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Dhaka Day by Day

Gifts may Lack Glows of Heart

by A S M Nurunnabi



If anything, giving gifts is a part-culture, part-custom, part-tradition and part-formality. In our social ethos, it has almost assumed the character of an institution.

Its incidence in modern social milieu has, however, certain aspects which are sometimes looked upon with disfavour at the giving end.

In the past when life was easy and simple, giving presents was a token of genuine expression of love, respect and affection. Not that these fine sentiments are absent in present-day gift-giving. What is more in evidence in the current trend is the preponderance of a tendency to associate ad-valorum implications with a gift. This change that has come in the spirit attaching to the system of offering gifts is disquieting because, except for those who are financially in stable position, it has been taking on an aspect of some kind of financial liability. The affected party's feeling at the giving end is discreetly kept hidden in the interest of social propriety. Since there is a limit to one's ability to bear the financial burden that it entails, one performance becomes indifferent when one gets too frequent or too many invitations to a marriage reception or a birthday or similar functions.

The current practice, in most cases, at such functions is to maintain a list of those who bring in gifts. This causes an embarrassing situation for those invitees, who, on account of their financial difficulties, cannot afford a suitable gift as expected; yet being unable to avoid the invitations, try to make do with less expensive items. This seems to have an implication no less

pernicious than the dowry system. Apart from the legal protection available against the latter, there is a strong body of public opinion against it, mainly among the educated section of the people. But the current social tendency to attribute financial implications to presents is more insidious against which most of us have no defence.

There are, however, some exceptions here and there. It was quite refreshing to find the other day at a marriage function a poster displayed prominently with the inscription, "Blessings, not gifts are wanted." Many will wish that this may be the beginning of a welcome change. But in reality it will be no easy task to set the trend going in strength, because the ingrained feelings of pride, egotism and conventional social propriety and formidable obstacles in its path.

In all societies, a tendency to assess a gift in financial terms, more or less, is perhaps inevitable, because of the growing credo of materialism. But it behoves us that in the interest of healthy social relationship, we do not put too much premium on it. In this respect, the Japanese people set examples worthy of emulation. They have a more widespread system of presenting than anywhere, and it is one bright aspect of their social ethos. Their system is perhaps unique.

Lately, we have been observing a laudable tendency to offer flowers as gifts on many social occasions. This is quite a departure from previous practices and explains the existence of so many flower shops in the city. This is an indication of a most welcome change in our social outlook.

More condolences on SM Ali's death

By Staff Correspondent

Various socio-cultural and business organisations and key personalities of the country continued to mourn the death of S M Ali, doyen of journalism in the South and Southeast Asia, sending messages of condolence yesterday.

DCCI
President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) A T M Wazliullah in a condolence message said the country had lost a talented and unparalleled columnist and journalist of South East Asia is the death of S M Ali.

He also expressed deep shock on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors of the DCCI at the sad demise of Ali.

FBCCI
Mahbubur Rahman, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry while condoling the death of S M Ali said, "In his death, Bangladesh lost a distinguished editor and a veteran journalist who served our country and the region for a long time. He was a man of rare qualities, courage, forthright and insight."

FICCI
Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in its message said S M Ali was a journalist of high calibre and international repute. In his death, the country has lost one of its worthiest sons and the journalist community its doyen, the FICCI said.

BPRA
Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRA) in its condolence message said the vacuum caused by the sudden demise of S M Ali in the domain of journalism is difficult to fill in.

The message issued by its president Nurul Islam and general secretary M A Khaleq Bhuiyan also expressed deep shock and sympathies for the members of the bereaved family.

BCDJC
Executive Director of Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) Naimul Islam Khan expressed deep shock at the death of S M Ali and said he was the 'trail-blazer' of the journalist community of the country.

His death caused an unrecoverable loss to the nation, he said.

Equity Resources
The Board of Directors of Equity Resources Limited said in the loss of S M Ali, the nation has been deprived of one of the finest and illustrious journalists of international repute and has created an enormous void in responsible journalism in the country.

