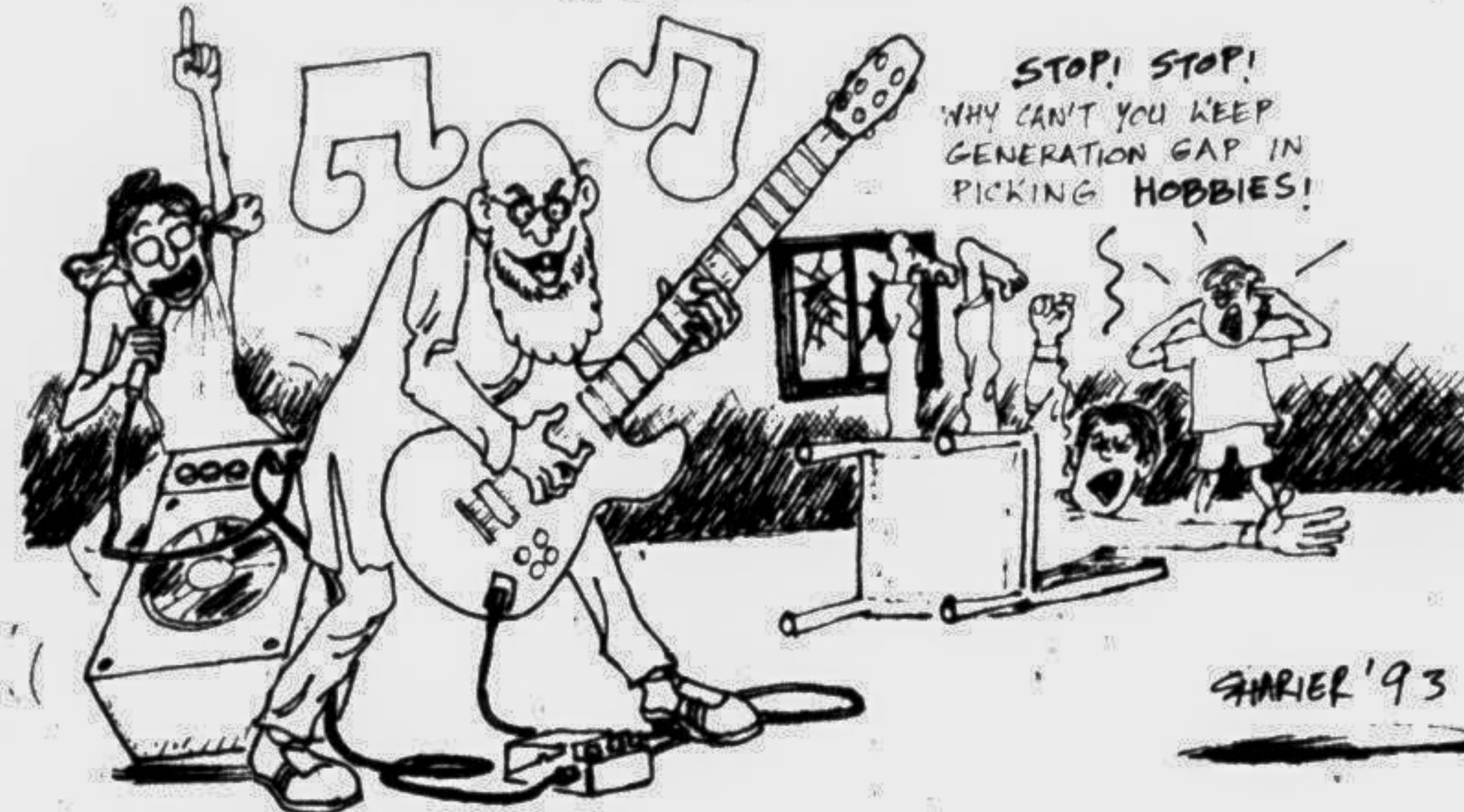


Dhaka Day by Day

The Pleasure of Being a Non-expert

By A S M Nurunnabi



In this age of specialisation, we are all affected by a tendency to exert ourselves to be master of things we do. I have nothing against self-improvement. Ambition, drive and the desire to excel are admirable within limits. But it is not an easy thing to determine where the limits are. I know people who avoid activities they might enjoy because they have not time or energy to tackle them "seriously." Thus they lose some aspects of life which can otherwise be made interesting.

