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# Dhaka Day by Day

## Throw-away Culture

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir

Revolution, as we know it, is associated more with politics and society. Hardly are we aware of the day-to-day tumultuous events that are shaping beyond such psychological associations. We are reluctant to admit that the most rapid and fundamental revolution, we have, of late, experienced, is "Econo revolution." "Ek Kalamei Mile Par (one pen gets you beyond a mile)" — the slogan, pin points the wildfire advances of the modern consumerism which, true to its nature, has given birth to a throw-away culture or revolution, if you please.

For the last decade and a half, buying more goods, acquiring more things and using only once have been the predominant trend in the country.

Simultaneously, though, the majority of the people in Bangladesh have had but one goal — surviving the next day. "During those years, we used one fountain pen and our motto was simple living, high thinking," says Mr Ali, 55, an engineer by profession.

The number of people, who believed the axiom is essential for cultivating a meaningful life, is almost an extinct species.

Saker Ali, a student at Dhaka University, summed up his aspirations, when he told, "My parents are happy with their life-styles. It's not enough for me."

Saker Ali belongs to the class that, more than any other, defines and embodies the con-

temporary vision of the 'good' life. Craze for cars — obviously latest model automobiles, up-to-date fashions, palatial homes started swooping the length and breadth of the land.

Luxuries become necessities between generations as well. People measure their current material comforts against the standard set in their own childhood. So each generation needs more than the previous did to be satisfied.

With consumption standards perpetually rising, society is literally insatiable.

The definition of a "decent" standard of living — the necessities of life to keep with the trendy life-style endlessly moves upward.

The child whose parents have not yet purchased the video games feels ashamed to invite

friends home. Teenagers tussle in the family to get hold of an automobile to feel equal or superior to their peers.

Indeed, the present young generation believes that being good parents is equivalent to providing lots of goodies.

Over the last decade and a half in Bangladesh, the super markets have easily outpaced the growth of productive units of industries.

More and more, we opt for the conveniences of prepared, packaged foods, miracle cleaning products and disposable every things — from napkins to camera.

In the throw-away economy, packaging becomes an end itself. Cosmetics, toiletries, children toys, and every other consumable are either wrapped in paper, or sealed with plastic or other materials.

Like packaging, the disposable proliferate to the point of unmanageable proportion. We buy something and carry it home in paper or plastic bag, and when we take it to home, we put the bag in the dustbin.

And we have well responded to the call of the 'mainstream' economics, what an American retailing analyst Victor Lebow has summed up as "(Economy) demands that we make consumption our way of life, that we convert the buying and use of goods into rituals, that we

seek our spiritual satisfaction, our ego satisfaction, in consumption... we need things consumed, burned up, worn out, replaced, and discarded at increasing rate."

The dizzy advance of the consumer life-style has given birth to a limited populace, who have become car owners, television watchers, and throw-away buyers.

So, "the discarded and the junk pile up, impeding not only our planet's physical environment but also accounting for a rat race in which the majority are deprived of life's basic requirements."

If the earth continues to witness and experience, such a development in which the people have either too little or too much, the question arises: How much is enough?



**We are consuming everything, BUT you should be CONTROLLED!**

## 'Preventive measure best way to check spread of AIDS'

Deputy Leader of the House Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said that the preventive measure was the best way to check the spread of AIDS, reports BSS.

He was speaking as a chief guest at a discussion on AIDS at the Maghbar Girls' High School premises in the city yesterday.

Women's front of the National AIDS Committee (NAC) organised the discussion.

Presided over by the head mistress of the Maghbar Girls' High School Begum Masuda Hossain, the discussion was participated by Chairman, Women's front of National AIDS Committee, Begum Selima Rahman MP, Vice Chairman Begum Hasina Warda Chowdhury, president women's front of NAC Khulna unit Begum Nargis Ali and WHO AIDS Consultant in Bangladesh Dr Mostafa Kamal.

Prof Chowdhury said the chance of incidence of the disease due to physiological reason, was higher among women compared to man. He urged the members of women community to remain vigilant against the spread of AIDS virus through

### Zimbabwe Air Chief meets chiefs of three services

The visiting Commander of the Zimbabwe Air Force Air Marshall Perrance Shirri called on Chief of the Air Staff Air-Vice Marshall Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at the air headquarters yesterday morning, reports BSS.

He stayed with him for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Earlier on his arrival at the air headquarters, the Zimbabwe Air Force Commander was presented with a guard of honour by a smart contingent of the BAF. He took salute and inspected the guard.

