

Dhaka Day by Day

Fortune Does Not Smile on Him

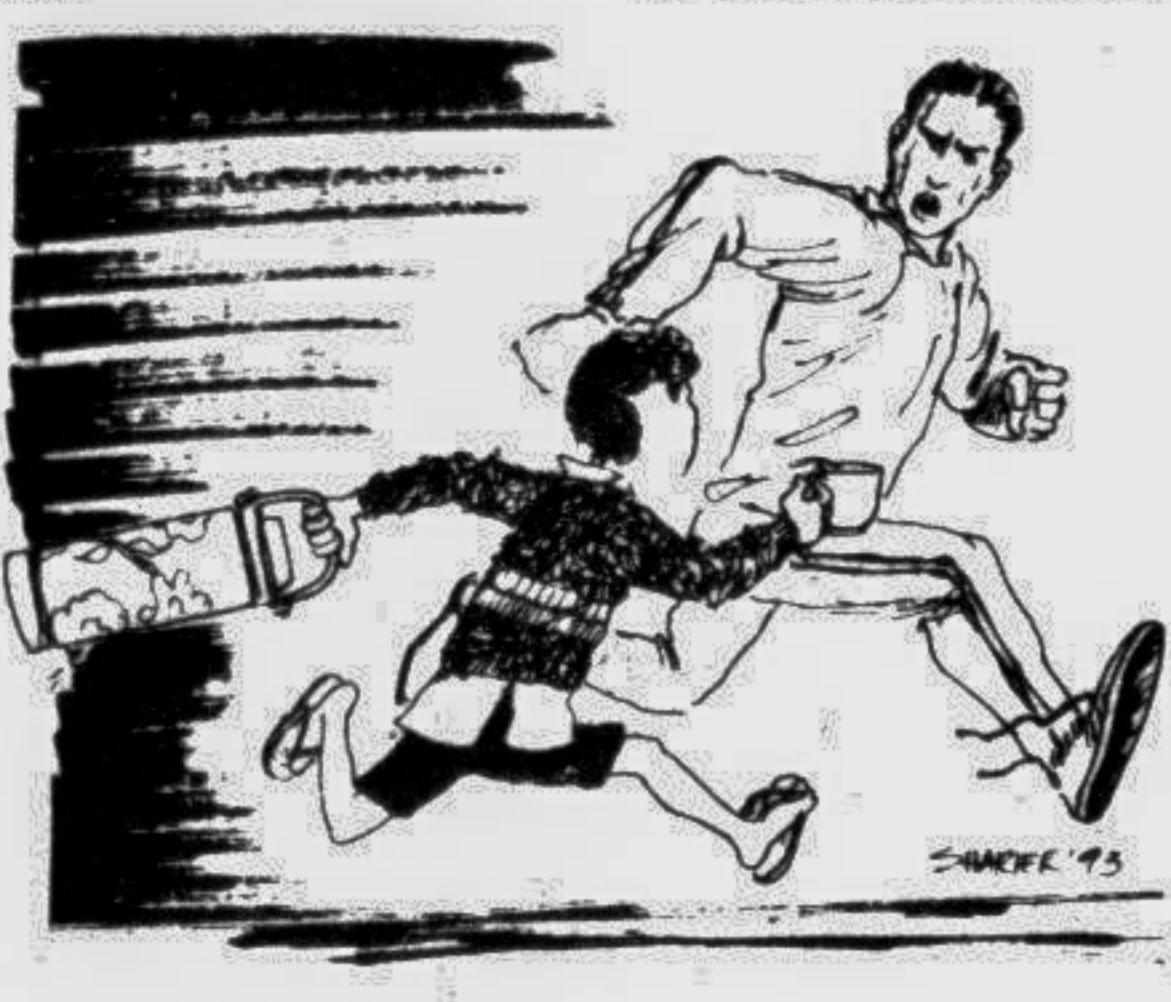
by Md Rezaul Haque

In a time when most of us are in deep slumber, dreaming away all the impossible, some plod across the rather lonely city-streets with purpose of their own kind.

him to improve the situation to which he answered, 'within a month or two I am going to take up a car-cleaning job at the garage my father is currently employed in.

Zasim's ambition only extends to a garage-job. Given the privilege, he could have, also, made a fine school-boy emulating many of his classmates.

Mohammed Zasi-muddin, a teenager of around fifteen, cruises along the city-streets with a heavy-duty flask in one hand and a small bucket half-filled with water in the other.



Till 11 pm he ferries tea here and there in the crowded place for the interested consumers who are of different kinds - weary rickshaw-pullers, evening-walkers, shop-keepers or some other street-vendors etc.

Cruising along Dhaka streets at night is not at all a healthy practice for obvious reasons - that is known to every Dhakaites. So, Zasim must be brave. But, as it seems, fortune does not smile on the brave; what matters is money, that we all know of in our society.

When asked if he thinks about the going to his village his honest confession was, 'No, I don't'. In reference to the law and order situation when he was asked if mastans extend their generosity to him, he answered, 'Only once. They took whatever little I had in my pocket. And another time, I was pick-pocketed in a crowded place.'

