

## Dhaka Day by Day

### Life of a Campus Terrorist

by Sharier Khan

The beginning of the day was very hectic for Babu who had to meet several fellow student leaders at 7 am. He usually woke up at 11 am. But since Babu was heading a student organisation of a college, he had more responsibility now than before as the election of the students' council was only a couple of days away.

The main task of the day for Babu was to make an arms deal. He and Moin would go to their senior leader Rakib Bhai to bring back a couple of cut rifles which he would use to keep the election under his control, in exchange for the pistols he had in his possession. Rakib Bhai lived some 10 kms away from the campus, so it was a bit risky for them to carry the guns - but Babu was used to taking risks.

Accompanied by Moin and the guns Babu, a second year honours student of the college, Babu left for Rakib Bhai's place. It was 8.30 am. Rakib Bhai knew they would come. He was waiting outside his home in a microbus.

"Hello Babu-Moin," Rakib Bhai greeted them anxiously, "get up on the microbus, we shall finish the deal in the afternoon." "Where are you going... what's wrong now?" asked Moin. "Have you forgotten that our leader Mr X (a national political figure) is arriving at the airport at 10 am," replied Rakib, "we should receive him."

Within an hour they were at the airport. There were also another microbus waiting for Mr X. The tough guys brought along floral wreaths and bouquets for Mr X who is coming to this city to address his student cadres on the eve of the students' council election. "The flight will be delayed by two hours," someone informed Rakib.

"Good, then I think I will rush to the court house and pick up someone before meeting Mr X," Rakib told Babu and Moin. Babu became impatient and said, "Then first give us the rifles." "Come on what's the hurry," Rakib said and instructed the driver to start the microbus. The microbus was joined by the other micro. "Here is something interesting," Rakib began to draw Babu's attention, "I am going to kidnap someone and hold him for an hour." "What's the deal?" asked Babu.

"The guy I am going to pick up is going to submit papers for a tender floated by the court at 10.30..." Rakib revealed a peculiar plan. But Babu was least bothered. Rakib Bhai would not let someone drop his tender paper and have his bid accepted in the absence of competitors from other bidders. The same old story.

Rakib Bhai said, "The guy would be picked up on the other microbus as instructed earlier." So they arrived at the court building premises at 10.15 am. Rakib Bhai climbed down from the vehicle and got lost in the crowd. Babu and Moin bought two newspapers and

almost forgot everything.

Suddenly the door of the vehicle opened and someone was hurled back into the seat. Three teenagers within seconds got into the vehicle along with a man who almost broke his neck as the kids threw him inside the vehicle. "Driver, rush! move like the wind!" the driver started

driving crazily. "Whoa... hey, who are you guys?" Babu and Moin asked the kids. The man, who has just been thrown in started crying for help. One of the teenagers hit him on the head and the kidnapped man went silent. Babu got the picture. He was in the middle of a crime he had not committed before. True, he had injured several guys with guns and crackers, spent few days in police remand, but those cases were different from this. He muttered to himself.

Suddenly he discovered the path of the microbus was blocked by a number of police vehicles. The driver pressed hard the brake, pedal and tried to turn back. Then stopped and jumped out of the vehicle to vanish into the thin air.

An icy feeling ran down the spine of Babu. Oh, no! trouble again. Several times before, Babu was taken into the police custody. Ultimately, the police let him out. Either top political leaders, who used Babu for their purpose, called the OC's and asked them to leave Babu or Babu himself would offer them a good bribe. In any case, it was unnerving.

The police did not let Babu get away this time. No bribe nor phone calls. Babu and his friends were in a real fix. The police filed a case under the Anti-terrorism Act for kidnapping and keeping illegal weapons. The court, upon finding them guilty, sentenced them seven years' imprisonment.

Now Babu was in total darkness. He had never expected this. He always considered himself an untouchable hero. He had plans to become a contractor in the future. The politicians were always giving him assurance that he would get all sorts of help.

Babu's parents, who were fed up with their son's activities, at first thought they would let the boy suffer in the jail for his misdeeds. Ultimately, Babu promised them to be reformed. He also impressed them by completing his second year subsidiary examinations from the jail.

In the first week of August after seven months, a writ petition in the High Court brought Babu good news. He was freed on bail.

"The case is going on," he told The Daily Star, "but I shall escape the jail." Then pausing for a moment he added, "The police case was lodged for kidnap charges mainly... not for terrorism on the campus," he said apologetically, "I did not kidnap anybody... did I?"

### Int'l Literacy Day tomorrow

The International Literacy Day will be observed in the country, as elsewhere in the world tomorrow, reports UNB.

