

Dhaka Day by Day

Key to a Better Life

by Raffat Binte Rashid

If you have a problem and if no one can help you... may be you can hire the 'A-Team'. Now, everyone would love to hire the A-Team or ask Jonathan Raven to help them out whenever in distress, but how far they can help in the real life drama, is definitely a big question.

How about losing our set of keys that help you unlock the doors of your home, the chest of drawers, lockers or the office cabinets? Even the famously capable BA of A-Team will be of not much help but the real life BA in this case will be a *chabwallah* (key makers) Abdul Sattar is such a *chabwallah*, who has learned his trade from his guru Amir Hossain, twelve years ago. Now he roams the entire town on foot, carrying a heavy bag on his shoulder and a big ring with replica keys and locks in it. He juggles with them and produces a clanking sound to draw attention. "This is my signal," he said. "I have no school background, no money; in order to survive, I must do something potential. Making keys is something I do out of need, but now I like it too. I can make a key for any lock as long as I am able to see it," he said confidently. He has a black bag full of equipment, file, steel wires, springs, hammers, wood slabs, screw drivers and many other small but important tools. He also has a small tin full of flat keys of different shapes and sizes. He purchases these and all his necessary tools from Sutrapur. "Twelve dozens of such keys are called *guryu* in our technical term and it costs between Tk 200 to Tk 300 varying their qualities," Sattar informed.

His trade is quite profitable. His income comes to Tk 3,000 to Tk 3,500 per month. Sattar seemed quite content with the way his trade is picking pace.

Each day his income depends in luck and of course, locks too. On a certain day with luck he earns as much as Tk 200 but there are days too when he earns nothing at all. In a day he might get a big opportunity, maybe a rich man's car doors are locked and he is in a hurry. It just a game of chances and risks. "I charge, measuring the size of the lock, if it is a small one I ask for Tk 15 or Tk 10 and if it is a big one, maybe the main entrance of a house I charge Tk 150-200," Sattar said. Working on ten small locks in a day, he might earn only Tk 100; and again a single lock can bring a close to his day. It all depends on what kind of job he can avail of for the day.

His trade is very technical and depends on skill. Turning a flat key into a real key is difficult. It requires patience and a bit of intelligence too. "First of all the whole lock is opened by breaking it then try to feel the bolts and dents in it and accordingly cut shapes of accurate size in the flat keys," informed Sattar. This is very complicated and confusing, but practice makes a man perfect.

Sattar seemed quite sure of his skill. He is a man in his early thirties, and has a family of four in Faridpur. His, is also the same story like the rest of his lot, poverty, hunger and frustration but in such black dreary life, any job that brings money is a blessing. Sattar loves his job and works sincerely towards a better life and future. He intends to send his sons to school and believes that even if they do not grow up to be someone rich or big, they will at least be better off compared to his plight.

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Watanabe calls on Akbar

The Resident Representative of UNDP in Bangladesh, Eimi Watanabe, called on the Minister for Environment and Forest, Akbar Hossain, at his office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed matters relating to environmental problems, its protection and management in Bangladesh.

The minister gave a brief outline about the government's policies, programmes and action plan in the area of environmental management.

Watanabe appreciated the government for promoting environmental awareness in Bangladesh and steps taken for sound environmental management through formulation of environmental policy and establishment of legal and institutional framework.

The UNDP representative assured of her organisation's continued support to the government's development programme.

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Friday) says, the sky will remain partly cloudy over the coastal regions of Bangladesh.

The Met Office forecasts, temporary light to moderate rain or showers may occur over the regions of Barisal, Noakhali, Chittagong during this period while the weather may remain dry elsewhere over the country.

