

Dhaka Day by Day

The Shoe-Shine Man

by Parveen Anam

Dhaka is a city of varied appeals not the least being in its offering of the various trades at the doorstep of the Dhakaite by the vendors. The Dhakaite would be totally helpless, if he did not have the commodity brought to his doorstep by the kindly soul in the shape of the 'hawker'. Well, 'to each his own', you mutter as you nimbly try to avoid the 'seller of goods' shouting at the top of his lungs at your doorstep.

There are vendors and there are vendors, of course, but the one who will not shout is normally seen walking on the side of the road with a little box of odd-looking 'odds and ends' and will promptly sit down at any place to work away. He is the unsung 'hero' of the shoes' who does the endless rounds of the city on foot, in all probability shoeless, putting a shine on others' feet. Literally.

With a ready smile, readier wit and nimbler fingers he will sit on the ground, pull out his little oddments from his box which he keeps slung over his shoulder and polish away, till the shoe looks new. Or almost new. His is a trade which has an ingenuity all its own. The little bottles that he has stacked in neat little rows in his box all have a relevance which he alone can appreciate. He uses them in a sequence he is well versed with.

152 bottles of phenyl seized

The Department of Narcotics Control in a special drive arrested a man and seized 152 bottles of banned phenyl syrup from his possession at Manikganj bus station on Friday, reports UNB.

Inspector Abdur Razzaque of Manikganj circle along with his staff following a tip-off caught Abdur Rashid red handed while he was waiting at the bus stand to embark on a Dhaka-bound bus.

Trial of Golam Azam demanded

By DU Correspondent

Relief for hill dists demanded

Council of Hill People demanded immediate relief for the distressed people in three hill districts, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday Secretary General of the Council Maniruzzaman Manir said that nearly 20,000 people who had been shifted from bordering areas including Panchari and Dighinali have been living in sub-human conditions.

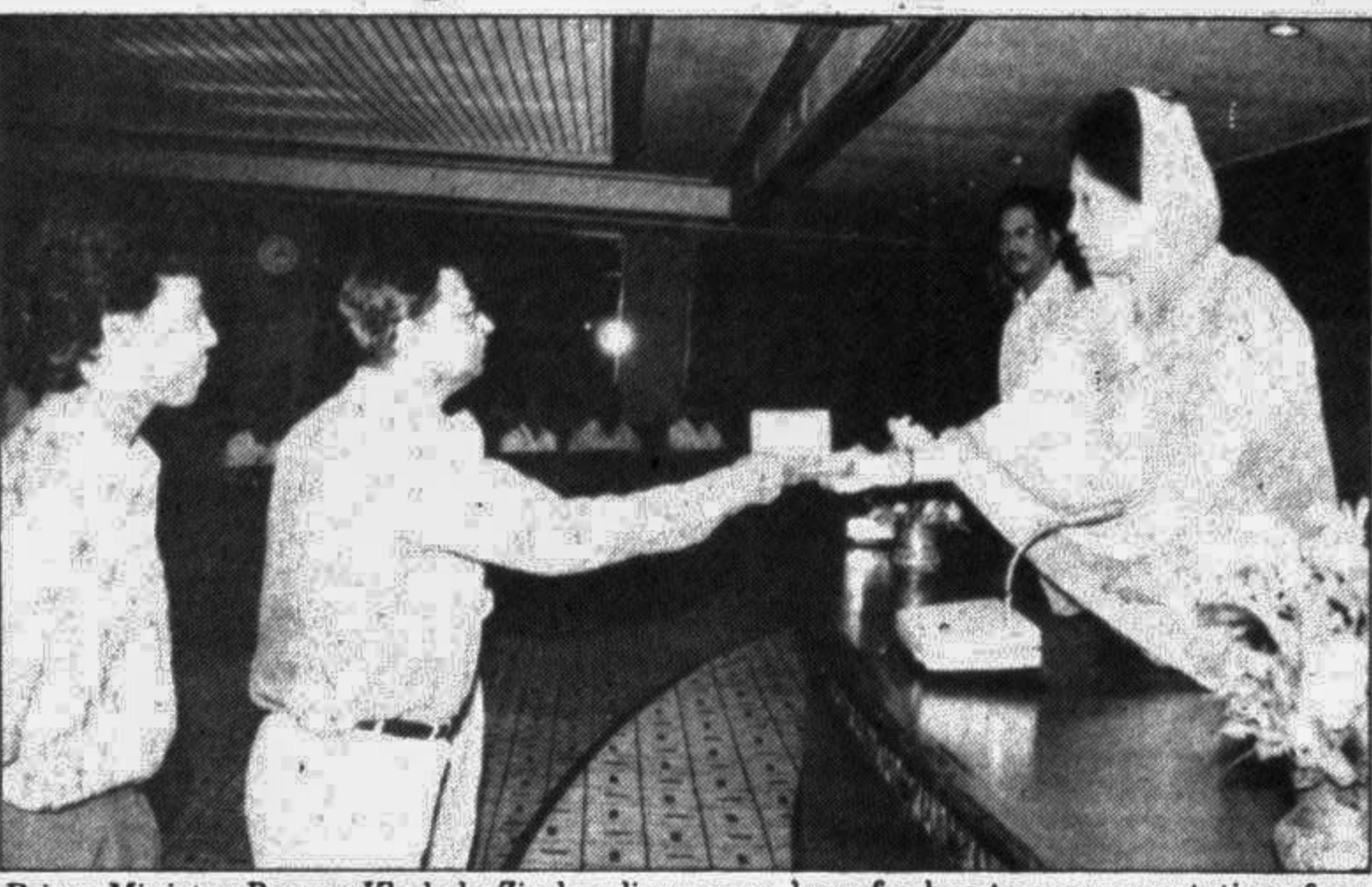
Crops on vast acres of land in Rangamati district have been damaged due to water logging caused by heavy rain fall.



