Dhaka Day by Day

Frenzied Eid Shopping

by Iftikhar A. Chowdhury

If you get caught up in an intractable long traffic jam in any of the city's main roads during these days of late Ramadan, think twice before blaming it on campus violence or any political procession. If you use your good sense, you will soon be aware of the existence of a shopping arcade nearby, which has caused the jam. Because, by now, people from almost all sections of society are pouring into the markets and shopping malls. Some are buying with such a zeal as if others were bent on emptying stores before their arrival.

The shopping malls of the city with their frenzied shoppers usually give a picture contrary to the actual situation of this country, where the majority of the people have to do without special festival dresses, or delicacies. "Without being cynical about this very auspicious religious occasion, it can very well be claimed that the joy and happiness of the event will be worth enjoying only when it can be shared by all. But unfortunately, in this unequal world, a large number of people are always deprived while a handful get drowned in plenty," commented a sensible shopper who finds Eid shopping to be a social and familial obligation for him. He believes that the progressive religion Islam does not leave any room for excesses and any kind of extravagance in a poor country like ours is a sin.

Probably, for the affluent classes shopping is a fun. But for the average middle class it is a duty, a social obligation which, like it or not, has to be carried out according to one's affordibility. That is why we see *rojadars* rushing from one shop to another, from one market to the other in this year's premature heat and humidity.

The usual shopping venues that have a pulled a lot of buyers this year also are New Market for all sorts of garments, footwears, Eid cards and *aatars* or artificial fragrance etc; Chandnichawk mostly for ladies' garments and footwear; Gauchia for miscellaneous items; Dhanmondi Hawkers' Market for *sarees* within reasonable price range; Jahan Mansion for children's and male garments; Garden Market in Mirpur Road mostly selling ladies' boutiques; *sarees* and children's wear; Mohammadi Super Market for *sarees* and women's *salwar-kurtas;* Gulshan's various fashion boutiques; Mouchak Market and Baitul Mukarram for miscellaneous items; Baily Road houses the fashionable Tangail, jamdani and silk *saree* parlours for the relatively well off buyers who do not wish to go into the ordeal of bargaining. Eastern Plaza super market in Hatirpul with its wide space and equally wide collection of items has also pulled a huge crowd this year. Ramna Bhaban as always is ready with dress materials (but those who intend to have their attires made now, will definitely find a tough time finding a willing tailor) and there is of course, Gulistan and Bangabazar Hawkers' Market for the low-budget shoppers.

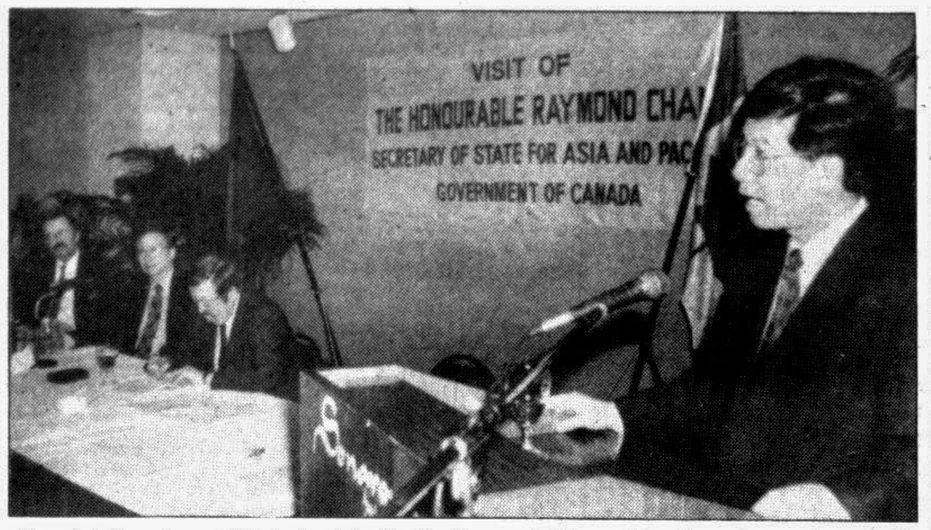
Panjabi, which is a common purchasable item for most of the men, can be found in all the shopping arcades of the city and the price is between Tk 400 to Tk 1,000.