To mark the day, the National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh (NAUCB) in cooperation with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO and the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) will organise a discussion at the centre premises at 4 pm.

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will be chief guest while Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Emazuddin Ahmed, BUET Vice-Chancellor Prof M Shahjahan and Sophie De Caen, Asst Resident Representative of UNDP will speak as special guests. Journalists Ojas Kamal Chowdhury will preside.

Bangladesh 2000, an NGO, in cooperation with UNIC, will organise a seminar Wednesday afternoon. It will be attended by National Professor M Shamsul Haque as chief guest.

UNDP Resident Representative Michael Constable, Syed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury and Dilwar Ali Khan will speak on the occasion as special guests.

This day corresponds to the opening of the 1st World Conference of Ministers of Education in the Eradication of Illiteracy in Tehran in 1965.

### Biswas, Khaleda Hasina greet Brazilian President

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated President Itamar Augusto Cautiero Franco of Brazil on the occasion of his country's independence day today, reports BSS.

In the message of felicitations Abdur Rahman Biswas said, "The people and the government of Bangladesh join me in conveying to your excellency and through you to the people and the government of Brazil our warm greetings and felicitations on the happy occasion of your independence day."

"Please accept, my best wishes for your good health, happiness and long life and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Brazil."

In a similar message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted President Itamar Augusto Cautiero Franco.

In the message of greetings Begum Khaleda Zia said, "On the occasion of the celebration of the independence day of Brazil, I have the pleasure to convey you on my behalf and on behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh, our warmest greetings and felicitations."

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina also felicitated the Brazilian President.

In a message to the Brazilian President, Hasina expressed her firm belief that the bonds of friendship, mutual respect and cooperation between the two countries will strengthen in future.

The Awami League President wished President Franco good health, happiness and long life and peace, progress and prosperity for the friendly people of Brazil.



Tuesday

5:00	Opening announcement
5:10	Al-Quran Programme summary
5:20	News in Bangla
5:25	Recitation from the Gesta
5:30	Esho Para Shikhi: Educational programme
5:30	TV debate
6:45	Open University
7:15	Sangeeta
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama serial: Kothao Keu Ney
10:00	News in English
10:30	Film: ENG
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:45	Closing

### Weather

#### Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

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

During the period, light to moderate temporary rain or showers accompanied by gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy falls at places over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Barisal and Patuakhali.

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

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 33.5 degree Celsius was recorded in Sylhet and the lowest 23.2 was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.42 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/towns	Temperature in degree		Celsius humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.7	25.5	83	81
Chittagong	31.7	24.2	73	82
Rajshahi	31.8	26.3	98	73
Khulna	29.7	26.5		
Barisal	29.2	25.8	90	95
Cox's Bazar	31.6	27.3	84	86
Sylhet	33.5	23.8	91	92
Dinajpur	32.5	26.5	98	91

### Commemorative meeting on Dr Ibrahim

## Medicare to be made available for commonman: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said the present government was trying to make medicare available to the doorstep of commonman through concerted efforts, reports UNB.

"Service to man and humanity should be the fundamentals of education... to earn money is not the only yardstick of success, and Dr Ibrahim has set an example," he said.

The President paid the glowing tribute to the founder of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, while addressing a commemorative meeting on the fourth anniversary of his death at BIRDEM auditorium in the afternoon.

Highlighting his various activities, Biswas said late Dr Ibrahim had set a unique example of love by extending medicare facilities through his life-long endeavour. Dr Ibrahim

also organised a disciplined work force to run the BIRDEM.

President Biswas called upon all to follow the path of success of Dr Ibrahim and uphold the ideals of serving humanity. About 1.5 lakh patients have so far got medical services from BIRDEM.

Secretary General of the as-

sociation and former Planning Minister Dr Fathuddin Mahatab, National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof Shamsul Haq, Brig (Rtd) M A Malek, Dr Hafizur Rahman Alamgir M A Kabir presided. Mrs Sakina Ibrahim was present as special guest.

### Contraband worth Tk 10 lakh seized

RAJSHAHI, Sept 6: Members of 20 Rifle Battalion seized Indian goods worth about Taka ten lakh in two separate raids yesterday, an official handout said, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information the BDR members seized the contraband from Tebaria of Natore and Ishurdi of Pabna district.

Later, the seized goods were deposited to Rajshahi customs office.

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The last date for receiving applications is September 21, 1993; envelopes should be addressed to the Manager Human Resources and marked with the name of the position applied for.

Candidates selected for interview will be notified in writing of the venue, date and time of the same.



Abdul Hye of Pirojpur district, an accused in different cases, was arrested in front of the secretariat building in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Proper evaluation of BJMD hailed

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal (BJMD) hailed the fourth BNP council session and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for properly evaluating the BJMD.

