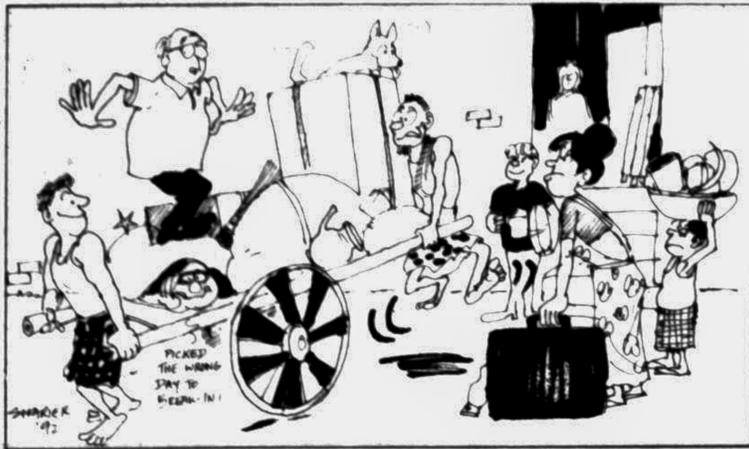


Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Moving into a New Haven

by Ifrikhar Ahmed Chowdhury



Where to next? This is probably one question that can banish sleep from the eyes of any man, who has lately been informed in the most 'amiable' manner by his landlord that the house in which he has so fondly lived till now, has to be made vacant before the month ends. 'What do I care!' — one might try to shrug off the matter with a self-deceiving smile. But soon you will see that you do care. Fear will creep into your mind and you will be haunted by the thought of your impending shelterlessness. Early next morning you will walk out of the door without breakfast or a decent shave to look for living options elsewhere.

When you have totally exhausted yourself over searching for a place which falls into the category of a 'home', you would be willing enough to enter into any brick structure that has four walls and a roof over its head and settle down. Being ousted by the landlord, looking madly for a place to live and finally getting one which can hardly match any decent taste or the budget are the prices one has to pay for not owning a house in the capital city. But hold on tight! Because now comes the difficult bit. Shifting from one place to the other with all the household belongings is a painful task and extent of its misery only the sufferers know.

It has not probably escaped your eyes, because it has become a regular feature at the beginning of each month — push-carts or *thelagars* full of domestic usages, starting from cheap utensils to heavy furnitures, all jam-packed into a single heap moving from one neighbourhood to the other. A foreigner in this city, who is not acquainted with the picture may think it as preparation for a jumble-sale. But, we who know the intent of this journey usually feel sympathetic towards the sufferer. Probably, because most of us have experienced such catastrophes once in a while. Even those

who now own a house, have sometimes lived in a rented-house. So they too, for the time being, share the misery.

Let alone the financial and time factor of shifting from one place to another, it is hard to predict how much household belongings you have, before you start packing. Because one usually leaves a house with much more goods with which he had entered. Our consumer interest would prove to be our severest enemy here. Once you start to pack you will see that everything you have owned till now will seem precious. Every article at your house, by now are tinged with some sweet-sour memories and it will become difficult to part with them. The lady of the house wouldn't leave until the last piece of her kitchen belongings are onboard the *thelagar*, the boy would refuse to part with his MacGyver poster, the daughter will take along her doll, which has long been done and over with and finally you will also reconsider taking along your mouth-eaten books that lies in the battered portmanteau. Finally, after struggling tooth and nails to pack all these and helping them onboard the *thelagar*, you feel a little sorry that you have to leave the house after all. But eventually you do shift to the new house.

If your memory has not betrayed you, it was the tenant vs. landlord conflict that made you leave your former home. This perennial conflict between the two opposing groups, in which the house-owner invariably wins or has definitely the upper hand have always proved fatal to the tenants. So next time you look for a house, do also look for a good landlord. For your part, if you can promise to remain a good tenant your place is assured in that house. And as long as that affinity sustains you would surely be spared the mental anxiety of thinking — where to next... and next...

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Guinea

President Abdur Rahman Biswas felicitated General Lansana Conte, President of the Republic of Guinea on the occasion of its National Day, says a handout.

In a message to General Lansana, President Biswas wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Guinea progress and prosperity.

Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia greeted Jean Traore, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea on the occasion of its National Day.

In a message to Jean Traore, Begum Zia wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Guinea peace, progress and prosperity.

