Blessed are They on Thursdays

by Shamsad Mortuza



They have eaten up the Shapla (water lily). they have eaten up the horses and now they are ready to eat up the chairs - and not to mention the train. And this is how the children of the streets feel about the city's main Shishu Park.

For these least privileged and the most neglected children - commonly known as tokais and once addressed (smell an irony!) as the pathokolis (street-buds) - Thursday is the weekend gala. From around one o'clock in the noon every Thursday, these tokais (pickers) flock at the gate of the park to get a chance to ride all those fun-games inside.

Incidentally, Thursday is the maintenance day of the park and again, considering the much-too-boisterous nature of the tokais, the authorities do not take the risk of keeping all the 13 games open for them.

"The battery car, roller skates, arrow shooting, labyrinth cannot be offered to these children for obvious reasons," says one employee at the park site.

But the children do not mind this, just as they do not mind the cane sticks carried by the machine operators. Besides, they do not have their guardians along to voice the child-rights.

These children just know that they do not have enough time to waste, they must grab whatever they get and run for the next item before they are too late for their works.

Some of them have even brought their business to the pleasure spot to value time. Take that boy Jalal for instance, who has brought his jute sack along, or that water carrier duo, Nargis and Amina

The girls, no more than 10 years old, are aware that water will not be sold good here, still, they have not discarded the possibility of busi-

The government will take

The decision was taken at

necessary measures to ensure

adequate supply of Urea fer-

the 14th meeting of the Parli-

amentary Standing Committee

of the Ministry of Agriculture

held Tuesday at the Sangsad

and Irrigation Minister M Majid-

and experience are given below:

Shrimp culture specialist

SI, No. Name of position

DFP (G) 15890-3/10

Name of work

G-1332

ul Haq in the chair, reports self-reliant.

tiliser at the reduced price.

Govt to ensure supply of Urea

fertiliser at reduced price

Bhaban with the Agricultural agriculture sector have been

The meeting reviewed the

ways and means for the reduc-

tion of prices of Potash and TSP

fertilisers, insecticides and

other agri-equipment. Some

specific suggestions have been

put by the committee members.

withdrawn to make the farmers

He said subsidies from the

Fisheries Research Institute

Mymensingh

National Consultant Wanted

for appointment of the following short-term National Consultant Under the FAO/UNDP assisted project

"Assistance to the Fisheries Research Institute." The name of the position along with required qualifications

The applications complete with full bio-data must reach the undersigned on or before 23-10-93. The candidates who are in service should apply through proper channel. The position carries attractive salary as per UNDP/FAO rules. The details of terms and conditions about the position

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

পানি ও পয়ঃ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Allotted

Tk. 9,43,000/=

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st class supply contractors/bona-

Tenders will be opened on the same day of receiving tender at 2-00 PM in presence (if

Bill of quantities of tender will be available at the Office of the Chief Accounts

Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka & all

MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the

Job tenure

4 man month

may be obtained from the office of the undersigned in all working days.

fide suppliers/manufacturers for the undermentioned works.

Supply of 100 M. ton allum sulphate

Supply of 100 M. ton allum sulphate for Narayanganj Water Supply

any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

for Dhaka Water Works

office of the undersigned.

Islam Avenue, Dhaka

WASA -P.I-448/93

DFP (G) 15811-2/10

'WASA Bhaban, '98 Kazi Nazrul

Address:

G-1330

Applications are hereby invited from Bangladeshi citizen having requisite qualifications and experience

Nargis, the smartest of the two, was wearing red lipstick and ribbons in her combed-up hair stands akimbo and says, "usually, we sell water at the Ramna Park (just opposite to the children park) and get Tk 10 to 15 a day."

But for Bulbul and Babul, who have come all the way from Rajabazar on foot, it is just a day of

"My head is spinning and I am going back home," says Bulbul who looked tired with beads of sweat collecting on his forehead and upper lip. The same is for his neighbour Babul, who accompanied Bulbul in the "chair

"I have chosen Thursday my day off just to come here," says Bulbul who works in a garments factory at Farmgate. "We will walk back home, some three kilometres away, since we do not have the bus fare," the fun was over for

There was also Shahid, roaming around with a branch, with the air of dexterity. When approached, the 12-year-old boy sounded mildest of the lot.

