

Dhaka Day by Day

'Death of a Salesman'

by Iftikhar Ahmed Chowdhury

'Aachhe saree kapar' — a voice that shook the stillness off your afternoon siesta rarely disturbs you now.

There was a time, not too long ago, when such petty traders of saree and other clothes used to vend their commodities from door to door. But now it has almost become a moribund trade.

These vendors rotated various neighbourhoods of the city and sold their articles usually to the female members of each house.

They were mostly small tradesmen who bought their supplies from the retailers in the city. But some collected theirs from the weavers at Tangail.

A common and busy trade even in the mid-eighties, is now on the verge of extinction. A huge bundle of sarees and other clothes tied in a squarish way with a coarse white piece of cloth hung by the neck of the vendor. An umbrella unmistakably accompanied him, which protected him from heat and rain and was also probably somewhat of a status symbol to him is rarely seen now-a-days calling at the top of his voice to lure the women folk out of their mundane activities. These tradesmen were a kind of 'pied-piper' who could mesmerise the female buyers into purchasing his goods anytime.

A few among these vendors who did well, employed an assistant to carry the bundle. The assistant, apart from shouldering the weight also made loud cries to let the world know what he was carrying, while his guru walked proudly ahead under an open umbrella.

It is not difficult to pin-point the actual reason why this trade, which was thriving even a decade back, is now gradually moving to its sad

demise. "Probably, now people have become more accustomed to the super-market concept. There you have so much to choose from. You have multiple choices of sarees and other garments from more than one shop and since these 'ferry-walaha' are petty businessmen they cannot offer so much," strasses Rahela Amin, a woman in her mid-fifties.

She also points out that, with time women in this country have become more extrovert. Now women have a wider access to the outside world. They do their own shopping from selected shopping areas of the city. "But, say about 30 years back, we did not have so much freedom as a woman enjoys today. Whenever we went out, we were accompanied by a male member of the family. So we bought sarees, especially those which were worn at home from the se 'ferry-walaha'. What ever they brought seemed to dazzle our eyes. Because then we had little idea about the world outside. Not only that, these traders came every day and gossiped with us. And with time they became intimate, almost like a family member. If they failed to come one day, we worried what had happened to him. So it was much more than just a consumer-salesman relationship. It makes me sad to think that one of these days their trade will become

obsolete", concludes Mrs Amin. This capital city of ours, at the close of the current century may have many eye-catching things — high-rise buildings, five-star hotels, artificial fountains, sodium lights, dish antennas and what not! Probably our crave for class would lead to the demise of trade like this or the similar sort. Would this city still be the same place, once bereft of its fond and familiar faces?



SHARKER '92



A Democratic League procession paraded the city demanding 'push back' of Bangladeshi Chakmas, not the Indians yesterday. — Star photo

Need for creating awareness about health education stressed

Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury has called upon the well-to-do and educated section of people in the society to come forward for improving the quality of life of the distressed, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the fifth installation ceremony of Lions Club of Dhaka Greater Metropolitan at a city hotel Sunday evening. Food Minister M Shamsul Islam also addressed on the occasion as the special guest. Prof Chowdhury stressed the need for creating awareness about health education among the common people.

The Deputy Leader urged the members of Lions Club to motivate people to change their food habits with low-costing but nutritious food.

The Food Minister called

upon the service-oriented organisations to formulate their programme to mitigate the sufferings of the distressed people.

Islam emphasised the need for creating awareness among common people for proper preservation of food and food value.

He said the present government had taken necessary

steps to utilise the organising power of different bodies engaged in community development.

Presided over by Alhaj Kalimullah, the past president of the club the function was also addressed, Chairman of the Public Service Commission Prof Iazuddin Ahmed and former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan.

DU VC seeks help from all for removing jams

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah yesterday (Monday) sought cooperation from every body for removing all kinds of jams, reports UNB.

He said the university was now beset with jams in all activities including those for award giving and blue distribution.

The VC was addressing as a chief guest at a function of Blue giving ceremony among the famed players of DU at its Senate auditorium.

A total of 17 renowned players of 1980-81 to 1984-85 sessions were awarded the Dhaka University Blue.

