

Dhaka Day by Day

An Auction with a Difference

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Concerts, arranged to raise funds for the flood victims, or charity bazaars, painting shows for similar reasons and merry-making, for that matter, is nothing new. But charity auction sale for helping a humanitarian organisation certainly is.

The word auction has about it a connotation that hardly goes with humanitarian services because of its heavy tilt for trade of an unusual kind.

But this time an auction with products from world renowned French manufacturing companies will be held. The French Ambassador Jean Michael Lacombe and his wife Myrian Lacombe have organised this unusual two-day fund-raising programme at their residence in Gulshan.

"Myself and my husband decided that apart from government to government assistance in development efforts or humanitarian projects, we may ourselves organise some fund-raising events to help some welfare projects in the humanitarian efforts," says Myrian.

In Europe there is an idea that Bangladesh only depicts poverty, misery and floods. But coming here, Myrian's point of view has changed, she believes, there is more to Bangladesh than just disasters. "You have good painters, good music, good industries like shrimp culture, jute, garments and of course, intellectually stimulating people," she says.

This auction is not her first endeavours here. "We have decided to patronize the Bangladeshi art and culture in our modest capacity by holding exhibition of Bangladeshi painters," she explains.

The annual Bangladeshi painting exhibition in France of September 1993 was thus transformed into an event aimed at patronising the Bangladeshi painters and also helping a humanitarian organisation. The sale proceeds of this exhibition went to the Ganosasthya Kendro of Savar. "Following the conclusion of this exhibition in Paris, we organised a very successful exhibition of three contemporary painters in our residence during the end of September 1993."

The sale proceeds of this auction will be given to an orphanage in Teigaon run by Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother Teresa through her organisation Missionaries of Charity.

Myrian, an orphan herself when she was 18 months old, was raised by her grand parents. She has a natural inclination for funding orphanages and says that "if this auction is a success and we get plenty of money, we will split the proceeds and give some to local orphanages too."

"This is the first time we are dealing with such ideas, we do not know anything, therefore, success is uncertain, but we hope to do similar programmes sometime next year too," she says.

"For fund-raising there are many programmes like charity bazaars but I want to do something different," she explains. Every man and woman likes perfumes and jewellery, and this is a good way to understand the western culture too, she believes. With such ventures the French products

which already have a market here, will be better known.

Almost an entire range of French luxuries valued at about half a million French Francs (US dollar 90,000) will be put on auction in order to raise funds. These articles have been donated by more than 30 globally famed French companies like Cartier International, Dupont, Chanel, Bourgeois, Christian Dior, Paco Rabane, Givenchy, Jean Patou, Nina Ricci and many other equally known companies.

On the other hand, Banque Indosuez of Dhaka and French firms like Alcatel, BCOM, TECHNIP and Gallery Tone, and Ideas International of Dhaka are helping the auction sale as sponsors.

Moreover, the auction will be conducted by famed auctioneer Tim Bridges. Bridges is here on a short visit and is with the ICCDR.

A French television team has also volunteered to cover this event and later make a short film on it.

There would be gift items of fixed prizes ranging from Tk 200 to Tk 300/- besides the fixed auction products. The lowest bid starts at Tk 400.

Durre Saiman Rahman, wife of the Finance Minister will be the chief guest. Advocate Sigma Huda, Secretary General of Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastabayan Sangstha and wife of the Information Minister will be the special guest. They will open the event by launching the first two calls.

With a doctorate in Economics, Myrian has always been active. Working with IBM as sales marketing Rep. International Vice President for Coal of France, a public enterprise, she has done joint ventures all over the world.

Sophisticated and elegant, she is an admirer of Jamal Ahmed's and Shahbuddin's works. She is also an avid music lover and says that opera music is her favourite. She likes over music too. Besides organising painting shows and this auction, she has also organised programmes for a Taz group. "Every body discouraged me by saying that it will be a flop but later on the American school, where the show was held was full and it was a big hit even in Chittagong," she says.

Her future plan includes a women week, where training programmes for family planning will be given by a French woman. "Plans are still underway, it might be on March or September this year," she says. "Planning is a long procedure, my plans for this auction started from July last year," she explains.

She has also helped independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) with approximately 40 computers. She believes "IUB is good for this country and there is no education now, without computers."

Pleasant and charming Myrian Lacombe believes that a lot could be done here in Bangladesh. "Poverty is perpetrating everywhere in the world. OK, but that's not the real problem. We can always proceed forward and try out new ventures," she believes strongly.