The shops that claims specialty in *Panjabis* include Aarong, Bazar, Kumudini, Shokuntala, Nipun etc. Those who prefer a shirt to a *Panjabi* may well find one within the price range of Tk 200 to Tk 15,00 depending on its material, stitching, and the label. Elephant Road's shops have a wide range of male attires.

As always, this time too, *saree* and *salwar-kameej* is the popular buying item for most women. This item also can be found in almost all shopping arcades and boutiques for different prices.

"What ever it may be, I feel delighted when I can give some gifts to my near and dear ones. I do not feel half as much fulfilled when I buy something for my own use. This act of giving according to one's capacity, I believe, obviously broadens one's heart because a person is glorified through offering gift and charity," said Farhana Alam, a housewife, who was buying some *sarees* for *zakaat* (charity) purpose from the Dhanmondi Hawkers' Market.

The ordeal of selecting a *jamdani* saree. — Star photo



Canada's Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific Raymond Chan addressing press conference at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. — Star photo

Women's Day observed in Rajshahi, Khulna

RAJSHAHI, Mar 8: International Women's Day was observed here in a befitting manner today, reports BSS.

A colourful procession, organised by Women's Affairs Department and participated by different government and non-government organisations, was brought out in the city this morning with banners to mark the day.

The procession led by Lutfunnessa Hossain, MP paraded different city streets and ended at the divisional commissioner's office.

Later a memorandum was handed over to the Divisional Commissioner Al-Haj M Aminul Islam on behalf of the processionists.

A discussion was held at the premises of Women's Affairs Department with Deputy commissioner Abdul Malek in the chair.

Speakers in the discussion urged all to extend their support to the womenfolk for safeguarding their rights and dignity in the society for overall development of the country.

Mohila Sangstha devoted to family planning also organised a discussion on the day with Prof Kazi Monwara Sulltana in the chair.

Rahmatunnessa, former MP, attended the function as the chief guest.

KHULNA, Mar 8: The International Women's Day was observed here today through holding different programmes.

Elaborate programmes wre taken up by the government and non-government organisations which included procession, rally and discussion.

A colourful procession was brought out from local Zia Hall premises which paraded the main city with chanting various slogans in favour of human and women rights.

A discussion was organised by the district women affairs office at Zia Hall auditorium here on the occasion.

Presided over by Editor, Daily Tribune Begum Ferdousi Ali the discussion was attended by Begum Laila Rahman, wife of newly elected Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman as the chief guest.

Referring to the historic significance of the day and existing condition of our womenfolk the speakers called for increasing social awareness for restoring women's right as well as human rights.

Biswas, Khaleda attend PGR's Iftar party

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended an Iftar party hosted by the President Guard Regiment (PGR) at the PGR headquarters here yesterday evening, reports BSS.

Speaker of the Parliament Shaikh Razzak Ali, ministers, Deputy Speaker, high civil and military officials attended the Iftar.

$ 31,633 Japanese assistance

Japan will provide 31,633 US dollar to Bhola Seba Songha, a non-government organisation for Hazipur Union Rural Infrastructure Development Project, reports UNB.

An agreement to this effect was signed yesterday between Yoshihisa Kuroda, Minister-Counsellor of Japan Embassy and MO Ratan, Chairman of Bhola Seba Songha.

The project will contribute to the renovation of the roads and schools in the cyclone prone Hazipur union.

JGUAG annual review meet held

The Joint Government-UNICEF Advisory Group (JGUAG) held its annual review meeting for 1993 and the strategy meeting for 1996-2000 at NEC Bhaban, reports BSS.

