

Dhaka Day by Day

The Essential Barber

by Parveen Anam

The female of the Dhakaite likes her hair in place and her regular manicure. By professionals. Fair enough. It is marvellous to step out to meet the world well groomed and well manicured. A 'facial', as the well-versed will inform you, does wonders for your looks and your morale. And the hair being the adornment for your otherwise demure demeanour, certainly benefits from a regular visit to the hair-dresser, who can manage your unmanageable mane within minutes.

The fair sex is of course not the only privileged gender. The men are not to be outdone and certainly not the all mighty Dhaka male. A certain group of distinguished personalities might think it their birth right to avail of the air-conditioned beauty parlours dotting the elite parts of the city but the not-so-privileged are hardly inclined to be beaten in the race for maintaining an attractive look by their more advantaged brethren. A look around at the roadside, as one drives past in airconditioned comfort to an airconditioned office, in the heat of the day bears testimony to this fact.

At regular intervals on the pavement, (alas, where else?) the little improvised little hair-dressers, complete with their kit and queue of customers, are a delightful sight, fascinating for the more discerning amongst us. Ricketty benches line the 'barber' shop, as it is lovingly called by the not so 'elite'. And on these little benches, sitting patiently for the earlier customer to finish, sit the people who comprise this city of ours.

And there in full view of all who care to see

or watch or turn their heads to look, demurely sits the 'customer' all lathered with a towel which has seen better days, wrapped dutifully round his neck. The 'barber' deftly kips his brush into a pot of hot water, competently dabs some laundry soap onto the face, works up a lather which is certainly the envy of all soap companies and proceeds with great gusto to

shave the beard and trim the eternal moustache of the Dhakaite. All the while of course engaged in lofty discourse on the 'citizenship' issue and the price of fish.

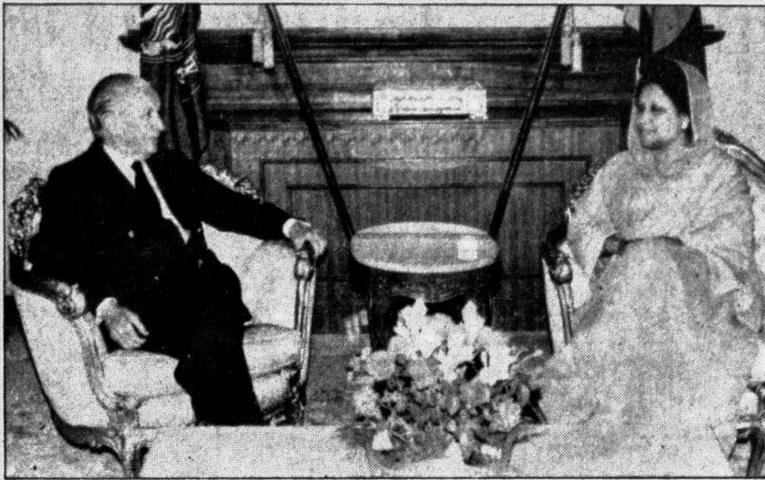
Barely finishing the shave, he proceeds to give the 'customer' his regular hair cut. It's a neat, no-nonsense style, where the last word is the 'barbers'. The customer actually does not have a choice, in most cases. Either he submits himself totally to the aesthetic finesse of his elegant roadside hair dresser, or he looks elsewhere for his haircut. In most cases the customer obliges; firstly because his needs are met for a sum he can afford but more importantly because he has been coming to this neighbourhood 'hairdresser' for as long as he can remember and like hairdressers all over the world he can share confidences with him, which he would balk at sharing elsewhere.

But if we look at it in its entirety, the pavement 'hairdresser' has a uniqueness all his own, and is so much apart of Dhaka and its surroundings that should they suddenly decide to pack up and leave one fine morning, the Dhakaite would be devastated. And his hair and beard would be dishevelled beyond recognition.



WAITA MINUTE!! YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW... CAN'T YOU SEE I'M USING YOUR BIKE'S MIRROR?

SMILE '93



The visiting President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo

18,000 new digital connections in city by Dec

Tariq asks T & T officials to eliminate corruption

Minister in charge of the Posts and Telecommunications Tariq Islam yesterday asked the T & T officials to eliminate corruption and improve service to telephone subscribers, reports UNB.

