

Dhaka Day by Day

Vehicles and the Policeman

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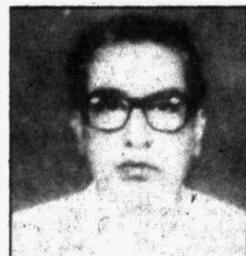
Nowadays, we have ordinances to cover just about everything; catch a thief, book him under an ordinance. Actually, he does not need to be booked at all. Just throw him in jail and forget about him. Nab the guy taking something on the side, for fixing your telephone, and another mortal forgotten in jail. Pretty convenient, these ordinances. Quite the latest in everything. Or just about everything. We sometimes sit back and wonder, in a quiet moment, where we would be, without this marvellous invention. Or perhaps, we should be asking ourselves, where the law enforcing pundits would be without them. The little 'arm of the law' loves these little gadgets, the 'ordinances'. He would actually be quite lost without it. Not that he was doing very poorly without it; he is just on top of the world with it. The 'arm of the law' loves it, because it gives him the wonderful chance, to go on his joy rides. Another thing he loves, his joy ride. And all at the taxpayer's expense of course. If there is one breed of humans, being taken on a joy ride, bumps and all, it's the taxpayer. Somewhere, somehow, he missed out on the irony of the situation and just sits there doling out the pennies. Only, now it seems, he will also have to dole out his car. Literally. There is the peace loving tax payer, on a quiet afternoon, cruising along one of the city roads (we like to think we cruise along, in spite of the potholes and 'rick-shaws') when suddenly, along comes the 'arm of the law' pointed pointedly at us. Or rather at our car. So, we cruise to a halt, stick our head out the window and enquire the reason for the honour of being noticed by the 'law'. In his stuffiest voice, he will inform you, that you are to alight from the vehicle, with immediate effect. Spluttering and stuttering you manage to

enquire why you should oblige, when in an equally hostile tone, he will inform you that your vehicle is being 'requisitioned'. But, is that not a word used in times of an emergency? You wonder, but do not venture to enquire. The expression of the 'superior being' is enough to convince you that the fault must all be yours. If you do not know, that he has the authority, to 'requisition' your vehicle, anytime he so pleases, the problem must be yours. He is doing it for the 'betterment' of the state. You alight from the vehicle, he asks the driver to move over and that is the last you have seen of your transport for the next three days. More if you are the unlucky sort. Certainly never less. The fact that you might have been on a mercy mission yourself i.e. pick your child from school, visit the sick relative in hospital, etc. etc. is no reason for him not to take your car, microbus, or whatever form of transport you might have been using. He is not one to spare the vehicles being used to take emergency supplies of drugs either, as the drug companies gingerly like to point out, in moments of revelation. Life saving drugs dumped on the road side while the vehicle is 'requisitioned' is a common sight. The fact still remains, to puzzle all us ordinary mortals, how it is possible, for a mere policeman, employed by the taxpayer, to protect his interests, to be so audacious, as to throw the same tax payer out of his legal transport and use it for his convenience? Perhaps this is where the 'magic' of the 'ordinance' comes in and waving his wand, the policeman is happily away with our transport, to complete his shopping or his errand, while you stand there in the middle of the road, wondering where we all went wrong.

Thwart evil designs against democratic process: Mosharraf

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday called upon the people to foil any evil design of some identified quarters against peace, discipline, development and democratic process of the country and help government implement people oriented development programmes, reports BSS. The Energy Minister was addressing the annual conference of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Daudkandi unit at Munshi Fazlur Rahman Government Degree College premises in Comilla. The conference was also addressed, among others by DUSCU VP Amanullah Aman MP, Vice President of district BNP Obaidul Hoq Bhuiyan, convener of district Juba Dal KMI Khalil, district BNP leader Abdul Khaleque Sarker and student affairs secretary of district BNP Golam Rabhani. President of district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Jomera Choudhury Pollin presided. Dr Mosharraf Hossain said those who wanted to create any disruption in the process of country's peace and development would be detached from the people. He said BNP

governments with the active help and cooperation of the people would implement its people oriented development programmes and would resist any conspiracy from any quarter. Referring to the Anti-terrorism Bill passed by the parliament the Energy Minister said the objectives of the bill was to curb terrorist activities for maintaining peace and discipline in the society. He said it was the responsibility of democratic government to provide peace and security for the people but not to harass anybody. Later, the Energy Minister attended the seventh founding anniversary of Daudkandi Press Club.



Anniversary of Mansur Anam's death today

The first death anniversary of Ahmad Mansur Anam, a well known insurance personality of Mymensingh, will be observed today (Friday), says a press release. He was a highly respected citizen of Mymensingh and was associated with many social organisations. He was also popular for his literary works. Mansur Anam was the eldest son of Abul Mansur Ahmad. Anam died of heart failure in Mymensingh last year. He left behind his wife Dr Lutfur Nahar Anam and one son.