The shoe-shine man is actually a welcome sight in most offices in downtown Motijheel; as soon as he turns up at the office door, perfectly well dressed and coiffured 'business executives' will be seen walking around shoeless, as they take off their shoes for their weekly shine. It saves everybody a lot of hassle and hard work, for no matter how hard the housewife will polish the shoes of her 'lord and master,' the 'shiny touch' will always be missing. It is only the shoe-shine man who can put the shine into the shoe, as no other can. He is a common sight at the bus stops and train station, as the Dhakaite will have his shoe polished and spruced up while he waits for his transport.

Yet, this same man is unrecognised in the business world. The policemen like him of course, because he has to give them a cut of his earnings.

It gives the Dhakaite a wonderful sense of belonging, to see that the uncomplaining soul trudging the rain drenched, dirty pavements of the belied city polishing away the shoes of the citizens for a mere pittance. His pecuniary benefits from his trade would hardly turn him into a Rockefeller, but he most certainly takes the cake for hard work and dedication. And all in the line of shoes and their shines.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia handing over key of a bus to a representative of an educational institution at a ceremony at the International Conference Centre yesterday. A total of five buses and two minibuses were presented to different institutions. — PID photo

Setting up more educational institutions stressed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday stressed the need for setting up more educational institutions in the rural areas to help increase country's literacy rate and build a modern society, reports UNB.

"Only education can play a pivotal role in changing the lot of commonman and help expedite the pace of achieving progress and prosperity," he said and called upon the affluent to contribute to the effort for raising people's literacy rate.

President Biswas was exchanging views with a 30-member delegation of the managing committee of the Khirati Bangatal College of Kapasia in Gazipur district at Bangabhaban. Jute Minister Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah led the delegation.

Citing the literacy rate of some other developing countries

in the region, the President said they had realised the importance of education for socio-economic advancement and building a modern society.

He underscored the need for peaceful existence of all shades of opinion and religious faith so all sections of people could properly participate in the nation building task.

Earlier, Jute Minister and Chairman of the managing committee of the college A S M Hannan Shah gave a brief resume of the performance of the college and other development activities Kapasia thana.

Hannan further informed the President that the college was running smoothly in a peaceful academic atmosphere. He sought cooperation of the President in further developing the college and strengthening infrastructural facilities in the area.

President Biswas assured all incentives and cooperation.

Another report adds: The nation would forge ahead through united efforts of all and none could hinder our progress if we have honesty, patriotism and dedication towards work," said President Abdur Rahman Biswas.

BCS Education Assoc to go on indefinite strike from Nov 16

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh Civil Service General Education Association will go on an indefinite strike from November 16 if their demands were not met.

The members of the association would also observe a token strike on September 18 and 19 and a full-day strike on October 19 in response to the call by the Central Action Council of the Doctors, Engineers and Agriculturists.

Leaders of the BCS General Education Association at a special general meeting urged the government to stop creating the posts of ADC (Education) in all districts and to withdraw immediately the administrative cadre members appointed in the Education Department projects.

Chaired by Professor Md Lutfur Rahman, Principal of the Sarada Sundari Government Women's College, the meeting was addressed by Secretary General of the Association Md Abu Yusuf, Treasurer Enayet Hossain Mia.

Afforestation programme will create employment opportunity: Noman

Minister for Environment and Forests, Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah-al-Noman yesterday called for spontaneous participation of the people in the nationwide afforestation programme, reports BSS.

"We need your spontaneous cooperation in this regard as everybody will be the beneficiary of the present afforestation programme," he said.

Happy Anniversary

To
Eli (Baro Bajee)
& Mujib

Eagerly awaiting the Silver Jubilee
Love from:
Reeta & Nafees

Happy Anniversary

To
Abbu & Ammu
With Love from:
Mikayael, Nazia
& Maamar

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. MACKINAC BRIDGE V-0069B from Long Beach, ex. M.V. MONT BLANC MARU V-2409B from Tokyo, Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama, ex. M.V. MAHA BHUM V-171 from Bangkok have been relayed to M.V. OPTIMA V-846, Imp. Rot. No. 700/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 4-9-93 from Singapore.

Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing and if cargo not cleared within 45 days will be guided by Customs Act.

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Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD
Road Circle, ComillaCancellation Order of the
Tender Notice

No. 2/CRC/93-94 of Road Circle, Comilla

Tender Notice No. 2/CRC/93-94 of Road Circle, Comilla for Construction of 111.26 Metre long PSB over Dakata River at 1st KM of Hajigong-Ramgonj Road under Road Division, Comilla, is cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Mir Mosharraf Husain
Superintending Engineer, RHD,
Road Circle, Comilla.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Textiles

Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

International Re-Tender Notice

Sealed International Tenders are hereby invited for sale of the following industrial units owned by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh "as is where is basis." The intending buyers are requested to submit tenders duly filled in and supported by necessary documents separately for each industrial unit in the prescribed proforma by messenger or drop the same personally into the tender box installed for the purpose in the Ministry of Textiles, Room No. 1117, Building No. 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Sl. No.	Name of the Enterprises to be sold	Date & time of selling Tender form	Receiving & opening date of Tender
1.	Bangladesh Textile Mills, Narayanganj	5-9-93 to 25-9-93 from 09:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 26-9-93 up to 11:00 AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM
2.	Madaripur Textile Mills, Madaripur Noakhali Textiles, Laxmipur	5-9-93 to 4-10-93 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 5-10-93 up to 11:00AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM
3.	Khulna Textile Mills, Khulna	5-9-93 to 4-10-93 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 5-10-93 up to 11:00AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM
4.	Zofine Fabrics, Savar, Dhaka	5-9-93 to 7-10-93 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 9-10-93 up to 11:00 AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM
5.	Barisal Textile Mills, Barisal	5-9-93 to 7-10-93 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 9-10-93 up to 11:00 AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM
6.	Kishoregonj Textile Mills, Kishoregonj	5-9-93 to 7-10-93 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Receiving on 9-10-93 up to 11:00 AM and opening at the same date at 11:30 AM

Each set of the tender form, detail conditions thereof and other related papers can be procured from the undersigned on all working days as mentioned above on cash payment of Tk 1,000/- (Taka One thousand only) or US\$ 25.00 (US Dollar twenty five only) which is non-refundable. No tender form will be sold after 2:00 PM.

Interested foreigners, Bangladeshi citizens living abroad or overseas commercial firms can also procure the tender form(s) from Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington DC, Bonn, Riyadh, Tokyo, Hongkong and Seoul at the same price as per time schedule fixed by the concerned diplomatic missions. The tenderers will ensure submission of their tenders along with necessary papers to the address mentioned above at their own arrangement. Tender received after the said date and time will not be entertained.

In order to avoid probable shortcomings and drawbacks the intending tenderers are advised to go through the tender conditions and other related papers carefully before they fill in or drop the same.

Tenders found incomplete and otherwise short of necessary papers shall straightway stand cancelled. Any explanation, appeal, demand or request made to review or reconsider in this behalf later on by the tenderer(s) concerned will not be entertained.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders either in full or in part without assigning any reason whatsoever.

S M Shahjahan
Senior Assistant Secretary
Phone : 252906

Weather

Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Sky will remain partly cloudy during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday).

During this time, light to moderate temporary rain or showers accompanied by gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Barisal, Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions. Weather may remain dry over Dhaka division.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to three degree Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded simultaneously from Kutubdia, Sitakunda and Comilla and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius was recorded in both Rangamati and Feni.

Rainfall recorded during the day across the country was: Dinajpur and Tangail 7mm each and Barisal 2mm.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.13pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.42 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
Dhaka	30.8	24.2
Chittagong	32.4	24.7
Rajshahi	31.5	24.6
Khulna	31.8	23.8
Barisal	31.6	23.8
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.5
Sylhet	32.0	24.4
Dinajpur	30.6	25.0
	Max	85
	Min	78
	9am	95
	6pm	82
	Max	75
	Min	72
	9am	93
	6pm	82
	Max	75
	Min	72
	9am	78
	6pm	75
	Max	89
	Min	80

Procurement of the above goods and services shall be made on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

1. Tender Documents

Tender Documents will be available for sale from 11 September, 1993 during office hours from Accounts Department, Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited, BSEC Bhaban (8th Floor), 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka. Phone : 329331, 329954 & 326357. Tender documents will not be sold on the Bid opening date.

a) For Tender No. RP-02/05
US\$ 75.00 or Tk. 3000.00
b) For Tender No. RP-02/06
US\$ 50.00 or Tk. 2000.00

Bids will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) on 25 October, 1993 and will be opened on the same day at 1230 hours (BST) at the address given at serial No. 01 in presence of the Bidders or their representatives (if any).

Suppliers from IDA member countries, who are capable to supply materials strictly in accordance with the prescribed International Standards and Practices are only eligible to submit Bids.

RPGCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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