

Dhaka Day by Day

An Unclaimed and Uncared-for Sandal

by Neil Ray

A sandal left right in the middle of the road has a more captivating story to tell than when it had the other one to pair it. Not entirely an unusual sight on the streets of this capital city, the forlorn look of the single sandal perhaps better illustrates the transient nature of life. A sense of sadness surrounds the still-usable foot-wear that no one has cared to pick up; not because people here have suddenly become unquestionably honest but because unpaired a shoe or a sandal has no customer in this wide world.

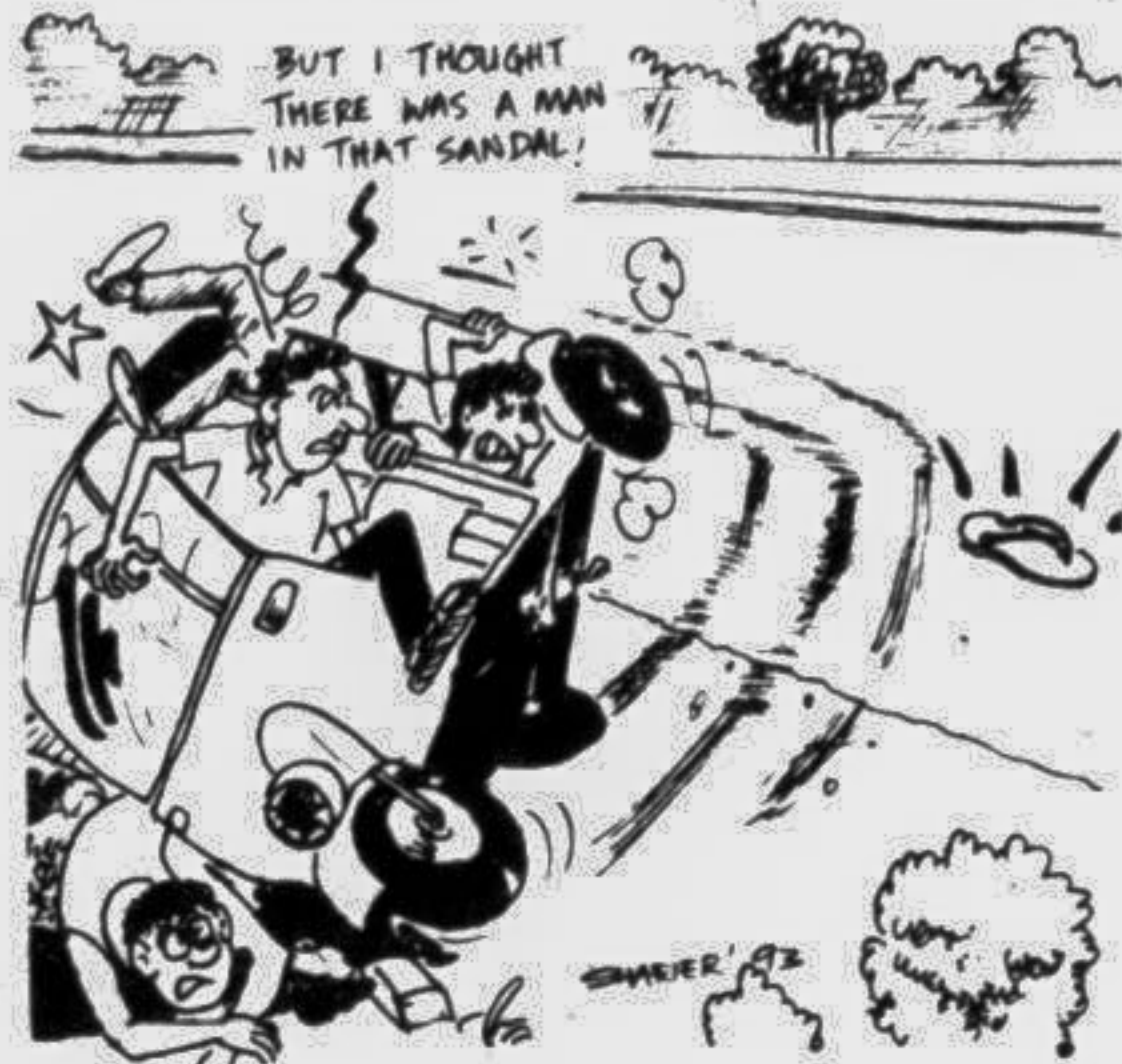
Indeed, this marvellous wear for foot, as drawn most poignantly by Rabindranath Tagore in his famous poem *Juta Abshkar* (Invention of Shoe), can be said to suffer elemental wrath, thanks to all kinds of circumstances — from the silliest to the weirdest. But the end result is all the same an engrossing commentary on human life. It is a sense of rejection mingled with fruitlessness that really knows at the core of our existence. No matter silly or tragic the situation that has led to this state of abandonment of the once-so-dear show or sandal, the message finds an unfailing echo in the human life itself. Few people have put it better than Martin Luther King Jr who, while accepting his Noble Peace Prize, said, "Man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life..."