The VC hoped that the students will show their extra ordinary performance in sports, literary and cultural field beside their studies.

Presided over by Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Wakil Ahmed, the function was addressed among others, by Director of DU Physical Training Centre A H M Mostafa and DUCSU Sports Secretary and Famed skipper Syeed Hasan Kanon.

The Pro-VC stressed the need for massive participation of students in extra academic activities.

Among the Blue recipients, eight awarded in football are: Badal Kumar Roy, Ashraf Uddin

Ahmed Chunnun, Abu Mohammad Abdullah Syed, Wahidul Gani, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Nehal Hasnain Chowdhury, Dr Asad-ud-Zaman Misa and Tariq-ud-Zaman Munir.

Four awarded in Volleyball are: Mohammad A Gafur, Shaikh Zafar Aziz Mukul, Sajed Akil Ahmed Adel and Khawaza Monjur Nadim.

Two got Blue in Basketball: Ibrahim Hossain Hiru and Naimul Hossain Badol.

DU student leaves for Japan

A Dhaka University student left Dhaka for Japan yesterday to attend the annual international conference of the South Asian Youth Invitation Programme, reports UNB.



Obituary

Rev. George J N Sircar, father of George Salmon Sircar, Pastoring-in-charge in The Daily Star died Friday (Oct 16). He was 83, says a press release.

Rev. Sircar worked in the Baptist Mission of Sadarghat, Dhaka for a long period.

He left behind three sons, four daughters, a host of friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at the Christian Graveyard at Wari.



Tuesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5.25 Shiksha Diksha
- 6.00 Programme on Mother and Children's Health
- 6.25 Adventures Under the Sea
- 7.05 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Drama series: Jalashai Kata Dur
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.25 Parliament round-up
- 10.35 Film Show: Family
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Wednesday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

What's on today

Export Promotion Bureau

Export Promotion Bureau will hold a workshop on promotion and financing of joint venture today (Tuesday) at the conference hall of Purbani Hotel at 10 am.

Commerce Minister MK Anwar will attend the inaugural function of the workshop as chief guest while Commerce Secretary Nazem Ahmed Chowdhury will preside.

Parbatya Gana Parishad

The Parbatya Gana Parishad will hold a demonstration in the city today Tuesday to protest against the terrorist activities of the outlawed Shanti Bahini and Pahari Chhatra Parishad.

They will also organise a rally after the demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Leaders of the parishad called upon people from all walks of life to join the demonstration and raise their voice against the continuous genocide by the tribal terrorists.

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Film Session of Tarkovsky

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Nostalgia', directed by Andrey Tarkovsky, tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6 pm at the auditorium of the German Cultural Centre in Dhaka.

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light rain or showers may occur over the regions of Khulna, Patuakhali, Barisal, Noakhali, Chittagong and weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. It also forecasts, weather may deteriorate within a week.

The maximum temperature of 32.6 degree Celsius was reported from Bogra yesterday (Monday) and the minimum of 21.4 degree was reported from Dinajpur.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 5.29 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.58 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the cities and towns of the country yesterday are:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.0	23.8	82	74
Chittagong	31.0	24.2	80	82
Rajshahi	32.3	21.8	73	86
Khulna	31.8	25.7	85	82
Barisal	30.5	24.6	78	97
Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.5	68	97
Dinajpur	31.3	21.4	81	82
Sylhet	31.2	23.8	81	71

BDR seizes 2.2 KG heroin

RAJSHAH, Oct 19: BDR personnel Sunday seized 2.2 KG heroin along with necessary equipment for its selling from a residence at Hatemkhan Sajjpara area of the city, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, the BDR personnel seized the heroin and arrested one Mohammad Khorsed while selling heroin.

Training course for Ansars begins

A 45-day training course for 900 armed Ansars deployed as security guards on buses and launches began at Shalipur yesterday, reports UNB.

Brig Abed Miah, Deputy Director General of Ansar and VDP, inaugurated the course at the Ansar Academy parade ground.

Agriculturists urged to utilize skill

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday urged the agriculturists to utilize their knowledge and skill for developing the country's agricultural sector, reports UNB.

