

Dhaka Day by Day

Sleeping With an Enemy : Confessions of a Drug Addict

By Shamsad Mortuza

"I cannot be myself any more," he said. Everything seems to be a struggle for me. I feel weak now, weak and lonely. I played cricket when I was in college, but now it seems I don't have the strength to lift the bat. I will probably end up with lung cancer or a similar disease. Baba became an addict after being deceived by a girl, but I had everything — just to quench my curiosity, here I am all tangled up with!

"All these years I have been sleeping with an enemy. I wish I had left it at the first place." He takes a pause.

Old habits die hard.

Take this literature major honours student, who says "Hundreds of times I have thought of leaving it, I even swore to myself to give it up

and said we would leave him. That was for fun but 'Baba' was hurt. "You won't believe how he cried like a baby until we assured him that we were only joking."

Interestingly and sadly enough all these sons of 'Baba' are good students. They have potential but they let it be intoxicated. "The other day, we were having ganja and psychedelic music by Pink Floyd was on." They all were carried away by the music and the smoke. All of a sudden, a brother of ours began to shout "I can see the music! I can see the colour of it." His eyes were glassy.

Ganja leaves, smoked at first make you dull. It takes a little time to get wrongly fatuated and excited, before you go to sleep.

You see the late night waking and the day sleep cuts your budget off. He grins and says "your breakfast can become your lunch."

He hits another cigarette, and then unthinkingly recites Jim Morrison: Thoughts in time and out of season/ The Hitchhiker/ Stood by the side of the road/ And leveled his thumb. In the calm calculus of reason, "It is hard to be reasonable when you hover in thoughts. You must break something first to create it anew."

Another long breath shortens the length of the burning stick.

"Few days back, I asked a rickshaw puller of the campus why he takes ganja. At least he doesn't need better understanding of situation."

"Sir, don't think that only the educated have problems" was his reply.

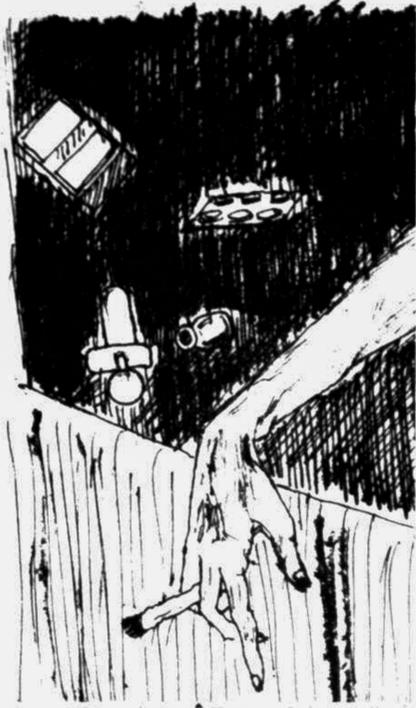
He too has found in the intoxicated state of mind

"But it never left me. It is my best pal, you see" adds the young man of 22, as he rises up to his full height of 5 ft 10 inches, lights a cheap cigarette and throws the match-box on to the reading table in the corner.

"I am more like Mark Twain, you see" he declares, "for Twain giving up smoking was the easiest thing on earth, because he had done it hundreds of times."

"Well, the difference between me and Twain is, I smoke cannabis". He passes a sharp look at the white burning stick he holds. "This palm of mine has powdered more grass than you ever could imagine."

Not everyone can dress cannabis. It needs a lot of effort and practice to do so, as he claimed. "It is an art. If you cannot dress it well the effect will not be upto the mark."



Suddenly an ignorant ripple of pride crosses his over face. "In this campus, only 'Baba' can match me." Baba is a drop-out student but he still stays at the hall. Usually, he prefers to stay alone but he has a circle of his own.

"We all call him Baba and he addresses us as sons."

"When I first asked for a puff 'Baba' defied," he recalls.

He was about to let forth a volley of verbal abuse but his heart was not in it. He smashed the end of the cigarette onto an ashtray and takes a deep breath. As planned earlier, we the sons of our 'Baba' went to him (one day)

a pleasant respite from the stresses of the world; but of course they all regret the situation they are trapped in.

"You see, ganja can concentrate your feelings. You can focus on something totally, notwithstanding the flux of life."

But why lay yourself at the sacrificial altar of drugs? Don't you think healthy mind, healthy body are needed to encounter life, or the problems of life?

He agreed in silence that getting used to drug taking leads personal both physical and mental — social problems. He and most of whom in his situation now want to abandon their bad habit but know no ways to do it.