In a recent discussion meeting of the BJMD, presided over by Md Isteaq Khan Lablu, the organisation praised Begum Zia for her strong leadership and expressed its hopes that all nationalist parties and forces would be united.

The programme was addressed, among others, by Ahsanul Bashar, Abdur Rahman Asad, Mahbubul Alam Khan, Iqbal Mohan, Azharul Haque and others.

### Obituary

Noted writer, educationist and social worker Shamsunnahar Salek died of cancer at the Calcutta Cancer Hospital Sunday, family sources said, reports BSS.

She was 44. She left behind her husband, one son and one daughter.

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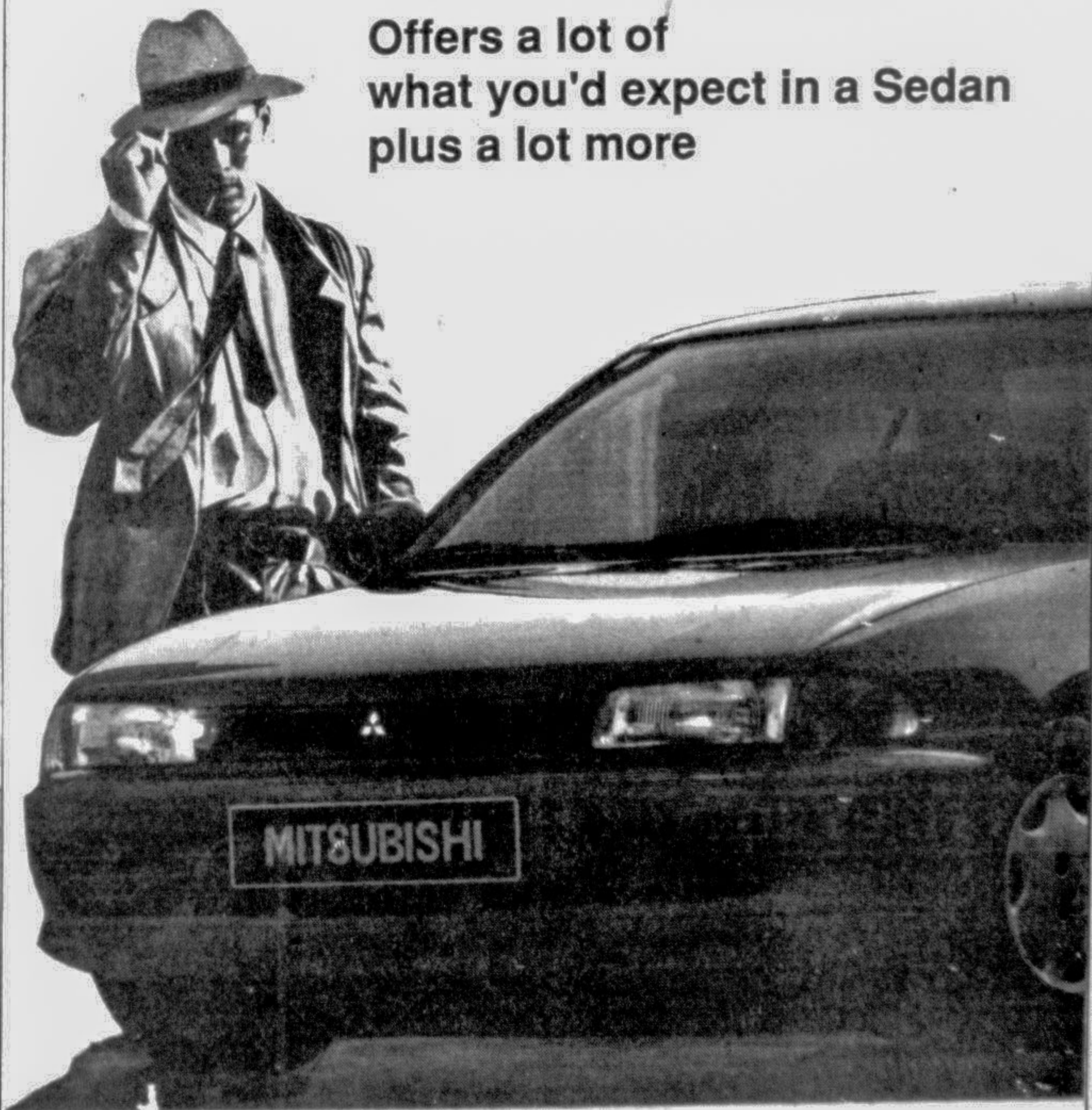
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