The southwest monsoon is likely to withdraw from the country during the next 72 hours while the day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 35.2 degrees Celsius was recorded in Jessore and the lowest 24.4 degrees in Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 5.39 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.53 am. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and the maximum and minimum relative humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

cities/towns	temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	33.0	25.4	70	72
Chittagong	31.7	24.5	89	79
Rajshahi	33.8	25.1	85	79
Khulna	34.0	25.5	79	90
Barisal	33.8	25.2	85	83
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.8	75	73
Sylhet	31.0	24.4	85	83
Dinajpur	32.5	24.5	89	86

JAGPA protest rally held

Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (JAGPA) yesterday staged a demonstration near the Indian High Commission against unilateral withdrawal of the Ganges water, occupation of the Talpatty Island and "aggression" in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, reports UNB.

A procession brought out from Purana Paltan was blocked by armed helmeted police at Elephant Road near the Science Laboratory crossing, about 30 yards from the High Commission at Road-2, Dhanmondi.

JAGPA chief Shaful Alam Pradhan addressed the gathering there, saying Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia kept open the path for compromise with Delhi but was compelled to speak about the Farakka problem in the UN General Assembly.

Pradhan demanded that a case be filed with the International Court to get legal and real share of the water of the common river. "Only speech in the UN assembly will not solve the problem."

The JAGPA chief criticised Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury for his "dubious role" and called upon the Prime Minister to rid her party of a few people working against nationalist politics.

HKI employee honoured

Lina Parveen Chowdhury, a blind receptionist at the Helen Keller International (HKI), returned from Italy after attending the fifth Helen Keller World Conference on the Deaf-Blind, says a press release.



Dr Martin W Bloem (R), Country Director of the Helen Keller International, presenting Lina Parveen Chowdhury with an engraved name plate for the conference.



Morning session

- 8:00 Opening announcement
- 8:05 Al-Quran
- 8:10 Programme summary
- 8:15 New in Bangla
- 8:40 Alor Disha
- 8:40 Natun Kuri
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:15 Moner Mukurey
- 11:15 Film show: Tarzan
- 12:05 Film: Border Town
- 12:30 Closing

Afternoon session

- 3:00 Opening announcement
- 3:05 Al-Quran
- 3:10 Programme summary
- 3:15 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3:15 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3:45 Movie of the week: The Sting
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Sports programme
- 6:50 Open University
- 7:15 Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Magazine: Manobadhiker
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Serial: LA Law
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme Summary
- 11:45 Closing



French flute trio due Oct 12

Le Trio d'Argent, a chamber music ensemble, is due in Dhaka October 12 for a single concert, says a press release.

Le Trio d'Argent comprises Michel Boizot, Francois Daudin Clavaud and Xavier Saint-Bonnet, all three graduates from the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris. In 1984, these three young flutists decided to work together in order to revive the vast repertoire composed for three flutes.

Since then, they have given many concerts in the world, have been regularly invited to radio or television performances. Le Trio d'Argent is award-winners of the Yehudi Menuhin Foundation and it was formally recognised by the European Concerts Association to play during MIDEM. Le Trio d'Argent equally performs with Jean-Pierre Rampal.



The Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (JAGPA) yesterday staged a demonstration near the Indian High Commission in the city with a banner reading: 'Demolish the Farakka barrage', 'Withdraw occupation of Talpatty', 'Stop aggression in Chittagong Hill Tracts'. —Star photo

'Increased collection of taxes needed for development'

Deputy Leader of the Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury called upon the tax personnel to discharge their duties with right attitude and sincerity so that the revenue collection could achieve the target, reports BSS.

He said to boost internal resources was an imperative need to cater to the need of our national development. This can be done through increased collection of the taxes from the tax payers, he added.

The deputy leader was addressing as chief guest at a cultural function organised by Bangladesh Inspectors of Taxes Association at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium here yesterday.

Presided over by the president of the association Dewan Khurshidul Alam, the function was addressed, among others, by Additional Secretary, Internal Resources Division (IRD) A F M Tayerur Rahman and the general secretary of the association Md Abdul Wahab.

