Dhaka Day by Day

Sultan of an Elusive World

By Samia Islam

The growing number of video shops and their networks in Dhaka are giving rise to a stiff competition among them and accounting for innovative service. Some rental services are there to rescue you now when you are too lazy or just plain unable to walk or drive to your club to get the new releases of the week, so hat you can pass the day sitting before your TV getting up-dated about the movie arena. Now your favorite video shops are just a phone call away in most parts of Dhaka. In the DOHS, Mohakhali areas one such video shop has this door-todoor rental service. But more interesting is its delivery man Sultan, a 12 years old boy who looks not more than eight or nine years of age. Born in Dhaka he now lives in Mohakhali with

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his uncle, aunt and I DIDN'T SEE THIS nine cousins, who happened to own the shop. You can BATMAN-1 117'S see him with his SO BORING ... SO I AM sack-full of videos. NOT PAYING YOU! sometimes carrying an unopened um brella in the scorching heat of the noon. sometimes eating some fruit or playing on his toy flute or at times shuffling along stopping a everything that at tracts his attention. stooping to pluck a flower, watching a butterfly or a passing car and then, contended, walking on sometimes as late as 10.30 at night

When offered to write about him in the paper so that people all over Dha ka city may know of him, he was all teeth from ear to ear. To make sure that nothing was left out he asked if there would be a photo of him as well. When the answer to his question was in the affirma

tive he started to talk.

His father left his mother only a couple of years after his birth and he has no memory of those days. Now his mother lives with her sister, and he with his paternal uncle. He works without pay for his cousins. His day starts at 6:30 am and ends around 10.30 pm (sometimes later). As he is working in a field where he has to deal with names of movies etc. naturally question arises about his education. He has had no institutional training as he is busy working all day, but his uncle has taught him some Bengali alphabets and phonetics but a test revealed that everything is pure guesswork which is remarkable. But he doesn't agree and insists that further education is quite unnecessary for besides, I hate this stuff." his line of work.

counters in this business, his forehead creases and after pondering for a few moments, he de- per

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textiles mills at the North Gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque

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সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে

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নিয়মিত ভাবে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু হবে।

clares he has none. When he was nudge a bit, 'Do not your feet ache after a hard day's work ?" His smile broadens almost to a grin. "Oh that? Of course it does," as if it was silly in asking the taken for granted. "What about the famous mastans of Dhaka? Do not they pose a threat since you carry all the money and cassettes with you, return so late at night?" He nods his head this time and admits that the DOHS region does scare him at night because the people here are unknown to him but "in Mohakhali the top mastans are mostly related to us" by blood? Well, he doesn't know that all he knows is that they will only protect him and not harm him in any way. Some consolation at least. He even knows most of the security

guards in this area and they let him come and go late at night quite as he pleases, how does he do that? "Mostly because I am small. people trust me. Take the work for instance, there are other delivery boys in our shop but people call and ask for me. They feel safe my size," again the grin. Even his undersized physique is o his advantage. Quite spontaneously the question comes to mind: what happens when he finally grows out of his cute form and elfin charm? Even this does not affect him in the least. "Don't vou see? I am an apprentice in our shop, when I grow my cousins promised to hand over the shop to me. All this will be mine someday, because

my cousin is trying to go to America. Once he flies out of the country, I will be taking care of business." Let's hope so but doesn't he want to go to America like his cousins? "If Allah as well as circumstances permits. I might but I think I will stay back otherwise who will take care of Amma?" What about his dad? Has he ever seen him? Does he came to visit? He laughs, Once I hid behind some trees in our village and watched him go by." Why hide? "Well, who told you that he wants to see me?" The point was well taken.

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Since he deals in such a commodity that en slaves thousands of people around the globe. asked him abut his choice in movies. "I don't have the time to sit 2.1/2 hours for a movie:

Postscript: Disappointing him more than Asked about the sorts of problems he en- the writer, Sultan's employer has forbidden him to have his photo published in a newspa-

Jabbar Khan's

death condoled

Minister and secretary general

of BNP Barrister Abdus Salam

Talukdar yesterday expressed his profound shock at the

death of noted film director

Abdul Jabbar Khan, reports

the minister paid rich tributes

to late Khan and said his con-

tribution to film industry

would be regarded as a mile-

Information Minister Bar-

rister Nazmul Huda expressed

his deep sorrow at the death of

film director Abdul Jabbar

In a message of condolence,

the minister expressed his

sympathy for the members of

the bereaved family and prayed

for the peace of the departed

ruddin al Masud also condoled

the death of Abdul Jabbar

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Information Secretary Nu-

In a condolence message

LGRD and Cooperatives



The Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Samannaya Committee brought out a procession in the capital yesterday in observance of what it terms 'Hatred Day'. - Star photo

Zainul Mela inaugurated

Evaluate creative genius of Shilpacharya'

President Abdur Rahman that his name would be remem-Biswas yesterday urged all concerned to evaluate the creative genius of Shilpacharya Zainul

Abedin, reports BSS. Inaugurating a three-day programme entitled 'Zainul Mela' organised by the Shilpacharya Zainul' Abedin Smriti Parishad at the institute of Fine Arts Dhaka University. The President said late Shilpacharya was not only a great painter of the sub-conti-

nent but also a great humanist. He said Zainul Abedin, who enriched our art and culture through his unparalleled creativity, was also a great patriot who loved his people and soil from the core of his heart. He said all his work spoke about the people, their lives and struggle along with the beauty of the nature.

