

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Passers-by Stop to See

by Dipak Kumar Karmaker

While passing through the streets of Dhaka, one can hardly miss the sight of footpath shops of old books. They are usually located at different junctures like Gullistan, Baitul Mukarram, New Market and various other places. These shops are often found to be surrounded by people reading books or glancing through the magazines.

These shops present a hotch-potch of books lying on the floor, but very often a valuable hotch-potch.

One can come across myriad kinds of books in these shops. Starting from the school texts to the sublime kind of literature, the sight of almost all books can be met with. As to the source of these books, Mohammad Mostafa, who sells books before the Communist Party Office, says, "I buy books sometimes from the hawkers who sell books by weight. But I mainly get the books from people who sell books after reading. He himself goes to the residence of those who want to sell books. Mostafa also informs that he buys books from the hawkers at an unusually cheap rate — 3 or 4 Takas per kg. The success of the trade of such book-selling often depends on sheer luck. It is because there is no particular price for the books. A book which is sold now at 10 or 15 Takas, may be sold at 100 or 200 Takas other times. It all depends upon the need of the customer.

But whatever may be the price of these old books, it is certain that one can get a book at a cheaper cost from here than from normal bookstalls. "It very often happens," informs Kamal, a seller at Nikhet, "that readers buy a book from the normal bookstall at a particular price while the same book would cost less in the footpath shops." It is due to the fact that people do not want to take the trouble of seeking the desired book in the old book heaps. And at times people are not aware that they can find necessary books here.

According to one seller of such shops, magazines, such as Bitchitra, Robbar and many other foreign magazines like Times, Newsweek are most in demand. Normally Times or Newsweek which may cost 60 or 70 Takas, one can get it at 20 or 30 Takas in the footpath shops.

Among multifarious books in these shops, one can see a large number of books of a particular kind. This is about communist literature. Books on Marx, Lenin or Stalin are widely in circulation. After the fall of the Soviet Empire, these books seem to have lost their past prestige. But the shopkeepers say that even

now genuine readers buy such books while the latter were of considerable interest to the readers in the past. A man of CIS would be both amazed and amused to see that the books on Marx or Stalin which they no more see in their own country, are lying on the footpath of Bangladesh with dazzling vigour.

These footpath shops are in some respects different from the ordinary bookstalls. The difference lies in the fact that the footpath shops display the books openly whereas the ordinary bookstalls have the books inside a closed space. On the other

hand, the footpath shops attract the attention of more people as roads are always filled with passers-by.

In our country, where the literacy rate is abnormally low, such bookstalls have both national and social significance. It is of national significance as they contribute, to whatever extent, to the continuous process which is expected to heighten the literacy rate or the overall educational development of Bangladesh.

The social significance is that they can exert considerable influence on people's mind. They can more or less change the character of the people, the change being edifying. People while walking by the roads, feel sudden interest to have a glance over the books. They at first feel attracted to the cover of the books and later on feel the urge to see what is inside. Even those who have a natural disgust for reading, stand by the footpaths and gaze at the multi-coloured magazines with undivided attention.

Thus, it is not improbable that such people will sometimes discover an inclination for reading in the hidden corners of their mind. In this regard, an event related by the seller Mostafa can be mentioned. A few people used to indulge in gambling regularly. But nowadays they are gradually turning to Mostafa's shops. Little by little, they have given up gambling. Now, whenever they find time, they are seen standing or sitting by the shop with books or magazines.

The above-mentioned event, though apparently trifling, throws light on the value of such shops in the social life. One should not forget that no nation can prosper unless people are educated properly. From this perspective, the footpath shops of old books have definite role in our social and cultural field and hence, those who live on such trade should never be looked down upon.



## Real NGOs to be encouraged: Saifur

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday called upon the business houses and NGOs to strictly follow an accountable, transparent and development-oriented system for the national progress and prosperity, reports BSS.

Rahman said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is determined to establish accountability and transparency in every sphere of the social life.

He was addressing as chief guest the special awareness programme about paralysis at Savar at the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP). William B Milam, United States Ambassador in Dhaka, local MP Niamatullah Sabu and Valerie Taylor, Chief Coordinator of the CRP also spoke while CRP President Mozammel Haq Bhuiyan presided.

Rahman said the policy of the present government was to encourage the well motivated, well established and well designed NGOs in the country for the healthy growth of the private sector. "We want real NGOs and we do not want NGO business," the Finance Minister asserted.

