Lest We Forget

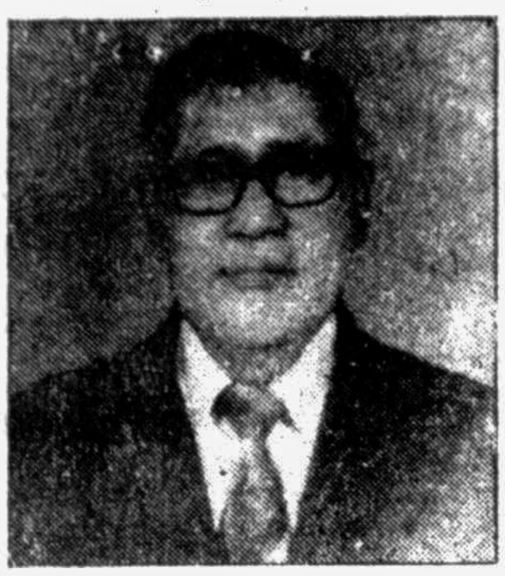
Dr Ibrahim — the Man and the Legacy

by S M Ali

Few persons become institutions in their own life time; fewer still leave behind a legacy that, in years, matches the reputation of its founder, acquiring a status of its own.

Herein lies the enduring link between Dr Mohammad Ibrahim whose third death anniversary is being observed today and the Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, attached to which is the hospital serving as many as 800 out-patients (old and new) on average every day and some 215 in-patients, about one third of whom get free medical attention.

Those who would remember the early years of the Diabetic Association which had set up its small office at Segun Bagicha in 1956 as the Diabetic Association of Pakistan would look upon the growth of this institution with a mixture of pride and wonder and recognise the pioneering spirit that lies among a few — who knows how many — in this country, with Dr Ibrahim being somewhere near the top of the list.



Early in his career as a medical practitioner, Ibrahim was motivated by two important considera-tions: How to spread the awareness of diabetes as a discase and of its treatment; and how to institutionalise the service in this field to the poor. He pursued these two goals with unflinching dedication until he died at 79, having watched over the growth of his hospital.

Judging by statistics, the expansion of the hospital is indeed most impressive. However, the real achievement of the institution lies in the motto, "No diabetic patient in this country should die for lack of medical attention." This motto was followed by Dr Ibrahim when he started almost a one-man crusade in the mid-fifties against what was then a relatively unknown ailment here with a handful of associates. The same motto survives when there are some 110 doctors and 1,200 support staff, including nurses, working in the hospital. What's more, diabetes is no longer a dreaded disease in Bangladesh. Its cure is within the reach of even the poorest of the poor in the country. When it is not cured, it is kept under control. This calls for regular check-ups. Not surprisingly, therefore, among the average daily 800 cases seen at the out-patients section by the hospital, a vast majority, anything up to 725, are undergoing periodic examinations.

Having come a long way, in the direction set by its late founder, the Diabetic Hospital must now move forward. No institution, a medical organisation the least of all, can stop growing. In such a situation, it runs into the danger of stagnation, even decline. The amount of financial assistance once received from the government amounted to over 40 per cent of the total expenses in the mid-fifties. Now, with the increase in the number of patients using the facilities of the hospital, the same official support represents only 20 per cent, with the rest of the expenses met by the institution's own revenue and declining public donation. So, there is indeed a strong case of raising the level of government allocation for the hospital as well as for setting up a programme for increasing donations from possible philanthropists and members of the public.

By doing so, we, the government and the people, can give a new life to the motto that Dr Ibrahim practised all his life, "No diabetic patient should die in Bangladesh for lack of medical attention." This is the best tribute we can pay to the memory of this great son of Bangladesh on the occasion of his third death anniversary today.

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) rally in front of National Press Club yesterday in protest of campus violence. — Star photo

Urgent JS session suggested

Threat of terror swallows democracy : Moudud

Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday called for summoning parliament into an emergency session to discuss "terrible lawlessness" in the country and recommend measures to end it.

"Democracy is under a serious threat today as the government has totally failed to protect life and property of citizens from terrorism," he said talking to UNB on the deteriorating law and order with particular reference to the situation in Dhaka University where two students were shot dead early Friday and the August 17 assassination attempt on Rashed Khan Menon, MP.

Barrister Moudud strongly pleaded that affiliation of student organisations with all political parties be severed immediately so that unruly elements in student politics do not get political leverage and shelter.

