

Dhaka Day by Day

Overcoming a Trauma for a Cause

by Raffat Binte Rashid

It is always very painful to accept the hard and bitter part of life, specially for the little children. When a five-year old is told that his father, with whom he plays football or goes out fishing, is actually his stepfather and that his real father is long dead fighting a war, how does he react to this, or can anyone experience the actual trauma he goes through?

In his own world he makes up a figure who is sort of a guardian angel to him; sometimes he is angry for his not being able to share the pain or happiness and sometimes he just wonders what are fathers, by the way.

Finally when he is a little grown up, he comes to understand that his father is not like any of his friends' fathers, that he is very special, that he gave up his life willingly for the country he loved so much.

For Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan, who was born seven months after the death of his father, the feelings are somewhat like this and very haphazard. "I can't exactly say or describe anything about my father. I have never seen him, but from my grandmother's stories about him, I know my father was a great man," Mohammad Ali said with a sad and distant look in his eyes.

Shahed Hasan Ali Bhuiyan was a businessman, he owned a small monthari shop (department store) in the Mymensingh bazar. He had been just married and life for him was very sweet. At the same time as a conscious citizen he was extremely aware of the on-going upheavals. His secret involvement with the ongoing Muktiyoddha (Liberation War) was somewhat known to the Razakars and one fine morning they summoned him. On 15th May 1971, Hasan

Ali was called by those treacherous men to a soap factory in Mymensingh where the Pakistani military shot him and many others like him dead. "My father was a Juba League official and a very strong activist. And still now when I see that soap factory, I feel bad but I am definitely proud of my blood," he said.

Mohammad Ali is a first year degree student of Ananda Mohan College. He is the General Secretary of Projanmo Ekattur Mymensingh branch. At present, besides his studies, he is also looking after the family business. "My mother married again and she still lives with us in my Dada's house," he said. "My stepfather is a very good man. I never for once felt the absence of my father; he loves me more than his own children," informed Mohammad Ali. He came to know about the fate and legend of his father from an outsider.

"I got an old passport size photo of my father from my grandmother and made a big pencil sketch out of it. I heard he was 6 feet tall and medium-built," he said. "I remember him occasionally and feel very sad... I miss my father," he said in a low voice. "If today I have to fight for my country, I would do it without a second thought, I would do it for my father first, and then for myself."

With a mixed feeling of pride and sorrow Mohammad Ali vowed to make everybody aware of the great deed his father did so many years ago. He invites everyone to evaluate the sacrifice his father and others made. This is how the destiny of the nation can be fashioned on the spirit of our liberation war and secularism, he believes.



Mohammad Ali Bhuiyan



A seminar on lathyrism was held in the city yesterday. Seen in the picture are Prof Anisul Huq, Head of Neurology Deptt, IPGM speaking on the occasion. Also seen in the picture (R-L) are Prof F. Lambein, Ambassador of Belgium Xavier Van Mighem, Malcolm McGregor, Vice Chancellor of DU Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, Canadian High Commissioner Jon J. Scott, Nancy Higinson and Prof HKM Yusuf.

Seminar on lathyrism begins

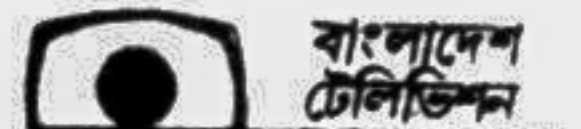
The three-day second international colloquium on lathyrism began here yesterday, reports UNB.

Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), Commission of the European Community (EEC), Ministry of Development Cooperation, Belgium (BMDC) and the University of Ghent, Belgium have jointly organised the seminar.

The inaugural session was addressed by Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Canadian High Commissioner Jon J. Scott, Belgian Ambassador Xavier Van Mighem, Malcolm McGregor and Nancy Higinson of Crop Diversification Programme. Dr Anisur Haq of IPGM and Prof HKM Yusuf.

Prof F. Lambein of University of Ghent, Belgium presented a key-note on different aspects of lathyrism.

More than 50 researchers, scientists, nutritionists and academicians from fifteen countries including Canada, USA, Belgium, UK, Japan, India, Australia and Pakistan are taking part in the seminar, third of its kind in Bangladesh.



Saturday BTB

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Children's programme: Moner Katha
- 6:00 Cartoon: Young Robinhood
- 6:25 Samahar
- 6:55 Documentary on SAF games
- 7:40 Folk songs: Banshari
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Mati-o-Manush
- 9:00 Avimat
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme

Rally of Chhatra Dal Demra unit held

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, MP, said in Dhaka yesterday that there was no alternative to stable social system to maintain the process of development initiated by the present government, reports BSS.

Addressing a rally organised by Demra thana unit of Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal at Jurain here, the Mayor said those isolated from the people had been trying to misguide the people by indulging in terrorism and chaos.

Mirza Abbas said, we are pledge-bound to achieve overall development of the city through honesty and sincerity despite resources constraints. He said during the last two years Tk two crore had been spent for the development of roads in Jurain area under Demra thana.