Myrian Lacombe



The Bangladesh Muslim League yesterday held a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

Appeal to raise Farakka issue at int'l forums

Bangladesh Muslim League (BML) yesterday renewed its appeal to the government to raise the Farakka issue at international forums and file a compensation suit against India in the international court for the losses the country suffered due to unilateral withdrawal of water from the common rivers, reports UNB.

At a press conference at the National Press Club in the morning, party chief Kazi Abdul Kader promised to extend his organisation's full support to the government in this regard.

He described the unilateral withdrawal of water by India from an international river as "an absolutely inhuman act."

Kader, who recently became president of the united Muslim League, also demanded scrapping of the '25 years treaty' with India.

Referring to violence at the educational campuses, Kader advocated for banning "party-backed students politics."

The party's Secretary General Muhammad Ayenuddin, Executive President Quamruzzaman Khan, Executive Secretary General Atiqul Islam, Senior Vice-President M A Salam, Organising Secretary Manjure Matin and Publicity Secretary Akhand were present at the press conference.



4:30 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
4:35 News in Bangla
4:45 A special programme with the juvenile artists back from Japan
5:20 National TV school debate competition
Mass education programme: Esho Para Shikhi
6:45 Jiboner Alo
7:20 Nazrul songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:40 Drama of the week: Andhakar Brittye
10:00 News in English
10:30 Film show: Woman of Substance
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

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A colourful procession was brought out in the city yesterday to mark the 131st birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

305 booths, 87 centres for RCC polls

RAJSHAHI, Jan 12: The Election Commission will open 305 booths in 87 centres for mayor and ward commissioner elections of the Rajshahi City Corporation to be held on January 30, reports BSS.

A total of 610 polling officers, 305 assistant presiding officers and 87 presiding officers would be engaged for conducting the polls. Election Commission sources said today.

Law enforcing personnel will be posted in all the centres for maintaining law and order so that elections could be held in a peaceful atmosphere.

Contesting candidates for the post of mayor and ward commissioners further geared up their election campaign in the city today.

BNP candidate Mizanur Rahman Minu today visited

ward No 26 and 27. He appealed to the voters to elect him mayor in the coming election for making Rajshahi a modern city.

State Minister for land Kabir Hossain and BNP leaders of the city also visited ward number 7 and 8 and exchanged views with the voters. Kabir Hossain appealed to the voters to cast vote in favour of BNP nominee for the continuation of development activities of Rajshahi city.

Awami League candidate Matin Khan, Jamaat candidate Siddique Hossain, Jatiya Party nominee Durul Huda and five party supported independent candidate Siddique Rahman also visited different wards of the city and exchanged views with the voters and appealed to them to vote in their favour.

Literary, Cultural Week of BIT opens

BAJSHAHI, Jan 12: State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain has underlined the need for practicing literary work and culture to build a healthy and dynamic nation, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the Literary and Cultural Week '94 of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT), Rajshahi at its auditorium last night, the State Minister said, "due to our laziness and negligence, we failed to achieve desired prosperity of the nation."

Kabir called upon the students to be more attentive in acquiring knowledge based on moral values for making them worthy citizens of the country. He also urged the students to maintain congenial academic atmosphere in the campus.

The function was addressed, among others, by Director of BIT, Rajshahi A M Rezaul Karim Talukder and President and General Secretary of students union Dr Sirjaul Karim Chowdhury and A S M Rashed.

Writers' Club formed

By Staff Correspondent

A group of writers formed an organisation titled 'Bangladesh Writers' Club' for the welfare of the writers of the country recently. Rahat Khan and Sikder Aminul Huq have been made President and Secretary respectively of the new organisation.

Other members of the organising committee include Mofazzal Karim — Senior Vice President, Lutfar Rahman Sarker, Rafiq Azad and Asad Chowdhury — Vice Presidents, Muhammad Nurul Huda and Kamal Chowdhury — Joint Secretaries, Zakaria Chowdhury — Treasurer and Rashid Haider, A T M Glasuddin, Faruq Alamgir, Syed Manzurul Islam, Shamsul Islam, Ali Ahmad, Syed Iqbal, Imdadul Huq Milon, Abu Karim, Moynul Ahsan Saber, Asad Mannan, Iqbal Aziz, Ishaq Khan, Bimal Guha, Mohammad Sadiq, Minar Mansur, Lutfar Rahman Riton, Tariq Sujat, Nasrin Jahan, Shamima Chowdhury and Lata Hossain — Executive Members.

