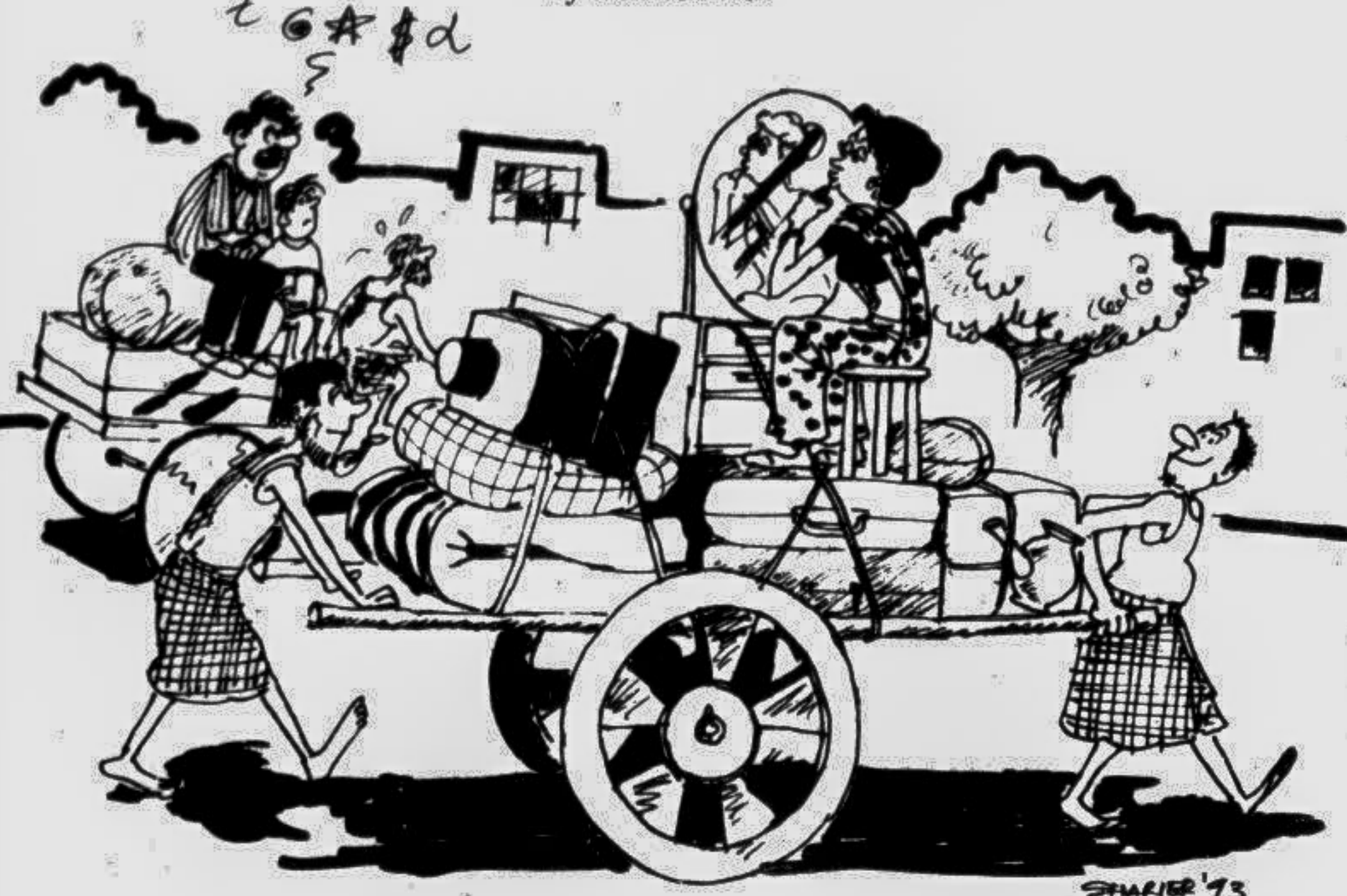


Dhaka Day by Day

Where Life's One End Gets Tied

by Subhashish



Home is where we tie one end of our life. But for most of the less-than fortunate citizens of this would-be mega city the tying goes on forever. These are the people who have failed to arrange a permanent shelter for themselves. Better opportunities in the capital have driven these enterprising people from their ancestral moorings and continue to lure them for aiming still higher. While the process of ascendancy continues unabated through the social ladder, pressure on the existing accommodation facilities of the city mounts.