4 more sugar mills start production today

Four more sugar mills will go into production in the third phase of current cane crushing season from today, according to a Sugar and Food Industries Corporation press release, reports BSS. With this a total of nine sugar mills would now be in production. The four sugar mills include Carew and Co, Kushtia Sugar Mill, Mobarokgongj Sugar Mill and Zeal Bangla Sugar Mill with a total set target of 63,527 tons of sugar.

DU Journalism Deptt founding anniversary in December

The Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University formed a 15-member Convening Committee yesterday to observe its 30th founding anniversary. The committee was formed in a meeting yesterday held at the TSC seminar room in presence of the present and former students of the department with Professor Q A I M Nuruddin as the chairman of the committee. The chairman of the department Dr Golam Rahman has been selected the member secretary of the newly formed committee while Dr Ahaduzzaman Mohammad Ali, Ranjana Huda, Syed Ishtaque Reza and Natimul Islam Khan are its members among others. The ceremony is expected to take place in December. The ex-students are requested to register their names with the committee.

Osman Ghani Trust stipends awarded

Osman Ghani Welfare Trust has awarded stipends to 70 poor but meritorious students of Sadullahpur thana this year, says a press release reports BSS. Twenty one persons affected by the recent tornado which lashed Mahishbandi, Sadullahpur were also given financial assistance by the trust to rebuild their houses. The stipends were distributed at Sandiapur High School at a simple ceremony with Alhaj Abdul Ghani Mia, a social worker in the chair. **Chehlum** The chehlum of late Mohammed Hossain, father of Literary Editor of the Daily Sangbad Abul Hasnat will be held today (Friday), says a press release. On this occasion a milad mahfil has been arranged at 92, Joginagar after Jumma prayers.



Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda addressing as chief guest the 28th founding anniversary of Dainik Bangla yesterday. — PID photo

Spread essence of democracy, Huda urges newsmen

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda yesterday called upon the journalists to spread the essence of democracy, rule of law and freedom of press through objective and impartial reporting, reports BSS. He was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion held at the Dainik Bangla Auditorium on the occasion of the 28th founding anniversary of the daily. The Information Minister said the main objective of the newspapers was to serve the society, present objective news to the people and promote their overall development. The present BNP government, which came to power through fair and free election and with the confidence of the people, believed in the full freedom of press and giving institutional shape to the hard earned democracy, he added. Referring to the sincere efforts of the present government to give institutional shape to democracy, he said all should come forward with the spirit of co-operation for full implementation of this goal. In this connection he pointed out that the present government has been conducting the state affairs with the consent and support of the people. This government has not foisted itself on the people and hence it has no weakness, he said adding the newspapers have been carrying out their activities freely only under the present government. Emphasising the bold role of the newspapers in social development, the Information Minister called for building public opinion against those indulging in damaging vehicles on the streets, creating anarchy and disorder. He criticised a section of newspapers for presenting partisan and biased reports and said welfare and development of the people was

the goal of newspapers. He said that the circulation of Dainik Bangla and Bangladesh Times has increased and their standard much more improved than before. The government has a plan to build a 25-storey 'Times-Bangla Bhaban' so that these two newspapers can stand on their own feet financially, he said. Among others, Ahmed Humayun, Editor, Dainik Bangla, Mahbub Anam, Editor, Bangladesh Times, Zahirul Haq, former president of DUJ, Shahadat Chowdhury, Editor, Bichitra and Ananda Bichitra, Abdur Rahim, Principal Information Officer and member secretary of the Times-Dainik Bangla Trust, Fazlul Karim, City Editor of Dainik Bangla, and Jahangir Kabir, President, Bangladesh Sangbad Patra Karmachari Parishad spoke on the occasion.

'Acquire scientific knowledge for peace'

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday underscored the need for restoration of the glorious past of Islam for the emancipation and welfare of Muslim Ummah following the teachings of the holy Quran and the Hadith, reports BSS. He also called for acquiring the scientific and technological knowledge for peace, progress and development of the Muslim world. President Biswas was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the three-day conference of Bangladesh Jamait-e-Ahlehadith at the Engineers Institution here. Presided over by the President of the Ahlehadith and Vice-Chancellor of the National University Dr Mohammad Abdul Bari, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Imam of Holy Harem Sharif Shaikh Mohammad Abdullah As-Subba'it, Dr Saam Naser of Kuwait Relief Fund, Syed Mohammad Abdul Wahab Khaljee of Indian Ahlehadith, Moulana Sheikh Amul Bari of Calcutta Alia Madrasa, Mohammad Abdul Wahab and Professor Abdul Gani of Bangladesh Ahlehadith. The President advised the religious leaders to inspire the youths to groom them as the ideal citizens of the country to lead the nation on to the path of development, progress and prosperity. Later, a munajat, conducted by the Imam of the Holy Harem Sharif, was offered seeking blessings of Almighty Allah for the peace, progress and prosperity of Bangladesh as well as Muslim Ummah. Diplomats of Muslim countries and a large number of members of Ahlehadith attended the conference.

