

Dhaka Day by Day

A Boy Lives in His Fantasy World

by Shamsad Mortuza

It was raining 'tigers and wolves' — if not to use the cliché, 'cats and dogs'. And there was only one place to save yourself from the rainwater — the front of a closed shop. After all, there is hardly a businessman, who would permit the mob to flock before his showroom. The drip-drop sound, the splashing of water droplets, the water rolling down from high above the stadium carnis — all have a soothing effect. 'Hey, your money has fallen,' a rude awaking from your stupor.

It was a double shock for me; first, there was no money down, second, the one who just dodged me was a small child of seven of eight years old.

"Come here," I ordered the boy with a mischievous look of retaliation, expecting the boy to flee. The little one, however, with defiance approached and asked, "What's wrong?"

Meet Ritu. This seven-year-old child has lost his mother — he knows not when — and has left his rickshawpuller father to avoid the beatings of his step-mother.

"I have none, not even a friend," Ritu who has made the pavement of Dhaka stadium market his permanent abode, said. "Me and my brother came here fleeing from a house at Tikatuli", the boy in a torn shirt and worn-out shorts recalled. "I found Taka 250 lying on the stadium floor one day. My brother took it and told me to wait but he never came back", the boy added. "Sometimes when I go to look for my brother at New Airport, he comes to Gulistan, when I come to Gulistan, he leaves for Uttara or Sonali. Sometimes, when I'm in Kamalapur, he's in Sadarghat. . . . " Ritu seemed very determined to explain why he and his brother never had a meeting since the first departure. For an instant, he reminded one of Sukumar Roy's Abol-Tabol where the 'Gechho Beral' has a similar fugitive role.

"I know every nook and cranny of the stadium and Baitul Mukarram, everyone knows me. . . they often offer me food or something, but if my pocket is full, I don't take their food." A self-assuming swagger crossed Ritu's face.

"Shopping bags are sold like hot cakes, and the profit is also very high, one can profit 50 paise per bag," the small boy who has a scar right on his nose went on telling about his living. "One day I found 50 taka and bought polythene bags with it. . . you won't believe how they took it from me. . . hey, one bag, hey, another. . . within ten minutes all the bags were sold and I had a profit of Tk 100". The boy was lost in his dreamy story and didn't mind the error in his calculation.

He was realising that he had nothing more to tell — so, he resorted to exaggerating things. "You know, one day I found a bundle of money, I asked all to take it but none did," the boy was still in his fantasy world. "Whenever there is a big match, chances of getting money dropped is higher," Ritu told reflectively.

"Sometimes, when I am fed up with Dhaka, I go to Sylhet," Ritu was really out of stock of stories and desperately he tried to fabricate a new one. "Bangladesh is a small country," Ritu extended his little palms to show how small Bangladesh really was and said, "Like this. . . and if I started walking to day, I'm sure to come back by tomorrow travelling the whole of it".

"But I like Dhaka, you can watch all the football matches here. Well, sometimes, here is trouble. A few days back during the hartal police beat up many. I was hiding under the boxing ring. . . how they (police) lathicharged. . . I was hiding quietly and nobody noticed me."

"I wish I had 500 taka, then I could have taken a shop at the stadium market and buy television sets. Suddenly the cunning boy sounded stupid and I thought he was talking about a toy shop. But he added, "Everyone knows me here, if I ask for a shop, nobody will turn me out and besides television's business is a good one. Then I will not be poor any longer. . ."

Ritu spreadeagled his imagination and I felt not the slightest temptation to bring him back to reality from his reverie.



The Hawkers' Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the hawkers eviction drive by the Dhaka City Corporation. — Star photo

Banking Diploma Exam results

Bankwise results of the Banking Diploma examinations (1st and 2nd part) of the Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, held in June, 1993, are given below, according to a press release.

First Part

Bangladesh Bank

Roll Nos:- 123 171 895 910
1029 1131 1231 1387 1443
1460 1891 2047 2212 2285
2362 3048 3062 3376 3690
4345 = 20 persons.