Pointing to a press report about harassment of some NGO

people, he categorically said that there was no reason to be harassed. "We are welcoming the good NGOs for development, progress and prosperity," he said.

The Finance Minister, however, said the role and activities of the NGOs should be in conformity with our socio-cultural-religious values.

He said that the government was accountable now to the parliament and to the people of the country. So each and every activity of an elected government was under public scrutiny, he added.

Rahman said the NGOs should be responsive and responsible to socio-cultural and economic nature of the community while delivering services.

He urged the NGOs to render their services in the health and education sectors and other humanitarian activities in the democratic setup.

The Finance Minister lauded the services of the CRP hospital set up in 1978 at Savar saying it a successful one.

William B Milam in his speech as special guest appreciated the quality products of the CRP using indigenous raw materials by the disabled. Milam wished progress and best success of the CRP.

## Outgoing envoy of Singapore meets Khaleda

Outgoing High Commissioner of Singapore Michael Cheok Po Chuan made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

The New Delhi-based High Commissioner accredited to Bangladesh and Nepal conveyed regards to Prime Minister Begum Zia from the President and Prime Minister of his country.

He hoped that the relations between the two countries, particularly in the field of trade and economy, would be further strengthened.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister S Hasan Ahmed was present on the occasion.

## Agri varsity admission test date shifted

The admission test for 1st part bachelor courses (1991-92) under six faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will be held on September 3 instead of August 27, reports UNB.

According to a notification on Wednesday, the test of two hour duration will commence at 10 am on the BAU campus.

## To-Let

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## In Memoriam



Begum Syeda Hifzunnisa Khanam

We remember her with love and reverence and pray that her noble soul rests in peace in heaven.

On the occasion of her ninth death anniversary today, she is remembered by her son and daughter-in-law, daughters and sons-in-law, grand children, relatives and admirers.

Congratulations to Suman We're Proud of You Parents, Brothers & Sisters

Congratulations to Mousumi On Your Brilliant Success From Kochi Mama & Mami Nayapaltan

Congratulations to Parna On Your Brilliant Result From Abbu, Ammu, Bhayia and Nirma

## HERE and THERE

### Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela

About 73 children of Bangabandhu Shishu Kishore Mela yesterday urged the government to broadcast a documentary on the life and works of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15.

In a statement the children urged the Prime Minister to take initiative in broadcasting the documentary through Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television.

### Bangabandhu Parishad

Bangabandhu Parishad, Supreme Court lawyers unit yesterday held a discussion meeting on the eve of 17th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The meeting presided over by Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan demanded repeal of the Indemnity Bill.

### BIBM

Two regular training courses one on "Human Resources Management" and the other on "Cash Management", conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), concluded on August 13 at the institute premises.

A total of 52 officers from different banks and financial institutions participated in the courses.

### Shopowners Assoc

Dhaka City Shopowners Samity Federation in a meeting to yesterday urged the government to ensure the security of the businessmen.

The meeting presided over by the president of the samity, Md Helaluddin Helal also demanded intensified police patrol for the security of the businessmen.

## Weather

### No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at one or two places over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhali, Comilla, Chittagong, Fardpur, Dhaka and Jessore during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 pm Thursday. Met office forecasts.

Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, it adds.

Day temperature is likely to remain mainly unchanged across the country.

The highest temperature of the country 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded Thursday at Bogra and the lowest 24 degree at Barisal.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6-33 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5-34 am.

## Teachers resent move to establish private varsity

Bangladesh College-University Teachers Association has reacted over a move to establish university in private sector, reports UNB.

In a joint statement yesterday President of the association Prof M Akhtaruzzaman and General Secretary Prof Shaiful Alam said that establishment of university in private sector will undermine the standard of higher education in a developing country like Bangladesh.

They described the move as unrealistic adding "it will help create discrimination in the education system."

They also resented at the introduction of National University Bill in the Parliament and said that it will hamper the locus standi and dignity of University Ordinance of 1973, which provided autonomy to the universities.

## Air chief off to USA

The Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, left Dhaka yesterday on a fortnight-long visit to the United States of America and the Philippines, according to an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

During his stay in the USA, Air Vice Marshal Chowdhury will attend the second Pacific air chiefs conference in Hawaii.