Lions clubs' service week '92 begins

By Staff Correspondent

Lions Clubs International have begun its October Service Week '92 Thursday to render various service activities throughout the country for the needy people.

The service activities include, tree plantation, blood donation, eye sight testing for the school students, eye camp, peace poster competition, debate and cultural competition.

Lion district Governor MO Morshed at a press conference Thursday at the National Press Club said the clubs would also establish an education complex on three bighas of land at Mirpur. The government had donated the land and the complex would provide adult and technical education, he said.

Morshed also informed that six colleges, 11 high schools, 18 madrasahs, 13 eye hospitals and a number of adult education centres are running by the Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs all over the country.

The press conference organised by the District-315B was attended among others by Jalal Ahmed, Nazmul Huq and Advocate Salam Talukder.

Nurul Islam, Enaytullah reelected ADHUNIK President, GS

ADHUNIK, the anti-smoking organisation, re-elected national Professor Nurul Islam and UNB Chief Editor Enaytullah Khan as President and General Secretary respectively, reports UNB.

The other office bearers of the committee for 1992-95 are: Vice-presidents: Prof RK Khandkar and Prof MA Hai, Treasurer — Prof Mujibur Rahman, Joint Secretary — Nurul Islam, Organising Secretary — Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid and Social Welfare Secretary — Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury.

The members are: Prof Mobin Khan, Dr Kaniz Mowla, Kaiser Hamid, Jewel Aich, Ali Neyamat and Shah Alam. The committee was elected at a meeting last week.

Pubali Bank branch shifted

The Elephant Road Branch of Pubali Bank Ltd was shifted to 25, Sonarogon Road Thursday, reports BSS.

The new office of the branch was opened by Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Shah Abdul Hannan with a call for building an efficient banking system conducive to the market oriented economy.

Pubali Bank's Managing Director Kazi Abdul Majid presided over the function while Chairman of the Bank's Board of Directors EA Choudhury attended it as special guest.

Purbita's founding anniversary observed

Speakers at a function in the city yesterday called for creation of a congenial atmosphere for the juveniles of the country to help bloom their latent talents, reports BSS.

They said parents and teachers could play their due role in this regard at homes and schools. Socio-cultural organisations could help a lot by organising art competition.

They were speaking at a function at the Bishaw Shahitya Kendra here organised by the Purbita, an amateur women painters forum, in observance of its first founding anniversary.

Eminent painter Kazi Mozammel Hossain addressed the function as the chief guest while Purbita's President Aslatul Afsa and General Secretary Almunahar Begum spoke about its objectives to help develop the power of imagination of the juveniles.

Matin opens police complex in Khulna Task force men asked to take actions against big smugglers

KHULNA, Oct 1: Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury today called upon the officials concerned with Khulna regional task force to gear-up their activities and take concerted and coordinated efforts in checking smuggling across the border, reports BSS.

He directed them to list the names of real smugglers irrespective of their position in society and political affiliations. Chowdhury also urged the task force members to take drastic actions against big smugglers without any hesitation.

The Home Minister was addressing the deputy commissioners and superintendents of the police of Khulna division and divisional level officers including the BDR chief, customs and naval officer-in-charge of Khulna and high officials, yesterday evening.

Inspector General of Police ASM Shahjahan DG BDR Major General Anwar Hossain, among others spoke, on the occasion. Reviewing the smuggling situation in the division, the

minister expressed his concern and asked the officials to reinforce anti-smuggling drive. He asked the officials not to spare any body if contrabands or smuggling goods were found in any shops, marketing centres and godowns.

In this connection he warned government officials saying that the government would not hesitate to take stern administrative actions, against corrupt officials found involved directly or indirectly with smuggling.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday inaugurated the newly built Khulna Kotwali police station complex building.

The two storied building built at a cost of Taka 77 lakh comprises all normal facilities. It includes thana building and residential quarter of officer-in-charge.

The new building replaced the 100 years old dilapidated thana building. The Inspector General of

Police ASM Shahjahan, Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Syed Toeybur Rahman and peopla from all walks of life were present on the occasion.

Mannan returns

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan returned home Thursday after attending the two-day conference of the World Tourism Organisation held in Seville, Spain, on September 27-28, reports BSS.

The Minister represented Bangladesh at the conference.

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Durga Puja begins today

Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Bengalee Hindu community, begins today (Friday) amid religious fervour and gaiety, reports BSS.

According to the Hindu mythology, the Durga Puja, also called the 'Sharadya Utsab' (Autumn festival), symbolises the victory of good over evil. It also marks the return of the Goddess Durga to her father's house.