The review meeting considered the progress made in 1993. Discussions covered constraints in programme implementation and their possible solutions for the various UNICEF-assisted projects under the Government of Bangladesh and the UNICEF country programme of cooperation 1993-1995.

The major sectors reviewed were health, nutrition, primary education, water and sanitation, women in development, children in especially difficult circumstances, Chittagong Hill Tracts development and slum improvement projects.

It also discussed the strategy for 1996-2000. In the strategy meeting, discussion took place on how to prepare the country programme for 1996-2000 in the areas of health, nutrition, compulsory education, water and sanitation to meet the decade goal of world child summit.

Presided over by M Mokammel Haque, Member Planning Commission and Chairman, JGUAG, the meeting was participated by UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Role C Carriere and representatives from UNICEF headquarters.

One gets 17 yrs RI for keeping arms

A Special Tribunal Monday sentenced a young man to 17 years rigorous imprisonment under the Arms Act for possessing illegal arms, reports UNB.

Motalib Hossain, 23, of the Sarat Guptal Lane in the city was arrested on June 21, 1992 for possessing a pipegun and 3 bullets.

According to the prosecution, the Sutrapur police arrested the accused from Dewanganj area with the arm and ammunition. After examining 6 witnesses and hearing both sides the court of Additional Session Judge Mohammad. Anisuzzaman found Motalib guilty.

CCC mayor-elect visits BSS Ctg Bureau

CHITTAGONG, Mar 8: The newly-elected Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC), Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury visited Chittagong Bureau of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) yesterday evening, reports BSS.

The mayor exchanged views with working journalists and other employees of the bureau.

Chowdhury said the journalists of Chittagong could greatly help implement his pre-election pledges.

Later, Chowdhury along with the Bureau Chief, Nazir Ahmed, visited different sections of the bureau.

Attention Please

Association for Social Advancement (ASA) would remain closed, including the Head Office and 250 field based Unit Offices for six days (from 12th to 17th March'94) for Eid-ul-Fitar and partial annual leave. All the offices would resume on 19th March'94.

শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সহকারী পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক এর ০১ (এক) টি পদ পূরণ করার লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের কাছ থেকে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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যোগ্যতাঃ স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রীসহ কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/সরকারী/আধা সরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত কিংবা অন্য কোন স্বীকৃত প্রতিষ্ঠানে পরীক্ষা পরিচালনা কাজে কমপক্ষে ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা। শিক্ষা জীবনে (পাবলিক এক্সজামিনেশন) কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকতে পারবে না। বিশেষ যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে যে কোন একটি শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।

বয়সঃ ন্যূনতম ৩০ (ত্রিশ) বছর।

উল্লিখিত পদের জন্য সনদপত্র/প্রশংসাপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপিসহ ০৮ (আট) সেট দরখাস্ত, ০৪ (চার) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ফটোগ্রাফ এবং রেজিষ্ট্রারের অনুকূলে ৩৫ (পয়ত্রিশ) টাকার ব্যাংক ডাফিট/পে-অর্ডারসহ আবেদন পত্র যথারীতি পূরণ পূর্বক নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর বরাবরে পৌঁছাতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র জমা দেবার শেষ তারিখ ০৩-০৪-৯৪। ০৪ (চার) টাকা মূল্যের ডাকটিকেটসহ নিজ ঠিকানা সম্বলিত খাম পাঠিয়ে রেজিষ্টারের দফতর হতে আবেদনপত্রের ফরম সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। কর্মরত প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। যারা উল্লিখিত পদে পূর্বে আবেদন করেছেন তাঁদের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নাই। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন পত্র বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

অধ্যাপক মোঃ আব্দুল আজিজ
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Photo exhibition of women photographers opens

A fortnight long photo exhibition, "Onnyo Chokhe Dekha" (Seen from a Different Eye), of the women photographers began at Alliance Francaise in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Women Affairs Sarwari Rahman inaugurated the exhibition. Alliance Francaise Director in Dhaka Moniscur Xavier Bares was present on the occasion.