Not surprisingly, at the end of each month pushcarts start hovering between the old address and new destination, perhaps symbolising the life's transitory character. The shifting of shelter is however not without pains and tears. Even before the actual change of residence, the harrowing tale starts unfolding in every conceivable — and at times inconceivable — manner. The easiest of methods for looking after the houses is to go through the 'to-let' ads. Sometimes this saves time, energy and money. But when the need is urgent, thanks, for example, to the short notice served by the house owner for vacating his place, one cannot simply depend on such ads in the newspapers; for not many dailies are favourite with the land-lords or house-lords.

Thus begins a search, most tenacious and even unnerving at times, for a suitable accommodation. Friends and well-wishers are asked to keep their eyes open for that small board bearing the most sought-after message: accommodation on offer for prospective tenants. Holidays and after-office times are entirely devoted to the cause of restoring the life's snapped ties. Sometimes this search goes to the extent of forcing one to take leave of duties from office for a couple of days.

Now there are a whole lot of questions a

would-be tenant will encounter from the house owners. Bachelors are likely to face more intriguing situations — not to speak of the slamming of doors in their faces. After a few incidents in which the land-lords were robbed of their pricy gadgetry by their fake tenants, who arranged milads or even invited the entire families of *bari-wallahs* to treat them with food or sweetmeat mixed, of course, with sedatives before relieving them of their valuables, the vigilance has become stricter. Although small families are preferred, they are not beyond suspicion, say, for example, if the young couples are really the husband and wife.

All this has now become a part of the tenants' life. But compared to the non-co-operative co-habitation with the owner of the residence such troubles are much less harrowing. But such experiences are not the rule, may be — and let us hope — an exception. Then collecting the array of household utensils is not the easiest thing in the world, even much less to arrange on the pushcarts or vans. Tension starts going up with the movement of the first pushcarts and never comes down before getting the fragile but costly items placed in their new destination. Despite utmost care, the highly furnished furniture or other goods end up with a scratch here or an arm or a leg disjointed there.

Nevertheless, change one must the residence where along with its surrounding the family has spread its roots. In such moments, the appeal to the road to 'take me home' suddenly assumes a new meaning. But then comes the soothing knowledge of Rabindranath: 'kato ajanare janaile bandhu kato ghar dile thal/durke karle nikaat bandhu parke karle bhail' (with so many things you have made me familiar in so many houses have you placed me/you have brought the far-away closer and made the alien my brother).

Chittaranjan Cotton Mills

incurs Tk 11 cr loss in 23 years

The Chittaranjan Cotton Mills has incurred a cumulative loss of Tk 11.27 crore in the last 23 years since it was nationalised after liberation, reports UNB.

Run by the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), the unit made profit of Tk 4.66 crore only in 10 years which was surpassed by a loss of Tk 15.94 crore in 13 years during the period.

It could not see any profit in the last four years. Yarn and cloth worth about Tk 2.75 crore are lying unsold in the godown of the mills, one of the oldest textile units in the country.

This was disclosed to newsmen yesterday while visiting the mills, situated on the bank of river Shitalakhya at Godnail in Narayanganj.

Two electrocuted in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were electrocuted in the city during last two days.

Mohammed Faruque Hossain, 11 was electrocuted in his residence at 213, South Jurain, Demra at about 6 am Monday.

A case of unnatural death was filed with Demra police station in this connection.

In another incident a sanitary worker was electrocuted at Shawrapara in the city at about 1 pm Sunday.

The victim identified as Mohammed Tojammal Hossain, 38, was seriously injured and sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries after admission.

Both the bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Two killed in road mishaps

Two persons including a minor boy were killed in separate road accidents in the city Monday.

A minor boy was killed when a speeding minibus ran over him at Chourang bus stand, Mirpur at about 3 pm yesterday.

The victim, Rokon, 7 died on the spot.

However, police seized the minibus but the driver managed to escape.

In another accident a pedestrian was killed when a speeding truck knocked him down at Postogola at about 2 pm Sunday.

The victim identified as Shafiq, 15, was seriously injured and rushed to the Pongu Hospital where he died at about 3 am Monday.

Construction of Railway west zone headquarters on

RAJSHAHI, July 12: Construction work of a new office building of Bangladesh Railway west zone headquarters is progressing fast in Rajshahi, reports BSS.