## What's on today . . .

### Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Assoc meet

The monthly meeting of the executive body of Bangladesh-Libya Brotherhood Association will be held today (Friday) at 5-30 pm at its office at New Circular Road.

### Rotaract Club of Dhaka Buriganga

The 61st regular general meeting of the Rotaract Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at Rahmatullah Boys' High School at Lalbagh.

### Death anniversary of Poet Kaikobad

A discussion meeting on the occasion of the 41st death anniversary of Poet Kaikobad will be held today (Friday) at 6 pm at the auditorium of the National Museum under the auspices of Kaikobad Sangskritik Parishad.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will attend the meeting as chief guest while State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan and Harun-ur-Rashid Khan MP will be present as the special guests.

The meeting will be followed by a cultural function.

### Mymensingh Zila Samity meet

A meeting of the executive body of the Mymensingh Zila Samity will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at its office at Moghbazar.

### JSD (Inu) meeting

A meeting of the executive body of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) will be held today (Friday) at 10 am at its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

### Book exhibition at La Galerie

An exhibition of the books on Liberation War will be held today (Friday) at La Galerie under the auspices of Jatri.

### Death condoled

Teachers and employees of the department of English of Dhaka University yesterday condoled the death of former head assistant at the department Bajlur Rahman, reports UNB.

Bazlu died in Dhaka on Tuesday.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Family Welfare Sub-Section  
Development-1 Section

## Re-Notification

NO. MHFW/FW D-1/MCCC-1/Pub/92/360 Dt 08-08-92 (24-04-99 BS)  
Proposals to let house with 3000 square feet floor area and garage are invited from bonafide owners at Segun Bagicha, Purana Paltan, Kakrail and nearby areas close to Bangladesh Secretariat for setting up the office of "Mother & Child Health Care Coordination Cell" under implementation by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.  
The proposal should be submitted to the undersigned by August 20, 1992.

Asstt Secretary (D-1)  
Phone: 235111-29/3446  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Room No. 392, Bldg. No. 3  
Bangladesh Secretariat  
Dhaka.

DFF (G) 14999-9/8  
G-1003

## BTV Friday Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- 8.05 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Sports Programme
- 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9.10 Campus
- 9.30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Record
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Mover Mukurey
- 11.15 Children drama series
- 11.45 Documentary: Survivors
- 12.17 Evening session's programme summary

### Evening Session:

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- 3.05 Al Quran Programme summary
- 3.12 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3.15 Aor Dishari
- 3.40 Movie of the week: More than a Miracle
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports Programme
- 7.05 Malancha
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Musical programme: Eurotopa Ujiban
- 9.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: LA Law
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

## COLLEGE ADMISSION

RADIANT COLLEGE (ENGLISH MEDIUM)  
House 34, Road 9-A, Dhanmondi, Tel: 32 58 48

Admission in first year HSC Classes for the session 1992-93 (Humanities, Science & Commerce Group) will begin soon. Students having completed O Level, SSC or any other equivalent examinations with satisfactory results are requested to enquire at the college office now from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Here is an excellent opportunity for studying HSC in English medium for promising students at RADIANT.

PRINCIPAL

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BTC BANGLADESH TOBACCO COMPANY LIMITED

## FOR SALE BTC CIGARETTE FACTORY LAND & BUILDINGS AT VHATIARY, FOUZDARHAT, CHITTAGONG

The owner Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited offers for sale, its 26 acres of freehold land & buildings only of the recently closed Cigarette Factory located on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway—adjoining Military Academy, Vhatiary.

This is a prime site, suitable for specialised textile, heavy or light engineering factory and ready for immediate occupation. The site can also be used for setting up private Export Processing Estate. The property, consists, amongst others, the following:

- a) 26 acres (approx.) of land of which 22 acres (approx.) fully developed and were above last high flood.
- b) 196,890 sq. ft. of covered buildings for use as factory, warehouse, store etc. of which 121,858 sq. ft. of height of between 15 and 18 feet.
- c) Pucca roads & yards—124,580 sq. ft.
- d) Open high land—522,720 sq. ft.
- e) 5 residential bungalows.
- f) Deep tube well.
- g) Gas supply for industrial use.
- h) Power distribution centre.
- i) Own approach road to the main highway.
- j) Railway siding inside the Factory offering direct access to the Port.

The Tender papers and the permission to inspect the property can be obtained from Branch Manager on site from Saturdays to Thursdays during office hours.