"Corruption should be reduced by any cost", Tariq Islam told the officials while speaking at a seminar held at Hotel Sheraton in observance of the World Telecommunication Day.

"I'm receiving innumerable complaints every day even from the ministers of inflated telephone bills and unsatisfactory service," added Tariq Islam who was entrusted with the charge of the Ministry as Karamat Ali as away from country.

The appeal from the Minister came in the wake of reports of widespread and deep seated corruption among telephone officials which so far evoked hardly any response from the government.

"Henceforth, we should commit ourselves that there will be no ghost calls, over-billing and under-billing.... We must improve the telecommunication service despite our

limitations," the Minister said. Tariq Islam said he is fully convinced that corruption could be eliminated and service improved through transparency in the administration, proper management and planning.

He said the present democratic government is accountable to the people. Its activities should be transparent to the people.

Telecommunication is a pre-condition for development and the government is trying to extend telecommunication facilities to every corner of the country, the Minister added. He said 60,000 digital telephone connections would be given in Dhaka and 30,000 in Chittagong shortly. Of them 18,000 digital connections would be given in Dhaka city by December.

Tariq Islam said 200 thanas have already brought under telecommunication facilities and the rest would be covered within the next year. About 200 card phones were operating in the country and 200 more would be set up within the next year. He said the coastal areas

would get priority in the future programme of expanding telecommunication facilities for improving signaling system. Micro ring system would be introduced in the country and communication facilities with foreign countries would be expanded, the Minister added.

Bangladesh Civil Service (Telecom) Samity organised the seminar on 'Telecommunication and Human Development' to mark the 25th World Telecommunication Day.

Posts and Telecommunications Secretary Dr AMM Shawkat Ali also spoke. Vice President of the Samity Siddique Ali Miah and General Manager of Dhaka Telecommunication Region MA Salam presented two papers on Telecommunications and Human Development and Prospect and Problem of Telecommunication in Bangladesh.

The Secretary stressed the need for introducing punishment and reward in T & T board to check corruption and improve services.

He said rate of telephone use is 0.002 per 100 people in Bangladesh, 0.5 in India, 0.8 in China and 0.5 in Indonesia.

HC declares certificate officer's order unlawful

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court division of the Supreme Court recently ruled that an order issued under Section 10(a) of the Public Demand Recovery Act of 1913, by the General Certificate Officer, Comilla, was done without lawful authority and as such has no legal consequence.

The ruling by a division bench comprising Justice A K M Sadeque and Justice Matnur Reza Chowdhury came after the hearing of a writ petition filed by Magnum Enterprise Ltd. of Dhaka with the General Certificate Officer, Comilla as the respondent.

Advocate Abdul Wadud Khandker, on behalf of the petitioner, submitted that the petitioner received a notice in November 1988 issued by the General Certificate Officer, Comilla in a certificate case demanding payment of Tk 45,84,646 being the claim of the Bangladesh Krishi Bank and another sum of Tk 15,016,50 towards expenses within 30 days of receipt of the notice.

Noting that the petitioner was not provided an opportunity to determine the dues as required under the provisions of the law, Advocate Khandker said that dues finally determined upon appeal and revision are recoverable under the Public Demand Recovery Act.

He submitted that the mere signature of the respondent bank in the requisition under Section 5 of the Act does not indicate that the amount was finally determined by any competent authority.

The court found that the amount claimed by the Krishi Bank in the requisition has been disputed by the petitioner and that the amount was

not determined in accordance with law.

The court observed that the certificate officer may file a certificate only after being 'satisfied' that the amount is 'due', ensuring that the amount claimed is admitted by the borrower or is determined by a competent authority.

The court also observed that the General Certificate Officer, Comilla acted 'mechanically' in filing the certificate under Section 10(a) of the Public Demand Recovery Act.

"The order of the certificate officer is arbitrary, repressive and violative of Article 31 of the Constitution," the court held. The court also found that Section 10 of the act, which was inserted in 1961 under martial law, completely deprives a debtor of any opportunity of a hearing and as such it is against the principle of natural justice and offends Articles 27 and 31 of the Constitution.

