

Dhaka Day by Day

We Ants do Borrow and we Ants do Lend

by Fayza Haq

There are a number of libraries scattered throughout the length and breadth of Dhaka. Yet friends, acquaintances, and relatives, have the repeated complaints in the metropolis, that once you lend a book, you might as well have kissed it "goodbye".

There are mumbblings and grumbblings from various points of the city, about how you need a shovel to rake back books and magazines, once they have been lent.

A friend of mine once told me how he was invited to see his cousin's grandiose collection of books. "I'm too busy with my office schedules, and have no time for for socialising," the same friend said, trying to avoid the requested visit. However, he was coaxed and coaxed with "smart Alec" talk and endless flattery.

On visiting the said personal library, this absent-minded friend of mine, found the entire library stacked with books, which he himself had earlier lent his relative. He suppressed his surprise, and in his inimitable manner, lauded his cousin, as he thought it only befitting at that juncture.

A cousin of mine, once, bitterly complained to me of how she had lent her books to her friends and relatives; and had a fairly difficult time in pressuring these same persons to return the borrowed books on English literature and linguistics.

"I have coached these friends of mine, flying from London, during my occasional visits to Dhaka. I have gone with them to Old Dhaka to rummage through, and rampaged my other friends' collections. When it comes to borrowing, they 'sweet talk' you and fill their own shelves. They borrow books that your relatives have sent you from overseas, at a fairly heavy expenditure. I have even had to coax my younger cousins to tutor the same friends. Can you imagine in what a towering temper I get into, when I fly home to have a respite, and find my precious books missing!" she lamented.

The same applies to the magazines which I have treasured over the years. Whenever I need

them, I find them missing, and do not find it amusing at all. There is a 'giddy' limit to borrowing and lending," the cousin, now living for a while at Naya Paltan, carried on with her understandable tirade.

A friend, who lives at Paribagh, was flustered about the condition of her personal library. "My children lend books to one and sundry. I have to apply the 'Spanish Inquisition' to try to trace out any information about the leather bound books. I have treasured over the years, and bought with my hard-earned money. I understand that Shimu and Bilwal cannot refuse anyone. They feel shy to ask their friends to return

the books, once they have been lent. Yet, I cannot quite comprehend the situation. There is the Bangla Academy, the British Council, the Goethe Institut, the Alliance Francaise, and the USIS libraries, not to mention the other ones, such as the National Library, the one at Satmasjid Road, Dhanmandi, and the one near the 'Petro Bangla'. Why can't these young ones rely on their own school, college or university libraries? Why must they invade my privacy, without my knowledge or permission? I am flummoxed, I must admit," she poured out her problems about the control of her personal books.

"I can understand only too well why my one-trusted 'comrade in arms' refused to lend me his 'Chamber's Dictionary' for only one evening," commented an acquaintance of mine from Lake Circus, the other day. "When I find my G.B. Shaw books and Shakespeare anthologies decorating the shelves of my own friends, living at Circular Road and Purana Paltan, how can I blame my friend for refusing his treasured dictionary? I only wish there were 'circulating libraries', as mentioned by Jane Austen, years ago," he added.

When I have known people from overseas, with their suavity and culture, to have performed in the same manner, how can I blame the Dhakites for what even the more sophisticated people have done?"



Awami League meeting in the city following yesterday's 6-hour hartal. Story on page 1. — Star photo

President for adhering to teachings of Islam

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the need for adhering to the teachings of Islam in the day-to-day life being inspired with the ideals of our Great Prophet (Sm), reports BSS.

He said the solution of manifold problems faced by the Muslims could only be possible through ensuring the equality and brotherhood of Islamic spirit. The President was addressing a huge religious gathering at the Rajbari ground of Gazipur. Organised jointly by the Gazipur local administration and Gazipur Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan, former State Minister Chowdhury Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqui, Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Abdul Awal and DG of Islamic Foundation M. Monsurul Hoq Khan.

Deputy Commissioner, Gazipur, Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman presided over the function. President Biswas said the Holy Quran and the Hadith are the basic guidelines for the human being and help them in building their moral character.

He said "Biday Hajj" of our Great Prophet had given the guidance in conducting human and social life with justice.