Forty photographs taken by seven women photographers have been put on display in the exhibition organised on the occasion of the International Women's Day yesterday.

The State Minister appreciated the women photographers for their excellent performance in the field of photography.

Banaripara Press Club team meets Biswas

A 10-member delegation of Banaripara Press Club of Barisal called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at the Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Talking to the members of delegation, President Biswas said that journalism is a very responsible and dignified profession. That's why the press is called the "Fourth Estate" in a country.

He urged the journalists to uphold the cause of the people and project their hopes and aspiration through objective journalism.

The President said that there is complete freedom of the press in the country. "You should try to contribute your mite through objective reports and comments for socio-economic development of the country," he added.

Food Planning Monitoring Committee meet held

The third meeting of the Food Planning Monitoring Committee was held yesterday with Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the overall food stock and price situation and expressed satisfaction over the present trend.

State Minister in-charge of Relief Haroon-al-Rashid, Agriculture Secretary M Akhtar Ali, Secretary, Planning Division Md Haroonur Rashid, Food Secretary Dr Tawfique-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Additional Secretary in-charge of Statistics Division M Mokhlesur Rahman, Additional Secretary in Charge of Relief Ministry M Hafizuddin and other senior officials of the concerned ministries were present in the meeting.

300 bottles of Phensidyl recovered

A special team of Dhaka Metropolitan Detective Branch yesterday recovered 300 bottles of banned Phensidyl and arrested one person in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, the DB team recovered the Indian-made banned syrup from the eastern side of Golapbagh field in Demra thana at about 12:30 pm. They arrested Mohd Abu Saeed (32) for his alleged involvement with the contraband.

Death anniversary

The 4th death anniversary of renowned social worker A K M Fazlul Hafiz (Qudrat Ullah) will be observed today, reports UNB.

He was a Senior Vice-President of Noakhali Association and a member of Dhaka University Court (presently Senate).

A milad mahfil will be held at the village home of the deceased in Lakshmipur district. The programme also includes Quran Khwani and feeding of the destitute.

Meeting of Nat'l Committee for formulating Health Policy

A meeting of the National Committee for formulating Health Policy of the country was held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress of seven technical sub-committee's activities to formulate national health policy in order to ensure better health services to common people of the country.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Hoque, LK Siddique, MP, Dr A K M Kamaruzzaman, MP, Farida Hasan MP, Imran Ahmed, MP, Farida Rahman, MP, Alamgir Kabir MP, Md Samsuddoha, MP, Barakat Ullah Bulu, MP, President, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Dr M A Majeti and Advocate Khaleq-uzzaman.

Heroin seized

RAJSHAHI, Mar 8: The 20 battalion of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized three hundred grams of heroin from a bus at Kasiadanga, reports BSS.

One person was arrested in this connection.

The BDR personnel also seized huge quantity of wrist watch cases from a Dhaka-bound bus and arrested three persons in this connection.

বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন
BTV
Wednesday

4:30	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
4:45	Sports programme: Gillet World Sports Special
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Population programme: Agami
6:00	Unmesh
7:00	Open University
7:25	Tagore songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Sangbad Parikrama
9:00	Film show: The A-Team
10:00	News in English
10:30	Kathamala
11:15	Khabar/The News
11:25	Tomorrow's programme

Visitors at the opening day of the fortnight long photo exhibition of the women photographers Onnyo Chokhe Dekha (Seen from a Different Eye) at the Alliance Francaise yesterday. — Star photo

আবশ্যক

একটি বেসরকারী সংস্থায় খন্ডকালীন নিয়োগের জন্য নিম্নে বর্ণিত পদসমূহে আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা হইতেছে।

