

Dhaka Day by Day

The Unavoidable Evil

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir



The text we read, the images we see, and the public places we visit are all dominated by commercial messages crafted to arouse appetites in us for things we hardly need.

What we come across in the ubiquitous coaching centres strewn all over our big cities is very much a part of that world, promising fall-safe admission into BUET, the medical colleges, the cadet colleges and the universities and what not.

What is most striking about the new blooming business is that top-performing brilliant students have become guinea pigs to groups of handlers who do not have any academic interest in the matter other than minting money.

This is not the end of the story. To the dismay of some sections of the society go on to declare 'this is the only coaching centre where I undertook my preparations.'

If some one is indeed benefited by any coaching centre, he or she may write a piece in appreciation.

But that should be that and nothing more. The endorsement of more than one centres by one and the same person as benefiting him or her exclusively has cast doubts about the ethical standards of these otherwise bright students.

Questions have been raised to know the secret or likely underhand dealings that made the student to compromise her morals.

The stratagems the advertisers devise and use are sometimes so familiar as to go virtually unnoticed in the society and specially among the middle class they are rapidly becoming pervasive as well.

The cost of advertisement is not borne by the advertiser. It goes straight out of the pocket of the consumer. The minimum justifiability it should earn them is through being a dependable medium of information.

Drive to enforce traffic rules launched

The Dhaka Metropolitan Traffic Police has launched a vigorous drive to enforce traffic laws to improve the city's chaotic traffic system.

They have started random checking of vehicle documents and driving licenses and imposing fines for violating traffic rules.

Besides, traffic policemen have been urging pedestrians to use an overbridge, zebra crossing and to walk along the footpaths. Hawkers have also been evicted from the pavements.

But there were complaints from members of the public that the laws were being strictly applied in case of private cars only, while public transport like buses, trucks, auto-rickshaws, tempos and even rickshaws were seen exempted from the punitive measures.

There were also reports of harassment. A vehicle owner complained to a UNB correspondent that he was fined for only carrying ten passengers in his nine-seater microbus.

The complainant Abdus Salam, a businessman, further went on that people were being harassed at the traffic office with the introduction of a new rule fixing a particular date for the payment of fine.

For any reason, if a vehicle is fined, payment has to be made on a particular date, causing untold sufferings to the people.

Hundreds of people who come to the traffic office everyday to pay their fines have to wait for hours and in most cases the authorities shift the date, complained another vehicle owner.

Abbas urges youths to unite against vested quarters

By Staff Correspondent

Mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and president of Juba Dal Mirza Abbas, MP, has urged the youths to unite against the vested quarters to give democracy an institutional shape and to ensure social stability yesterday.

He told this at the conference of the Zafraab unit of Juba Dal, attended by its leaders S M Anwar, K M Zohair Eazaz, Anwar Hossain Laitu, Abdul Haq with Md Zalaluddin in the chair Tuesday.

"BNP, with the help of the people, will confront the evil quarters to nullify their attempt of disrupting national progress," the city Mayor said.

He also cautioned his party activists about extortionists and terrorists to safeguard democracy.

Mufti wins int'l photo contest

Mufti Munir, a photojournalist for Agence France-Presse (AFP) and the daily Sangbad, has won his fifth prize in the international news agency's monthly photo contest in two years, says a press release.

This time Munir snatched the top trophy for the fourth time for his picture dated July 22 showing three rickshaws drivers help residents of Hosaini Dalan area cross a road flooded by monsoon rains.

The picture was also picked by Time magazine for its August 2 issue along with a report of the flooding in the Indian sub-continent. A similar frame was printed in Sangbad.

Munir won a prize in 1988 in an international competition organised by Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO. The Golam Mawla Gold Medal in 1987 from the Jatiya Press Club and clinched the third place this year after competing for a Dhaka Union of Journalists photo show.

Farewell

The journalists of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) bade farewell to their former colleague Syed Ahmeduzzaman at a function held at the BSS office here Monday, reports BSS.

The farewell function, presided over by Ishaqul Karim, DUJ BSS unit chief, was addressed, among others, by D P Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS and senior journalists Bazul Karim, Shahjahan, Mia, Azizul Islam Bhuiyan and Rasheda Amin.

Before joining Reuters — the international news agency — recently, Ahmeduzzaman was a Shift-in-Charge in the central news desk of BSS. He had served the national news agency for long 18 years.