Stands first in SSC exam

Rahat Bin Zaman bearing Roll No. 31518 stood first in Social Science group in the Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSC) from Comilla Board held in 1992. He got 866 marks in total. He obtained letters in Bengali, English, Mathematics, Geography, Islamic Dharma, Social Science and Science. He appeared from Comilla Cadet College.

He is the second son of former MP Advocate Rafiquzzaman Bhuiya and Mrs. Razia Zaman of Feni.

BCU demands replacement of Home Minister

By DU Correspondent

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) leaders Saturday at the Dhaka University demanded immediate replacement of the Home Minister saying that law and order situation is deteriorating in the country.

The leaders at a rally at the Aparajeo Bangla of the Dhaka University urged the student community for a united movement to give the democracy an institutional shape.

They also accused the government of sheltering terrorists.

The rally was addressed among others by Kazi Sazzad Zahir Chandan, Abdullah al Kafi Ratan, Pathik Shaha with Shahidul Islam Liton in the chair.

Art exhibition in Chittagong from today

Shilpakala Academy and German Cultural Centre have jointly organised a week long art show from today at the Shilpakala Academy Bhaban in Chittagong, reports UNB.

The show will exhibit art works of students of the Chittagong College of Fine Arts completed at the Artists' Camp last February under the auspices of German Cultural Centre.

Kawami Madrasa Sikkha Board team calls on Biswas

A 10-member delegation of the Bangladesh Kawami Madrasa Sikkha Board yesterday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

They discussed with the President various problems faced by the Kawami Madrasas in the country.

Talking to them, President Biswas said that the education for all should be ensured through the dedicated efforts of the educated section of the society.

The emancipation of the people is possible only through acquiring knowledge of science and technology, he added.

Stressing the need for Islamic education, he said that the religious education should be pursued side by side with modern education.

President Biswas also underscored the need for more research and training for the overall development of the country.

CHT body members to visit hilly dists from Aug 27

The first meeting of the committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts was held yesterday, at the office of the Communications Minister with Minister Oli Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

The committee has recently been constituted by the government with Oli Ahmed as its convener to suggest solutions to the problems prevailing in the hilly districts.

The meeting discussed at length the modus operandi of the committee and decided that the members of the committee will visit Khagrachari on August 27 and 28, Rangamati on August 29 and 30 and Bandarban on September 5 and 6 to meet the chairmen and members of local government councils of the three hilly districts to exchange views with them.

3 with smuggled goods held

MONGLA, Aug 8 : A patrol squad of naval unit Mongla during routine patrol at Passur River on Friday apprehended a country boat with smuggled goods and arrested three smugglers, reports BSS.

The seized items included alcoholic beverages, spare parts of machinery and foreign currency amounting Taka 20,000 approximately, an ISPR press release said.

The arrested persons and smuggled goods have been handed over to the police and customs respectively.

Ensure safe repatriation of Rohingyaas : Jamaat

By Staff Correspondent

Jamaat-Islami Bangladesh Saturday demanded "safe and honourable" repatriation of the Rohingya refugees sheltered in the makeshift camps in Cox's Bazar district.

"Create a congenial atmosphere involving the United Nations and the OIC for safe repatriation of the Muslim refugees," Shamsur Rahman, Nayeb-e-Amir of Jamaat, told a rally at the North gate of Battul Mokarram Mosque.

He slated the foreign policy of the present government and said that the Foreign Minister signed a "frail" agreement which went in favour of the Myanmar government.

Presided over by city unit President ATM Azharul Islam, the rally was also addressed by among others Publicity Secretary Abdul Kader Molla, City Secretary Jashimuddin Sarker and Inamul Huq.

Abdul Kader Mollah alleged that some Western NGOs working at the camps were trying to convert the Muslim refugees to other religions.

Some 270,000 refugees who fled their homes alleging atrocities by the Myanmar troops, were sheltered in 15 camps in Cox's Bazar.

The repatriation of the refugees was to start in mid-May under a Dhaka-Yangon agreement signed in April but the process was stalled as the refugees refused to go back without security guarantee by the UN agencies in Myanmar side.

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Pathologist honoured

Renowned pathologist Major General (ret'd) Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury has been awarded the qualification of FRCP by the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh, reports UNB.

He was also honoured by the Royal College of Pathologists, London with the qualification of MRC Path in 1987.

Chowdhury was also received the Swadhinata Dibash Padak-1977 for his outstanding contributions in the field of medical science.

Presently, he is actively associated with a number of scientific organisations.

NDP denies party's abolition

By Staff Correspondent

National Democratic Party (NDP) in a press release on Saturday said the party had no relationship with those "controversial and unknown" persons who had declared the abolition of the party.