Vivekananda Parishad
Vivekananda Shikha O Sanskriti Parishad expressed deep shock at the sudden demise of S M Ali and said that its relations with Ali was deep.

The Parishad would remember the contribution of S M Ali for the organisation with gratitude, it said.

Bangladesh Women Forum
President of Bangladesh Women Forum Advocate Ferdousi Sultana on General Secretary Prof Ashrafun Nesa Rozvi in a condolence message prayed for the eternal peace of the soul of SM Ali.

PROBE
The PROBE news agency in a condolence message said with the death of SM Ali a bright star in the galaxy of journalism, the country had lost a worthy son and the professor a great stalwart.

Bangladesh Sangbad Press Sramik Fed
President of Bangladesh Sangbad Press Sramik Federation Mosharrif Hossain and Secretary General Bazlur Rahman Milon in a joint statement condoled the death of SM Ali.

Inner Wheel District 328
Inner Wheel District 328 in a condolence message said the members of the organisation were deeply shocked by the sudden demise of Syed Mohammed Ali, an internationally reputed journalist of the country.

His death has created a vacuum in the field of the country's intellectual arena and journalism, it said.

Garib Dal
Bangladesh Garib Dal president Dr Delwar Hossain Khan and general secretary Atiqur Rahman expressed deep shock at the death of S M Ali and said that the country had lost a bright star in journalism of the South and South East Asia.

Bastuhara Samity
Bangladesh Bastuhara Janakalyan Samity president Atiqur Rahman and general secretary M A Hamidul Haq expressed deep condolence at the death of S M Ali and sympathies for the members of his bereaved family.

Bangladesh Sangbad Pathak Samity
The Bangladesh Sangbad Pathak Samity regretting the death of SM Ali said, the country had lost a valiant journalist.

In a message the samity expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of Ali.

Computer Jagat
In a condolence meeting held by the Computer Jagat at its office yesterday, editorial advisor Md Abdul Kader said, with the death of SM Ali, the country lost a star.

The meeting was attended among others by leader of the Government College Professors' Association Prof Mamtaj Begum.

Moulavi Bazar Zila Samity
The Moulavi Bazar Zila Samity yesterday held a condolence meeting and a misal mahfil in the city to pay homage to late SM Ali.

The meeting was participated by National Professor Dewan Mohammad Azraf, General Secretary of the Samity Syed Abul Kalam Azad, Joint General Secretary Abdul Mukit, Syed Abdul Mukhtar, Haji Abdul Gani and others.

Sylhet Bibhag Andolan
The coordinator of the central Sylhet Bibhag Andolan Advocate Abed Raja in a message said, along side the valiant way of journalism, SM Ali always took initiatives for the development of greater Sylhet.

He urged members of the andolan to receive the body of The Daily Star editor at the Zia International Airport.

Bangladesh Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation
The President and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation Prof Anisuzzaman and Dr Syedur Rahman respectively in a joint condolence message said, the death of SM Ali was not only a loss to The Daily Star but also to the nation.

Jessore Press Club
President and Secretary of the Jessore Press Club Nurul Alam and Fakir Shawkat had expressed deep regrets at the death of SM Ali.

Paying tributes to the memory of Ali for his unique contribution in promoting and developing the ethics of journalism in the region. They conveyed heart-felt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Engineers Institution, Bangladesh
The Editorial Board of the engineering news, Engineers Institution, Bangladesh condoled the death of SM Ali and expressed its heart-felt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Asian Fine Art exhibition November 2

The 6th Biennial Asian Fine Art Exhibition will begin here November 2 under the auspices of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy with participation of 30 countries from the continent, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the month-long art fair at the Osmani Memorial Hall, the organisers said at a preparatory meeting held yesterday.

Total cost of holding the show of art works by the noted artists of the participating countries has been fixed at Tk 22 lakh, including a UNESCO contribution of Tk 10 lakh.

The best three brush-and-paint works at the display will earn three awards amounting to Tk 50,000 each. The exhibits will be adjudged by a five-member body of judges, including three renowned foreign artists and two local.