Pankaj accorded reception

By DU Correspondent

The pro-Awami League the Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) accorded a reception to its leader Pankaj Debnath who was released from the Dhaka Central Jail Saturday.

To mark the occasion the BCL (M-I) held a rally in front of the Arts Building of the Dhaka University Monday.

Pankaj, General Secretary of the BCL (M-I), DU unit was arrested on June 21 under the Anti-terrorism Law.

Follow ideals of Zia, urges Badruddoza

Deputy Leader of Jatiya Sangsad Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday urged children to follow the ideals of late President Ziaur Rahman to become true patriots, reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury was addressing a function of the city unit of Zia Shishu Kishore Sangsthan Conference '93 as the chief guest at Shilpakala Academy.

He advised the children to prepare themselves through hard work, honesty, devotion to study and tolerance to become future leaders.

Paying tributes to shaheed Zia for his quality of leadership, honesty and love for people, the Deputy Leader asked the children to learn more about the late leader and follow his example.

Presided over by president of the city unit of the organisation Akhteruzzaman, the function was also addressed by Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, Selma Rahman, MP, Dr Shahida Raha, Adviser, Zia Shishu Kishore Sangsthan and Ehsanul Kabir.

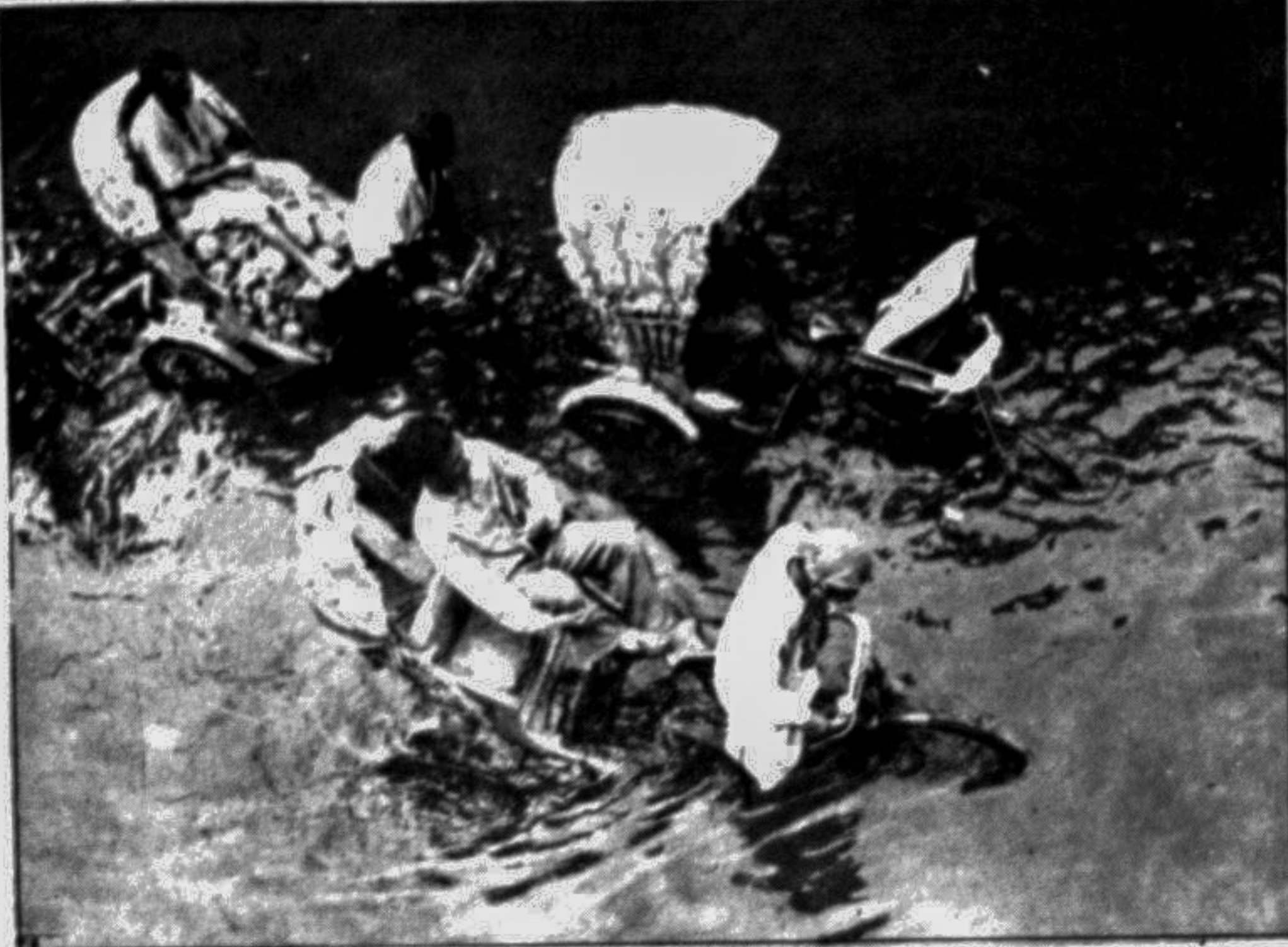
Founder President of the Organisation Strajul Islam Selim was the main speaker at the function. Prof Chowdhury recalled the role of Zia in creating opportunities for developing the faculties of children. He said the setting up of Shishu Academy and Shishu Park are some of the examples of shaheed Zia's love for children.