Unfortunately, doing things badly has gone out of style. It used to be a mark of style if a lady or gentlemen sang a little, painted a little, played the violin a little. You didn't have to be good at it. But in today's competitive world, it seems as if we have to be experts — even in our hobbies. We used to do these things for fun or simply to relax. Now the competition you face in your hobbies is likely to be as bad as anything you run into on the job.

I have a friend who always wanted to learn a foreign language. For years he has complained that he hadn't the time to make a beginning with it. It was pointed out to him that there are many facilities available in the city for learning a foreign language at a convenient time. But he could not bring himself to make a start with it. Perhaps he harbours an ambition to master the language within a short time rather than make slow-paced progress. This over-ambition apparently holds him back.

Not that there are no exceptions. The exceptions are, however, few. At a music school which my young son attends, I found an old man in his late fifties enrolled as a student for learning guitar playing. I was curious and asked him one day what had led him to take to learning guitar so late in life. With an amused

smile he replied that he wanted an escape from boredom. Even if he should fail ultimately to learn the thing well enough, he would be happy that the efforts he made to learn it kept him busy at a thing he liked. Incidentally he is a retired person with a lot of time on his hands.

This shows that a man's motive is inexplicable in certain things. While some persons hesitate to take up a particular pastime or hobby on some excuse or other, there are also some persons who do not hesitate to plunge into any new venture. The bottom line in this respect is that one has to have zest for life. A strange aspect of the whole thing is that those who throw themselves heart and soul into the areas of their interest, irrespective of their age, do not bother themselves with what others think of their ventures. The key points are that they have the faculty to enjoy themselves and the mental strength to withstand adverse opinion of others.

Those who have a penchant for doing things in a perfect way have their own nation of perfection. Sometimes it may lead them to ludicrous lengths. Take the case of the daughter of my acquaintance who feels restive in the examination hall until she is satisfied with her answers after several revisions. The exercise takes up a substantial part of her limited time. With the result that she fails to attempt other questions for shortage of time and makes a poor show.

I think we should put a stop to all this right now and each of us should take a vow to take up something new without loss of time and make sure that we never master it. The point is to enjoy being a beginner again to rediscover the pleasure of creative fooling around.

New scheme to provide financial incentive to dairy farms

The government has introduced a new scheme to provide financial incentive to the small and middle size dairy farms in the country, reports UNB.

The scheme has been undertaken to encourage the private sector to establish more and more dairy farms, increase self-employment opportunities and save huge quantity of foreign exchange by minimising the import of powdered milk.

It will be run through the Bangladesh Krishi Bank and Rajshahi Krishi Unnyan Bank under the direct supervision of the directorate of Livestock, an official handout said yesterday.

Under the scheme, financial benefit will be given for

five to ten improved varieties of cows at a farm at the rate of 25 per cent and for 11 to 20 cows at the rate of 20 per cent and the price of each cow will be fixed at Tk 25,000. One farm will enjoy this benefit maximum for 20 cows and they should not be sold out within one year.

The dairy farm has to be enlisted with the Livestock Department and after completion of one year following the enlistment, the farm will be eligible for this benefit. Later, insurance scheme ought to be taken for the cows and they cannot be sold out within one year.

The improved varieties of cows necessary for getting this financial benefit include Fri-

sian, Frisian cross, Shaiwal, Shahtwal cross, Frisan Shahtwal cross, AFS and AFS cross of improved local variety of cows.

A six-member committee has been formed at the district level with Deputy Commissioner as the Chairman and District Livestock officer as Member-Secretary for speedy implementation of the scheme of providing financial incentive to the dairy farms in private sector.

The other members of the committee are District Fisheries Officer, District Assistant Director (Agriculture), representative of district dairy farms owners association and manager of the district branch of the bank concerned.

'Bumper harvest proves success of canal-digging'

The Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mirza Gholam Hafiz, yesterday visited Daribhija Canal site at Rajarhat under Jaldhaka Thana of Nilphamari district to see the progress of re-excavation work, reports BSS.

