Dhaka Day by Day

Voice of the Children

by Raffat Binte Rashid

'Shishu Katha' (Voice of the Children) is a quarterly newsletter written by destitute children. It might be a bit confusing to many but the four member editorial board of *Shishu Katha* is drawn from children of UCEP (Underprivileged Children's Education Programme), TDH (Traders Home Switzerland) and BNPS (Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha). The main objective of this special newsletter is to establish greater communication between children and allow the disadvantaged children to speak for themselves.

These children are deprived of the basic needs of life, — health, wealth and education. They are born and brought up in over crowded alleys or streets where the word 'education' is as alien as 'sanitation' or any other basic needs of life. Every day they wake up not knowing whether they will get any breakfast or not. A strange way for a child to begin a new day but that is the reality.

Shishu Katha is a newsletter through which the children can express their hidden fantasies, desires and imagine their future plans, if ever they get a chance to be educated. But among them there are a few determined children who have made it a point to go to school, inspite of all the odds. These young kids, hardly 8 to 12 years old, have to earn their living support themselves and continue school. Many of their dreams do not materialise when tuition fees can no longer be managed but a few strong ones fight out ways to meet this challenge.

Iskander of TDH, Hena, Shefali of UCEP, Al Islam of Model School who are on the editorial board of *Shishu Katha* are few such examples. Inspite of their struggles and burdens they are determined to make their dreams come true.

To be on the board a child has to be a beneficiary of an NGO's and their contract is for a year, so that other children can also get chance to express themselves. The name of the newsletter, the theme of the issue, selection of articles including reporting, writing and editing, are all done by the editorial board. Expect for publication, the elders have a very negligible part in the newsletter. The children are therefore free to express themselves. This newsletter is distributed among schools, free of cost. The children write articles and also letters expressing their dreams.

Their August '93 issue is about children who lost their jobs because of the government's bill where children under 15 cannot work in any factory. In this issue they try to talk to children who lost their jobs and as a result cannot help their families anymore. Al Islam has three elder sisters working in a garments factory, the eldest supports his education, but now they have all lost their jobs.

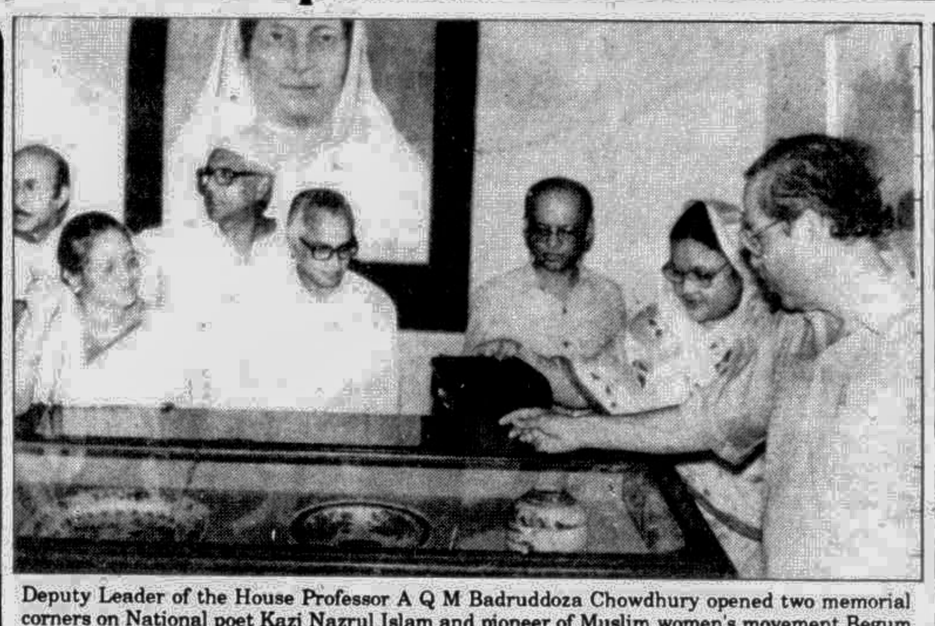
"My mother, through many hardships has sent me to *Shishu Adhikar* Forum. I will join the Model School but BNPS did not help me at all. My second sister will be getting married soon but where will we get the money ? My elder sister wants me to study and be an engineer. My father is a rickshaw puller but his earnings are not enough for our family. Our family is very big. I have to educate myself and be established, so I have to study no matter how hard it becomes for me." This is what Al Islam, a ten year boy writes in an article called *'Jiban Sangram'* (Struggle for Survival). His thoughts are haphazard but the message is quite straight forward. Iskander in his heart rendering article on observing May Day states that a hungry child works to support his family and himself not out of a mere whim and instead of banning their right to work, the state should undertake policies to improve the working conditions for children. If the government insists on banning child labour then it must ensure, food, education and shelter for those children. This was Iskander's and many other children's demand on the historic May Day. Imrul Kabir of Jhenidah, a student of class ten, and also a trade unionist, wrote a letter to *Shishu Katha's* editorial board thanking Iskander's plea to the Prime Minister, leaders of opposition and other trade unionists. A child works more hours than the elders but on low wages. Their labour is cheated and not properly recognized. A sick child, not going to work one day might find himself out of work the next day, writes Anwar Hossain, another child. Why should there be such cruel deals for a mere child of ten years.