Cancer Society's confce Nov 12

The Bangladesh Cancer Society will hold its 5th annual conference and general meeting on November 12 (Friday) at the National Museum auditorium at 9:00 am, says a press release.

Hindu Parishad team meets Ctg police super

CHITTAGONG, Oct 7: Leaders of the Greater Chittagong Jatiya Hindu Parishad discussed the coming Durga Puja with the police super at the latter's office here today, reports BSS.

The police super assured the parishad leaders of all possible help to maintain law and order during the Puja.

Parishad leaders Dipesh Chowdhury, Pijush Rakshit were present

Asia-Pacific leadership seminar begins Nov 29

A five-day 11th Asia-Pacific Leadership Training Seminar for the persons with disability will be held in the capital from November 29 to December 3, reports UNB.

National leaders for the disabled from 28 Asia-Pacific countries, including Bangladesh and resource persons from USA, Finland, Canada, Thailand, Mongolia, Japan and Australia will attend the seminar to be held at Hotel Purbani.

Bangladesh Protibondhi Kalyan Samity (BPKS), working for physically and visually handicapped, hearing impaired and intellectually handicapped, will organise the seminar. It will be jointly sponsored by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Bangladesh government.

A 35-member organising committee has already been formed with joint secretary of Social Welfare Ministry Jalaluddin Ahmed as chairman. General secretary of BPKS has been selected member secretary. Other members of the committee include representatives from UN bodies and NGOs working for the disabled.

Resource persons from ESCAP and ILO will also attend the seminar. A total of 85 delegates from home and abroad will participate in the seminar. Of them, 45 overseas delegates and the rest 40 Bangladesh delegates representing organisations for disabled.

NYK LINE 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. Rot No.	Date of Arrival at Chittagong
Bangkok	Sinomarine	48	Kota Buana	019	788/93	5/10/93
Bangkok	Piya Bhum	300	Optima	848	773/93	2/10/93
Penang	Acx Jade	155A	Lanka Mahapola	724	795/93	8/10/93
Colombo						

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49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 (Construction Division)

Tender Notice

- Tender No. : 3/93-94.
- Place of selling : a) Cashier, Krishi Bhaban (3rd floor), 49-51, Dilkusha Com. Area, Dhaka-1000.
- Place of dropping : b) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Rajshahi/Dhaka.
- Last date of purchasing tender : a) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), BADC, Dhaka.
- Date & time of dropping tender : b) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Rajshahi/Dhaka.
- Date & time of opening tender : 17.10.93 during the office hours.
- Particulars of work : 18.10.93 up to 12.00 Noon.

Sl No	Name & place of work	Estimated amount (Tk)	Earnest money	Cost of tender document (non-refundable)	Eligibility of contractor	Time for completion
A.	Constn of Garage at Madhupur SPG	14,00,956/-	35,000/-	700/-	1st class enlisted contractor of BADC	90 days
B.	Constn of Garage, barbed wire fencing & site development at Rangpur SPC	14,59,103/-	36,500/-	700/-	-do-	90 days
C.	Constn of Garage and Boundary wall at Teburnia, SPC	7,42,476/-	19,000/-	500/-	1st & 2nd class enlisted contractor of BADC	80 days
D.	Constn of Garage at Bogra SPC	8,18,513/-	20,500/-	500/-	-do-	80 days

- Earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of BADC, Dhaka will have to be submitted with the tender, otherwise it will not be accepted.
- Contractor quoting rates more than 10% above or below the estimates shall have to submit itemwise analysis of rates should be consistent with the present market price. In case the analysis is inconsistent with the market price of materials & labour or incomplete or in-correct in any respect and is found not justifiable, the related tender may not be considered to be formal.
- Any other information, if necessary, may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days.
- Security money 10% deducted from bills will be refunded after 365 days instead of 180 days as stated in the terms and conditions of tender documents clause part 'C' para 10.9 (to be treated as amended).
- The Corporation reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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