With every passing vehicle running it over or simply hitting it direct or sideways, the abandoned were shifts its position, sometimes even

getting carried away several metres by the impact of the vehicles' speed. The wretched life of the sandal may still not be worse compared to that of its owner. There indeed the horror, the chilling sensation starts creeping down the spine of one who cares to hear the tale of a sandal.

Clearly, an unclaimed sandal on the road directs our attention, more often than not, to an unnatural and unsavoury combination of circumstances. Given the unpredictable — to put it mildly — nature of our city traffic, one has not much difficulty to place oneself in the painful position of the sandal's owner. That identification and the following sense of empathy brings once again to the fore life's impermanence. The cruel and all-engulfing city has to be paid a price and like the daily ration of the story's lion everyday someone must get crushed, with the only difference that unlike the animals of that particular jungle of the story, here in this traffic jungle the city's inhabitants have no choice to select the next victim from among them.

So a sandal will continue to lie scattered in the most likely or unlikely places of the city streets all the same. The toll may be sometimes heavy and at other times a little bearable. But the greatest of all differences is the one in which no rabbit will be cunning enough to outfox the devouring lion that the city is with its unlimited appetite. The city is blind, ruthless and even vengeful like perhaps Thomas Hardy's nature.



Leftists urged to unite

Speakers at a discussion here yesterday called upon all left-forces believing in socialism, to be united under one platform to attain emancipation of the oppressed masses, reports BSS.

Despite recent crisis over socialism all over the socialistic world, there was no alternative to establishing "Krishak-Sramik Raj" in the country purely on "Bangladeshi model" to overcome the prevailing crisis of poverty, hunger and unemployment, they added.

The discussion "Socialism: The Struggle of Today" was arranged at Taher auditorium

under the auspices of Krishak Shramik Samajbadi Dal in observance of the 24th founding anniversary of the party.

Presided over by party Secretary General Nirmal Sen, the discussion was participated, among others, by Hashanul Haq Inu of JSD, AFM Mahbubul Haq of BSD, MM Akash of CPB (hardliner), Protapuddin Ahmed of Jatiya Ganatantrik Forum and Siddiqueur Rahman of Krishak Shramik Samajbadi Dal.

The speakers said that there

might be some faults somewhere in the process of implementation of socialism. But it does not mean that socialism had failed or the need of socialism had ended.

The speakers maintained that the fundamentalists have become more cheerful than the capitalist block because of the prevailing crisis over socialism.

The speakers were of the same opinion that the collapse of socialism in the Soviet Union and other East European countries have disrupted the world's balance of power and drastically hampered the social progress especially for the down-trodden people.

Zahir visits container terminal of Ctg Port

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, accompanied by a four-member Chinese delegation, this morning visited Container Terminal of Chittagong Port, reports BSS.