The press release signed by Mesbahuddin Ahmed Sabu said the activities of the NDP was going on as usual under the leadership of Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury, MP.

It urged the party workers not to be confused by the propaganda of those unknown persons.

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'Honest administration needed to build society free from corruption'

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Saturday underscored the need for social movement against the terrorists and corrupt persons, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on "Honest and efficient administration is essential to build a terrorism and corruption-free society," he said anti-terrorist movement should be strengthened through cultural activities like drama, songs and short stories. The mass media, including radio, television and the press should play an active role in this regard, he added.

Prof Chowdhury said high-ups in society should be free from corruption and there should be honest and efficient politicians.

Referring to factional fighting in the student wing of a big political party, Prof Chowdhury wondered how those who could not contain terrorism in their own party could speak against it.

Identifying lack of opportunities, unemployment, drug addiction, political misuse of youths and erosion of moral values as some of the major reasons for terrorism, he said social leaders like teachers and intellectuals should play their due role in restoring moral values.

Organised by Dhaka Metropolitan Junior Chamber JCS, the discussion was addressed by State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda and former Vice-President of World JCS Khabiruddin Ahmed.

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Singapore

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Wee Kim Wee, President of the Republic of Singapore on the occasion of its National Day, says PID handout.

In a message to Kim Wee, President Biswas expressed his confidence that the bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries would be further strengthened.

President Biswas was also wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Singapore peace, progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore on the occasion of its National Day.

In a message to Chok Tong, Begum Zia expressed hope that the close bilateral relations and cooperation which so happily exist between the two countries would be further strengthened in the coming years.

Begum Zia also wished him good health and happiness and the people of Singapore continued peace, progress and prosperity.



Dhaka Sheraton has presented a bundle of clothes to the orphans of Nishchindapur Orphanage, Magura recently. Dr A Wright received the materials from the General Manager of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel Mr John L. Eaton. The Landrover seen behind is presented by the British High Commission for the orphanage.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

The Met office forecast day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country yesterday recorded a highest rainfall, in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm, of 67mm at Sandwip. Rainfall in different places were: Kutubdia 46 mm, Chittagong 41 mm, Majdi Court 29 mm, Bhola 20mm, Barisal 9 mm and Dhaka 4 mm.

The maximum temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi and Jessore yesterday and the minimum of 22.8 degree was reported from Chittagong and Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.32 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.4	26.0	85	87
Chittagong	26.5	22.8	97	93
Rajshahi	32.2	25.0	93	98
Khulna	31.0	25.2	88	87
Cox's Bazar	29.0	24.4	87	95
Sylhet	30.8	23.2	93	86
Dinajpur	31.5	25.0	82	69
Barisal	29.4	25.0	88	95

ICMAB students postpone strike

By DU Correspondent

The students of the Institute of Cost and Management Accounts of Bangladesh (ICMAB) has postponed their on-going indefinite strike Saturday.

The decision was announced yesterday at a press conference at the TSC on the Dhaka University after an assurance of the Institute's Founder President to meet their six-point demands within a short time.

The students began an indefinite strike and announced a greater movement programme to press home their demands from August 5.

The six-point charter of demand included not to enhance tuition and admission fees.

The ICMAB students also demanded starting the cost audit system in the industries of the country to control the production cost.

Anisur's death condoled

Officers and employee of Ministry of Defence and its subordinate offices in a meeting held at the Ministry of Defence Saturday condoled the death of Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman, who died of heart attack on Thursday, reports BSS.

The meeting paid glowing tributes to the memory of late Anisur Rahman and expressed deep sympathy with the members of the bereaved family.

Later, a milad mahfil was also arranged on the occasion where prayers were offered for the salvation and eternal peace of the departed soul.

Qul Khwani

Qul Khwani of Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman will be held (Sunday) after Asr prayers at his residence at 434, Gulshan Road No/103, reports BSS.

Anisur Rahman died of heart attack on Thursday and was buried at the Banani Graveyard on Friday afternoon.

Sunday

5-00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary

5-10 News in Bangla

5-20 Recitation from the Bible

5-25 Cartoon film

6-00 Sports programme

6-45 School Bichitra

7-05 Tagore songs

8-00 News in Bangla

8-30 Prabaha

9-00 Drama series: Oshin

10-00 News in English

10-25 Parliament round up

10-35 Olympic highlights

11-40 Khabar / The news

11-50 Recorded Olympic hockey final

2-00 Live telecast of the concluding ceremony of '92 Olympic Closing

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