Presided over by national professor Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, Banker M Taheruddin and Naim Mashregi, president of the parishad.

Six persons were also awarded with "Zainul Abedin Smriti Swarna Padak" for their contributions in various fields.

The award recipients are Munzur-ul-Karim (scout movement). Hasinur Rahman (public administration), Sanaullah Nuri (journalism), A K M Abdur Rouf (painting), Abdul Baset (painting) and A K M Giasuddin Milky (agriculture).

. Describing Zainul as a feputed painter of Asia and also of the world, the President said bered with respect in all ages to

In this context he referred to the immortal sketches of 1943's famine, the sketches of 1969's mass movement and great language movement, noting that the late Shilpacharya would remain immortal in the world of art only for these outstanding works.

President Biswas also called upon all concerned to maintain the memories of the late painter with due honour. He said the Art Institute of Dhaka, the Sonargaon Lokshilpa Jadughar and Mymenshingh Lokshilpa Sangraha Shala still bear the testimony of the Shilpacharya's memorable contributions to the society.

Painting competition

The central Kachi Kanchar Mela held a children's painting competition at the premises of the Academy of Fine Arts here, marking the 79th birth anniversary of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, reports BSS.

Painter Aminul Islam inaugurated the competition. About 600 children and teenagers belonging to three age groups from two to 15 years, participated in the competition.

Indrani Roy Orchi (4) earned the best award in the KA group. Nazia Mahmud Tui [10] and Fazilatun Sonia (13) earned the best awards in the older age groups of KHA and GA respec-

The awards will be distributed on January 4, 1994.

Plea to protect indigenous people's rights

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a meeting in observance of the International Indigenous Day urged the government to protect the rights of the indigenous people.

The meeting organised by Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) was held at its central office at Balaka Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Ruhul Quddus Babu, President of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) presided over the

Barrister Lutfar Rahman Shahjahan attended the function as chief guest while Abul Hasib Khan was present as special guest. The meeting was addressed,

among others, by Advocate Adilur Rahman, Prasit Khisha President of Pahari Chhatra Parishad, and Dhiraj Chakma, former general secretary of Pahari Chhatra Parishad.

Abdullah Al Kuiyum conducted the meeting.

Seminar on drug policy Jan 3

Allegation

refuted

By Staff Correspondent

Afia Obaidullah yesterday re-

The proprietress of the

house, at Asad Avenue in the

city, in a press release yester-

day termed the published

statement of JD leader K M

Obaidur Rahman as 'motivated

illegally possessed by the

Janata Dal leader Obaidur

Rahman. "However, with the in-

tervention of Society for Human

Rights Obaidur Rahman pro-

mised to vacate my house by

the third week of December.

she said. The ageing woman,

paralysed in 1993, said that she

moved into her house on De-

cember 24 morning accordingly.

house came under attack of

armed terrorists who assaulted

my servants and my son and

ransacked the rooms," the press

release said.

"Hours after moving in, my

Her house, she alleged, was

futed the Janata Dal's allega-

tion of evicting the party office

by the police and armed mus-

clemen.

and misleading.

A seminar on 'Media Views on Health Situation and the Present Drug Policy' will be held on January 3 in the capital, says a press release.

Probhati, a voluntary social and health organisation, and Medical Reporters' Association of Mitford Hospital have jointly convened the seminar which is scheduled to begin the National Press Club at 3.30 pm.

Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of Parliament, will attend the seminar as chief guest while Prof Nurun Nabi, Director General of Health Services, Dr Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan, Director of Drug Administration, and Prof AK Shamsuddin Siddiquey, Principal of Str Salimullah Medical College will be present as special guests.

Prof Muniruddin Ahmed. Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University, will present the keynote paper Faruque Ahmed, President of Probhati, will pre-

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Applications are invited for the above post which exists at Dhaka's leading luxury Hotel.

The successful candidates would be under 35 years of age with Post Graduation qualification. He or she should have good personal appearance and have a high standard of English and Bangla both written and spoken. Journalistic background will be a plus for the position.

An excellent salary package is offered in line with senior Managerial position. Applications in strict confidence enclosing a recent photograph should be mailed to G.P.O. Box No. 3595 by January 10, 1994.