A 37-member Organising Committee, headed by Cultural Affairs Secretary Islamuddin Malik, has been formed to make the programme a success.

The First Biennial Asian Fine Art Exhibition was held here in 1981.

Probe into Comilla Board defalcation directed

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Ministry of Education was held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan yesterday with Education Minister Barrister Jamrudin Sircar in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed matters relating to administration of the education boards and university ordinance 1973. It took note of the alleged defalcation of Taka 2 (two) crore by some employees of Comilla Board and Directed the Secretary of the Ministry of Education to hold an enquiry into the matter. It also decided to pay Taka 500

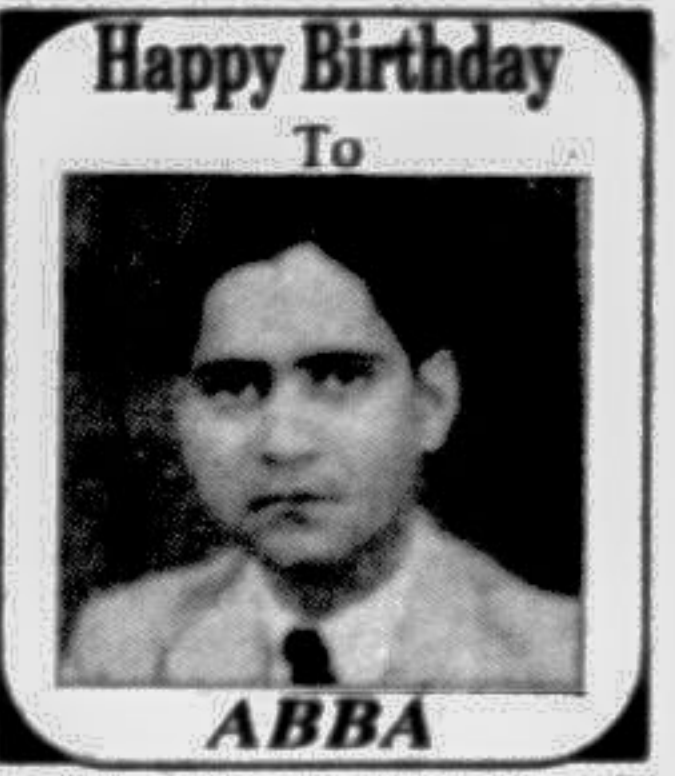
to each of four teachers of all private primary schools.

State Minister for Education and member of the committee Principal Md Eunus Khan and other members Amatulillah Aman, MP (BNP), Khurshid Jahan Haq, MP (BNP) and Manirul Haq Chowdhury, MP (JP), attended the meeting.

Education Secretary Ershadul Haq and other officials were present.

Mostafiz greets Moussa

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman has felicitated A M R Mahmoud Moussa, Foreign Minister of Egypt on the occasion of his re-appointment as the Foreign Minister of his country, reports BSS.



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Section 1: International Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Supply, Civil Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Gas Generator on Turn-key Basis.

Issuance date of invitation: 12-10-93
Invitation for Bids (IFB) No.: BB/PD/0.49/047/GEN

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Special Fund of the Asian Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply, Civil Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Gas Generator.

2. The executing agency of the project, Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co. Ltd., a company operating under Bangladesh laws, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from the member countries of ADB for the supply, Civil Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of the following Gas Generator.

| Sl. No. | IFB No. | Item with description | Quantity | Bidding time |
|---------|--------------------|--|----------|--------------|
| 01. | BB/PD/0.49/047/GEN | Supply, Civil Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Gas Generator | 13 Nos | 45 days |

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and/or inspect the bidding documents at the offices of:
Project Manager, Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project, Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., Plot No. 50, Block 'A' Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Shyamoli, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Telex: 632468 BBGP BJ, 642689 TGNC BJ. Phone: 310300, 814632, 812415-16. Fax: (880-2) 813031

