled and adding gloss to the racks of the elite stores or the road-side boxes.



Adding aroma to the rejected.

Brahmaputra, Ganges show rising trend

The Brahmaputra and the Ganges continued to show rising trend during the last 24 hours ending 6 am yesterday, a bulletin of the Water Development Board said, reports BSS.

Other rivers in the Brahmaputra and the Ganges basins and the rivers in the Meghna and the south eastern hill basins showed rise and fall during the period, the bulletin

added. The Brahmaputra registered rise by 13 cm at Noonkhawa, 33 cm each at Chilmari and Serajganj, 4 cm at Bahadurabad and slight rise at Achura.

The Teesta recorded rise by 16 cm at Dalia but receded by 9 cm at Kaunia while the Dharla registered further fall by 7 cm at Kurigram.

The old Brahmaputra recorded slight fall at Jamalpur while it remained steady at Mymensingh.

The Buriganga at Dhaka marked further rise by 6 cm while the Lakhya at Narayanganj recorded fall by 17 cm.

The Turag at Mirpur and Tongi marked rise by 5 cm and 7 cm respectively. The Kaliganga at Taraghat registered slight rise.

The Ganges registered further rise by 13 cm at Pankha, 2 cm each at Hardinge Bridge and Goolondo and 5 cm at Bhagyakul while it marked slight fall at Rajshahi.

The Karatoa at Panchagarh recorded sharp rise by 72 cm but the Punarbhaba at Dinajpur marked sharp fall by 85 cm. The Mahananda at Chapainawabganj continued to rise by 20 cm.

The Jamuna at Naogaon also recorded rise by 27 cm. The Gorai at Gorai railway bridge also marked rise by 9 cm while the Kumar at Faridpur remained steady.

The Surma recorded rise by 4 cm at Kanatgrhat while it marked fall by 7 cm at Sylhet.

The Kushiara registered rise by 23 cm at Amalshid and 9 cm at Sheola. The Manu recorded fall by 38 cm at Manu railway bridge while it registered rise by 38 cm at Moulti Bazar.

The Khowai at Habiganj marked further fall by 14 cm while the Someswari at Durgapur marked rise by 9 cm.

The Meghna at Bhatrab bazar registered slight rise while the Gumti at Comilla recorded slight fall.

The Sangu at Bandarban registered further rise by 19 cm but the Matamuhuri recorded fall by 23 cm at Lama.

The Haldia at Narayanhata and Panchpukuria marked rise by 5 cm and 20 cm respectively.

All the rivers are flowing below danger level, the bulletin said.

Standing body on health meet held

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare Ministry was held yesterday at Sangsad Bhavan with Health and Family Welfare Minister Kamal Ibne Yusuf in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the improvement of health delivery services with the participation of the Members of Parliament and public representatives to the specialized medical institutions, medical college hospitals, zila hospitals and thana hospitals.

It was proposed in the meeting that hospital boards be set up at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, through which the community concerned could play a participatory role in the proper functioning of the hospitals.

Khaleda greets Dr Sharma

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma on his election as the president of India, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to Dr Sharma yesterday Begum Zia said: "Your election is a well-deserved recognition of your long and dedicated service to the cause of your great nation."

The Prime Minister recalled her meeting with Dr Sharma in New Delhi during her recent state visit to India and assured him of the fullest cooperation in working together for further strengthening the existing close and friendly relations between the two countries.

Begum Zia expressed her best wishes for good health, happiness and long life of Dr Sharma and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of India.

Arrest of Matiur's killers demanded

A large number of people including teachers and students of Dhamrai thana yesterday brought out a procession demanding immediate arrest of the killers of school teacher Matiur Rahman, reports UNB.

Matiur Rahman, a teacher of Daposal Primary School at Dhamrai was killed by some miscreants on June 7. Police recovered his body from a bag floating in the river Bogshi in the following day.

The processionists also demanded withdrawal of Golan Mowla Talukdar, Officer in Charge of Dhamrai thana for his alleged reluctance to allow filing of the murder case.

The case was filed a month later after the murder.

The procession started from Dhaka-Aricha highway, paraded the main streets of the town and ended at the local press club.

Later they handed over a memorandum to the TNO in support of their demands.

Regional workshop on fruits Tuesday

A 3-day regional workshop on the utilization of traditional and underexploited fruits and nuts in Asia will begin on Tuesday, says a BARC press release.

The purpose of this workshop is to identify some promising underutilized fruits and nuts and develop a research programme for their improvement and to develop strategy for promoting them for local, regional and international markets.

About thirty top level scientists and policy makers from Brunei, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, UK and the host country Bangladesh will attend this regional workshop.

The workshop is being jointly organized by the Commonwealth Science Council (CSC), the International Centre for Underutilized Crops (ICUC), UK and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC).

Major General (Retd) M Majid-ul-Haq, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control will inaugurate this workshop on 21st July at 9:00 am in the BARC conference room.