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International Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Section-1: Drilling & Tapping Machine and Gas Detector under ADB Loan No 868-Ban-(SF).

Issuance date of invitation: 21-12-93 Invitation for bids (IFB) No.: 1. BB/PD/0.49/048/Drill

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The executing agency of the Project Titas Gas Transmission & 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 of the following materials:

SL NO.	IFB NO:	ITEM WITH DESCRIPTION		QUNT	BIDDING TIME
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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 Shamoli, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Telex: 632468 BBGP BJ, 642689 TGNC BJ Phone: 310300, 816432, 812415-16

Fax: (880-2) 813031

A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder upon payment of the cost (non-refundable) as mentioned in the tender document from the following place:

Deputy Manager (Accounts & Finance), at the Project Office address, from 09:00 AM to 13:00 PM on all working days with effect from 01-01-94. No documents will be sold on the closing date of the respective IFB.

All 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 Bidder's of the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project, Plot No. 50, Block-A,

Mohammadpur Housing & Pisciculture Society, Shamoli, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh on or before 11:00 AM of the closing date of the respective bid as follows. The Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee must be in the name of Titas Gas T&D Company Limited (Brahmaputra

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The bids will be opened on the same date of closing at 11:30 AM 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 1st subsequent working-day.

Purchaser-will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection

with the preparation or delivery of bids. Bidders are allowed to submit alternative bids. In such case additional bid security shall be

furnished as detailed in the bid document. The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids in part or full without

assigning any reason.

"शाष्ट्र लाशान शास्त्रत्र अतिहर्या करून এবং अतिरवन वौहान"-श्रथानमञ्जी

Brahmaputra Basin Gas T&D Project

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Huda for promotion of

rister Nazmul Huda yesterday called for the promotion and expansion of unani and ayurvedic system of treatment in reaching medicare facilities

to all, reports BSS.

the capital. Organised by the students

forum of the Bangladesh Unant Ayurvedic Medical, the publication ceremony was presided over by president of the student's forum Miah Faiz Ahmed it was addressed by the president of Unani Ayurvedic Physician Federation Hakim Khoda Dat Ahmed and Hakim Ataur Rahman of Unani Degree College.

the importance of the Unant and Ayurvedic system of treatment facilities in the

He recalled that it was late President Ziaur Rahman who had first realised the efficacy of such traditional and indigenous system of treatment in the country and accordingly encouraged the development of Unani Ayurvedic and homeopathic systems.

The information minister said concerted efforts through harmonising all the available medical practices could help

two books on Unani Ayurvedic system of treatment and assured them that the government would extend all assistance for the publication of

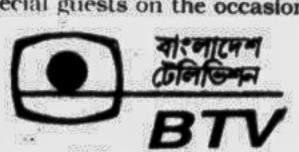
fer from the ill treatment on wrong diagnosis.

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BCS annual conference tomorrow The 17th annual conference

of the Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) will be held to morrow (Friday) at the Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Ltd. Rangadia, Chittagong at 10 am, says a press release.

The conference will be inaugurated by the Minister for Industries A M Zahiruddin Khan as the chief guest while Prof. M A Mannan State Minister for Science and Technology and Wasek-Al-Azad chairman. BCIC will be present as special guests on the occasion.



competition Jiboner Alo Nazrul Sangeet News in Bangla Drama of the week: Durae Kothao





6.30 Mass. Education Programme: Esho Para Shikhi 7.25 8.00 8.35 10.00 always Greener Khabar/The News Tomorrow's programme Closing

sius was recorded at Srimongal.

News in English Mini series: The Grass is

unani, ayurvedic system Information Minister Barcountry and said the present government would extend all cooperation in this regard.

He was speaking at a publication ceremony of two books -History of Medicine, and Principles and Terminology of Unani Materia Medica (Unani Vesoj, Biganar Mulniti) written by Hakim Kaviraj Abdur Rob Khan - at the auditorium of Atomic Energy Commission in

Barrister Huda explained

the country in achieving medical services to all by the year Barrister Huda appreciated the endeavours of the author of

more books on the subjects. He advised the practitioners of Unani and Ayurvedic system of treatment to take their best of care so that nobody suf-

Weather

try yesterday are:

Cities/Towns

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with partly cloudy sky. Met Office forecasts night temperature may fall by one to two

degrees Celsius over the country. The country's highest temperature of 27 degrees Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and Bogra and lowest of 11.6 degrees Cel-

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 5:22 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:41 am. The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the coun-

Temperatures in Humidity in degrees Celsius percentage Min 9 am 6 pm Dhaka 26.0 14.0 73 Chittagong 14.8 26.0 73 65 Rajshahi 26.6 15.3 75 Khulna 25.7 13.5 Barisal 24.6 13.4 80 25.8 Sylhet 14.2 79 65 26.5 Dinajpur 14.0 72 26.5 Cox's Bazar 16.0