Asked if he had heard about the name of Poet Zasi-muddin and Sojan Badier Ghat, he answered, surprisingly in the positive. Then added 'I heard the story of Sojan Badier Ghat in my childhood. When asked if he knew why the poet was famous, he answered with hesitation, 'He has written many folk songs. That he knows this much about the famous 'palli kabi', was unexpected and surprised us all.

Zasim a native of Comilla came to Dhaka two years back. He stays with his father here who guards a garage at Tk 1200 per month. His mother stays home in Comilla along with his school-going younger brother and two sisters. With their income, the family can hardly make both ends meet. So it was forced upon



Artist S M Sultan addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 3rd International Gold Leaf Short Film Festival at the Public Library auditorium yesterday. Also in the picture (from right): Indian Film maker Buddhadev Das Gupta, Sayeed Ahmed and Golam Mostafa. - Star photo

Customs seize gold worth Tk 23.7 cr The customs authorities yesterday while replying to Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim of Awami League. Replying to AM Riasat Ali of Jamaat-e-Islami, the Minister said Taka 2.86 crore was reallocated as import duty on radio, television and electronic goods

What's on today . . .

Short film festival seminar

As part of the 3rd International Gold Leaf Short Film Festival, Dhaka, a two-day long international seminar will be held today (Friday) at the auditorium of National Museum beginning at 3.30 pm.

Institute of Architects

The biennial general meeting of Bangladesh Institute of Architects will be held today Friday at the auditorium of BUET at 10.30 am.

Meena Bazar

Women's Voluntary Association has organised a meena bazar today Friday at Gulshan Shishu Park from 11 am to 5 pm.

Kendrio Khelaghar Asar

The Kendrio Khelaghar Asar has taken up a three-day festival of the children and juveniles to mark 40 years of the organisation.

French, German embassies joint ceremony

The embassies of France and Germany here will hold a function today (Friday) to mark the 30th anniversary of signing of the Franco-German Treaty of Cooperation.

Seminar on Palestine

A seminar on 'Past, Present and Future of Palestine' will be held today (Friday) at the Academy for Planning and Development, Nilkhet at 10 am.

Tribute to M R Chowdhury, a veteran forester

By Abdul Malik Chowdhury

I came in contact with Mattur Rahman Chowdhury, who passed away in London recently as a classmate in M C College, Sylhet and soon we became friends. Later we were also colleagues in Forest Service. A serious personality, apparently reserved, Mattur Rahman would open up in close company with his concern for others and he reserved his wit and humour for the intimates only.



Mattur Rahman, hailing from village Buddhimantapur in Moulvibazar district was born on the first day of 1926 and expired on December 11, last year in London, after a heart bypass operation. He studied in Government High School, Sylhet; M C College, Presidency College in Calcutta and Calcutta University, where he left records of distinguished performances.

Whilst an M. Sc. student in Botany he was selected for Forest Service in Assam in the then India and he commenced education in Forestry in the Indian Forest College in Dehradun in 1947 prior to partition of India. He completed Forestry education in the Pakistan Forest College with Curie Award for distinction and joined the Superior Forest Service in then East Pakistan in 1949.

Weather

Cold wave may continue

Dry weather with clear sky will prevail over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday) while night temperature is likely to fall by about one degree Celsius.

The Met office forecasts mild to moderate cold wave will continue for another 48 hours. The met office adds: night temperature may rise after two days. The minimum temperature of 5.5 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur and Rajshahi yesterday (Thursday) and the maximum of 26.5 degree was reported from Kutubdia.

Table with 3 columns: Cities/Towns, Temperature in degree Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in Percentage (9am, 6pm). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Dinajpur.

Advertisement for 'short film as alternative cinema' 3RD INTERNATIONAL GOLD LEAF SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, DHAKA January 21-29, 1993. Central Public Library Auditorium, Shahbag. Daily at 11 am, 3 pm, 5 pm & 7 pm.

University of Rajshahi WANTED Advertisement No 08/93 Dated: 17-01-1993. Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for 1 (one) permanent post of Professor in the Department of Mathematics. SCALE OF PAY: Tk. 7800-200-9000/- plus usual allowances.

BTV Friday Morning Session: 8:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Program summary. 8:10 News in Bangla. 8:15 Alor Dishary. 8:40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 9:00 Sports World. 9:30 Comedy show: Candid Camera. 10:05 Drama series: Sangsaptak. 11:25 Shikkhya Dikhhya. 11:30 Children's drama series: The Girl from tomorrow Closing. Evening Session: 3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Program summary. 3:15 Cartoon: The Return of the Dogtanium. 3:40 Full length Bangla film. 5:25 Sports programme: Sangeeta. 7:05 News in Bangla. 8:30 Comedy show: Perfect strangers. 9:00 Magazine programme: Ittadi. 10:00 News in English. 10:30 Film: LA Law. 11:30 Khabar/ The News. 11:45 Closing.

Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina addressing the 40th founding anniversary programme of 'Khelaghar' at the Shishu Academy auditorium yesterday. Poet Sufia Kamal and Panna Kaiser also seen. Story on Page 1. - Star photo

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