Shishu Katha's forthcoming December '93 issue is about the street children who have no living parent or relative in Dhaka. Their condition is worse of all. Alamgir, a class III student of Model School, is an example of such a problem. His mother died when he was five and father died a year after. He has no one to support him, he works as an apprentice in an automobile workshop where he earns Tk.300 a month. With this money he bears the expenses of his education. But unfortunately his working hours collide with his school timing. What can a mere child do in such circumstances ?

Somehow these kids are strong, they survive inspite of all the odds. But the question remains whether their survival can be termed as living. With no education how can they carry on and rise above the sub-human existence?

Shishu Katha was first published on December '92 on behalf of Radda Barnen by Saleem Samad of Development Features. It has a circulation of 20,000 and goes everywhere in Bangladesh — Natore, Jhenidah, Demra, just name a place.

The children are very enthusiastic about this newsletter, and one of Al Islam's friends commented "I also want to be a journalist, can you help me become one ?" Well it is very encouraging to know that in the future we will have such tough young vibrant individuals in this field.



Deputy Leader of the House Professor A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury opened two memorial corners on National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and pioneer of Muslim women's movement Begum Rokeya Shakhawat Hossain at the National Museum yesterday. — Star photo

Badruddoza opens memorial corners

Conspiracy on to tarnish image of Nazrul

By Staff Correspondent

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said, "There is a deep political conspiracy to tarnish the image of our national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam," and stressed the need for projecting the identity of the poet in the international arena.

He was opening as chief guest, two memorial corners on poet Nazrul and pioneer of Muslim Women's Movement in Bengal, Begum Rokeya Shakhawat Hossain at the National Museum yesterday.

The Deputy Leader of the House said that there were lots of new things to discover in the national poet and Begum Rokeya.

He stressed the need for developing a greater plan to promote the images the cultural figures of the country.

The programme chaired by Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Azizul Malik was also addressed among others by special guest State Minister for Cultural Affairs Jahanara Begum, Chairman of the Shishu Academy Dr Quazi Anwara Monsur, Executive Director of the Nazrul Academy Md Mahfuzullah and Director General of the National Museum Sheikh Akram Ali.

The speakers urged the literate of the country to delve deep into the works of the poets and asked the researchers to find out transcripts of the poets which could be presented to the National Museum.

The DG of the museum revealed that the National Museum authority was planning to make some more corners on personalities like Kazi Motahar Hossain and Dr Mohammad Shahidullah to uphold the cultural background of the country.

Later Prof Badruddoza opened the corners on the second floor of the museum. The corners would present to the visitors works and materials used by the poets Nazrul and Begum Rokeya.