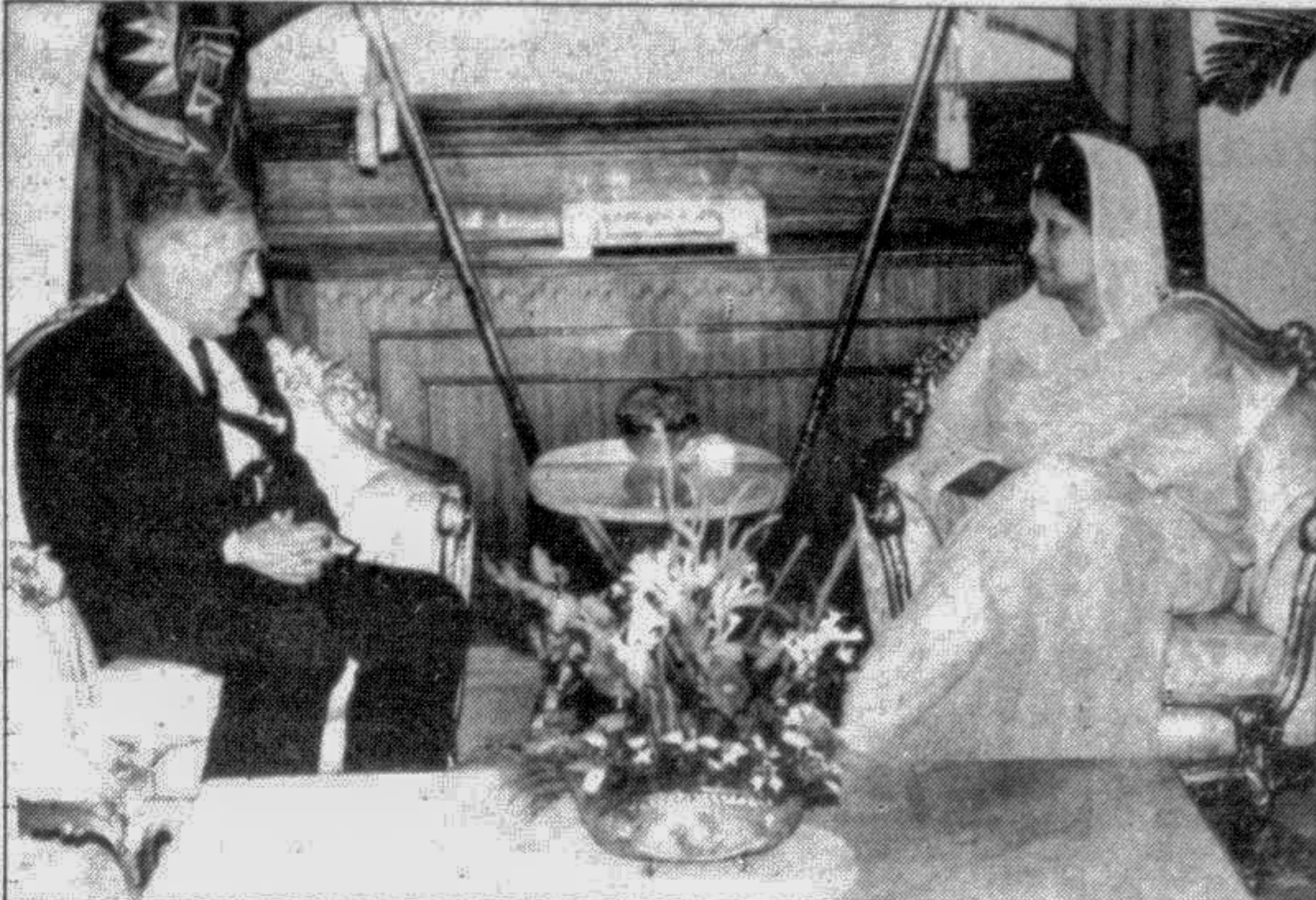
The government has sanctioned Taka two crore initially for construction of the first two floors of the building.

Four more floors of the building will be constructed soon.

The construction work started in March last and so far about 40 percent work has been completed. Construction of the first two floors of the building is expected to be completed by March next.

Construction of the building was one of the election-pledge of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Tree plantation
Radio Bangladesh, Rajshahi has undertaken a programme to plant about 2500 saplings of fruit bearing and timber trees at its relay centre as a part of the countrywide tree plantation programme.