The Planning Minister went round the terminal, which has 1.50 lakh sq metres of storage yard and 550 sq metres of rail terminal.

During the visit, Chairman of the port authority A K M Amanul Islam Chowdhury briefed the Chinese delegation on the most modern facilities of the container terminal.

The Chinese delegation headed by Li Chengren, deputy head of the International Liaison Committee, Central Committee of Communist Party of China had shown keen interest to use the facilities of the Chittagong Port in future.

IUBAT recognised as private varsity

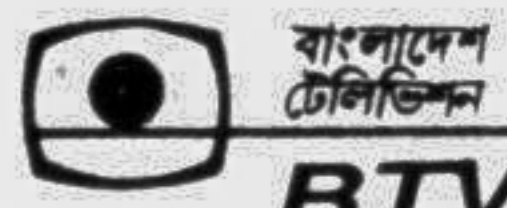
International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) has been formally given government approval to function as a private university from August 30, reports UNB.

Established in 1991, the IUBAT has two colleges - College of Business Administration and College of Technology, said a press release of the university yesterday.

The university offers degrees on Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS) and Master of Business Administration (MBA).

IUBAT also offers diplomas in computer science and accounting as well as certificate programme in Executive Development, Disaster Management, Computer and English language courses.

The first batch BBA students are now in 2nd year and that of diploma in Computer Science are scheduled to appear in final examination in October 1993.



Saturday

5:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
5:10 News in Bangla
5:20 Recitation from the Tripitak
5:25 Moner Khatha
Children's programme
Cartoon : Young Rabinhood
6:00 Shamachar
6:30 Banshorti : Folk songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Mati-O-Manush
9:00 Bolun Dekhi
10:00 News in English
10:30 Drama series: Dallas
11:30 Khabor/The News
11:45 Closing

Taka 27,000 fine realised in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Sept 3: Over Taka 27,000 was realised as fine by mobile courts and police at different market places of the division during the last month, according to an official handout today, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) in co-operation with local administration conducted the raids in shops and market places of Rajshahi, Rangpur, Thakurgaon, Kurigram and Sirajganj districts. A total of 150 cases were filed during the raids of which 113 were settled after realising the fine, the handout said.

'Role of textile engineers vital for uplift'

State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan yesterday said that the role of textile engineers and technocrats was very important for the overall development of the textile, jute, and garments industries in the country, reports BSS.

They have to play a vital role in solving various technical problems of these industries, he said.

The State Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the 6th national council installation ceremony of the Institution of Textile Engineers and Technologists.

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Name the days Singapore Airlines operates its flight to Dhaka.

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Rules:

1. A competitor cannot enter more than once, in one month.
2. Immediate family members of SIA, their ad-agency and travel agent employees and children below the age of 16 years are not eligible to enter this competition.
3. Closing date of entry for July is 7 August, 1993.

Winner will be notified by post.

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Competitor's

Name: _____

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Phone: _____

Singapore Airlines reserves irrefutable right to choose the winning answer and disqualify any entry.



All are friends in politics, despite their differences. Photographed yesterday, at a reception at Sonargaon Hotel on the occasion of the National Day of Qatar are (from top left): 1. Awami League secretary Zillur Rahman with Maulana M A Mannan; 2. Jamaat Chief Golam Azam with Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf; 3. Acting Chairman of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury greets Golam Azam; 4. Old comrades meet again: Awami League GS Zillur Rahman, Mizan Chowdhury and Justice Nurul Islam, Vice President under Ershad. —Star photos by A K M Mohsin

Qatar envoy hosts reception

The Ambassador of the State of Qatar, Atiq Nasser Al-Bader, held a reception here yesterday evening on occasion of National Day of Qatar, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, political leaders, diplomats, journalists, officials and the elite of the city attended the reception.