The issue also need to be discussed and decided by parliament, he said.

Expressing deep concern over Friday's pre-dawn shootings in Dhaka University halls, Moudud said the killing of two "innocent boys" cannot but shock every peace-loving citizen.

Shootings and killings have been menacing educational institutions, particularly Dhaka University, for the last 18 months (the span of BNP government), he said.

So long, the JP leader said, two factions of Awami League's student wing had fought each other and the government tried to enjoy it pointing fingers to Awami League.

Although the government is responsible for enforcing peace and order in society, no matter which party is active against it, yet they (ruling quarters) took no time to discredit a particular political party, he added.

"Now we see for a couple of weeks that rival students belonging to ruling BNP are fighting each other on the university campus, worsening the situation than ever before," said Ahmed, a former vice-president of the deposed Ershad government.

The breakdown of law and order was raised by the opposition time and again in parliament but the government could not explain why it had failed to carry out its primary responsibility of maintaining peace in educational institutions.

Referring to the no-confidence motion against the government by the opposition, excepting Jamaat, he said the government for its safe majority in the House dissembled to be happy and comfortable at the fact that the motion didn't enjoy the majority support.

But, Ahmed said, it was made clear time and again by the opposition that no-confidence motion was introduced to demonstrate "loss of confidence" of the people in the government for their failure in maintaining law and order.

This assertion of the opposition soon proved correct when the nation was stunned to hear about the assassination attempt on Workers Party leader Menon, he said.

Barrister Ahmed said the gun attack on Menon and instant overwhelming reaction among the people also substantiated the opposition move of no-confidence.

Stressing the need for political parties to severe relations with student organisations forthwith, Moudud, whose party disbanded its student wing amidst campus violence during JP rule, said if it is done, the government would be in a better position to tackle law and order situation on the campus and also "be free of any internal pulls and strings."

However, to a question, he said students cannot be stopped from doing politics as it is their fundamental right. "But under the present circumstances, it would have been an ideal situation had the student organisations on their own severe attachment with political parties."

"No doubt, the government is giving protection and sanctuary to terrorists. Without shelter of the administration, terrorists, extortionists and muselemen cannot stage crimes," the JP leader said in answer to another question.

Touching on the special police operation against anti-social elements, he alleged that no ruling party terrorists were arrested during the drive. "Are they angels and all others belonging to opposition devils?", he asked.

Educated girls LDCs' best investment : WB economist

Investment in girls' education will result not only in social benefits, but in enormous economic benefits in the developing world, according to World Bank estimates, reports UNB.

"Educated girls are LDCs' best investment," says World Bank chief economist Lawrence H Summers in a Scientific American essay, "The Most Influential Investment", published in the United States recently.

Narrating the state of girls in LDCs, he says that parents in low-income countries currently don't invest in their daughters because they do not expect them to make an economic contribution to the family.

"Girls grow up only to marry into somebody else's family and bear children...girls are thus less valuable than boys and are kept at home to do chores while their brothers are sent to school," says he.

Although numerical estimates do not take into account the time it takes to start more extensive girls education programmes and the positive effects of educated women having healthier and better educated children and grandchildren, the social benefits are enough to cover education cost.

The World Bank chief economist noted that educated young women usually decide to have fewer children so that for each year of school, female fertility decreases by about 10 per cent.

For example, he says, a year of education for 1,000 girls in Pakistan cost 40,000 dollars in 1990, while the 660 births averted at 65 dollars per birth would save a total of 43,000 dollars.

In addition, healthcare interventions used to reduce infant mortality by 10 per cent cost nearly 48,000 dollars, while each additional year of school will result in similar reductions, Summers says in his essay.

Scholarship funds in addition to the distribution of educational supplies for girls will be necessary to begin a girls' education effort.

Summers says that equalising education in low-income countries would cost 938 million dollars for 25 million girls in primary education and 1,400 million dollars for 21 million in secondary school for a total investment of 2,400 million dollars.

This sum represents less than one quarter of 1 per cent of the gross domestic product of the low-income countries, less than 1 per cent of their investment in new capital goods and less than 10 per cent of their defence spending.

Obituary

Amir Hos-sain, General Manager of Sonali Bank's London branch, died of heart attack yesterday at a hospital in London. He was 57, reports UNB.

He left behind his wife, three daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Amir Hossain joined the former National Bank of Pakistan in 1959 and held various important positions in Sonali Bank. He hailed from Feni.