The court also delivered a similar judgement in another writ filed by M/s MM Enterprise Ltd. and declared that the certificate notice, issued under Section 10(a) of the Public Demand Recovery Act on December 1988 was done without any lawful authority and was of no legal effect.

The judgement was delivered in December last year while the order of the judgement was issued on April 28, 1993.

Barrister Fazul Karim appeared on behalf of the Bangladesh Krishi Bank while Advocate Khandker was assisted by Advocate Rezaul Haq.

PM condoles BNP leader's death

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday condoned the death of acting president of Sylhet district BNP and former MP Lutfur Rahman, reports BSS.

In a statement, she expressed deep sympathy with the members of the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Rahman died of a heart failure on Sunday night at Sylhet Islamia Hospital. He was 55.

He was buried at his village home Badepasha in Golapganj thana under Sylhet district yesterday.

Delapraz meets Jamal

Regional Representative of the International Red Cross Committee David Delapraz yesterday called on Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Chairman Syed Shahidul Haque Jamal, MP, and discussed the Rohingya refugee problem, reports UNB.



Tuesday
 5:00 Opening announcement
 Al-Quran
 Programme summary
 5:10 News in Bangla
 5:25 Esho Para Shikhi
 5:50 TV debate
 6:45 Open University
 7:15 Sangecta
 8:00 News in Bangla
 8:30 Drama serial: Kothao Kuu Nei
 10:00 News in English
 10:30 Film show: E N G
 11:30 Khabar/The News
 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
 11:45 Closing

BUET festival begins

A five-day BUET Festival '93 began at the university campus yesterday with much enthusiasm, reports UNB.

The festival organised by Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Prof Md Shahjahan at 9 am.

The festival was declared open amid releasing of pigeons and balloons.

The opening day, known as Electrical and Computer Day, included jokes, sports, seminar, magazine and cultural function.

Later, Prof Shahjahan visited an exhibition on computer and electrical machinery organised on the occasion at the BUET cafeteria.

Social Welfare Director Prof Iynun Nishat, Dean of Electronic Engineering Prof Md Abdul Matin and EUCSU VP Niyamul Huda Khan Towhid were present on the occasion.

Civil and Mechanical day will be observed on the second and third day of the festival respectively.

Sports, open discussion for teacher-students, band show and cultural function will mark the civil day (Tuesday) while similar programme has been chalked out for Wednesday including film show.

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday) says, rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and over few places in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Barisal divisions and over one or two places in Khulna division with moderately heavy falls over some places in the country.

The Met office forecasts day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Sunday) 35.5 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi and the minimum of 19.0 degree was reported from Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 6.35 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.14 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in 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	32.6	21.6	77	70
Chittagong	33.0	20.3	71	76
Khulna	35.2	26.4	73	-
Barisal	33.0	21.0	82	81
Cox's Bazar	32.0	21.8	71	77
Sylhet	27.5	20.4	80	91
Dinajpur	27.2	21.0	88	82

Nat'l Building Code to be announced soon

A draft on "Bangladesh National Building Code" was being prepared and would be announced soon, reports UNB.

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia disclosed this yesterday while inaugurating a three-day workshop on the 'Bangladesh National Building Code' at the Institute of Engineers.

The building code will be declared after recommendations were made by the workshop, Barrister Rafiq informed.

Presided over by Works Ministry Secretary Dr Mohammad Abdur Rashid, it was addressed, among others, by Shah Alam Zahiruddin and Prof Engineer M H Khan.

Lauding the role of engineers and architects of the country, the Minister said engineers and architects could

prepare a document like Bangladesh National Building Code without any financial and technical assistance from abroad, provided they get suitable assistance and cooperation.

Noor Uddin back home

Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan returned home Sunday night after a goodwill visit to India, reports BSS.

During his stay in India, General Noor Uddin who led a military delegation, paid a courtesy call on the Indian Minister of State for Defence Mallikarjun. He also called on the Indian Defence Secretary and the Chiefs of staff of the services.

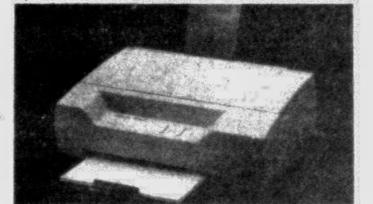
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