Special trains for Biswa Ijtema

Bangladesh Railway will run special trains from today to January 19 to facilitate the journey of the devotees to the Tongi Biswa Ijtema, reports BSS.

On January 13, 14, 15 and 16 two special trains from Mymensingh will leave for Tongi at 11:30 am and 8:30 pm. Similarly one special train from Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar will leave at 1:20 pm and 9:40 pm daily.

After the Akheri Munajat on January 17, two special trains from Tongi will leave for Akhaura at 12:40 pm and 5:30 pm. The Bangladesh Railway will also run three special trains for Mymensingh and four for Dhaka after the munajat. The Mymensingh-bound trains will leave from Tongi at 12:35 pm, 1:20 pm and 11:40 pm and Dhaka-bound trains at 12:40 pm, 1:30 pm, 2 pm and 6:10 pm respectively.

On January 18 and 19 two special trains for Mymensingh will leave at 2 pm and 11:40 pm from Tongi, one each for Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar will also run in both the days from Tongi at 9:55 am and 12:10 pm respectively.

All the Dhaka-bound inter-city trains except Mahanagar, Pravati and Purobi will stop at Tongi from January 13 to January 16 for two minutes. Dinajpur-bound Ekota and Jagannathganj Ghat-bound Jamuna will stop for two minutes at Tongi on January 17. Chittagong-bound Karnaphuli and Mymensingh-bound Ishu Khan and Balaka Express will leave from Dhaka at 12 noon, 12:20 pm and 12:40 pm instead of 11:10 am, 10 am and 9:30 am respectively.

Besides running special trains, Railway has also made arrangements for adequate supply of water, light and toilet facilities at Tongi Railway Station for the devotees.

Yunus leaves for London

The State Minister of Education Mohammad Yunus Khan left here for London Tuesday for medical treatment, reports BSS.

He has been suffering from lungs ailment.

Weather

Dry weather with a fair sky is likely to prevail over the country but the sky of northern part of Bangladesh may remain cloudy in the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

Met Office forecasts night temperature may fall of one or two degrees Celsius.

The highest temperature of the country of 29.1 degrees Celsius was recorded in Srimongol and the lowest of 10.0 degrees Celsius was recorded in Teknaf yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:30 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:45 am.

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

| Cities/Towns | Temperature in degrees Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | Max | Min | 9 am | 6 pm |
| Dhaka | 27.2 | 13.0 | 78 | 67 |
| Chittagong | 26.8 | 14.0 | 79 | 73 |
| Rajshahi | 26.6 | 14.2 | 85 | 77 |
| Khulna | 27.4 | 13.2 | 83 | 73 |
| Barisal | 27.0 | 12.8 | 86 | 75 |
| Sylhet | 27.2 | 14.5 | 77 | 63 |
| Dinajpur | 26.5 | 13.6 | 87 | 66 |
| Cox's Bazar | 28.0 | 14.8 | 59 | 67 |

Check corruption, Biswas asks police officials

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday directed the senior police officials to discharge their duties with deep sense of patriotism, check corruption and smuggling and root out terrorism from the country, reports UNB.

"Socio-economic development is not possible without peace and stability in the society," the President said while addressing the senior police officials on the occasion of Police Week at Bangabhaban.

Police officials will have to learn the modern techniques to catch the criminals for ensuring law and order in the country and assist the law-abiding people in all possible ways, Biswas said.

"You must face the challenge of the culprits with courage and promptness and round them up to save the people from their clutches," he told the police officials.

President Biswas said country's law and order situation had improved through the active cooperation of the people and urged police personnel to serve the people with sincerity.

"Police is the friend of people, not master" the President said and directed them to discharge their duties accordingly. In a democratic set up the outlook of the officials have to be changed and they should render their services with democratic attitude, he added.

He said that the present gov-

ernment is an accountable one and those of you in the service, should have the similar accountability in discharging your duties.

Biswas asked the police officials to prevent road accidents by strictly enforcing traffic rules and stressed the need for supervision and monitoring by the senior officials.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed, Secretary to the President Ataul Haq and Inspector General of Police ASM Shahjahan were present on the occasion.

Bangladesh envoy to China presents credentials

Bangladesh Ambassador to China, Mustafizur Rahman yesterday presented his credentials to President Jiang Zemin, reports BSS.

In a brief conversation after the credential ceremony President Jiang Zemin commented that relations between Bangladesh and China is a model of inter-state relations.

While assuring his government's full co-operation to him in carrying out his responsibilities as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to China, he said that China would always remain a trusted friend of Bangladesh.

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