Anniversary of Dr Ibrahim's death today

The third death anniversary of Dr Mohammad Ibrahim will be observed today, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Diabetic Forecasting Centre has chalked out a two-day programme to recall the contributions of the late National Professor in the field of diabetic treatment.

The programme includes prayer at his grave at Banani, milad mahfil today and a discussion on the life and works of the great social worker tomorrow.

SCF rally held on JU campus

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), a left leaning student organisation, brought out a procession at Jahangirnagar University yesterday protesting politics of terrorism, reports UNB.

The procession started from the central cafeteria and terminated in front of the arts faculty of the university.

The processionists chanted slogans against terrorism and "anti-liberation" Jamaat-Shibir.

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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
6:40	School Bichitra
7:05	Tagore song
8:00	News in Bangla
8:25	Probaha
9:00	Oshin
10:00	News in English
10.30	Soorlahary
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Monday's programme summary
11:45	Closing

Prodhan blasts Dhaka's role in NAM summit

Mazdoor League, labour front of the Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (Jagpa), held a rally in the capital yesterday condemning terrorism on the campuses, particularly in Dhaka University, reports UNB.

Addressing the rally, Jagpa chief Shafiul Alam Prodhan alleged that the BNP government had utterly failed to rule the country.

Expressing concern over the deteriorating law and order situation, Prodhan said, if it continued unabated the sovereignty and the independence of the country would be at stake.

The Jagpa leader urged the law enforcing agencies to take stern action against law breakers whoever they may be. Otherwise, he warned that "expansionist India could take advantage of this situation".

He accused both BNP and Awami League of working in the interest of India.

Referring to the NAM now being held in Jakarta, Prodhan criticised the "ineffective role" of Bangladesh and said the Bangladesh government had failed to uphold the image of the country.

In his presidential speech, Mazdoor League president M A Ahad demanded immediate release of his organisation's two activists.

Hasnat secures 15th position

Hasnat Ahmed secured 15th position in Science group in the last SSC examination (1992) held under Comilla Board.

He scored a total of 879 marks with letters in all subjects.

He is the second son of Aftab Uddin Ahmed and Nasima Akhter of Narayanganj.

Students of Dhaka College brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday — Star photo

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light rain or showers is likely to occur at few places over Chittagong division and the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, and Faridpur while weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

According to Met office forecast, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of 34.5 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi and Bogra yesterday (Saturday) and the minimum of 24.0 degree was reported from Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.42 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	27.2	78	71
Chittagong	32.0	26.0	80	73
Rajshahi	34.5	26.2	79	69
Khulna	34.0	26.0	79	72
Dinajpur	33.4	-	-	72
Sylhet	33.5	27.5	88	85
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.4	75	80
Barisal	32.0	25.6	78	75

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১। পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের অধীনে নিম্নে উল্লেখিত স্থানে পরিবহন ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন কাজে অভিজ্ঞ ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

২। কাজের বর্ণনা : খুলনাস্থ পবিবোর্ডের কেন্দ্রীয় পণ্যাগার হইতে সেন্ডকোনা প্রকল্প ষ্টোরে বৈদ্যুতিক মালামাল পরিবহন।

৩। দরপত্র ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রতিষ্ঠানের সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী/ স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থায় কমপক্ষে ২ (দুই) বৎসর বৈদ্যুতিক খুটি/বৈদ্যুতিক সরঞ্জামাদি/ যান্ত্রিক সরঞ্জামাদি ইত্যাদি পরিবহন কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। বেসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের অভিজ্ঞতা কিংবা ৫(পাঁচ) বৎসর পূর্বের অভিজ্ঞতা বিবেচনা করা হইবে না। একক কার্যাদেশের আওতায় কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) লক্ষ টাকার কার্য সম্পাদন না করিয়া থাকিলে সেই অভিজ্ঞতাও বিবেচনা করা হইবে না।

৪। অভিজ্ঞতা প্রমানের জন্য ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানকে সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থায় তালিকাভুক্তির সার্টিফিকেট, কার্যাদেশের কপি, সন্তোষজনক কার্য সমাপ্তি এবং ইহার বিপরীতে বিল গ্রহণের পরিমাণ সম্পর্কিত সনদপত্র, তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী/পরিচালক পর্যায়ের কর্মকর্তার নিকট হইতে গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে। উক্ত দলিলাদির ফটোকপি সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থার ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত থাকিতে হইবে। প্রয়োজনে এই দলিলাদির মূল কপি প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে।

