

Dhaka Day by Day

A Child Facing a Hostile World

by Afifa Raihana

For a girl like Hamida, it is none of her concern if there is a land of opportunities — almost like an El Dorado — on the other side of the Atlantic. But her unconcern may not be equally reciprocated by powerful men like Senator Harkin. The Senator's compassion for the helpless children in the god-forsake wider swathes of the same planet is well set to deprive the little girl of her only means she has acquired at great pains for her existence. On the fringe of poverty, she has by now learnt how to eke out a living and the Harkin's Bill, when made law and implemented, will knock Hamida out of her known world.

Hamida claims that she is eight but because of malnutrition she looks like a five-year-old child. She is all skin and bones. Her hair is scruffy, never combed or oiled. Hamida lives with her mother and five brothers and sisters, in a slum near Hazaribag. Hamida's father left her mother with six kids and he married again. Her mother works for two houses as a maid but the money she gets there is not enough to feed six children. So she had to let her dear little child work for a living.

Hamida works for a garment factory which is situated on Central Road. She has to walk all the way from Hazaribag to Central Road everyday, sometimes



It's raining hard and sometimes the sun is so hot that the road feels burning beneath her bare feet. But there is no stopping, somehow or other she must get to work. Hamida works as a cutter, she cuts shirt collars. When asked how she manages to do that, being so small, she replied, "I not only manage but I have to do it very correctly. If I make any small mistake, the supervisor beats me."

Hamida works in the day shift and also in the night shift. The day shift is from 8 am to 10 pm and the night shift starts from eight o'clock at night till ten o'clock in the morning. "I am not afraid of returning home late at night," says

C' wealth team due tomorrow

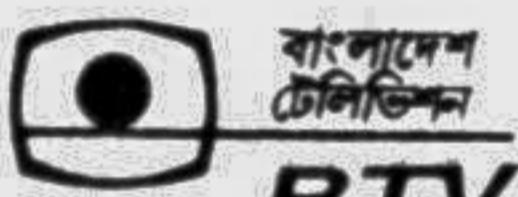
Cultural troupe off to DPRK

By Staff Correspondent

A 20 member cultural troupe of the country left for South Korea last Thursday to participate in the three month long Expo-1993 festival.

The troupe led by Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs A K Fazlul Ahad will portray the cultural heritage of Bangladesh in the festival in which a large number of countries would participate.

The troupe comprises of singer Baby Naznin, Fatemaj Zohra, Mina Barua, Shamim Ara Nipa, Kiran Chandra Roy, Shibli Mohammad, Farhana Chowdhury, and others. Singer Firoze Shah will act as the troupe manager and Emran Saleh as the coordinator.



Tuesday

5:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
News in Bangla
5:20 Recitation from the
Gita
5:25 Esho Para Shikhi: Mass
education programme
6:00 TV debate competition
Open University
7:25 Sangeeta: Modern songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:40 Drama serial:
Jannabhum
9:00 News in English
10:30 Film show: ENO
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme
summary
11:45 Closing

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সং- কমলপুর, ধান-কোত্তালী, ফেলা- ফরিদপুর।

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২। নিলাম তারিখ ৫/১০/৯৩ ইং তারিখে দুর্যোগ ১২,০০ টাকা ফরিদপুর জজ কোর্টে ধার্য হইয়াছে।

৩। ৫/১০/৯৩ ইং তারিখে নিলাম ডাক প্রিস্টিট্যুট হাইকোর্টে উত্তৃত মূলের ১০% টাকা এই দিনের মধ্যে এবং অবগতি টাকা নিলাম হওয়ার ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় নিলাম ডাক বাতিল বলিয়া পণ্য হইবে।

৪। উপরোক্ত নিলাম বিক্রয় অচলিত ও অবোজ্য আইনের নিয়মাবলী সাপ্তৰে।

৫। আদালত ডাক অনুমোদন করিবেন। আদালত যথাযথ বিবেচনায় ডাক ধারন বা বাতিল করিতে পারিবেন।

তপশীল

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5TH. INSTALLATION CEREMONY 1993-94 ROTARY CLUB OF SHAHBAGH, DHAKA R.I. DISTRICT-3280, BANGLADESH VENUE: SONARGAON HOTEL, DATE: 27TH SEPT. 1993



Past president of the Rotary Club of Shahbagh speaking at the club's 5th installation ceremony of the board of directors for '93-94 at the Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Masud Reza Bhuiyan, vice-president, Magfuruddin Ahmed, district governor Zillur Rahman, president and Prof Shamsul Haq are seen seated (from L to R).