Sunday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Bible
- 6.00 Sports programme
- 6.45 Chena Achena/School Bichitra
- 7.05 Tagore songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Probaha
- 9.00 Drama series: Oahin
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament roundup
- 11.30 Khabar/The news
- 11.40 Monday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast till 6 pm of Sunday says moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy falls at places.

Day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and will remain nearly unchanged over Dhaka and Rajshahi division.

Outlook for subsequent two days: rainfall activities likely to increase. Extended outlook for another five days: little change.

Temperature and humidity of some cities recorded on Saturday were:

City	Temperature in Celsius	Min	Max	Humidity in percentage	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.8	25.8	34.2	85	77	77
Chittagong	31.2	24.6	37.8	76	74	74
Rajshahi	29.8	24.2	35.4	90	89	89
Khulna	32.2	24.7	39.7	86	89	89
Rangpur	29.8	24.3	35.3	98	80	80
Sylhet	32.3	24.5	39.1	86	77	77
Jessore	33	25.8	40.2	x	x	x

WB team to verify system loss

A World Bank team is now in Dhaka to ascertain the reasons for high system loss in the power sector where the international lending agencies have poured in billions of Taka for generation of electricity, reports UNB.

The team is likely to go round different power offices to see for itself the functioning before World Bank release funds it committed for the power sector.

World Bank is reported to have withheld disbursement of Taka 500 crore and another Taka 750 crore for development of power sector, and had categorically told the authorities not to release the fund

if system loss is not reduced to 22 per cent by June. The PDB officials claimed it succeeded in reducing the system loss to 25 per cent in June from 42 per cent in October last year by introducing rigorous measures including sacking of workers.

But the system loss of DESA, an off shoot of PDB which distributes power to Dhaka and Narayanganj areas, remained as high as 35 per cent in June. DESA Chairman was not available to comment on its high system loss.

Informed sources however, said DESA set up in October last year with almost same set of people, is beset with corruption, pilferage and too much trade union activities by a powerful section of officials and workers.

The limping power sector this summer went for load-shedding in many parts in the country affecting seriously the industry. "We may face severe crisis in near future if on going development works remained suspended for lack of funds," said a senior official of PDB.

Opeuluddin expelled from Muktiyoddah Sangsad

Bangladesh Muktiyoddah Sangsad yesterday expelled one of its leading member and relieved another of his duties for their alleged involvement in anti-organisational activities, reports UNB.

The decision was taken unanimously at a meeting of the Sangsad's National Executive Council held Saturday with its Chief Advisor Lt Col (rtd) Akbar Hossain in the chair.

The meeting dropped Opeuluddin Ahmed, a leader of the central command council, from his post and expelled Vice Chairman Amin Sarwar, a press release of the Sangsad said.

The meeting also set September 15 as a probable date to hold the National Council session.

Yunus off to Paris

By Staff Correspondent

State Minister for Education Yunus Khan left here Friday for Paris to attend the "World Assembly of International Council for Teaching" there.

The four-day assembly organised by the UNESCO will begin tomorrow.

BSF, BDR meet held

RAJSHAHI, July 18: A border coordination meeting between the Sector Commander BDR Rajshahi and Sector Commander and DIG BSF Malda (India) was held at Sonamasjid under Chapainawabganj on Wednesday, a BDR press release said, reports BSS.

Sector Commander BDR Rajshahi Col Md Harunur Rashid led the Bangladesh side while Sector Commander and DIG BSF (India) GC Pant led the Indian side.

The meeting held in a cordial atmosphere discussed border problems and smuggling in the border areas. Sector Commander BDR apprised the Indian delegation about some unpleasant incidents occurred in the border areas and requested it to take immediate steps about them.

The DIG of BSF is stated to have assured the Bangladesh side that measures would be taken so that no untoward incidents would take place in border areas in the future.

Power supply suspension

Power will be suspended tomorrow (Monday) from 9am to 4 pm at Gulshan Rd. No. 91,92, Saudi Arabian Embassy Lane by lane and on Friday at same hours at Narasingdi Aljan Jute Mill-UMC Jute Mill, Shamsher Jute Mill, Jaba Textile, Sylvia Textile, Hajrat Ali Munshi Processing Industry, Habib Plastic and KM Wire Industry as Gulshan O and M divn and Narasingdi O and M divn will carry out emergency maintenance works, says a press release.

Recruitment exams for pry teachers postponed

The written examinations for the recruitment of assistant teachers and head teachers of the government primary schools under the Directorate of Primary Education scheduled to be held on July 24 and 31 respectively will remain postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, an official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

Fresh time-schedules for the examinations will be published in the newspapers in due course.

Admit cards already issued to the candidates will remain valid for the subsequent time schedule of the examinations.

BDR men urged to increase professional efficiency

CHITTAGONG: The Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, BP, PSC Wednesday called upon the members of BDR to devote themselves to increase professional efficiency to build the BDR as a disciplined and efficient force, says a press release.

He was addressing the trainers and trainees while visiting the Rifles Training Centre and School.