Foreign sarees seized

By Staff Correspondent

Police seized ninety three foreign sarees from three women in the city at about 11am yesterday.

Police raided a minibus (Comilla BA-5396) at Jatrahari crossing and searched three suspicious women, Anowara, Afroza and Ayasa and found the sarees.

Demra thana police arrested the women.

Japanese MP meets Hannan

The visiting Japanese Parliament Member (House of Representatives) and President of Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Association, Makoto Tanaka, called on the Jute Minister, ASM Hannan Shah, at his official residence here yesterday, reports BSS.

Obituary

Begum Lutfunnesa, widow of late Khan Sahib Quazi Muhammad Rezwannullah Khan of Satkhira died of cardiac arrest yesterday morning. She was 84. Her kulkhwant will be held Monday next at 11/Gha, Road No-2, Shyamoli.

New BAEC Chairman

The government has appointed M A Quayum, member (Engineering), as Chairman of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), says a press release Thursday.

Prior to his appointment Quayum was working as officiating chairman.

Born in 1940 at Keraniganj in Dhaka, Quayum is a renowned nuclear engineer and has been working with the Commission since 1962.

Weather

Showers likely to continue

By Staff Correspondent

Sky will remain cloudy over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

Occasional moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may continue today at most places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Barisal, Khulna divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded simultaneously in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar and Dinajpur while the lowest 22.0 degree Celsius was recorded in Faridpur.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.15 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.41 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Max Celsius	Min Celsius	Humidity in percentage 9am	Humidity in percentage 6pm
Dhaka	25.9	24.2	94	93
Chittagong	28.5	23.6	92	85
Rajshahi	29.7	24.5	98	90
Khulna	27.1	24.6	92	93
Barisal	27.6	23.4	92	92
Cox's Bazar	30.5	24.0	78	85
Sylhet	27.3	23.2	100	90
Dinajpur	30.5	24.5	92	87

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানি ও পয়ঃ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd & 3rd class civil contractors for installation & rehabilitation of 100/150 mm dia water line at Nurfatih Lane & Orphanage Road area at an allotted cost of Taka 3,36,909/=. Tenders will be received up to 12:00 noon on 13-9-93 and opened on the same day at 2:00 pm in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives. Schedule of tender will be available at the Office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA; WASA Bhavan, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address:

Dhaka Water Works Compound, SDM Qamrul Alam Chowdhury
Chandnightat, Dhaka
WASA-PI-37/93
DFF (G) 13564-30/8
G-143