Biman cancels Dhaka-Calcutta flight today

The Biman Bangladesh Airlines has cancelled its Dhaka-Calcutta-Dhaka flights scheduled for today (Friday) due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB. These flights — BG 091/092 and BG 095/096, will however operate on scheduled the following day (Saturday). The airlines has asked the passengers to contact the nearest Biman office for further details.

Egyptian envoy calls on Hasina

Egyptian Ambassador in Bangladesh Mohammed Kamal El Miligy made a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her parliamentary office yesterday, reports UNB.

বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন	
BTV	
Friday	
Morning Session	
8.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme Summary
8.10	News in Bangla
8.15	Alore Dshari (Religious programme)
8.40	Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
9.05	Moder Garab Moder Asha
9.40	Spectacular World of Guinness Records
10.00	News in English
10.10	Moner Mukerjy
11.10	The Girl From Tomorrow
11.40	Wild Life On One
12.15	Closing
Evening Session	
3.00	Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
3.10	Triptatik Path
3.15	Cartoon Film: The Return of Doctanion
3.40	Movie of the Week: Mackenna's Gold
5.10	News in Bangla
6.20	Sports programme
7.05	Malancha
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
9.00	Drishitikon
10.00	News in English
10.30	L.A Law
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Saturday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

Weather

No change in night temperature

By Staff Correspondent
Rain or shower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhalia and Chittagong and weather remains mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday). The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country. The maximum temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was reported from Feni and Comilla yesterday (Thursday) and the minimum of 16.2 degree was reported from Ishurdi. The sun sets today Friday at 5.16 pm and rises tomorrow Saturday at 6.08 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.2	20.5	66	55
Chittagong	31.5	22.8	75	33
Rajshahi	31.7	16.7	62	80
Khulna	31.5	20.5	73	77
Cox's Bazar	30.4	22.8	77	82
Sylhet	32.0	22.0	80	80
Dinajpur	30.8	16.6	74	76
Barisal	32.0	29.0	73	83

Construction of bridge over Karotoa assured

State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal Thursday assured the House that the government plans to begin construction work on the proposed bridge over Karotoa river near Debiganj in Panchagarh, reports UNB. Speaking on a resolution moved by CPB member Mozahar Hossain, the State Minister said a team from Roads and Highways department will soon visit the site to make survey on the bridge and the construction will start immediately after mobilisation of required fund. The bridge on Karotoa near Debiganj would start in the current financial year. Mozahar Hossain withdrew his resolution following the firm assurance of the minister. **Rice procurement drive to be launched** The government has decided to launch an extensive rice procurement drive in the coming Aman season in the districts with surplus production of paddy to ensure fair price for the farmers, reports BSS. The rice will be purchased directly from the interested sellers through tender in the food godowns of the Ministry of Food situated in those districts. All arrangements related to reception and submission of tender locally have been completed. Interested rice dealers and rice mills owners have been requested to contact local thana and District Food Controllers, Regional Food Controllers' offices and Food Directorate in Dhaka.

Fazlur Rahman told the House that Taka 130 crore has been earmarked for construction of roads during the current fiscal year but said that shortage of funds was the main problem for construction of the new roads, bridges and culverts. He said Taka 7,000 crore was needed for fulfilling the demands of the members of parliament regarding repair or construction of roads, bridges and culverts in their respective constituencies. However, the State Minister assured that construction of

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ব্যাক প্রবান কার্যালয়ের জন্য প্রকৌশলী (পুরকৌশল) প্রয়োজন। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা স্নাতক (পুরকৌশল)। বয়স সর্বোচ্চ পঁয়ত্রিশ বছর। প্রার্থীর সার্বজনিকভাবে ঘাট পর্ষায়ে কাজ করার মানসিকতা থাকতে হবে। বেতন সর্বমোট মাসিক ৪০০০ টাকা। ঘাট পর্ষায়ে কাজ করার জন্য প্রতিদিন ৩০ টাকা হারে বিশেষ ভাতা এক নিশ্চরায় থাকার ব্যবস্থা থাকবে। শিক্ষানবিশ হিসেবে প্রার্থীকে এক বছর কাজ করতে হবে। চাকরিতে স্থায়ী হলে গ্র্যাডুইট, প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড ও ইন্সিওরেন্সের সুবিধা পাবেন। আগামী ১৯ নভেম্বর ১৯৯২-এর মধ্যে পূর্ণাঙ্গা জীবনবৃত্তান্ত, মূল সনদপত্রের ফটোকপি ও এক কপি ছবিসহ কথী ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, ব্যাক ৬৬ মহালা, ঢাকা ১২১২, এই ঠিকানায় আবেদন করুন। নামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

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