4. A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon payment of the cost (non-refundable) of the Tender documents from the following place:
4.1. Deputy Manager (Accounts & Finance), at the Project Office address, from 09:00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs. on all working days with effect from 21-10-93. No documents will be sold on the closing date of the IFB.
5. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee of 2% of bid amount in accordance with "Instruction to Bidders" of the Bid Document and must be delivered to the Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project, Plot No. 50, Block 'A' Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Shyamoli, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh on or before 11:00 hrs. of the closing date of the bid as follows. The Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee must be in the name of Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd., (Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project).

| Sl. No. | IFB No. | Item with description | Cost of documents | Closing date |
|---------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| 01. | BB/PD/0.49/047/GEN | Supply, Civil Construction, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Gas Generator. | US\$ 50.00 or Tk: 2,000.00 | 04-12-93 |

6. The bid will be opened on the same date of closing at 11:30 hrs. in presence of bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the list subsequent working day.

7. Purchaser will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

8. Bidders are allowed to submit alternative bids. In such case additional bid security shall be furnished as detailed in the bid document.

9. The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids in part or full without assigning any reason.

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Project Manager
Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project

WE MOURN THE DEATH OF S.M. ALI
FOUNDING EDITOR OF THE DAILY STAR
HAK KATHAR MANCHA.

A banner was hung at the Dhanmondi residential area by the Hak Kathar Mancha reading: "We mourn the death of S M Ali, Founding Editor of The Daily Star" is a reader's response to the sad demise of the leading journalist of South and Southeast Asia, who died in a Bangkok hospital Sunday. — Star photo

Tender Notice
বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Scaled tenders are hereby invited from all categories of PDB enlisted 1992-93 contractors/bonafide suppliers for supply of "Room Air Cooler Compressor" for Boiler Division of APSC in the store of Ashuganj Power Station Complex vide Memo No.MM/APSC/AC-18/93/724 dt 7.10.93. The tender documents will be available in the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation) PDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka up to 02.11.93 Eng. & 18.7.1400 Bangla on payment of Tk 200/- (Two hundred) only (Non-refundable) for purchase of tender documents in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order of any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh and to be drawn in favour of Dy Director, A/Cs, RAO, PDB Ashuganj, subject to direct prior permission from the Chief Engineer (Gen) PDB, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka. The said tender documents will also be available in the Janata Bank, Ashuganj Bazar Branch, Ashuganj, B'Baria subject to prior permission from the undersigned. The tender will be received in the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation) PDB, WAPDA Building, Dhaka and also in the office of the undersigned up to 3.11.93 Eng and 19.7.1400 Bangla.

The tender will be opened on the same day at 12.10 PM in presence of the tenderers (if any). No tender will be sold in the opening day. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof and not bound to accept the lowest tender.

Biddut/Jana-435(5) 93-94
Executive Engineer (Boiler)
DPRBA) 9164-11/10
Ashuganj Power Station Complex
G-1381 PDB, Ashuganj, B'Baria

Weather
Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

The sky will remain partly cloudy or cloudy over the country. Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna divisions and the regions of Comilla, Sylhet and the weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Met Office forecasts day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 33.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Khulna and lowest of 22.2 degrees Celsius was recorded in Srimongol yesterday.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 5:29 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:58 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and the maximum and minimum relative humidity of some major cities and towns of the country recorded yesterday are:

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in degrees Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | Max | Min | 9 am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 29.6 | 24.5 | 80 | 81 |
| Chittagong | 31.8 | 24.0 | 86 | 75 |
| Rajshahi | 28.8 | 24.0 | 87 | 92 |
| Khulna | 33.5 | 25.4 | 81 | 86 |
| Barisal | 31.8 | 24.0 | 86 | 92 |
| Cox's Bazar | 32.5 | 25.0 | 77 | 77 |
| Sylhet | 30.5 | 23.0 | 78 | 84 |
| Dinajpur | 31.0 | 23.6 | 95 | 85 |

BTV
Tuesday

5:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:25 Sports programme:
Cricket

6:15 Special programme on poet Farrukh Ahmed
Open University

6:40 Musical programme:
Sangeeta

7:15 News in Bangla

8:00 Drama serial: Deyal

10:00 News in English

10:30 Film show: ENG

11:30 Khabar /The News

11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

11:45 Closing