"Some of these children are very unruly, the operators have asked me to control them a bit,' the boy in a lungi and a half sleeve shirt ex-

But the thing that Shahid does not know is that it is unwise to put harness to the freedom of the children. These little boys and girls, who roam around the city do not care for the mild baton charges as long as they have their share of fun. A day of pure fun is the least that the government can offer for these deprived children, if not the promised education, food and etcetera and etcetera.

JCD biennial

confce held

Minister for Establishment Ba-

rrister Aminul Haq said, the

workers of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra

Dal (JCD) have to play proper

role with patience to resist vio-

lence and to accelerate the de-

velopment programmes of the

He was addressing two sepa-

rate biennial council confer-

ences of JCD of Godagary thana

and Tanore thana of the district

government, reports BSS.

vesterday.

Academic qualification and experience

related discipline with at least 10 years

experience in Brackishwater fish/shrimp

culture, research/development/extension,

or M.Sc. in above mentioned subjects

undertaking shrimp-culture on commercial

Tk. 9,43,000/= 18-10-93 up to 12 Noon

Dr. M. A. Mazid

Date & time of

receiving tender

-Do-

Executive Engineer

Procurement Division

Dhaka WASA

with 15 years experience in the same.

2. Should have practical experience of

Ph.D. in shrimp culture/ Fisheries or

RAJSHAHI, Oct 6: State

Madrassah teachers team meets Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday said that the government had attached priority to scientific and technical education along with general one, reports UNB.

"No nation can prosper without advancement in science and technology" he said while exchanging views with a 20-member delegation of Jessore Aminia Alia Madrasha at Bangabhaban.

The delegation, led by Principal Mohammad Aminullah, apprised the President some of their problems and sought his cooperation for nationalising the Madrasha.

Without proper education no country can make substantial progress in various socio-economic sectors the President

Among others, Mohammad Nurul Islam, Abdul Mannan, Mohammad Samdani, Quari Hassan Mohammad Musa, Mohammad Aminul Islam, Mohammad Omar Farukh, Mominur Rahman and Mohammad Ahsanul Karim of the Madrasha were present on the occasion.

Slain UNICEF worker honoured

Sean Devereux, a UNICEF worker who was killed by gunshot on duty in Somalia in early January, 1993 was honoured Tuesday in Bangladesh through the inauguration of the "Devereux Paramedic Programme" at the Families for Children, Sripur Shishu Palli. The orphanage, supported by sponsors from a number of countries and established with the assistance of the staff of British Airways, houses some 600 destitute children who are provided housing, food, health care and education, and who will now receive a programme of health education with this new programme, says a press release.

Mr. and Mrs Dermot Devereux, parents of Sean, and other family members and friends attended the occasion along with the British High Commissioner, UNICEF staff members. Thana officials and others. Devereux has been coming to Bangladesh over the past 12 years in connection with the Families for Children project and was instrumental in its fundraising and design: His son's work in Africa and ultimate sacrifice has received wide recognition around the world. It heartening to know that he will live on in name in Sripur.



Children engrossed in painting at a competition organised in observance of Children's Rights Week at the Shisu Academy — Star photo

Hindu leaders meet Matin

All help for Durga Puja celebration assured

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday reiterated that the government would extend all cooperation to celebrate the Durga Puja with due solemnity and fervour, reports BSS.

He was talking to leaders of Hindu Oikya Front and Hindu Kalyan Parishad at his secretariat office. President of the Hindu Oikya Front Manindra Nath Sarker and president of Hindu Kalyan Parishad Nakul Chandra Saha led their respective teams.

The Hindu leaders sought all cooperation from the minister to celebrate the coming Durga Puja festival with due respect and solemnity and to ensure social security and discipline during the festival. They handed over a memorandum containing some problems of the Hindu community to the minister.

The Home Minister said, religion and politics never go jointly and every one should perform religious functions re-

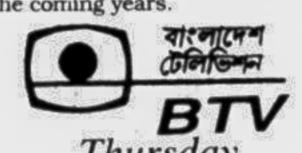
"Bangladesh is a glorious example of communal harmony," he said, and added the peaceful co-existence of different communities in Bangladesh prevails for ages and this harmony could never be demolished.