He reminded the children of shaheed Zia's role as the declarer of the country's war of independence in 1971 and how he was installed to power through a revolution on November 7, 1975.

The Deputy Leader paid tributes to shaheed Zia for his role in restoration of peace and taking the nation to the path of progress and prosperity through united efforts. He said we can learn from the late leader the example of tolerance, which is a pre-condition to democracy.

Mr Tariqul Islam told the function that by 1995 each district would have a branch of the Shishu Academy.

The setting up of Shishu hospital, publication of a journal devoted to children and introduction of a TV programme Natun Kurt are some of the examples of the late leader's love for children.



Mufti Munir's award-winning picture.



A rally in the city yesterday in celebration of Janmastami.

— Star photo

'Shun petty differences of political, religious beliefs'

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday called upon the people to maintain peace and harmony for sustaining unhindered progress and development of the country shunning petty differences of political and religious beliefs, reports BSS.

The teachings of every religion are to maintain peace, harmony and stability of the society for the welfare of mankind. There has to be a sense of respect, fraternity and brotherhood toward people belonging to any religion," the Energy Minister said while addressing as the chief guest a discussion arranged in observance of Janmastami, a religious festival of Hindu community marking the incarnation of Lord Krishna.

The discussion following a cultural function was also addressed by State Minister for Environment and Forest Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, newly elected Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Dhaka University Dr Aminul Islam, Professor of Dhaka University Dr Lalit Mohan Nath, Professor of Savar College Dr Monaranjan Rajbanshi, Father Polinus Kasta and Sri-math Sudhanand Mohathero.

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Those who are engaged disrupting peace and discipline of the society are the enemy of the country and the religion," he said adding 'Hypocrisy in the name of religion is not permitted in any religion'.

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Two electrocuted

By DMCH Correspondent

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

An electrician was electrocuted when working at Nabin Laboratory, Demra Tuesday.

The victim, Mohammed Idris (22), was seriously injured and rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the attending doctors declared him dead.

In another incident, a tailor was electrocuted when attempting to repair a table fan at his 15/2, Jatrabari residence Monday night.

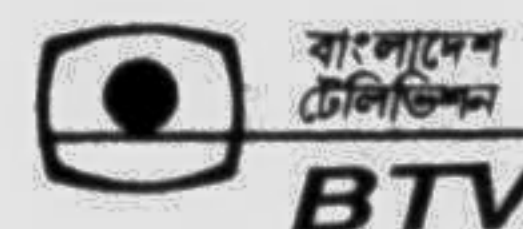
The victim, Sukumar Strkar (26), was seriously injured and succumbed on way to the hospital.

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

56 held in city

Police rounded up 56 persons from different parts of the city in last 24 hours on various charges, a DMP press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

All the arrested, including one wanted criminal, two under the Explosives Act, one accused of burglary and two of stealing, were produced before the court.



Wednesday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 Sports programme: Khelar Jagot
- 6:00 Unmesh: Programmes for new artists
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Tagore songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Sangbad Portikrama
- 9:00 Film: The A-Team
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Kathamaia: Programme on art, literature and culture
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:45 Closing

Law, order situation reviewed

Inspector General of Police (IGP) ASM Shahjahan Monday directed police official to take more effective steps to curb all such crimes that might create obstacles in the country's economic development, reports BSS.