Interested buyers should submit the completed tender with an earnest money of Tk. 10.00 lacs (Ten Lacs) by registered post or deliver by hand to the Company Secretary, Head Office, Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited, ALICO Building, 18-20 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka, in envelope clearly marked 'Offer for Chittagong Factory Land & Buildings' by 30th August, 1992.

The Company is free to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

## Rajshahi University

Advertisement No. 20/92

Dated: 08-8-92

Applications are invited from Bangladesh Nationals for filling up the following posts in the Department of Physics:

- 1) Professor - 1 (one)
- 2) Lecturer - 2 (two)

(One of the posts is permanent, the other is against the post of an Assistant Professor)

### Scales of Pay:

Lecturer Tk. 2850-125-3725-EB-130-5155/- Plus usual allowances.

Professor Tk. 7800-200-9000/- Plus usual allowances.

Forms and particulars regarding qualification requirements may be obtained from the office of the Registrar by sending self-addressed envelope with postage worth Tk. 4/- only.

Duly filled 10 copies of application for the post of Professor and 9 copies of application for the posts of Lecturer alongwith attested copies of certificates of all examinations passed and application fee of Tk. 30/- in Bank Draft in case of Lecturership and 10 (ten) copies of application alongwith attested copies of certificate of all examinations passed and application fee of Tk. 50 in Bank Draft in case of Professorship in favour of the Registrar, Rajshahi University must reach the undersigned on or before 31-8-92 in case of Lecturership and 30-9-92 in case of Professorship.

Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel. Incomplete application will be rejected without any reference.

Sd/- M. O. Faruk  
Registrar  
Rajshahi University

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Friday, August 14, 1992



WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION

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|---------|------------------|
| 8 AM    | World News       |
| 8.25    | Newsnight        |
| 9.00    | World News       |
| 9.25    | Zoo 2000         |
| 10.00   | World News       |
| 10.25   | QED              |
| 11.00   | News Headlines   |
| 11.05   | 999              |
| 12 Noon | World News       |
| 12.25   | Fighting Back    |
| 1.00    | World News       |
| 1.30    | Business Morning |
| 2.00    | World News       |
| 2.25    | Zoo 2000         |
| 3.00    | World News       |
| 3.05    | 999              |
| 4.00    | World News       |
| 4.25    | World News Day   |
| 5.00    | World News       |
| 5.25    | World News Day   |
| 6.00    | World News       |
| 6.25    | QED              |
| 7.00    | World News       |
| 7.25    | Fighting Back    |
| 8.00    | World News       |
| 8.25    | News from London |
| 9.00    | World News       |
| 9.25    | Zoo 2000         |
| 10.00   | World News       |
| 10.25   | QED              |
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| 11.25   | Fighting Back    |
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| 2.00    | World News       |
| 2.25    | Zoo 2000         |
| 3.00    | World News       |
| 3.25    | QED              |
| 4.00    | World News       |
| 4.25    | News from London |
| 5.00    | News Headlines   |
| 5.05    | 999              |
| 6.00    | World News       |
| 6.25    | Newsnight        |
| 7.00    | World News       |
| 7.25    | Business Matters |



8 AM The Racoons

8.30 Cartoon Classics: Bugs Bunny

9.00 Wide World Of Kids

9.30 Great Space Coaster

10.00 Just For The Record

10.30 Jupiter Moon

11.00 Attitudes

12 Noon Image Workshop

1.00 Santa Barbara

2.00 The Bold & The Beautiful

2.30 Donahue

3.00 Environmental Documentary: "Showing for need-awing for greed"

4.30 Dr Fad Show

5.00 Wide World Of Kids

5.30 Great Space Coaster

6.00 Jupiter Moon

6.30 Just for the Record

7.00 Floyd On Spain: "Andalucia"

7.30 Fashion File

8.00 The Irish R. M.

8.50 Hollywood Stars: Close my

9.00 Capital News

10.00 Newhart

10.30 The Bold & The Beautiful

11.00 Santa Barbara

12 MN Lifestyles Of The Rich & Famous

12.50 Hollywood

1.00 Movie (Jackie Chan Special): Half A Loaf of Kung Fu

2.30 WKRP in Cincinnati

3.00 St Elsewhere

4.00 While Shadow

5.00 Whose Line is It Anyway?