The Home Minister urged the leaders to perform the puja festival with grandeur and zeal. The Hindu leaders also assured the minister that Durga Puja would be observed with due dignity and grandeur at his call.

Biswas greets Mubarak

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated president Hosny Mubarak of Egypt on the occasion of his re-election to the office of the President, reports

In a message of felicitations President Biswas hoped that the bilateral relations and friendly cooperation that so happily exist between the two countries would be further developed in the coming years.



Thursday Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary

News in Bangla National Television Debate School Competition Esho Para Shiki

Jiboner Alo 6-45 Nazrul songs News in Bangla Drama of the week:

Ghatanar Por 10-00 News in English 10-30 Mini series: The Grass is always greener

11-30 Khabar/The News 11-40 Tomorrow's programme summary

11-45 Closing

whatsoever

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A reputed consulting firm require the services of the following Experts on a long term basis: 1) Sr River Engineer, 2) Hydrologist, 3) River Engineer, 4) River Morphologist, 5) Hydraulic Research Engineer/Modelling

Engineer for immediate appointment. The intending candidates must hold a degree in Civil Engineering or equivalent with minimum 15/20 years experience in related field. Person with post graduate degree in related field will be given preference.

Application with detailed CV and attested copies of Certificates must reach by 14 October, 1993 in Box No. S-335 C/o The Daily Star, House No 11, Road No 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka.

Customs Auction Tender Notice

Various kinds of unclaimed, confiscated and uncleared goods will be sold on "as it is where it is" basis through auction tender by order of the Collector, Custom House, Dhaka on 13 & 14th October '93 during office hours. Intending buyers can submit tender in the prescribed form in the Tender Box kept at the office of the "Joint Collector (Sadar)," Custom House, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Customs, Excise and VAT, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka by the prescribed time. Tender can be submitted by post but that should reach by 11 AM on 16th October, '93. Otherwise that will not be acceptable. Tenders will be opened on 16th October, '93 at 12.00 Noon at Dhaka Custom House in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Earnest Money at the rate 25% of the highest value in Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Collector, Custom House, Dhaka from any scheduled bank should be deposited separately with each tender, otherwise tender will not be acceptable. Prior to submitting tender, persons intending to buy the goods can inspect the auctionable goods during office hours by collecting tender schedule with terms and conditions and goods catalogue/lotsheet from the address mentioned below

The authority reserves the right to accept in whole or reject all tenders or any tender without assigning any reason.

For Collector of Customs **Messrs Al-Amin Traders**

(Govt Auctioneers) 28, KP Gosh Street, Kasaituly, Dhaka

International Tender for Supply of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) during 09-12 December '93

Tender Notice

Ref No. 22.16/SKO/32

Dated: October 09,1993

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offers for supply of 150,000 Barrels (+/-10%) of Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) on C & F Chittagong basis in accordance with the terms and conditions set out hereinafter:

Barrel means 42 United States Standard Gallon each of two hundred thirty one (231) cubic inches at sixty degree (60°) Farhenheit or 3785 Cubic centimetre at fifteen degree (15°) Celsius.

Entire quantity as mentioned above must be delivered at Chittagong between December 09-12, 1993 in one shipment.

Offers will be received up to 1200 Noon (BST) on Nov 03, 1993 and opened at 1205 PM (BST) the same day at Buyer's Head Office, HBFC Building, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.

Other terms and conditions will be as per BPC's General Terms and Conditions of Supply of petroleum products (Ref : 22.16/SKO/32 dated October 09, 1993).

Offers must be valid up to 1800 hours BST on November 10, '93.

VI) Local agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender may collect Tender Documents on payment of Tk. 300.00 or US\$ 10.00 (nonrefundable) on all working days during office

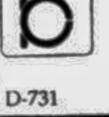
hours from: The Commercial & Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office, HBFC Building, 4th Floor, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong-4100.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation Liaison Office, 40, Segun Bagicha Road, Dhaka.

(c) Bangladesh Mission in Singapore.