Sonali Bank

Roll Nos:- 58 105 119 341
379 390 683 792 1019 1426
1727 1730 1948 1960 2050
2216 2316 2490 2710 2913
3040 3088 3091 3219 3305
4304 4308 4346 4375 4388
4648 = 31 persons.

Janata Bank

Roll Nos:- 13 325 353 415
469 539 542 764 782 844 850
854 922 939 968 988 1006
1021 1194 1379 1408 1482
1483 1516 1624 1756 1852
1864 1866 1928 1974 1993
2014 2020 2100 2187 2287
2437 2495 2640 2642 2660
2678 2682 2718 2746 2781
2815 2866 2872 2903 2918
2928 2987 2988 3001 3033
3052 3057 3174 3175 3201
3226 3274 4352 4423 4428
4661 4666 = 69 persons.

Agrani Bank

Roll Nos:- 27 319 420 445
538 556 837 867 883 890 974
1030 1031 1071 1172 1193
1258 1348 1388 1588 1735
2194 2197 2222 2247 2257
2347 2670 2832 2870 2942
3102 3232 3357 3361 3398
4354 4505 4587 4676 4680 = 41 persons.

Rupali Bank Ltd.

Roll Nos:- 174 575 753 1032
1175 1272 1679 1692 1806
2083 = 10 persons.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank

Rolls Nos:- 4 93 557 870
934 1141 1146 1248 1415
1444 1748 1763 1873 1886
1950 2002 2107 2658 2773
2858 2981 3004 3269 3352
3367 3647 4082 4212 4245
4286 4471 4581 4591 4605
4623 = 35 persons.

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

Roll Nos:- 770 = 1 person.

Investment Corporation of Bangladesh

Roll Nos:- 734 = 1 person.

Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank

Roll Nos:- 1533, 3045 3342 = 3 persons.

Pubali Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 96 129 2904 3125
3213 = 5 persons.

Uttara Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 493 599 604 1776
2283 2497 2957 2969 4653 = 9 persons.

Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 328 607 612 748
1481 2123 2759 2939 3152 = 9 persons.

Islami Bank Bangladesh Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 502 757 945 2013

Second Part

Bangladesh Bank

Roll Nos:- 6065 6162 6163
6202 6287 6350 6430 6481
6489 6701 6894 6929 7040
7067 7196 7219 7240 7257
7298 7334 7545 7645 7742
7750 7782 7891 8006 8199
8919 8931 9027 9048 9510
9667 10017 10057 10142
10160 10171 10279 10330
10427 10695

Janata Bank

Roll Nos:- 6026 6189 6372
6396 6424 6554 6727 6732
6852 6883 7002 7048 7714
8060 8195 8366 8485 8693
9193 9381 9930 9950 10288
10589

Agrani Bank

Roll Nos:- 6086 6158 6329
6959 7087 7600 7893 8190
8198 8264 8392 8411 8582
8862 9197 9208 9237 9261
9302 9340 9349 9351 9672
9743 9762 10016 10209 10278
10344 10429 10668

Rupali Bank

Roll Nos:- 7224 7373 8089
8562 8955 10144.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank

Roll Nos:- 6181 6219 6232
6272 6559 6821 7873 8456
8715 9379

Uttara Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 6514 6630 6697
7593 7826

Rupali Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 8215

Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank

Roll Nos:- 8202 9793

National Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 6707 7284

IFIC Bank Ltd

Roll Nos:- 7012

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

Roll Nos:- 10871

PIB course ends

A six-day workshop on economic reporting organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) concluded in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS. Eleven journalists from daily newspapers of Dhaka and outside participated in the course.

Notice to Consignees

The containerised cargo ex. M.V. ALLIGATOR PRIDE V. 0044B from Los Angeles ex. M.V. ALLIGATOR MIRACLE V. 24099 from Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya and Hongkong have been relayed to M.V. NGS RANGER V-5693 Imp. Rot. No. 712/93 is due to arrive Chittagong on or about 14-9-93 from Singapore.