The project, official informed the Minister that one mile long canal, after it had been re-excavated would create irrigation facilities for an additional four thousand acres of crop land. It would benefit directly about fifty thousand

families in the locality. Addressing a spontaneous gathering of cross section of local people, Mirza Hafiz asserted that the bumper harvest this year proved the justification of canal excavation and re-excavation programme reintroduced by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

He called upon all irrespective of political affiliation or opinion to help implement the programme for increasing growth and productivity.

Fire breaks out in Bandarban: 24 houses gutted

CHITTAGONG, Mar 13: Twenty four houses including four shops were gutted in a fire which broke out at Malipara of Bandarban Hill District this afternoon, reports BSS.

According to an official source here, the fire originated from an oven in one of the houses.

The loss on account of the fire was estimated at over Taka one lakh.



State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman seen giving away zakat clothes to the poor deaf and mute at a function organised by the Dhaka Deaf Sports Association in its Bijoynagar office premises in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Loan distribution drive launched in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Mar 13: The Rajshahi unit of Jatiya Mahila Sangstha today launched a programme of loan distribution among the women to support them in self-employment activities, reports BSS.

The objective of the programme is to make the unemployed women self-reliant. Rajshahi unit of Jatiya Mahila Sangstha chairperson, Begum Rahmatunnesa presided over the function at which two women's institu-

tions were provided loans under the primary phase of the project.

About two thousand women have been given training on self-employment activities in Rajshahi by Jatiya Mahila Sangstha so far.

Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Mohammad Saifuzzaman also spoke at the function.

Special Rly services for Eid

Bangladesh Railway will run special trains on March 22, 23 and 24 to facilitate the home-bound Eid passengers, reports BSS.

On March 22, 23 and 24 one special train each between Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Noakhali, Chittagong-Dhaka and Chittagong-Noakhali will ply. All these special trains will leave for destination at 11-40 pm.

Apart from these, railway will also run one pair of additional inter-city Upakul between Dhaka and Noakhali on March 23 and 24.

Sarwari gives clothes among handicapped

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman yesterday distributed clothes as zakat among 106 poor handicapped people with hearing impairment, reports UNB.

Organised by Dhaka Deaf Sports Association (DDSA) Sarwari Rahman distributed the zakat clothes—sari, lungi, towel, blanket and soap among the poor.

Speaking on the occasion Sarwari Rahman said people with hearing problem are not a burden to the society. They can contribute in the development activities of the country with adequate training, she added.

Vice President of Bangladesh National Deaf Organisation, Monjur Ahmed and Fazle Elahi Khan and Khaleda Nasim of the Association were present on the occasion.

3 sentenced to 5 yrs RI under Anti-terrorism Act in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 13: Anti-terrorism Tribunal Judge Abu Bakar Siddiqui here today sentenced three persons to five years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka five thousand each, in default to suffer two years more RI on charge of terrorist activities, reports BSS.

JS body on information visits BTV

The members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Ministry yesterday visited different sections of Bangladesh Television here and saw for themselves its activities, reports BSS.

Earlier, the member of the committee held a meeting at the TV Bhaban with Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda in the chair.

Director General of Bangladesh Television explained the broadcasting activities of the television, particularly different aspects of information, recreation and educational programmes. They exchanged views on development of administrative management and technological improvement and programmes.

BNP members Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, ATM Wali Ashraf, Md Golam Rabbani and Begum KG Hamida Khanam, Awami League members Mohiuddin Ahmed, Abul Kalam Azad, Jatiya Party member Md Jotunul Abedin Sarkar and Jamaat member Mufti Moulana Abdus Sattar were present on the occasion.

Dacoits kill 2 in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 13: Two persons were killed and ten others injured in two separate dacoities committed at Horenkholia of Kutakhali union under Chakaria thana here last night, reports BSS.

According to Chakaria police today, a group of armed dacoits numbering 12 entered the house of one Mohammad Kalu last night. When Kalu intercepted the dacoits they shot him dead and beat other family members. Later they fled away with valuables.

The dacoits also entered a nearby house of one Habibur Rahman on way to their return.