VII) No rights of any kind shall be created in favour of any person by virtue of having obtained the tender documents, nor shall any right be created in favour of any person by virtue of submitting an offer. The Corporation reserves right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full, without

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area,



Mustafa Kamal

Project Director

P O Box No. 2052, Chittagong

assigning any reason.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director (PIU)

EEC Assisted Post-Flood Rehabilitation Project (1988) Second Phase **Primary & Mass Education Division** 774, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka

Tender Notice

Date: 27 September, 1993 Tender Notice No: PD/PIU(RPS)/04-EEC(93-94) Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2908 are hereby invited from the reputed and bonafide suppliers for the supply of following office equipment for "EEC Assisted Post-Flood Rehabilitation Project (1988) Second Phase". Time for Completion

Description Supply of heavy duty Bengali & English type writer machine 7 (seven) days from the date of issue of work order a) Bengali-2 Nos. b) English-2 Nos

Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on all working days during office hours on cash payment of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only (non-refundable) for each set of documents. No tender document

will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

Tenders will I be received by the undersigned at 774, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka on 16.10.93 up to 13.00 hours and will be opened on the same date at 13.30 hours in presence of the tenderers, if there be any. Each tender must accompany a Pay Order/Bank Draft @ 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount as earnest

money from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, EEC Assisted Post-Flood Rehabilitation Project (1988) Second Phase INSTRUCTIONS a) Letter of authority from the manufacturer will have to be submitted along with the tender

b) Tenderers will have to submit a performance certificate of a similar nature of work The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason

his arrival at the DMCH. Police said, the victim Rasheda All the bodies were sent to Begum, 25, was severely assaulted Tuesday night in absence of her husband. Rasheda World Postal succumbed to her injuries early yesterday morning. The suspects were, however, at large.

5 die in separate

incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least five persons died in Valuka. The truck was report-

At Hemayetpur under Savar thana, one ageing man was crushed under the wheels of a speeding auto-rickshaw. The victim was identified as Abdul

separate incidents in the city

housewife was reportedly

beaten to death by her in-laws.

At Narayanganj, one young

and suburbs yesterday.

Gafur. Meanwhile in the city, road

mishaps snatched the life of a teenage girl. The victim Jasmin, 13. was knocked down by a minibus at Malibagh Chowdhurypara yesterday morning. She was declared dead by the doctors on duty at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). One rider of a truck Mamtaz, 25, was killed when the vehicle was trying to ignore a police check post and lost control of the Dhaka-

Mymensingh highway at

the DMCH morgue for autopsy. Day Oct 9 World Postal Day will be ob-

edly carrying a banned item like

fied person was electrocuted

vesterday morning. He died on

At mid-Badda one unidenti-

served on October 9 marking the founding anniversary of Universal Postal Union (UPU) reports BSS. On October 9,1874, UPU

was established in the Berne city of Switzerland. Bangladesh Postal Depart-

ment has planned an elaborate programme to observe the day throughout the country in a befitting manner.

The main function of the day will be held in the capital which will be inaugurated by Post and Telecommunications Minister Tarigul Islam. The minister will also speak separately on the subject over Bangladesh Tele-

Moderate rain likely

panied by gusty wind is likely to occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Barisal, Faridpur and Dhaka today. Besides, the sky will remain partly cloudy over Dhaka,

The maximum day temperature of 34.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Jessore yesterday while the minimum 23.8 degrees Celsius was reported from Sylhet.

However, today's temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets today at 5.40 pm and will rise tomorrow

mum and minimum relative humidity recorded in a ome major cities/towns of the country yesterday were: Temperature in Humidity in

Cities/towns degrees Celsius percentage 6 pm Min 9 am 85 82 24.3 Dhaka 84 72 26.0 32.4 Chittagong 88 72 75 25.7 Raishahi 33.0 26.5 31.9 Khulna 91 25.5 33.0 Bartsal 33.0 32.8 25.5 77 Cox's Bazar 23.8 Sylhet

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershowers accom-

(Friday) at 5-53 am. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and maxi-

Weather

Chittagong and Barisal divisions and the weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere in the country, forecast the Met office.

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