OFA painting contest

By Staff Correspondent

The Old Faujians Association (OFA) will hold a painting contest for the children of the members of the Association on December 17 in observance of the Victory Day.

The contest titled "Old Faujians: Second Generation" will be open to the sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters of the Old Faujians.

The contest will take place at House -44, Road-10-A, Dhanmondi between 9 am and 12 Noon.

Newspaper holiday

All newspaper offices will remain closed on December 16 on the occasion of Victory Day, reports BSS.

No newspaper will be published on December 17.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather with clear sky is likely to prevail over the country.

Met Office forecasts night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 29.7 degrees Celsius was recorded in Bogra and lowest of 13.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Srimongal yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 5.12 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 6.32 am.

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

Cities/towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.7	15.3	93	71
Chittagong	27.8	16.4	82	71
Rajshahi	27.8	15.2	77	82
Sylhet	29.2	15.1	69	71
Barisal	28.6	15.0	92	-
Khulna	28.0	15.3	77	76
Dinajpur	28.5	14.2	89	73



Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Abdus Samad Azad speaking at a discussion meeting organised by the BSEHR on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights yesterday at the National Museum auditorium. Seen seated (from L to R) are: Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, Gano Forum President Dr. Kamal Hossain, former chief justice Kemaluddin Hossain, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Advocate Sigma Huda and a poor day-labourer Falu Miah who languished in jail for long 21 years before being set free last month. — Star photo

Repeal of all 'black laws' demanded

CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: Participants at a round-table conference held in Chittagong Thursday demanded repeal of all 'black laws' for protection and strengthening of the fundamental rights of the common people, reports BSS.

Freedom of speech and thought, communalism free society are the preconditions of ensuring human rights, they observed.

Help under the auspices of Amnesty International Chittagong, the round-table conference on "disappearance, political killing and utter violation of human rights," was chaired by city chapter of the Bangladesh Awami League MA Mannan.

Dr Anupom Sen, Dr Iftekaruddin Chowdhury, Dr Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, Dr Jyoti-Prakash Datta, Dr Abdul Awal Khan, Prof Mohamad Ali Farooque, Dr A Q M Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Arabinda Barua and journalists Anjan Kumar Sen, Mohammad Idris, Joyanta Banik and Sahabuddin were, among others, who participated in it.

Referring to the increasing trend of disappearance and political killing throughout the world the speakers urged the world community for taking immediate steps to stop such violation of human rights.

Rajshahi
A discussion meeting to mark the 45th World Human Rights Day was held in Rajshahi at Teachers Training College auditorium Friday.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest Mayor of Rajshahi City Mizanur Rahman Minu underlined the need for increasing consciousness among the people for the preservation of human rights. He said it was essential to educate all to make them aware about their rights.

The mayor said Bangladesh was committed to implement the declaration of human rights adopted by United Nations. No

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Children creating the world of their imagination at an art competition at the National Museum yesterday. Bangladesh National Museum, Chittagong Zia Memorial Museum, Sylhet Osmanly Museum and Mymensingh Zainul Abedin Art School have jointly organised the competition in observance of Victory Day. — Star photo

Dhaka to attend Delhi summit on education

Minister for Education Barister Jamiruddin Sircar will represent Bangladesh at the summit of the world's nine countries trying to tackle their problem of illiteracy, reports BSS.

To be sponsored by UNICEF, UNESCO and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) the summit will be hosted by India in New Delhi.

The one-day summit to be held on December 16 will be preceded by a meeting of the senior officials on December 12 and a ministerial level pre-summit from December 13 to 15.

Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, who expressed her government's commitment to the removal of illiteracy from Bangladesh would not be able to attend because she preferred to remain present during the Victory Day celebrations in the country, the foreign minister, Mostafizur Rahman said.

It will be the second summit in four years since the first one

was held at Jomtien in Thailand to reaffirm and advance the international goals of education for all," said UNICEF officials.

The nine countries — Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan — inhabited by 2.7 billion people or half the world's population are expected at the conference to mobilise high-level political support as well as financial and technical resources for primary education and literacy programmes.

The nine countries together account for over 70 per cent of the world's adult illiterates and more than half of its out-of-school children.

According to UNESCO estimates these countries together have 70 million children excluded from primary education.

Unicef fears that if the current trends continued the number of children outside primary education in these countries could jump to a staggering 83 million by the year 2,000.



The Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (OCAB) arranged a reception Thursday in the city to welcome the incoming Foreign Secretary Muftehur Rahman Osmany (1st left) and bid farewell to outgoing Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman (C). Also seen in the picture is Secretary General of OCAB, Farid Hossain. — Star photo

12 medical students to get scholarships

The Dhaka Medical College 1956 Club has awarded scholarships to 12 students studying in different medical colleges of the country, reports UNB.