Rotary Club of Shahbagh's installation ceremony held

By Staff Correspondent

The fifth installation ceremony of the board of directors for 1993-94 of the Rotary Club of Shahbagh, Dhaka, was held at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday afternoon.

National Professor and former foreign minister M Shamsul Huq attended the function as chief guest. Professor Huq, addressing the function, said that the problems in the developing countries were complicated and intense.

Laxmipur Bar Assoc team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday emphasised the role of lawyers in institutionalising democracy and upholding the rule of law in the country, reports BSS.

The lawyers are the natural leaders of the society and friends of the people, he said.

President Biswas was exchanging views with a 16-member delegation of advocates of Laxmipur Bar Association as it called on him at Bangabhaban. The delegation was led by Syed MS Alam, President of the Bar Association.

Vacancy

An NGO working for children's rights has a vacancy for the post of Programme Assistant. The candidate must have Master's degree in Social Science with at least three years working experience in an NGO. Preference will be given to those working with disadvantaged children. S/he must be fluent in both written & spoken Bangla and English.

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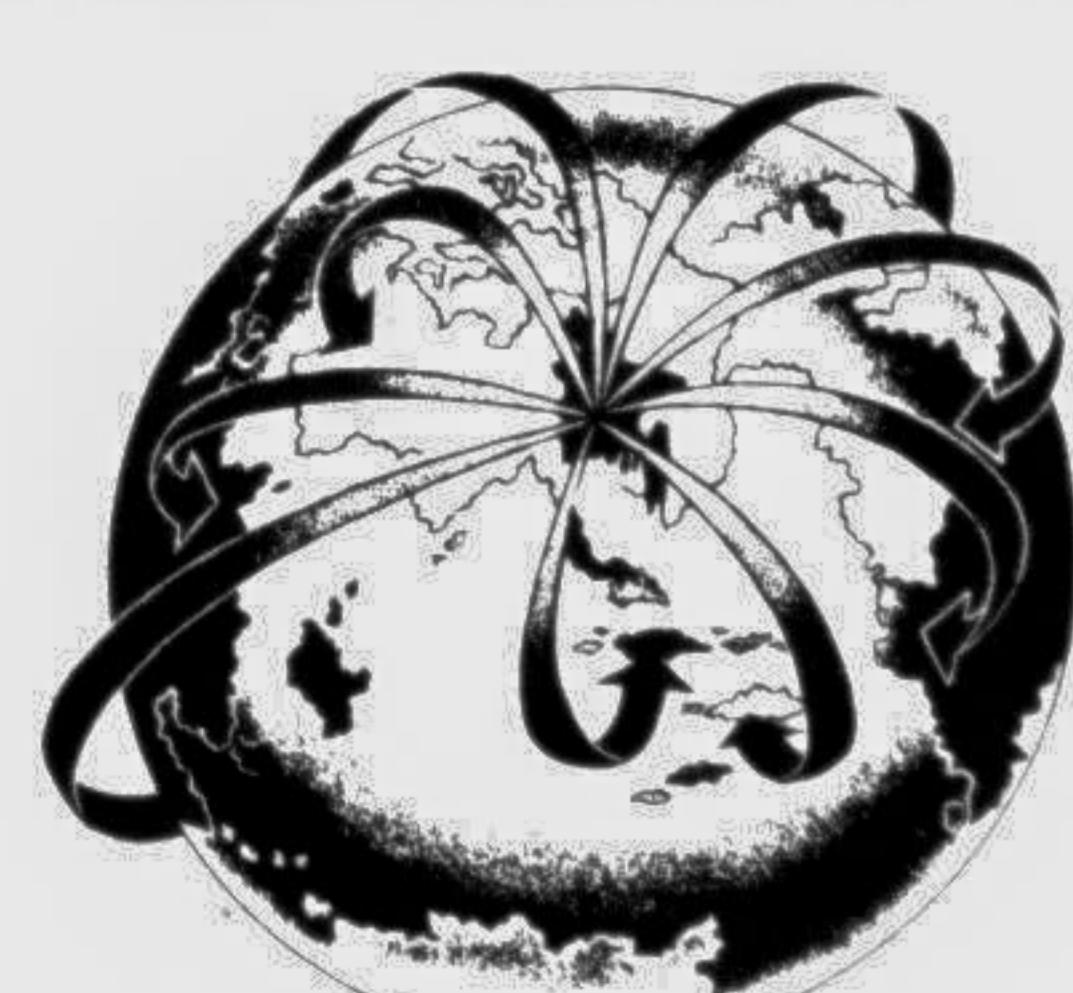
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