৫। কাজের সিডিউলের মূল্য প্রতি ফ্রন্টের জন্য ৭৫০০০ (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা (মোট অফেরৎযোগ্য)। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের জন্য "পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড, ঢাকা" এর অনুকূলে তফসীলি ব্যাংকসমূহ হইতে গৃহীত পে-অর্ডার/ডিমান্ড ড্রাফট আকারে উক্ত অর্থ জমা দিতে হইবে। কাজের প্রাক্কলিত মূল্য সিএস এন্ড এম পরিসরের হইতে অবহিত হওয়া যাইবে।

৬। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হইতে উপরোক্ত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন ঠেকাদারগণ আগামী ২৬-৯-৯২ইং তারিখের মধ্যে দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন এবং আগামী ২৭-৯-৯২ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২:০০(বারো) ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর, পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (প ও প), ঢাকা-এর দপ্তর এবং উপ-পরিচালক, কেন্দ্রীয় পণ্যাগার খুলনার দপ্তর, এই তিন স্থানে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ইহার অব্যবহিত পরেই উপস্থিত দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ টেন্ডার বাক্স হইতে খুলিয়া নিবন্ধকরণ করা হইবে। ঠিকাদারগণকে নিজ দায়িত্বে দরপত্র গ্রহণের দপ্তরসমূহ পূর্ব হইতে চিনিয়া লইতে হইবে।

৭। উক্ত টেন্ডার ২ (দুই) খামে হইবে। প্রথম খামে যোগ্যতা যাচাইয়ের জন্য টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তির ৪ নং অনুচ্ছেদে বর্ণিত সকল দলিলাদি এবং টেন্ডার দলিলের শর্তাবলীর অনুচ্ছেদ ১-এর (গ), (ঘ), (চ), (ছ) ও (জ) এর সমর্থনে সকল দলিলাদি সংযুক্ত করিয়া খামের উপর "পূর্ব যোগ্যতা দলিলাদি" কথাটি লিপিবদ্ধ করিয়া কাজের ক্রম উল্লেখপূর্বক নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম বা সীল খামের উপর উল্লেখ করিয়া সীল মোহরকৃত অবস্থায় নির্ধারিত দিন ও সময়ের মধ্যে খামটি টেন্ডার বাক্সে ফেলিতে হইবে।

দ্বিতীয় খামের উপরে অনুরূপভাবে ক্রম নম্বর, প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম/সীল এবং "দরপত্র" কথাটি উল্লেখপূর্বক পবিবোর্ড হইতে ক্রয়কৃত টেন্ডার সিডিউল পূরণ করিয়া যথাযথ আনুষ্ঠানিসহ সীলমোহরকৃত খামে একই দিন ও সময়ে টেন্ডার বাক্সে ফেলিতে হইবে।

নির্ধারিত কমিটি কর্তৃক ঐদিনই "পূর্বযোগ্যতার দলিলাদি" বিশিষ্ট খাম খুলিয়া টেন্ডারদাতাদের তালিকা প্রণয়ন করা হইবে। পরবর্তীতে কেবলমাত্র যোগ্য বিবেচিত টেন্ডারদাতাদের দরপত্র (যাহা দ্বিতীয় খামে রহিয়াছে) খুলিয়া টেন্ডার মূল্যায়ন করা হইবে। নোটিশ বোর্ডের মাধ্যমে "দরপত্র এর খাম" খুলিবার তারিখ ও সময় জানাইয়া দেওয়া হইবে। যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন টেন্ডারদাতাগণ ইচ্ছা করিলে দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকিতে পারিবেন। অযোগ্য বিবেচিত টেন্ডারদাতাদের "দরপত্র খাম" না খুলিয়াই বন্ধ অবস্থায় ফেরৎ দেওয়া হইবে।

৮। এই কাজের জন্য আর্নেষ্টমানির পরিমাণ উদ্ধৃত অংকের ২½ % (আড়াই শতাংশ) হইবে যাহা "পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড, ঢাকা" এর অনুকূলে তফসীলি ব্যাংক হইতে গৃহীত পে-অর্ডার/ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে জমা দিতে হইবে।

৯। একই অর্থ বৎসরে কোন একক প্রতিষ্ঠানকে ৪ (চার) টির বেশী কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হইবে না।

১০। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন/সকল টেন্ডার বাতিল/গ্রহণ করিবার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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