

Dhaka Day by Day

Water Water Everywhere, but ...

by Parveen Anam

Water is life. Do we not hear that over and over again. On the television over the radio, in the newspapers and on the wonderful satellite TV? And are we not being constantly reminded of how we are polluting it all the time? How are we wasting it, throwing it away, not caring enough for it? Makes us feel quite guilty, really.

Yet, there is apparently one section of the population, which is absolutely bent on keeping water above the ordinary mortals. And this section is the one which makes all the decisions on what brand of water is good for us. Science has actually come a long, long way, if we can divide water into 'brands' to decide which is good for us and which is bad for us.

In spite of the sardonic smiles of many of the readers, I would like to gently remind them of the irony of life, where even the simplest of life's pleasures, somehow take on a double meaning. A drink of water on a hot, summer day, is elixir. Nothing can ever bring so much satisfaction as that ice-cold glass of water. Yet, as we are about to ask for the glass of innocent water, we are asked innocently enough, if we would like 'spring water' or 'mineral water'. You stop short, scratch your head and stammer out that a glass of plain water would just be fine, thank you. Would you prefer 'fountain water' or 'water from the natural water geyser, ma'am' is of course the next routine question.

By the time they have stopped asking the questions, you are no longer sure you want that water after all. But thirst reigns supreme and

throwing caution to the winds, you take the plunge and make your decision. 'A glass of ice-cold water, please, if I may'. The next question? Would you like the ice grated or in chunks? And would added iodine suit your needs or would you just prefer it with the plain mineral added? Woe betide the drinker of a simple glass of refreshing water.

Many are probably just as confused now as the rest of the civilized world and would prefer a drink perhaps of the eternal coca-cola, if they can make up their mind whether he wants the simple coke or the diet coke, or the coke with less caffeine.

Ah well. Some would like to turn to the safer areas of coffee and teas perhaps. Never mind that water. But would you prefer the instant coffee or the coffee beans, ma'am? Percolated or expresso? Decafinated coffee or regular coffee? Do you prefer sugar or the artificial sweetener with fewer calories, with your coffee — or tea?

And would you like the 'dairy creamer' or plain cream? Oh for the days of old, when things were simpler and decisions were far and well spaced out. When a glass of water meant just that and tea was the good old brands we are familiar with without having to stand for hours just staring away at the various brand names trying to decide which one we could prefer. Life is very complicated at the moment.

But, again, this is the price of high-tech modern life, where millions of dollars are being spent, on just trying to make life more difficult, instead of simpler.



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Jobless to be engaged in earning-oriented activities: Speaker

KHULNA, July 16: Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Razzaque Ali today said that the unemployed and destitute persons should have to do their best to engage themselves in various earning-oriented activities for self-employment with a view to alleviating poverty, reports BSS.

The present government had been undertaking extensive programmes for creating job opportunities to rehabilitate destitutes through self-employment schemes, he added.

He was addressing as the chief guest the loan distribution function at Khulna District Women Affairs office premises under Prime Minister's special fund for rehabilitating and

creating self-employment and job opportunities of destitute and helpless women.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Khulna, the function was addressed, among others, by Khulna Divisional Commissioner Abdul Muktaadir Chowdhury.

Shaikh Razzaque Ali called upon the loan recipients to properly utilise the money for ensuring earnings and creating own capital by income generating activities so that they could refund the loan timely.

The Speaker formally handed over cheques for Taka four lakh forty five thousand to one hundred six destitute and helpless women in the function.

63 lawyers appeal for life of Munir

In line with the Amnesty International's mercy petition to the President for the life of Munir Hossain alias Suruj, convicted and sentenced to death for murdering his wife Sharmin Sultana Rima, 63 local advocates in a statement appealed to the President to commute the death sentence.

They said the President could commute any death sentence under the Act 49 of the Constitution.

The signatories to the statement, among others, include Barrister Kazi Shahadat Hossain, Haji Abdullah Faroque, Abu Baker Siddiqui, G Mostafa, Shahabuddin Ahmad, Nazmul Hoque Chowdhury, Jahanaara, Md Yunus Ali Bakon, Saiful Hoque, Jahangir, Ahmad Khan, Mozammel Haq, Mujibur Rahman, Md Abul Kashem and Amir Hossain.