He said, peace is the prerequisite for the development of a society and Islam as a religion always believes in peace and harmony to make the life meaningful and glorified.

Referring to the children, the President said they are the future of the nation and they should be brought up in an atmosphere to acquire human qualities as taught by Islam.

He said Islam teaches us equality and justice and tolerance to other religions.

President Biswas said the message of peace of Islam nowadays should be the basis of resolving problems faced by the society.

Paying tributes to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman he said his vision for the country would inspire the posterity for the dedication to the nation.

He said the children should be given proper knowledge to build their character with the spirit of resisting the alien culture and help enrich own culture and tradition.

President Biswas recalled the sacrifices of the martyrs of our War of Independence and said the future generations should be inspired with their supreme sacrifice and patriotism.

One gets 17-yr RI for keeping illegal arms

A special tribunal court Monday sentenced a young man to 17 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing illegal arms, reports UNB.

Additional Sessions Judge Abdul Gaffur found guilty Kamruzzaman Roni (27), and convicted him under the Arms Act.

According to the prosecution, police arrested Roni from Mohammapur area after a hot chase and recovered from him a pipe gun with ammunition.

The court examined six witnesses and heard both sides before announcing the judgement.

Seminar on Adarsha Gram held

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day seminar on case studies on Adarsha Gram (ideal village) was held at the BARC auditorium, Farmgate on January 20 and 21.

The conference organised by the Adarsha Gram Project under Ministry of Land was attended by the Minister for Agriculture Major General (rtd) M Majid-ul Haq as the chief guest.

State Minister for Land Md. Kabir Hossain was the guest of honour in the opening ceremony while CEC Ambassador in Bangladesh J. Bailly attended as the special guest.



- Wednesday**
- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
 - 5.15 News in Bangla
 - 5.25 Sports programme
 - 6.00 Samachar
 - 6.30 Open University
 - 7.05 Nibedan
 - 9.00 Film show: The Fall Guy
 - 10.00 News in English
 - 10.30 Mukhomukhi
 - 11.30 Khabar/The News
 - 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary
 - 11:45 Closing

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Help Wanted
Md. Mustafizur Rahman of Vill: Sikarpur, Daskminpara, P.O.: Nimsar Bazar, P. S: Burichang, Dist:-Comilla, is a young College student suffering from Vival-B (Liver cirrosis). He is under treatment at P. G. Hospital. For his treatment, he needs about one and a half lac taka. For his poor brother, it is impossible to bear this huge expense. His brother requests philanthropic agencies or any individual for generous help to save the life of this young man.
Donations may be sent to following address: Md. Mujibur Rahman, Tel:- 406026, Saving Account No. 6612 (37), Sonali Bank, Kakrail Branch, Dhaka.
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What's on today . . .

Seminar on 'Investment Promotion'
A five-day regional seminar on 'Investment Promotion and Enhancement of the Role of Private Sector in Asia and the Pacific' begins here today (Wednesday) at 9 am. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is scheduled to inaugurate the seminar at the NEC building in the Ministry of Planning. It has jointly been organised by the government, ESCAP and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

BARC Workshop
A two-day national workshop organised jointly by Rural Social Science Network (RSSN), Winrock International (WI) and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) on 'Challenges of Rural Poverty by the Year 2010' will begin today (Wednesday) at 9.00 am at the BARC auditorium. Professor Enajuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University, will inaugurate the workshop as chief guest and A N M Eusuf, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture will be present as special guest.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of a book 'Gangabandhu Sheikh Mujibke Ghirya Kichhu Ghatana O Bangladesh' written by Dr M A Wazed Mia will be held today (Wednesday) at the National Museum auditorium at 3 pm. Scientist and educationist M Innas Ali will preside over the function while Speaker of the Parliament Shaikh Razzak Ali will attend as chief guest. Ataus Samad, Justice K M Sobhan, Professor Muntazir Mamun, and Professor Anisuzzaman will also be present.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Wednesday) at ICDDR,B auditorium at 5.30 pm. Rotarian Azizul Haq will speak on 'Rotary Foundation' as guest speaker.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 23, Green Road at 5.30 pm.