'Follow mottoes of Vivekananda, Tagore, Nazrul

By DU Correspondent

The Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed yesterday said that nothing could hinder the progress of our nation if we could follow the ideals of the trio — Vivekananda, Rabindranath and Nazrul.

He was speaking as the chief guest on the last day on Nazrul of the three-day programme of Vivekananda-Rabindra-Nazrul Utsav 1400 yesterday at the TSC auditorium of the Dhaka University.

The discussion on Nazrul was also participated by Niranjan Adhikari, Subhash Singh Roy and Swami Aksharanandji Maharaj.

The speakers also expressed their concern over the rise of communalism in the country as well as in the sub-continent.

VC Prof Emajuddin Ahmed urged the students and all to follow the mottoes of the three great pioneers. "How can we prosper if we fail to uphold our tradition?" Professor Emajuddin added.

Niranjan Adhikari a teacher of the Department of Pali and Shangskrit DU in his speech said that Nazrul was ever young in his mind and above all meanness.

We could pay homage to Nazrul only by acting in our life on his ideas, Adhikari added.

The discussion organised by the Vivekananda Shiksha-o-Sangskritik Parisad was presided over by the Provost of Jagannath hall of the Dhaka University, Jagadish Chandra Sukla Das.

Later a cultural function was staged.

20 pc increase of staff in traffic admn suggested

By Staff Correspondent

A Canadian expert has suggested a 20 per cent increase in the manpower of the country's traffic administration to enforce the traffic laws effectively.

Donald J Howe, project manager of the Dhaka Metropolitan Area Integrated Transport Studies, said this yesterday in his mid-term report prepared for the Planning Commission and the UNDP.

The Canadian expert also underlined introduction of modern equipment for the traffic police and adequate training to improve the traffic system.

Howe, however, expressed his satisfaction at the overall traffic administration keeping in mind the existing drawbacks.

Later a discussion on the report was attended by the DMP Commissioner A N Hussain and BRTC, RAJUK and City Corporation officials.

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Biman raffle draw held

By Staff Correspondent

Abdus Sobhan who travelled by Bangladesh Biman's Dhaka-London flight on June 13, won a Maruti-1000 car yesterday in a raffle draw held at Biman's Motijheel office.

The Dhaka-Jeddah flight of July 12 was selected as the "flight of the month" by a separate draw in the occasion. Biman operated 210 flights on different international routes in July. The Car-winner passengers for the July flight would be selected next month in another draw.

Biman has been offering its international passengers " a car every month" since last May.

In another draw for the participants of the function Kazi Wahidul Alam of the fortnightly Bangladesh Monitor and MA Latif of Alif International Cargo Agency won two Dhaka-Bangkok tickets.

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Ukraine

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted Leonid M Kravchuk, President of Ukraine on the occasion of its Independence Day, reports BSS.

President Biswas in his message said that he was confident that the bilateral relations between the two countries would be developed in the interest of the two peoples.

In another message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated Leonid D Kuchma, Prime Minister of Ukraine, on the occasion of its Independence Day.

In the message of felicitations Begum Khaleda Zia said that she was looking forward to further strengthening of bilateral relations and cooperations between the two friendly countries.

Directive for strict enforcement of traffic laws

Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan yesterday issued directive for strict enforcement of traffic laws all over the country to reduce road accidents, reports BSS.

He asked police officials to take legal action promptly against violation of traffic laws.

While addressing the senior police officials at their fortnightly meeting at the Police Headquarters here, Shahjahan advised them to be more active in improving the standard of investigation.

Reviewing the crime situation in the country during the first fortnight of the current month.

Media officials asked to work with sincerity

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: Information Secretary Nooruddin Al-Masud Monday called upon the media personnel to discharge their duties with sincerity for projecting government activities, reports BSS.

He made this call while visiting the Rajshahi Centre of Radio Bangladesh, Regional Office of PID and district Information Office here.