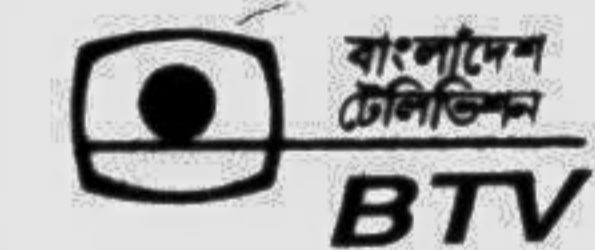
Mike Aaronson

SCF official in city

Mike Aaronson, the Overseas Director of the Save the Children Fund (UK) is now in Dhaka on a week-long visit July 16-22 to see the programme with SCF's Director of UK Work, Mike Taylor, says a press release.

Save the Children Fund (SCF) is the largest international voluntary agency working for the rights and welfare of the children in the UK and abroad in more than 50 less developed countries.

In Bangladesh it started its operation after the devastating cyclone of 1970.



Saturday

5:00	Opening announcement
	Al Quran
	Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	Recitation from the Tripitak
5:25	Amra Natun
6:00	Cartoon: Young Robin Hood
6:30	Tarurunya
7:00	Barashori
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Mati o Marush
9:00	Amar Desh
10:00	News in English
10:30	Drama series: Dallas
11:30	Khobar/The News
11:45	Closing

Workers' Party accepts Azam's challenge

By Staff Correspondent

Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon MP Friday said that his party had accepted the challenge by Jamaat chief Golem Azam over the question of people's strength to try him for war crimes.

The people will give befitting reply to Azam's 'audacious remark' on the people's strength of trying him for war crimes in

the interview with the BBC after his release from the jail, Menon said. "The people will never spare the Azams even if they sneak out through the loopholes of the law."

The Workers Party leader was addressing a meeting of his party workers at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute auditorium at Gazipur. The situation has so risen

that one day the legality of the country's glorious Liberation War might be challenged in the name of the law, he added.

Presided over by Gazipur unit Secretary of Workers Party Md Shawkat Iqbal, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Nurul Anwar, Mir Delwar Hossain, Abdul Majid, Abdul Latif, Sohrab Hossain, Belayet Hossain and Abul Mohsin.



Nirmal Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding the trial of Golem Azam and all other war criminals under special tribunal. — Star photo

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Zia Parishad members visit Zia's mazar

The newly elected members and office bearers of Zia Parishad yesterday visited the mazar of former President Ziaur Rahman and offered fetecha there, reports BSS. They also placed wreath at the mazar.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Due to active monsoon over the country, moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at almost all places over Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Saturday).

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

The country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Srimangal and the lowest 23.3 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati.

Rainfall recorded in different places of the country were: lowardi 16 mm, Comilla 13 mm, Dhaka and Tangail 7 mm each, Chuadanga 6 mm, Rajshahi 5 mm and Sylhet and Bhola 2 mm each.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:48 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:22 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.2	26.0	88	88
Chittagong	30.2	28.3	95	77
Rajshahi	29.3	25.8	95	90
Khulna	31.0	25.7	92	82
Barisal	29.1	25.0	98	92
Cox's Bazar	29.4	25.5	95	86
Sylhet	32.0	25.5	97	92
Dinajpur	31.0	26.0	88	78

Dacoits loot 70 gas cylinders in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, July 16: A gang of dacoits injured three people and looted 70 gas cylinders worth about Tk three lakh from a shop at Bhatyari Bazar in Sitakunda thana early today, reports UNB.

Police said dacoits numbering about 30 swooped on the gas cylinder shop, beat up the inmates and took away the cylinders by a truck at about 3:00 am.

Nurul Alam, Shamsul Alam and Enamuddin were admitted to a local health complex in a serious condition.