The Minister was addressing the installation ceremony of three hall unions of Bangladesh Agriculture Institute here yesterday afternoon.

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক

প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

৮৩-৮৫ মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা

প্রকৌশল বিভাগ

টেডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নোক্ত কাজের জন্য সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম/২য় শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার যাহারা একটি একক টেডারে অন্তর্ন ৫(পাঁচ) লক্ষ টাকার নির্মাণ কাজ সাফল্যের সহিত সম্পাদন করিয়াছেন, তাহাদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহর কৃত টেডার আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

কাজের নাম	প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয় (টাকা)	আনেষ্ট মানি (টাকা)	টেডার দলিলের মূল্য (অফেরত যোগ্য)
১। বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক,	১,৬৫,৮৭৩/-	৫,০০০/-	২০০/-
২৯, দিলকুশা			

রাজত্ববনের ৭ম তলায় পরিবন্ধনা
ডিভিশনের ৩(তিন) জন উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক
এবং ৩(তিন) জন সহকারী মহাব্যবস্থাপকের
বসার টেডার নির্মাণ কাজ।

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংকের অনুকূলে যেকোন সিভিলিয়ন ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে নির্ধারিত আনেষ্টমানি টেডারের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। আনেষ্টমানি ব্যতিত টেডার সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

৩১-১০-৯২ ইং পর্যন্ত সকল কর্মদিবসে প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, বিকেবি, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ৮৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা ঢাকা হইতে টেডার সিভিলিয়ন ক্রয় করা যাইবে।

টেডার সিভিলিয়ন ক্রয় করার পূর্বে নিম্নোক্ত কাগজ পত্রের মূল কপি অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন পূর্বক অনুমতি গ্রহণ করিতে হইবে।

- (১) ৫(পাঁচ) লক্ষ টাকার কার্যাদেশের মূল কপি এবং
- (২) উক্ত কাজ সম্পাদনের সার্টিফিকেট
- (৩) তালিকাভুক্তির দলিল পত্র।
- (৪) মূল্য সন্বেদন কর আইনের ১৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী নিবন্ধন পত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। ১-১১-৯২ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত শুধু মাত্র প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, বিকেবি, প্রধান কার্যালয় ৮৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা ঢাকা কর্তৃক সকল টেডার গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১১.৩০ মিঃ টেডার দাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেডার খোলা হইবে।

কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে বিকেবি সর্বনিম্ন টেডার গ্রহণ না করার অথবা যে কোন বা সকল টেডার প্রত্যাহান করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

(কে. এম. আহিনুল হক)
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Plea to try Ershad as war criminal

Democratic League President Oli Ahad yesterday demanded enactment of special law to try all corrupted people including the close associates of fallen president Ershad, reports UNB.

Addressing a rally organised by Democratic League at Gulistan Squire, Oli also demanded formation of special tribunal to try all war criminals including Gislam Azam.

Ershad played anti-liberation role in 1971 when he stayed in Pakistan, he said and urged the government to try him as war criminal and his cronies Moudud, Mizan and

Jafar who were responsible for plundering huge amount of national wealth.

Oli criticised the BNP government for failing to publish white paper on corruption by Ershad and his associates and not implementing the joint declaration of three alliances. He also demanded removal of all anomalies in different financial institutions including National Credit Limited.

Denouncing the 'push back' operation by India, he urged all to resist this sort of heinous act which is threatening sovereignty and independence of the country.

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আমরা অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সঙ্গে লক্ষ্য করছি যে, উপর্যুপরি তাগানা দেয়ার পরও আমাদের কোন কোন সম্মানিত এজেন্ট অদ্যাবধি বকেয়া বিল পরিশোধ করেননি।

এমতাবস্থায় পুনরায় তাদের সকলকে আগামী ৩১ শে অক্টোবর, '৯২ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বকেয়া বিল পরিশোধের শেষ সুযোগ দেয়া হচ্ছে। অন্যথায় ১লা নভেম্বর, '৯২ হতে সেইসব এজেন্টের পত্রিকা সরবরাহ করতে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য নয়।

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