The recipients of the scholarships are: Mahjuba Ummeh Salam, 3rd year, Mohammad Arif Morshed Khan 1st year, Shamsun Nahar, 4th year and Nabir Hossain, 2nd year of Dhaka Medical College; Mohammed Tajul Islam, 5th year and A K M Saifuddin, 5th year of Sir Salmullah Medical College; Mohammed Nurul Islam, 1st year and Mosamat Zannatul Ferdous, 1st year of Chittagong Medical College; A S M Rezaul Karim, 1st year and Ashoke Sarker 1st year of Rajshahi Medical College; Mohammed Iqbal Hossain Talukder 2nd year of Rangpur Medical College and Mohammed Anwar Hossain, 1st year of Faridpur Medical College.

Deputy Leader of Parliament Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will distribute the scholarships among the students at a function to be held at Dr Milon conference room of IPGM, Dhaka at 9 am on December 30.

Bijoy Mela begins in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: A grand week-long Bijoy Mela — Victory Fair — began this morning at the outer stadium and its adjoining areas, reports BSS.

The opening of Bijoy Mela was heralded by hoisting of the national flag on the Bijoy mancha unitedly by the family members of the martyrs of the War of Independence and displayed freedom fighters with playing of the national anthem. The flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by lighting of the Bijoy Shikha, the flame of victory by Shahon Mahmood, the daughter of Shaheed Altaf Mahmood who set to tune numerous songs on immortal Ekuashey. Bijoy Mela Ujjapan Parishad had been celebrating the Victory Fair in Chittagong since 1989 in observance of the Victory Day.

Happy Birthday
to
AMMU
From: Tarannum, Pinky, Kashfee, Babunto, Thahia, & Rashmi

TENDER NOTICE

1. Tender notice number : 6/1993-94 (3rd Call).
 2. Name of work : Construction of closure dam over Kapalbera flowing river in Polder No 55/3 (Charkazul) under Galachipa Thana, Dist. Patuakhali, under GOB Fund.
 3. Estimated cost : Estimated cost is Tk 2,50,64,053/- (Taka two crore fifty lac twenty-four thousand and fifty-three) only in GOB Fund.
 4. Earnest money : 2% (Two and half per cent) of the tendered amount as normal earnest money and 1% (one per cent) of the tender amount as token earnest money to be submitted by the FD holder with the tender.
 5. Date & time of receiving and opening of the tender : Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintending Engineer, O & M Circle, WDB, Barisal/Khulna/Dhaka from 19-12-93 to 22-12-93 up to 12-00 Noon and the same will be opened by the respective officers on 22-12-93 at 12-30 hrs in presence of the intending tenderers.
 6. Nature of contractor : "A" Class BWDB Contractors pre-qualified vide Chief Engineer, Project-III, WDB, Barisal's Memo No. Pra-Pra/Pra-III/Gopa 142, dt 25-9-93 and "A" Class contractor of BWDB having experience of construction of closure dam over flowing channels and having experience in executing works under BWDB for which the contractor has received payment of at least Tk 40 (forty) lacs in a single financial year during any one of the last 5 (five) years.
 7. Name and address of the office where tender documents and all other information will be available : The office of the undersigned as well as from the office of the Executive Engineer, O & M Division, WDB, Barisal, Manager, Rupali Bank, Patuakhali/Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/Area, Dhaka, Manager, Sonali Bank; Sagordi WAPDA Branch, Barisal & Manager, Sonali Bank, Noor Nagar Branch, Khulna up to 21-12-93.
 8. Name and address of the advertiser : Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury, Executive Engineer, Patuakhali O & M Division, WDB, Patuakhali.
- Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury**
Executive Engineer
Patuakhali O & M Division
WDB, Patuakhali.
- PANI-274/93-94
DFP(G)-20321-6/12
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Short Tender Notice No 49, 50 of the Chittagong Road Division, Chittagong during 1993-94

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide enlisted contractors of Roads & Highways Department in Bangladesh Form No 2911 for the following works:

Sl No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Class of Contractor	Completion of Time
1.	Repair and seal coat work at 2nd, 3rd & 4th (P) KM of Nazirhat-Maizbhandar Road under Ctg Road Divn during the year 1993-94.	Tk 7,54,600/-	Tk 15,092/-	'A' to 'D' General Category of Contractor	30 (thirty) days
2.	Earth work in filling the road embankment at damaged portion and protection work of 3rd & 4th KM of Vatiary-Hathazari link road under Ctg Road Divn during the year 1993-94.	Tk 8,73,842/-	Tk 17,477/-	-do-	-do-

Schedule of items, specification, terms & conditions etc can be seen & purchased from the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Feni/Cox's Bazar/Dohazari Road Division, Ctg/Planning Division (Road, Bridge), Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Divn, Chittagong/Fatikchhari/Sitakunda/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Chittagong by cash payment up to 18-12-93/4-9-1400 Bangla during office hours only.

Tenders will be received by the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Division, Chittagong & by the undersigned upto 12-30 PM on 19-12-93/5-9-1400 Bangla and the same will be opened on the same day at 12-45 PM in front of tenderers who may like to remain present on the occasion.

Md Abdul Khaleque Miah
Executive Engineer, RHD
Chittagong Road Divn,
Chittagong.

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