CU Independence Day programmes

CHITTAGONG, Mar 13: University of Chittagong has taken up elaborate programmes to observe the forthcoming Independence Day, reports BSS.

A meeting in this connection was held today at the office of Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of the university under his chairmanship, a university press release said.

Muslim League hails signing of Afghan Peace Pact

A meeting of the Convening Committee of Bangladesh Muslim League (United) yesterday hailed the signing of Afghan Peace Pact in Holy Makkah and expressed the hope that following the agreement permanent peace would be restored in trouble-torn Afghanistan, reports BSS.

The meeting congratulated King Fahd Bin Abdul Azz of Saudi Arabia and the Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawaz Sharif for their commendable role in reaching the agreement.

The meeting expressed its deep concern over the loss of valuable lives and properties in severe bomb explosions in Bombay and termed it as a part of conspiracy to disrupt communal harmony there.

In a resolution the meeting called upon the government to create a "one thousand crore Taka fund" to give 25 per cent profit over the production cost to give incentive to the country's peasantry so that self-sufficiency in food could be achieved.

The meeting called upon the government to withdraw all black laws including the Special Powers Act to make the future of democracy consolidated and welfare-oriented. It also expressed deep concern over the deterioration of law and order situation in the country and called upon the government to take appropriate measures for the restoration of peace and discipline in the society.



Sunday

5:00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Cartoon: Tom the Nasty Cat
5:50	Mah-e-Ramdan, Haam'd and Nas't
6:30	Open University
7:05	Tagore songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Probaho
9:00	Film Show: The Wizard
10:00	News in English
10:30	Khawar Chanda
11:30	Khawar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent
Rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur over the regions of Dhaka, Mymensingh, Tangail, Comilla, Sylhet and weather is likely to remain dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country 36.8 degree Celsius and minimum 15.0 degree Celsius were both reported from Rajshahi yesterday (Saturday).

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.07 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	34.1	21.5	72	48
Chittagong	28.7	21.2	83	83
Rajshahi	36.8	15.0	49	28
Khulna	35.0	19.2	80	42
Bartsal	33.5	20.2	95	68
Cox's Bazar	29.0	20.5	83	80
Sylhet	31.5	18.3	67	49
Rangpur	32.9	16.1	60	52

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Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain addressing the high officials of PDB at a review meeting on revenue collection at the WAPDA building yesterday.

PDB collects Tk 778 cr as revenue

The withdrawal of suspension on World Bank loan from the country's power sector is a recognition to better performance of the sector, reports BSS.

This was stated by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain while addressing senior officials of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) at WAPDA Building here.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Energy Secretary Mohammed Ali and Chairman of PDB Muhammad Fakur Razaque.

The Energy Minister said for development work we have to depend on foreign donors as we have our own resource constraints. He said we must continue our activities as we did during the last few months to achieve the target of the action plan which will encourage foreign investors in the power sector.

The Minister observed that commercial operation procedure must be fully implemented and collection drive must also be intensified.

He said that for the overall development of the country, expansion of the power sector is indispensable. "We have to prepare pragmatic development schemes to meet the need of the time," he added.

The Minister was informed in the meeting that PDB collected about Tk 778 crore as revenue during the last eight months.

Lost

My International Passport No H663056 has been lost on 27/2/93. Ramna thana GD No 797, dated 13/3/93.

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The containerised cargo ex. M.V. ANRO AUSTRALIA V-41N from Adelaide, Melbourne, ex. M. V. TEXAS V-2304 from Melbourne, ex. M. V. OCEAN SIRIUS V-49B from Karachi, ex. M. V. NEW OASIS V-47167 from Busan, Kobe, Keelung, ex. M. V. DRESDEN EXPRESS V-097307 from Hongkong, ex. M. V. KITANO V-17/405 from Rotterdam, ex. M. V. FRANKFURT EXPRESS V-96/205 from Southampton, ex. M. V. A. MIRACLE V-15072 from Nagoya, ex. M. V. CALIFORNIA VENUS V-70406 from La-Spezia, ex. M. V. CALIFORNIA APOLLO V-43166 from Keelung have been relayed to M. V. NGS EXPRESS V-1293, Imp. Rot. No. 175/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 14-3-93 from Singapore.

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