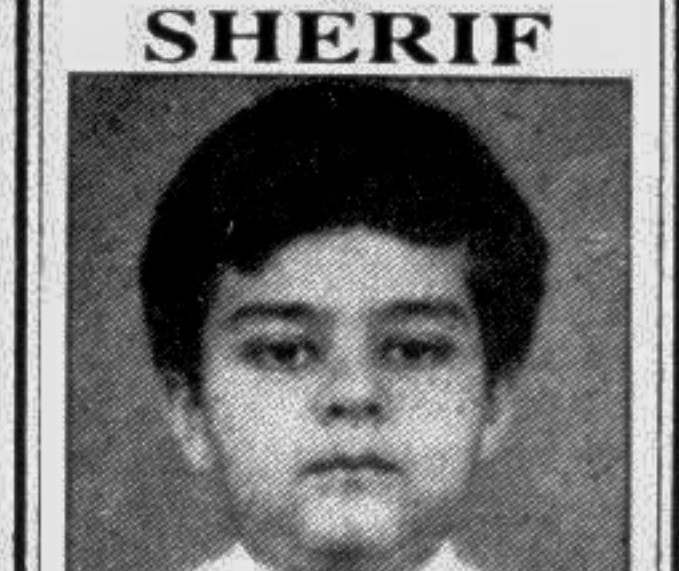
Police, however, seized the truck with the helper of its driver from Nabinar ghat in the town.

Body recovered

By DMCH Correspondent

Uttara police recovered a body of carpenter from a swamp at Dakkhin Khan in the city on Thursday morning.

Happy Birthday to SHERIF



From: Nani, Bhaiya, Papa, Mama, Monu, Iham.

Happy Birthday to JAVED



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3. Closing date of entry for July is 7 August, 1993.

Winner will be notified by post.

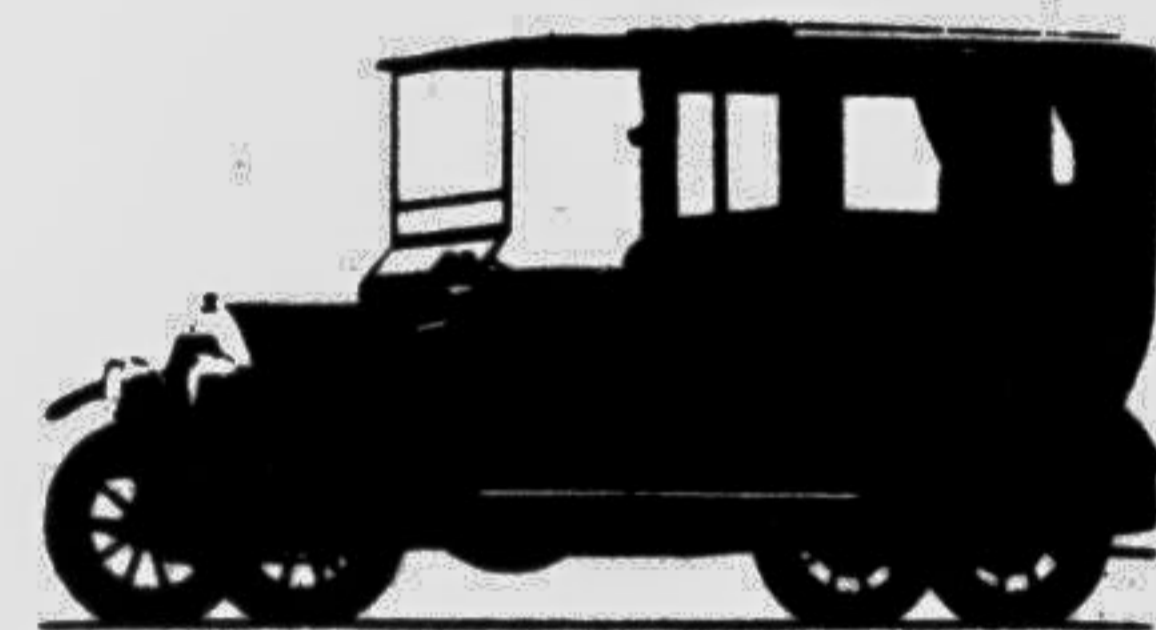
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