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KOBE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL DHAKA BRANCH

NOTIFICATION ON ADMISSION

KOBE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL HAS INFORMED US BY FAX TODAY THAT THE PRESIDENT AND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR ARE ARRIVING DHAKA ON 4TH OCTOBER '93. CONSIDERING THE PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES BEING FACED BY THE STUDENTS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORMS AND RELEVANT PAPERS AT PRESENT, THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED UP TO 25TH SEPTEMBER '93. WE LIKE TO MENTION HERE THAT THE CANDIDATES ALREADY HOLDING VALID PASSPORTS WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR ADMISSION WITHIN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE. KOBE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL AUTHORITY IS PLEASED TO CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD TO THE BATCH STUDENTS FROM DHAKA BRANCH SCHOOL IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADMISSION OF THE BANGLADESHI STUDENTS IN APRIL '94 SESSION IN THE SCHOOL IN JAPAN.

THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE EMPLOYED AND AGED BELOW 30 YEARS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE PROVIDED THEY CAN PRODUCE EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE AND CONFIRMATION FROM THE PRESENT EMPLOYERS REGARDING RE-INSTATEMENT IN THE EMPLOYMENT ON GRADUATION IN ALL LEVELS OF STUDY FROM JAPAN.

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am to-day (Monday) says occasional moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and many places over Khulna, Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division with moderately heavy fall at places over coastal regions of the country.

Met Office forecasts day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degrees Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 35 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rangpur and Bogra while the lowest of 22.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Barisal.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6.05pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.44am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	32.5	25.4
Chittagong	30.0	24.0
Rajshahi	33.4	27.3
Khulna	29.6	23.8
Barisal	28.2	22.4
Dinajpur	34.5	26.3
Sylhet	34.6	26.3
Cox's Bazar	29.5	25.0

Carpets presented for dargah of Nizamuddin Awlia (RA)

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Farooq Sobhan handed over four Bangladeshi carpets to the Dargah Committee of Hazrat Khwaja Nizamuddin Awlia (RA) in New Delhi on Friday last, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleeda Zia had promised to present some carpets to the Dargah when she made a 'Ziarat' of the Mazar of the saint during her India visit in May last year, and accordingly, the carpets were sent.

Syed Iqbal Nizami received the gift from the High Commissioner on behalf of the Dargah Committee at a simple ceremony at its mosque after Asr prayers, according to a message received here yesterday. Imam Syed Khwaja Islamuddin Nizami led a muna-jat on the occasion for peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Bangladesh and the Muslim Ummah.

Parliamentary team off to Canberra

Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain and Salahuddin Yusuf, MP, left for Canberra yesterday to attend a 6-day Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference beginning in the Australian capital today, reports UNB.

The Chief Whip is leading a 4-member parliamentary delegation which includes MPs Salahuddin Yusuf of the Awami League, Begum Raushan Ara Hena (BNP) and Abul Hashem, Secretary at the Parliament Secretariat.

Notice to Consignees

It is notified for information of the Consignees that the arrival Schedule of the Cargo covered by Bills of Lading issued by Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, Japan are as under:

Loadports	Mainline Vessel	Voy	Feeder Vessel	Voy	Imp. Mot No.	Date of Arrival at Chittagong
Madras	Bravo Sit	324N				
Kobe	Act Lotus	42	Fong Yun	9324	703/93	11-9-93
Hamburg	Act Lily	40				
Bangkok	Sino Marine	11				
Madras	Cape Bonovista	266	Kponyma	105	715/93	11-9-93
Busan	Dumbe	09/333				
Hongkong	Neptune Jasper	04				
"	Dreadon Express	12/334				
"	Act Daisy	43A				
"	Triam	11/534	Imke Wehr	005		15-9-93
Madras	Tiger Arrow	79N				

Consignees are requested to arrange clearance of their Cargo. Consignments not cleared within 45 days from the date of arrival of the vessel are liable to be sold in Auction by Customs Authority under Section 82 of Customs Act without any reference to the Consignees.

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15 (Fifteen) complete sets of applications are to be submitted to the Registrar of this University along with a crossed Postal Order/ Pay Order/ Bank Draft of Tk 10/- in favour of the Comptroller of this University. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

Last date for submission of application: 4th October, 1993/ 19th Ashwin, 1400.

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