Executive Engineer
(Current responsibility)
MODS Zone-2
Dhaka WASA

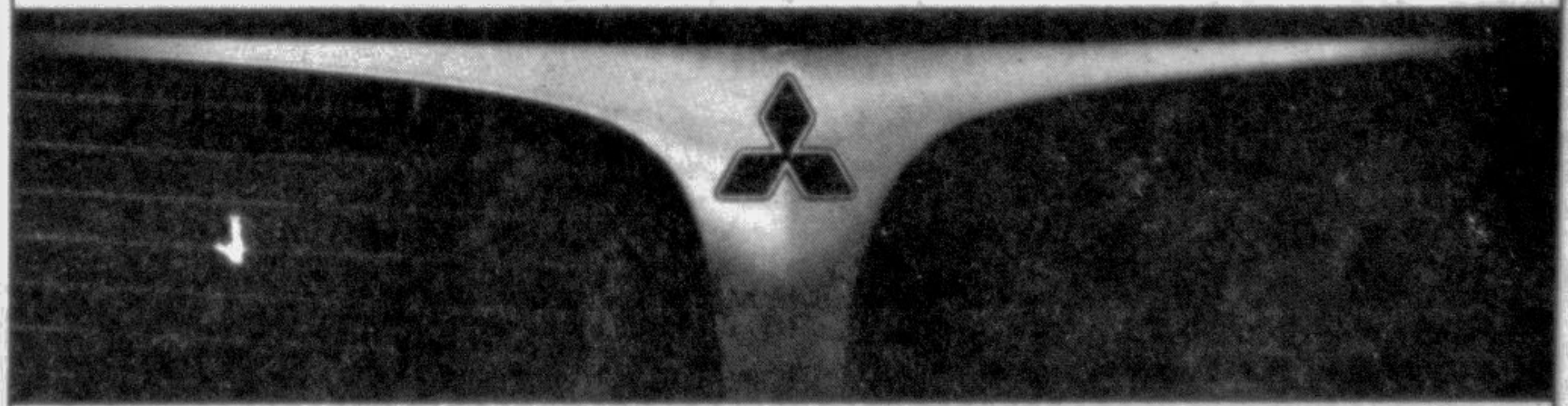
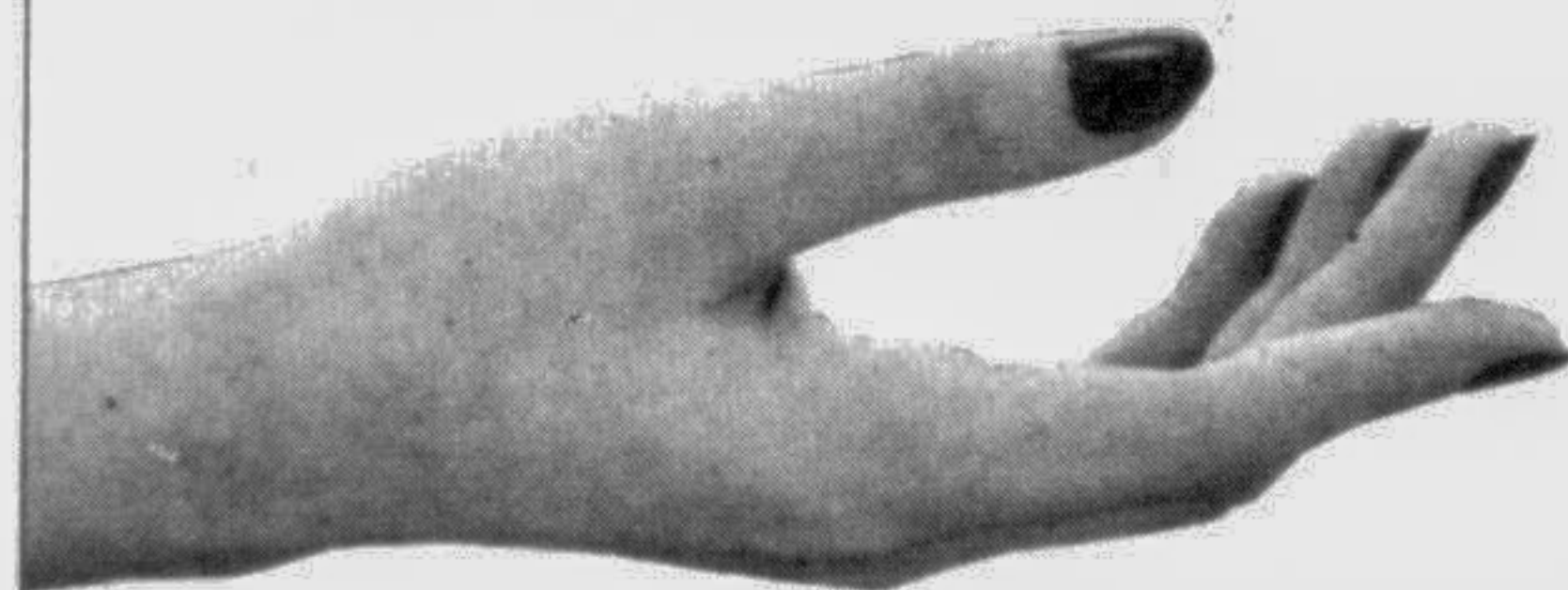
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