নং	পদের নাম	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	অভিজ্ঞতা
১।	সমাজ বিজ্ঞানী	সমাজ বিজ্ঞান/অর্থনীতিতে স্নাতকোত্তর	কমপক্ষে ১০ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
২।	মহিলা ইস্যু স্পেশালিস্ট	সমাজ বিজ্ঞান/অর্থনীতিতে স্নাতকোত্তর	কমপক্ষে ৭বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
৩।	লিয়েজোঁ অফিসার	জার্নালিজম/ ইন্টান্যাশনাল রিলেশনে স্নাতকোত্তর	কমপক্ষে ৭বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
৪।	ডাফটস্ ম্যান	ডিপ্লোমা ইন সিভিল ইনজিনিয়ারিং / ডাফর্টসম্যানশীপ	কমপক্ষে ৩ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
৫।	ইন্সপেক্টর	গ্র্যাজুয়েট	কমপক্ষে ৩বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
৬।	সিস্টেম এ্যানালিস্ট	পরিসংখ্যাণে স্নাতকোত্তর	কমপক্ষে ৩বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা
৭।	ডাটা এন্টি অপারেটার	কম্পিউটার ওয়ার্ড স্টার, লোটাস, ওয়ার্ড পার্ফেক্ট ও ডিবেস	কমপক্ষে ১বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা

লক্ষ্যণীয় বিষয়ঃ

(১) সকল প্রার্থীকে বাংলা ও ইংরেজী বলা এবং লেখায় পারদর্শী হইতে হইবে।
(২) ক্রমিক নং ১-৩, ও ৬ এর বয়স অনূর্ধ ৪০ বৎসর এবং ৪-৫ অনূর্ধ ৩০ বৎসর।
(৩) ক্রমিক নং ১ - ৩ ও ৬ এর জন্য ২টি ১ম শ্রেণীর সার্টিফিকেট প্রয়োজন এবং ক্রমিক নং ৫ এর জন্য ২টি প্রথম বিভাগের সার্টিফিকেট প্রয়োজন।
(৪) বেতন আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে স্থির করা হইবে।
(৫) খামের উপর পদের নাম উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে।

আগ্রহী প্রার্থীদের আগামী ২১শে মার্চ, ১৯৯৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে স্বহস্তে লিখিত জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ১ (এক) কপি ছবি এবং সনদপত্র সমূহের সত্যায়িত কপিসহ নিম্ন ঠিকানায় পাঠানোর জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইতেছে।

পার্সোনেল সেকশন, জিপিও বক্স নং-৩৬৭, ঢাকা - ১০০০।

Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Local sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement/materials for the following:

The source of financing will be operation & maintenance (Revenue) 1993-94.

Sl No	Tender No	Description of materials	Cost of tender documents	Submission of tender date and time	Opening of tender date and time
1.	Pur-205/94	Fuse link for 11KV DOF	Tk 500/-	22-3-93 at 11.00 AM	22-3-93 at 11-30 AM

A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested bidder on submission of written application and upon payment of Non-refundable fee for Taka mentioned above against tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2.5% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with tender.

Tender will be received upto 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11-30 AM on 22/3/93 in presence of the bidder or their representative if any. No tender shall be sent by post or sold on the opening date and no Telex/Fax offer will be acceptable.

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Director, Purchase
PDB, Dhaka

Weather

Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather is likely to prevail over Bangladesh in the next 24 hours commencing from 6 pm yesterday (Tuesday).

The Met Office forecasts slight rise in the night temperature is expected, during the period across the country.

The highest temperatures of the country of 32.3 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 14.2 degrees Celsius at Ishwardi.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:05 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:13 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in the divisional towns yesterday are:

Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.0	17.1	55	32
Chittagong	30.2	21.0	88	57
Rajshahi	31.5	16.5	54	32

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

A Multinational Company at Dhaka urgently require a Lady Secretary for its Chief Executive. The candidate should atleast be a graduate with substantial working experience in similar position and be proficient in English and Shorthand and in the use of Computer and Word Processor.

The position carries attractive salary and career prospect.

Application along with complete bio-data and a recent photograph should reach **ADCOMM LTD.** 13, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka-1000, by 20.3.94.

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