The Information Secretary said the government functionaries had to strictly abide by the rules and regulations in a disciplined manner.

Nooruddin also visited the office of the Daily Sunshine and Weekly Dunia.

JS body on Public Accounts meet held

The second meeting of "Action Taken Committee" under the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts yesterday discussed the possibility of BMRE of Pylon Industries Limited in Chittagong and took some measures to make it a profitable organisation, reports BSS.

Various problems facing the textiles mills in the country and their solutions were also discussed.

Presided over by convener of the committee Anwarul Hossain of BNP, the meeting was attended by Meshbauddin Khan of Awami League, Mohammad Abdul Ghani and Mohammad Shahjahan of BNP and Dr T I M Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury of Jatiya Party.

Japanese Language School President calls on Sircar

The visiting President of Kobe Japanese Language School, Japan, T Okamoto, called on Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar at his office here yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters relating to establishing a Japanese language school in Dhaka in joint-venture. The President of the Japanese Language School showed interest in providing financial assistance under the supervision of the government for establishing a school to give facilities to the Bangladeshi children for learning Japanese language.

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Action programme withdrawn

Class Three employees of the Postal Directorate have withdrawn their programme of action they have been observing since August 12 in pursuit of various demands, reports BSS.

The programme of action was withdrawn after discussion with Minister for Post, Telephones and Telegraph Tariqul Islam on Sunday

Two killed, 1 hurt in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Two persons were killed and one injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

A youngman was electrocuted at Tajgaon in the city yesterday afternoon. The victim identified as Liton, 25 was declared dead by the doctors on duty when brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at 2:15 am.

At Bashabo another youngman died falling down from the roof of a house at around 4 am yesterday. The victim, however, could not be identified.

Hospital sources said the victim donated both of his eyes to the Shandhani, a voluntary organisation run by the medical students.

Meanwhile, a tenant was attacked by his landlady reportedly for not paying house rents on time. The victim Ali Ahmed, 45 said that he was hurt by Bati (blade for cutting vegetables) at 5:30 pm yesterday. Ahmed was under treatment at DMCH and was in a stable condition.

Body recovered

By SSMCH Correspondent

The body of an unidentified youngman was recovered lying in a way-side ditch at Keraniganj on the outskirt of the city yesterday.

Police sources said, the victim, 30, wearing only a stripe lungi and a white shirt was found floating near the Dhaka-Mawa highway.

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Corrigendum to International Tender Notice

Effectiveness of "BAPEX/PD/INT/TEN-16/93" (Concerning Testing & Completion Service) part of tender indicated at Serial No. 3 of the International Tender Notice published Vide Memo No. 123.01.14 dated 08-08-1993 in The Daily Star on 22-08-1993, Friday, has been stalled and no tender schedule for this part will be sold. Effectiveness of the remaining parts will remain unaffected. D-607

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BTV
Tuesday

5:00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	Recitation from the Geeta
5:25	Esho Para Shikhi:Mass education
5:50	TV debate
7:00	Open University
7:25	Sangeeta
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama serial : Kothao Keu Neyi
10:00	News in English
10:30	Film:ENG
11:30	Khabor/The News
11:45	Closing

Weather

Heavy rains may continue

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, due to an active low depression over Bangladesh moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may continue at most places over Chittagong, Barisal and Dhaka divisions and at many places over Khulna, Rajshahi divisions.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged.

The country's highest temperature of 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded in Sylhet and lowest of 24.3 degree Celsius was recorded in Sitakunda.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:24 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:37 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius Max	Min	Humidity in percentage 9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.0	25.5	90	90
Chittagong	35.4	25.2	85	92
Rajshahi	28.9	26.5	92	96
Khulna	28.5	26.5	89	89
Barisal	28.2	24.6	98	83
Cox's Bazar	28.0	25.5	92	87
Dinajpur	31.0	25.5	99	93
Sylhet	32.8	25.8	85	90

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