The Goddess Durga was formally welcomed at the Puja pandals on the eve of the five-day festival last evening through religious rite (Dev's Bodhan).

The 'Mahaastami' and 'Mahanamam' of the Puja festival will be celebrated on October 4 and 5 respectively.

The images of the Goddess Durga will be immersed on the 'Dashami', the last day of the festival, on October 6. The government has declared the day a public holiday.

The Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee sources said, the Durga Puja will be celebrated in the city in about 100 places.

Message

Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad Central Committee President K B Roy Chowdhury and General Secretary Swapan



Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement
- 8.00 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Alore Dshari
- 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9.10 Khelur Jagat
- 9.30 Film: Spectacular World of Guinness Records
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Mover Mukurey: Shangehaplak
- 11.15 Drama Series: The Girls from Tomorrow
- 11.45 Documentary: Wild Life of One
- 12.17 Closing

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement
- 3.00 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 3.12 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3.15 Cartoon: The Return of Dotaitian
- 3.40 Movie of the week: The Carry Treatment
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports Programme
- 7.05 Shangeeta
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Comedy Series: Perfect Strangers
- 9.00 Magazine: Driahit Kone
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama Series: LA Law
- 11.30 Khabar / The News
- 11.40 Saturday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or shower may occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, and Sylhet and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday).

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

The maximum temperature of 34.8 degree Celsius was reported from Sakhira yesterday (Thursday) and the minimum of 19.5 degree Celsius reported from Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 5.51 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5.46 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.2	24.0	71	75
Chittagong	32.0	25.0	82	78
Rajshahi	33.0	24.0	75	78
Khulna	33.3	25.3	85	73
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.5	78	74
Sylhet	32.2	21.4	78	78
Dinajpur	30.4	24.0	85	-
Barisal	32.6	25.0	84	90



Philips awards distribution ceremony at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. From left to right — Litterateur Mainul Ahsan Saber, Journalist Khairul Anwar Mukul, Chairman and Managing Director of Philips Bangladesh Ltd. Louis PC Lucker, Litterateur Shawkat Ali and Convener of Award Committee Rezwana Nazrul. —Star photo

Philips awards for year 1398 distributed

By Staff Correspondent

The Philips awards on journalism and literature for the Bengali year 1398, were distributed yesterday (Thursday) at a simple ceremony at the Hotel Sheraton.

Khairul Anwar Mukul, a senior reporter of Dainik Bangla and an eminent Writer Shawkat Ali received the awards and cheques each of Taka 50,000 from the Chairman and Managing Director, Philips Bangladesh Limited Louis P C Lucker.

Mainul Ahsan Saber, one of the Philips award winners on literature, was the chief guest at the function. Distributing the prizes, Lucker said that Philips introduced the awards in 1986 to encourage the young writers.

Lucker said that Shawkat Ali dealt with a social problem following the separation of 1947 while Anwar tried to unveil the root of extortionist which I faced several times.

A number of litterateurs, writers and journalists were present at the function.

Shawkat Ali got the award for his book 'Uttorer Khap' in which he depicted a society after the independence of this subcontinent from the British rule. He also won the award also in 1986.

Khairul Anwar serialised a report on the 'reign of extortionists' in Dainik Bangla newspaper on November last year.

Rezwana Nazrul, a Philips official and convener of award committee, thanked the audience.

Tackling basic problem need of the hour: Zahir

Planning Minister AM Zahir Uddin Khan Thursday iterated the governments commitment for rapid human resource development through coordinated programmes to rid the nation of poverty, reports BSS.

He said the government had given utmost importance to all elements of human resource development and called for firm commitment of the country's political leaders and the people to achieve this target.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the 10-day long painting exhibition at Shilpakala academy auditorium. A total of 75 paintings have been on display at the exhibition which was arranged after completion of a month-long workshop on painting.

The Minister underlined the need for proper utilisation of the country's talented people and intelligentsia so that they can contribute to the nation's march towards progress.

He said the imperative need of the hour was to go for tackling the basic problems including illiteracy in a programmed manner. The workshop under the academy's fine and performing arts training project was conducted by noted artist Murtoza Bashir. A total of 15 young artists participated in the workshop the main theme of which was 'still life'.

The Planning Minister urged the artists to utilise their talents in performing creating arts. "Creativity is something very close to the creator," he added.