Air Marshall Shirri also planted a sapling of Christmas tree at the air headquarters complex.

He also called on the Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the army headquarters and Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohamminul Islam at the naval headquarters. He then went to the Ministry of Defence and met the Defence Secretary Md Hasinur Rahman. He also visited the Prime Minister's office, Armed Forces Division and met the PSO of the Armed Forces Division Major General MS A Bhuiyan.

Earlier on his arrival at the Dhaka Cantonment, Air Marshall Shirri visited the "Shikha anbar" — the eternal flame — and placed floral wreath there in memory of the members of the armed forces who had laid down their lives during the War of Liberation in 1971.

### Firearms licence renewal from Dec 1

The renewal of firearms licence of Dhaka district including the city for 1994 will start from December 1 and will continue upto January next, reports BSS.

The firearms should be presented for inspection after taking ammunition out of the chamber magazine.

The necessary renewal fee should be deposited with Bangladesh Bank and the main copy of the challan should be presented during the renewal of licence.

The annual renewal fee has been fixed at Tk 400.00 for revolver, pistol and rifle; Tk 100.00 for double barrelled, single barrelled and stick gun; Tk 50.00 for sword, dagger, bayonet, air pistol, DBML gun SBML gun and air rifle; Taka 500.00 for licence of repair and dealing of pistol, revolver and gun and Tk 250.00 for licence of repair and dealing of rifle.

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**Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology**  
Dhaka  
**Admission Notice Academic Session 1993-94**

No. D-1414(4) Dt: 23-11-93

Applications in prescribed form are hereby invited 'Admission Test' examinations for admission into the first year degree classes of all faculties of this University for the academic session 1993-94.

FACULTIES OF ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING.

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TEST:

- Candidates must be citizens of Bangladesh either by birth or by domicile.
- Only those candidates who have passed HSC examination or its equivalent in 1992 and 1993, subject to fulfilment of the conditions (3) & (4) as under, are eligible to apply.
- Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 50% marks on the average or equivalent grades.
- Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent and obtained at least 65% marks on the average in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and minimum of 50% marks in each of these three subjects separately or equivalent grades in these subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only of the HSC examination or the equivalent grades in these subjects will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand and five hundred candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination. All candidates in the three thousand five hundredth position having equal marks, will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination.

#### SUBJECTS OF ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION:

The admission test examination will be held in the subjects of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry only on the basis of the Syllabuses of HSC examinations conducted by the different Boards of Bangladesh in 1993. In order to test the suitability of the candidates some questions of basic and elementary nature on the subjects may also be set.

#### NUMBER OF SEATS:

The maximum total number of seats in the first year B. Sc. Engineering degree course in the Faculties of Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical and Electronic Engineering is 510 of which 3 seats are reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh. Candidates from Tribal Areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the College from which they passed HSC examination or first class gazetted officer or the Chairman of local union parishad and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to Tribal Area. Candidates for these reserved seats must also fulfil the minimum qualification requirements for the Test Examination. There will be no separate Admission Test examination for the reserved seats for tribal students.

#### FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

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- Candidates must have passed SSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh securing minimum 50% marks excluding marks of additional subjects or must have passed equivalent examination securing equivalent grade.
- Candidates must have passed HSC examination of any Education Board of Bangladesh or its equivalent securing at least 45% marks in Mathematics and minimum 50% marks excluding marks of additional subjects.
- A merit list on the basis of the marks obtained in HSC Examinations (excluding marks of additional subjects) or its equivalent will be prepared out of which only the first three thousand candidates will be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination. All the candidates in the three thousandth position having equal marks will also be allowed to take part in the Admission Test examination.

#### SUBJECTS OF ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION:

The admission test examination will be held in the subjects of Mathematics, General Knowledge and Science, Design and Free-hand Drawing and Written Discussion.

#### NUMBER OF SEATS:

The maximum total number of seats in the first B. Arch course of 5 years duration is 50 of which 1 seat is reserved for the candidates from Chittagong Hill Tracts and other Tribal Areas of Bangladesh. Candidates from Tribal Areas must submit certificates from the Principal of the College from which they passed HSC examination or First Class Gazetted Officer or the Chairman of Local Union Parishad and must indicate in the Application Form that they belong to Tribal Area. There will be no separate Admission Test examination for the reserved seats for tribal students.