Stressing the need for training in a soldier's life, the BDR chief said that training could help him reach his cherished goal by increasing his working capability and efficiency.



Mahbubur Rahman, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) welcoming Mian Habib Ullah (3rd right), President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and members of his delegation at a meeting with FBCCI on Saturday. Vice Chairman, EPB Waliul Islam, Alhaj Kazi Md. Shafiqul Islam, Vice President FBCCI are also in the picture. — Story on Page 7.

NGOs criticise Earth Summit

Different non-government organisations which visited the Earth Summit in Brazil in June Saturday expressed their dissatisfaction over the summit saying that it was controlled mostly by the rich nations of the North.

The NGO spokesmen were speaking at a review meeting on the Earth Summit (UNCED) organised by Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) and the like-minded environmental activist group.

The meeting presided over by President of ADAB Kazi Farook Ahmed said that although the summit, which was participated by 158 countries, signed conventions on environment and bio-diversity but it did not sign any convention on poverty or disparity. The NGOs said they firmly believed that such convention would help make a better global ecology conservation.

Convener of the like minded environmental activist groups Farhad Mazhar, Dr Atique Rahman, Monirul Kader Mirza, Khushi Kabir, Farida Akhtar and eminent Indian Ecologist Jayanta Banaryee expressed their experience and

opinion at the meeting. Dr Atique said the Brazil summit was dominated by politics favouring rich countries.

Farhad Mazhar said the bio-diversity convention which apparently wanted to conserve the living variations on earth, was actually aimed at controlling bio-diversity of the poor nations by the rich nations.

Khushi said the summit focused on population as a factor of the environmental problem. But she argued that population, might be a national problem but not a global issue.

Jayanta said the summit stressed issues like bio-diversity or global warming, but it did not focus on more important problem like desertification.

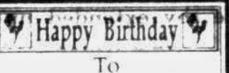
He said the summit mainly discussed what the rich nation wanted to be discussed. The Indian environmentalist also pointed out the medias of the North did not focus on the problems and issues raised by the representatives of the South.

Kazi Farook said although the conventions signed at the summit were weak but it had created basis for ecological works in the future.

Congratulations

Mr. Shafi A. Choudhury for being elected as a member of the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank Limited.

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Personnel Management Department

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from the inhabitants of Rajshahi Division having qualification as mentioned against each post for appointment to the following posts of Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank.

Name of Post & National Pay Scale	Age Limit	Number of Post	Educational Qualification
1. Officer National Pay Scale Tk 2300-7X115-3105-EB-11X125-4480/=	Maximum 30 years as on 30th June, 1992. In case of Freedom Fighters—32 years.	41	Minimum graduate from a recognised university but must not have more than one Third Class or Third Division in the academic career.
2. Peon/Chowkidar National Pay Scale Tk 900-18X35-1530/=	-Do-	41	Class VIII passed.

Intending candidates are requested to send their applications with complete bio-data, three copies recent passport size photographs attested by first class gazetted officer/bank official, attested copy of educational qualification certificate and citizenship certificate from Union Parishad/Municipality/Municipal Corporation Chairman/Mayor. A DD (Demand Draft) of Taka 40/= (forty) in case of the post of officer and of Taka 10/= (ten) in case of post of Peon/Chowkidar in favour of the Deputy General Manager, Personnel Management Department, Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank, Head Office, Rajshahi should be enclosed with the application.

Applications should be directly sent to the Deputy General Manager, Personnel Management Department, Rajshahi Agriculture Development Bank, Head Office, Rajshahi. Last date of reaching the application is July 30, 1992. Candidates in service should apply through their proper authority channel. Incomplete application will be treated as cancelled.

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Deputy General Manager Personnel Management Department

What's on today . . .

Ganotantry Party meet

The joint meeting of the presidium and the secretariat of the Ganotantry party will be held today at 5 pm at the party central office.

At EIB

The Coordination Committee of Engineers, Agriculturists and Physicians and the Coordination Committee of Bangladesh Civil Service will hold a joint meeting of their executive committees today at the Engineers Institute of Bangladesh (EIB).

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi meet

The 303rd regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Press conference

Bangladesh Vati Unnayan Parishad will hold a press conference today at the National Press Club at 4 pm.

Leaders of the Parishad will talk to the press about development in the regions of Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Sunamganj, Habiganj and Brahmanbaria.

Rotary Club of Dhaka West

The 10th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka West will be held today (Sunday) at Hotel Sonargaon at 5-30 pm.

Dr. Surinder PS Pruthi, ILO consultant, will attend the ceremony as chief guest.

Film show of Luis Bunuel

Luis Bunuel retrospective — an exhibition of six famous films by the great film maestro will begin today at the Alliance Francaise of Dhaka. "Death in this Garden" will be shown today at 6 pm.

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Meet with Pak team

A bilateral meeting between the visiting team of the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) will be held tomorrow at the BJA building at Narayanganj at 11 am.

Drama show

Natyachakra will stage its new play "Hayana" tomorrow at Mohila Samity Maacha at 7 pm.