The new Turkish Ambassador in Bangladesh Kutlu Ozguven talking to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. (Story on page one) — PID photo

Merson calls on Biswas

The visiting Director of Global Programme on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Dr Michael H Merson yesterday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

While exchanging views with Dr Merson, President Biswas said the government is quite aware of the threat of AIDS and assured him that Bangladesh would be doing its best for checking the spread of the disease. But international help and cooperation would be essential, he added.

President Biswas said that the family planning workers in the urban as well as rural areas in Bangladesh should make the people aware of the possibilities of AIDS attacks.

Dr Merson suggested multi-sectoral programme of the education, health, social welfare and other relevant ministries for creating mass awareness about the disease.

Dhaka WASA system loss reduced to 46pc by June

The adjourned 15th meeting of the Standing Committee on LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry held yesterday in the parliament building with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed in details the activities of Cooperative Department.

The minister emphasised the need for reactivating the cooperative societies by eliminating inefficiency, mismanagement and corruption from the soci-

eties so that the poor and genuine cooperators could be benefited.

The meeting also elaborately discussed the performance of Dhaka WASA and was informed that the revenue income of Dhaka WASA had been enhanced to 47 per cent in 1992 and its system loss had been reduced to 46 per cent by June '93. The meeting took some decisions to streamline it.

Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Md Abdul Hye, Abdur Razzak MP (AL), Hazi Rashed Mosharraf MP (AL), Munsur Ahmed MP (AL), Md Latifur Rahman MP (Jamaat), Abdul Wahab MP (BNP), Zainul Abedin Faruk MP (BNP) and Secretary of Local Government division Mushfiqur Rahman and Secretary of Rural Development and Cooperative division Md Mahe Alam were present in the meeting.

261 heifers sold in 2 years

A total of 261 heifers were sold in accordance with government rules during the last two years, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah-Al-Noman told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from Awami League member Mirza Azam the minister said the prices of the heifers sold out were between Taka 11,184 and Taka 17,228.40.

Noman said no high quality heifer was distributed among the Members of Parliament but those who had bought the heifers in the last two years include 14 MPs.

Obituary

CHITTAGONG, July 12: Zakerul Huq Chowdhury, a prominent Awami League leader and former MP died of heart failure at a city clinic here on Sunday, his family sources said. He was 70, reports BSS.

Chowdhury left behind his wife, three sons and four daughters.

He was buried at his village graveyard at Banskhal.

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Low wages key factor to garments sector expansion

By Staff Correspondent

Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley.

Focusing on the strength of the garments industry of Bangladesh which brought home Tk 5300 crore in 1992-93, the researcher said there was good evidence of accounting and modern information system and expressed hopes that in future it would be institutionalised. On the other hand, there was lack of managerial class and most of the small and medium firms remained as 'one man show' which in future would cause as a major problem, Munir observed.

There were also lack of technical competence, innovation and training and absence of corporated form of business, Munir said adding that many industrialists tried to evade paying taxes.

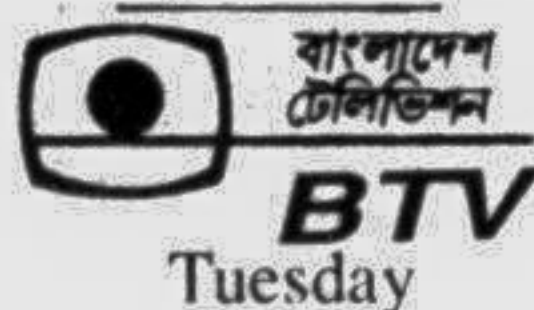
Dr Munir, who is also an Associate Professor of the Department of Economics of the University of Southern Indiana, suggested that for upgrading

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- 5.05 Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5.25 Esho Para Shikhi: Educational programme
- 5.50 TV debate competition: Rajshahi Cadet College vs Dhaka College
- 7.00 Open University
- 7.30 Sangeeta
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Drama serial: Kothao Kuu Ney
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: E N G
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, light to moderate rain or showers accompanied by gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions.

The Met office says, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature was 34.8 degree Celsius in Srimangal and the lowest 23.7 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.49 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.20 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	33.0	25.5	80	65
Chittagong	33.1	25.4	68	71
Rajshahi	34.0	26.5	85	72
Khulna	33.4	27.5	-	-
Barisal	32.6	26.2	86	79
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.5	-	85
Sylhet	33.1	25.0	100	65
Dinajpur	33.8	27.6	82	67



Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda planting a sapling yesterday at Dohar Thana premises under Dhaka district. —PID photo



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