#### THE SCHEDULE FOR ADMISSION TEST EXAMINATION:

Time-Schedule for Admission Test Examination	All Engineering Departments	Architecture Department
a) Last date of submission of application either directly or by post:	Monday 20th December '93 3:30 PM	Monday 20th December '93 3:30 PM
b) Date of publication of list of eligible candidates selected for Admission Test Examination:	Tuesday 4th January '94	Tuesday 4th January '94
c) Date and Time of Admission Test Examination:	Wednesday 12th January '94 9 AM to 12 Noon	Thursday 13th January '94 9 AM to 12 Noon (both parts)
d) Date of declaration of the names of the selected candidates for admission	Wednesday February 2, '94	Wednesday February 2, '94

#### PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS (ALL FACULTIES):

Application form and prospectus explaining details of submission procedure may be obtained directly from the Registrar's Office on Cash payment of Tk 200/- (Two hundred) or by sending Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk 200/- only in favour of Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology drawn on Sonali Bank in any Branch in Dhaka City together with a 255X115 mm or 10X4 1/2 inch self addressed envelope with postal stamps of Tk 10/- (ten) only.

Admission forms for Engineering and Architecture are separate. Candidates who want to get it by post must clearly mention the exact Admission form they need.

Registrar

### Workshop on tripartism held

Good labour management is a key factor to augment production and investment. The present government has been making all efforts to maintain a good relationship between

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১৯৯৩-৯৪ ইং অর্থ বৎসরে ফরিদপুর জেলার বিভিন্ন স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য এম, এল, আর, সামগ্রী (আসবাবপত্র) ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে চলতি অর্থ বৎসরে অত্র অফিসের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ তালিকাভুক্ত সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। পরিচালক, কেন্দ্রীয় ঔষধাগার, তেজগাঁও ঢাকাত চলতি অর্থ বৎসরে উপরোক্ত এম, এল, আর, সামগ্রী সরবরাহের জন্য সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ধরনে তালিকাভুক্ত/নবায়নকৃত সরবরাহকারীগণও দরপত্রে অংশ গ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন। দরপত্র সিভিল ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী আলমী ২৯-১১-৯৩ ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত প্রতি ধরনের জন্য নশদ ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মূল্যে (অফিসে যোগ্য) অত্র অফিসের কোষাধ্যক্ষের নিকট হইতে পাওয়া যাইবে। দরপত্র আলমী ৩০-১১-৯৩ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অত্র অফিসে রক্ষিত দরপত্রের বাস্কে জমা দেওয়া যাইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র সিভিল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।  
ডাঃ কাজী সৈয়দ আহমেদ  
সিভিল সার্জন, ফরিদপুর

### Cases filed for violating traffic rules

Dhaka Metropolitan Traffic police filed cases against owners and drivers of some 2,712 vehicles in two days (Monday-Tuesday) for violating traffic rules, reports UNB.

Traffic police also collected Tk 1,66,855 as fine for violation of traffic rules.

**বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন**  
**BTV**  
**Wednesday**  
5.00 Opening announcement.  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
5.10 News in Bangla  
5.35 Sports Programme:  
Gillette World Sport Special  
6.00 Cultural programme:  
Nibedon  
6.45 Open University  
7.25 Rabindra Sangeet  
8.00 News in Bangla  
8.30 Biswa parikrama  
9.05 Film Show: The A-Team  
10.00 News in English  
10.30 Programme of selected songs: Geete Bichitra  
11.30 Khabar/The News  
11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
11.45 Closing

**Weather**  
**Dry weather likely**  
By Staff Correspondent  
Dry weather with a clear sky is likely to prevail over the country during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today (Tuesday).  
The Met office forecasts, slightly fall of night temperature is expected over the country during the period.  
The highest temperature of the country yesterday of 31.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Bogra and Kutubdia and the lowest of 16.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and Sitakunda.  
The sun sets today at 5-11 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 6-20 am.  
The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded at some important cities and towns yesterday are as follows:  
Cities/Towns Temperature in degrees Celsius Humidity in percentage  
Max Min 9 am 6 pm  
Dhaka 29.4 17.6 75 76  
Chittagong 29.0 17.8 86 61  
Rajshahi 28.7 17.6 67 73  
Khulna 30.2 18.5 76 82  
Barisal 29.8 17.6 - 82  
Cox's Bazar 30.4 18.8 71 64

A week-long painting exhibition of country's three front-ranking artists — Rafiqun Nabi, Mahbulul Amin, Jamal Ahmed was inaugurated at the Divine Arts, Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.  
— Star photo