Weather

Night temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent
The prevailing mild to moderate cold wave over the country is likely to continue for another 36 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday). The met office forecasts dry weather with clear sky will prevail over the country while the night temperature is likely to rise by about one degree Celsius. The minimum temperature of 5.2 degree Celsius was reported from Ishurdi yesterday (Tuesday) and the maximum of 25.8 degree was reported from Jessore and Satkhira. The sun sets today at 5.42 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.42 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	23.6	8.5	68	59
Chittagong	23.5	10.7	80	50
Rajshahi	23.6	5.5	72	64
Khulna	25.3	8.0	63	68
Buraid	24.4	8.2	70	68
Cox's Bazar	24.5	11.5	71	50
Sylhet	22.8	10.3	86	69
Dinajpur	21.7	7.5	91	72
Ishurdi	24.0	5.2	76	61

Menon visits BSS office
Rashed Khan Menon, MP, yesterday evening visited the office of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and spent some time with the journalist, staff members of the agency, reports BSS.
Khan, who is the Secretary General of the Workers Party, exchanged greetings with the BSS staff members

BNP's election pledges to be fulfilled in phases: Lutfor
State Minister for Relief Lutfor Rahman Khan yesterday said the present government believes in the sovereignty of the people and as such all the programmes of this government were aimed at serving their interest, reports BSS.
He was addressing public gatherings at Bazipur, Enayetur and Tangal town.
The State Minister said BNP did not believe in the politics of giving bluff like other opposition parties but believe in the politics of development and welfare of the people.
Recalling BNP's election commitments, the State Minister said, the government had already fulfilled many of the pledges would be implemented in phases.
Speaking about the forthcoming Poursava election, the State Minister said all necessary measures had been taken to hold a free, fair and smooth election. He urged the people to elect honest, sincere and patriot candidates in the election for ensuring local development, establishing social justice and sustaining democratic process.
The meetings were also addressed by a number of local BNP leaders.
Earlier, the State Minister inaugurated, the construction work of 140 feet long Kagmari bridge over the river Lulshajang.
Roads and Highways department is constructing the bridge at a cost of Tk 37 lakh.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD E/M Division-V
Dhaka
Notice Inviting Tender
Memo No SA-NA/1789 Dated: 11-1-93 Eng/28-9-99 Bang
Sealed cover tenders are hereby invited from PWD Special 1st Class/Class-III, E/M Contractors those have got valid ABC/BC contractor and supervisory Licence from Bangladesh Licensing Board of the Bangladesh Form No. 2911 for the undermentioned work. The Tender papers will be received by the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Divn. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Workshop Divn, Wood Work-shop Divn and PWD Eden Bldgs Divn, Dhaka up to 12 Noon on 3-2-93 and opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representative (who may like to remain present). The tender paper will be available in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD, E/M Division 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/Workshop Divn/Work Workshop Divn and PWD Edn Bldg Divn Dhaka on cash payment as usual charges (Non-refundable). 2% (Two) Earnest Money of the estimated cost to be submitted along with the tender, in favour of Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division No. V, Dhaka through Bank Draft/Pay Order/SDR/CD from any scheduled Bank approved by the Bangladesh Bank. Authority have got right to accept any tender or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. The contractor or their authorised person can purchase tender papers after showing the contractor registration book and other documents. The last date of selling tender papers is on 2-2-93.

S/No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time allowed
1	Replacement of existing damaged ordinary light & single tube light fittings in the different office rooms of Supreme Court Bar Association Building, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.	Tk 3,74,748/-	2% of the estimated cost	3 (three) months.

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Dhaka WASA Tender Notice
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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors of Dhaka WASA for the undermentioned works:

S/No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date & Time of receiving tender
1.	Reconstruction of WASA Staff Quarters at Aga Masih Lane.	Taka 2,75,197/-	1-2-93 upto 12 Noon
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3.	Repair & Maintenance work of Motijheel WASA Kriya Parishad Club House	Taka 38,650/-	-Do-

Tenders will be opened on the same day of receiving tenders at 12:30 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives. Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed description will be available at the office of the undersigned.
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