He was addressing the senior police officials at their fortnightly meeting, held at the police headquarters here to review the law and order situation in the country.

He called for identifying the elements indulging in terrorist activities and obstructing the process of competition in submitting tenders and bidding auctions.

Relief worth Tk 24.5 cr given

The government has so far distributed relief worth Tk 24.50 crore for the flood victims, an official handout said Monday, reports UNB.

The relief includes Tk 1.60 crore in cash, Tk 1.25 crore as house building grant, about 10 thousand metric tons of rice, 6,000 metric tons of wheat, 13,650 pieces of sarees, 13,650 pieces of CI sheet and 5,500 tins of biscuits.

Sohel Samad dies in Washington

By Staff Correspondent

Sohel Samad, a broadcaster working with the Voice of America (VOA) Bengali Service, died in Washington Monday, according to a BTV news bulletin monitored last night.

Samad, 38, was a well-known Bengali news caster with Bangladesh Radio and Television before joining the VOA.

Tea, bags for Japanese quake victims

Bangladesh will provide tea and jute bags as 'token contribution' for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Japan, reports UNB.

Weather

Moderate rain may occur

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm today (Wednesday) says, light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Khulna division.

Met Office says, day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangpur and lowest 23.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:35 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:32 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.5	26.3	80	80
Chittagong	31.7	25.6	78	80
Rajshahi	32.3	26.4	82	80
Khulna	32.5	27.4	77	87
Barisal	31.2	25.6	90	83
Sylhet	33.5	—	98	82
Dinajpur	32.0	25.6	85	85
Cox's Bazar	31.0	26.0	95	80

Janmastami observed in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 10: Janmastami commemorating the birth of Lord Sree Krishna was celebrated here today by the Hindu community with religious fervour and traditional enthusiasm, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated the five-day Janmastami programmes here Monday.

The high lights of the days programmes included recitation from the holy Geeta, Aaroti, rendering of devotional songs, discussions, fasting and distribution of Prashad.

A big colourful procession was brought out by Sree Sree Janmastami Ujjapan Parishad this morning. The processionists carried the portrait of Lord Krishna and passed through some important city roads.

Janmastami, the birth day of Lord Krishna was celebrated in Narayanjanj by the Hindu community with pomp and grandeur.

The highlights of the day's programme included procession, recitation from the Geeta, Aaroti, devotional songs, discussions, fasting and distribution of prashads.

A colourful procession was brought out organised by Narayanjanj Central Puja Ujjapan Committee yesterday morning.

The processionists carrying the portrait of Lord Krishna started from Deobhog Laxminarayan Jeour Akhra and after parading the thoroughfares of the town returned to the Akhra to disperse.

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Baba (Boss)
 From
Zafir and Tanju

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Notice of the 31st Annual General Meeting
 Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Sunday, 5th September 1993 at 3.30 PM at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel to transact the following business:
 1. To receive and adopt the Directors' and the Auditors' reports and the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1991.
 2. To declare Dividend for the year 1991.
 3. To elect Directors.
 4. To appoint Auditors for the year 1992 and fix their remuneration.
 August 11, 1993
 100, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
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 By order of the Board
A K A Muqtadir
 Acting Company Secretary
Notes:
 1. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead. The proxy form, as specified in Article 106 of the Articles of Association of the Company must be stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk 5.00 and submitted at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 72 hours before the meeting.
 2. The Register of Shareholders and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 26th August to 5th September 1993, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfer will be effected.
 3. For the sake of convenience and for better explanations, shareholders are requested to submit their queries on the Directors' Report/Audited Accounts for the year 1991, if any, at the Registered Office of the Company at least 7 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.
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 It is notified for information of the Consignees that the arrival Schedule of the Cargo covered by Bills of Lading issued by Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, Japan are as under:

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Hongkong	Essen Express	01/329	Kota Buana	016	629/93	10-8-93
	Sinno Marine	06				
	Xetha Bhum	06				

Consignees are requested to arrange clearance of their Cargo. Consignments not cleared within 45 days from the date of arrival of the vessel are liable to be sold in Auction by Customs Authority under Section 82 of Customs Act without any reference to the Consignees.
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