

Dhaka Day by Day

Old Roads for the New

by Parveen Anam



The famous lines from Aladdin spring to the mind, and we are transported back to our childhood, as visions of the wicked magician and his deeds come crowding back. Only the horrible magician was selling genuine old lamps; roads were not on his list of wares to be peddled. But then, the wise will nod their heads and prophesy, 'if there were roads, of course he would have sold them' Or at least rented them out. Ah yes, rented them out for sure. Think of the money he would have minted, because there were not too many roads in those old days and the couple that were around, would have fetched millions.

The Dhakaita by all accounts, is a species on the verge of extinction. And the city fathers are hastening the poor souls towards that end. By making sure they start to suffer from blood pressure and its related complications. How else can they explain the reason for his walking up one fine morning to find the little metalled piece of concrete, the authorities so lovingly like to call 'road' and the Dhakaita so proudly drives along, quite happy with the potholes and all, is suddenly no more for him to drive on. It's his nightmare come true. The road is on rent. The Dhakaita sputters and the Dhakaita stammers and the Dhakaita throws a tantrum. To no avail. The authorities have deemed it fit to rent out a public piece of property, for which the debt-ridden citizen is charged yearly, supposedly for its maintenance and he can no longer use it for his convenience.

How it can even occur to someone that major roads in the city can be rented out, to people who love their little spades and shovel, so they can dig holes in it at will! This actually leaves



Jamaat chief Golam Azam speaking at a discussion on Siratunnabi at the auditorium of the Engineers' Institution in the city yesterday.

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'Establish rule of Allah'

Jamaat-e-Islami chief Prof Golam Azam yesterday called upon all for the establishment of the rule of Allah and administration of honest people, reports BSS.

Prof Azam was speaking as chief guest at a discussion on Siratunnabi organised by his party at the auditorium of the Engineers' Institution. Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami and A T M Azharul Islam participated in the discussion.

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Tk 907.21 cr earned from export in July

The country earned Tk 907.21 crore equivalent to 229.50 million US dollar from export in the first month of the current fiscal year (1993-94), an official source said Thursday reports UNB.

The amount is 31.71 per cent in Taka or 29.01 per cent in dollar higher than the export earning in July last year which stood at Tk 688.79 crore (US dollar 177.89 million).

The export target for the current fiscal year (FY) has been fixed at Tk 11,600 crore equivalent to 2,900 million US dollar.

The source said export earnings in the first month of FY 1993-94 also marked an increase over the earning in the previous month (June) when the country earned Tk 884.59 crore (US dollar 223.78 million) from export.

Export earning from primary and industrial products in July this year stood at 39.39 million US dollar and 190.11 million dollar respectively recording rise of 56.50 per cent and 24.48 per cent over that of the corresponding period last year.

Some 27.83 million US dollar and 150.06 million dollar were earned through export of traditional and non-traditional items during the period, registering 11.10 per cent and 32.33 per cent increase over the earnings in July of the last fiscal.

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Earnings from the export of jute and jute goods and other products during the period increased to 21.39 US million dollar and 202.39 million dollar respectively.

A total of 74 products were exported to 71 countries in last July. The United States was the largest importer of Bangladeshi products, its import volume constituting 37.36 per cent of the total export of Bangladesh.

The other major importing countries were Germany (9.55 per cent), France (7.01), United Kingdom (5.76), Italy (5.71), Japan (4.68), Netherlands (3.97), Belgium (3.01), Singapore (1.89) and Iran (0.97).

These 10 countries imported 79.91 per cent of the total export of Bangladeshi goods. The rest 20 per cent was exported to 61 other countries.

Readymade garment was the highest foreign currency earner during the period with 55.35 per cent of the total export earning. The other foreign exchange earners were frozen food (10.19 per cent), jute products (9.16), knitwear (8.63), leather (4.65), raw jute (3.58), chemical products (2.39), tea (1.08) and handicrafts (0.33).

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Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

Me Office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degrees Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 34.6 degrees Celsius was recorded in Dhaka while the lowest 24.0 degrees was recorded in Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.07 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.44 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and humidities recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	9 am 6 pm
Dhaka	32.1	76 71
Chittagong	32.1	75 73
Rajshahi	33.7	76
Khulna	34.5	81 67
Barisal	33.6	82 72
Cox's Bazar	32.5	72 76
Sylhet	33.6	83 75
Dinajpur	33.4	26.0 83 78

PLO-Israel peace accord hailed

The Palestine Freedom Fighters' Association of Bangladesh yesterday welcomed the mutual recognition by the PLO and Israel, reports BSS.

In a statement, M. Hossain Ali Chowdhury, chairman and Mohammad Mostaq Ahmed, secretary general of the central command council of the organisation felicitated the US President Bill Clinton, whom they described as the architect of establishing peace in the Middle East.

Bishwa Muslim Jeihad Council chairman A. B. Siddique Molla in a statement issued in Dhaka yesterday also welcomed the peace agreement.

'Restore discipline, peace on campus'

RAJSHAHI, Sept 10: Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sirer has called upon the students to put in efforts towards restoring peace and discipline on the campus, reported BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the Central Students Union of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) here yesterday.

The Education Minister handed over a cheque of Taka one lakh donated by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to

the institute authority for purchasing books for the library of the institute.

Presided over by president of the students union Dr Sirajul Karim Choudhury, the function was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Establishment Barrister Aminul Haq, Rajshahi city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, Azizur Rahman MP and JCD leader Rijivi Ahmed.

Barrister Jamiruddin said that the BNP government was pursuing policies aimed at institutionalising democracy.

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