

Dhaka Day by Day

The Contented Pavement Merchant

by Fayza Huq

Mohammed Salauddin, 55 years old vendor, operates from Dhanmandi. All is well with him. This is, despite the fact that what he revealed about the city security, at certain quarters, might not please them. Even if RAJUK might not be amused by his existence in a residential area, he is certainly doing a fair measure of service to the rickshaw-pullers, gate-keepers, servants, teen-agers and men and even women in his vicinity.

Salauddin has had to struggle for at least 30 years, before he could reach the position that he has risen to — a small entrepreneur, with a working wife, married daughters, and an active, able-bodied son, with a reasonable job. Three of his daughters have been married, and there is only the youngest, aged 14 years — who stays at home — to be concerned with.

Yes, he has his ambitions to own a larger shop; but if he so desires it, one fears he will have to pack up and set up shop else-where.

This is because his immediate neighbours are not quite satisfied with his tin-shop's existence. Yet class-distinctions will prevail and will ultimately be overcome. Such is a peace-loving on-looker's observation. Where he is located, he gets his food and shelter, has his occupation, and even catches fishes at his three-roomed house in Raibazar, as he tells one.

"I do not waste time in gossip or tattle, but tranquilize myself by watching the world go by on the wide road before me. I meet my wife twice a day, and I am glad that I no longer have to work my heart out — pushing carts, paddling rickshaws in the rain and heat, or take up odd jobs, like being a mason's assistant. I am weary but I have scored my innings for my age, and the rest is up to God", he says, when questioned about his likes and dislikes of his present job.

It is true, perhaps, that he has a saving of only 300 takas at the end of the month. Yet, with his wife, Asiya, who works as a maid at the 'Nakashikantha Kendra' in road number 27, Dhanmandi, and a lively youngest daughter — who has four sets of clothes a year including silken ones, comes to the conclusion that fate has not treated him too badly in a third world country. One also keeps in mind his origin of

being a farmer's son, with no hassle of filial visits to the parental home, as both the parents are deceased.

Rising from his position of being landless, while his father sold off the land in Mymensingh, for one reason or another, Salauddin can serve "polau" and "qorma" to his married daughters, Khudatja, aged 20 years, and Majida, aged 18 years — along with the sons-in-law, who happen to be rickshaw-pullers. He can afford the luxury of fish and chicken curry too on such occasions.

While some of the housewives in the vicinity hesitate to buy shrimps and other fish like "takr" and "shing", because of the cost, specially in joint and extended families, — as is happen in some cases, Salauddin, simply catches his necessary in the rivulets that flow behind Raibazar. Similarly, some of the working bourgeoisie in the same area, live in rented houses, and go berserk trying to get smaller homes or a

possible roof over their heads which they can call their own. Salauddin, on the other hand, has a house of his own, with three rooms. This suffices his purposes even though, in all, the house measures 15 feet by 15 feet.

Dwelling on whether he enjoys his job or not, he does not complain. "I do not indulge in politics or worry my head over it. I say my 'surahs' and read the 'Koran sharif' when I can. At home, I have my family and friends, whom I can entertain adequately. I listen to the neighbour's music and dialogues emanating from their television and radios and this suffices me. At this juncture in life I have no penchant from the cinema or socialising outside home. I meet enough people while at work, and am never bored," the seller of bananas, biscuits, bread, cigarettes and a steady flow of tea.

"I eat ice-cream, peanuts, apples, mangoes and jackfruits, which I buy from vendors, or which my children bring home. Yes, the rain, ants and flies as well as the Tropical heat does oppress me. But I have learnt to live with it," Salauddin adds.

"Call no Man Happy", Somerset Maugham had named one of his novels. On wonders how he would react if he met this simple and contented merchant from Dhaka.

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Plan to introduce female school assistance programme

The government is contemplating to introduce a Female Secondary School Assistance Programme (FSSAP) as a catalyst project aimed at increasing the rate of women literacy, reports UNB.

A handout yesterday said the programme will be based on gender equity, poverty alleviation and economic growth considerations for increasing the access of the female students to secondary education. The programme is expected to be implemented with the funds from international development agency (IDA), co-financiers and domestic resources.

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Consignees are requested to arrange clearance of their consignments as soon as possible after discharge. It is advised that Consignments not cleared within 45 days from the date of arrival of the vessel are liable to be sold in auction by Customs Authority without any reference to the Consignees.

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Salauddin waits for his customers.



Biswas assents to 8 bills

The President yesterday assented to eight more bills passed by the Jatiya Sangsad during its current session, reports BSS.

The bills are: The National Institute for Local Government Bill, 1992, the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1992, the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (Amendment) Bill, 1992, the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1992, the Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Bill, 1992, the Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Bill, 1992, the Bandarban Hill District Local Government Council (Amendment) Bill, 1992 and the Private Universities Bill, 1992.



Anniversary of Matiur's death today

The 15th death anniversary of Matiur Rahman, former chief reporter of the Bangladesh Times, will be observed here today, a press release said, reports BSS.

Rahman, who died of cancer at the age of 37, had also worked as a staff correspondent of the then Pakistan Observer, chief correspondent of the weekly Holiday and as a stringer of the New York Times.

He had served Bangladesh Biman as the public relations chief after liberation.

Khatme Quran and a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at the Shantinagar residence of the deceased's family.

Friends, relations and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.

Speaker condoles Nazrul's death

The Speaker, Shaikh Razzaque Ali, has expressed his profound grief at the death of Nazrul Islam, MP, reports BSS.

In a condolence message Saturday the Speaker recalled the contributions of Nazrul Islam as a politician and parliamentarian.

He said that in the death of Islam the country has lost a great son of the soil.



Monday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5.25 Education programme
- 6.00 Cartoon: Tom the Nasty Cat
- 6.30 Sports programme
- 7.05 TV Debate competition
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Jamana
- 9.00 Shatarupa
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament roundup
- 10.35 Concluding Ceremony of Barcelona Olympic '92
- 11.40 Khabar/The News
- 11.50 Tuesday's programme summary
- 11.55 Closing

Country has sufficient stock of rice

A meeting on food policy and food monitoring here yesterday decided to increase the use of rice instead of wheat in different programmes under the Ministry of Relief as the country has sufficient stock of rice at present, an official handout said, reports BSS.

The meeting, presided over by Food Minister, Shamsul Islam, also held a detailed discussion on different aspects of making more people-oriented the open market sales system of foodgrains for distribution.

The meeting expressed the opinion of extending necessary cooperation to inspire the private sector in importing wheat.

Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Huq, among others, addressed the meeting.

Food Secretary, A N M Yusuf, Agriculture Secretary K M Rabbani, Relief Secretary M A Hakim and other concerned high officials attended the meeting.

Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light to moderate rain or shower is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Sunday.

Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country during the period.

Outlook for subsequent two day: Little change.

Extended outlook for another five days: Rainfall activities may increase.

Light rainfall was recorded on Sunday at Teknaf, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Sitakunda, Sylhet, Feni, Majidi Court, Chandpur, Madaripur, Barisal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Khepupara, Satkhira, Jessore, Rangpur, Chuadanga, Ishurdi and Bogra.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5:32 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.4	24.9	78	78
Chittagong	30.8	23.0	86	78
Rajshahi	32.1	23.8	78	82
Khulna	32.3	24.4	88	85
Barisal	29.8	24.6	88	92
Cox's Bazar	30.0	23.5	93	85
Sylhet	30.1	24.4	84	87
Dinajpur	32.0	25.0	85	87

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