

Dhaka Day by Day

Hitting the Jack-pot Prize Bonds Way

by Iftikhar A Chowdhury

Shajal was comparing his prize-bond numbers with the winning ones in the latest draw with absolutely undivided attention. At one stage, he made a triumphant cry that could almost be audible from across the street. Yes, he had won a Tk 500 prize in it. The joy of receiving money with virtually no effort, took sometime to dilute. Then again, he started to look out the rest of the prize-bonds and as he was almost through with scrutinizing his collection of 100 (each ten taka worth) prize-bonds, he hit the jack-pot again. And this time he had hit it big. But the enormity of the prize money surprisingly left him spellbound and motionless. This time he had won Tk 10,000 and obviously, second consecutive win in a row was a bit too much for him to take in a single day. He almost became 'sick' with joy.

With probably one or two rare exceptions, everyone likes to make some money that doesn't always have to be earned through hard work. The prospect of adding some extra fat to one's bank balance by making some quick bucks, as it seems, has always been worth the risk. This is probably why people buy lottery tickets and sometimes turn into compulsive gamblers.

Fortunately, Islam's strict prohibition against any sort of gambling, didn't ever allow it to reach an epidemic shape in our country. But here too, people want to make some extra money, while at the same time, not putting their present financial position into jeopardy.

In such a situation, prize-bonds have gained a huge popularity. People buy prize-bonds for themselves and they give prize-bonds as gifts to their near and dear ones on social occasions. Although saving through prize-bond curtails the possibility of interests as in bank savings, yet an added attraction to it is the temptation of winning a prize and if anyone from the low-income group manages to win one of the big prizes, his life may very well take a positive turn towards prosperity.

Out of a series of saving devices, prize bond now occupies a unique position. It helps people to grow capital which in turn helps the government to invest the fund in various nation-building activities.

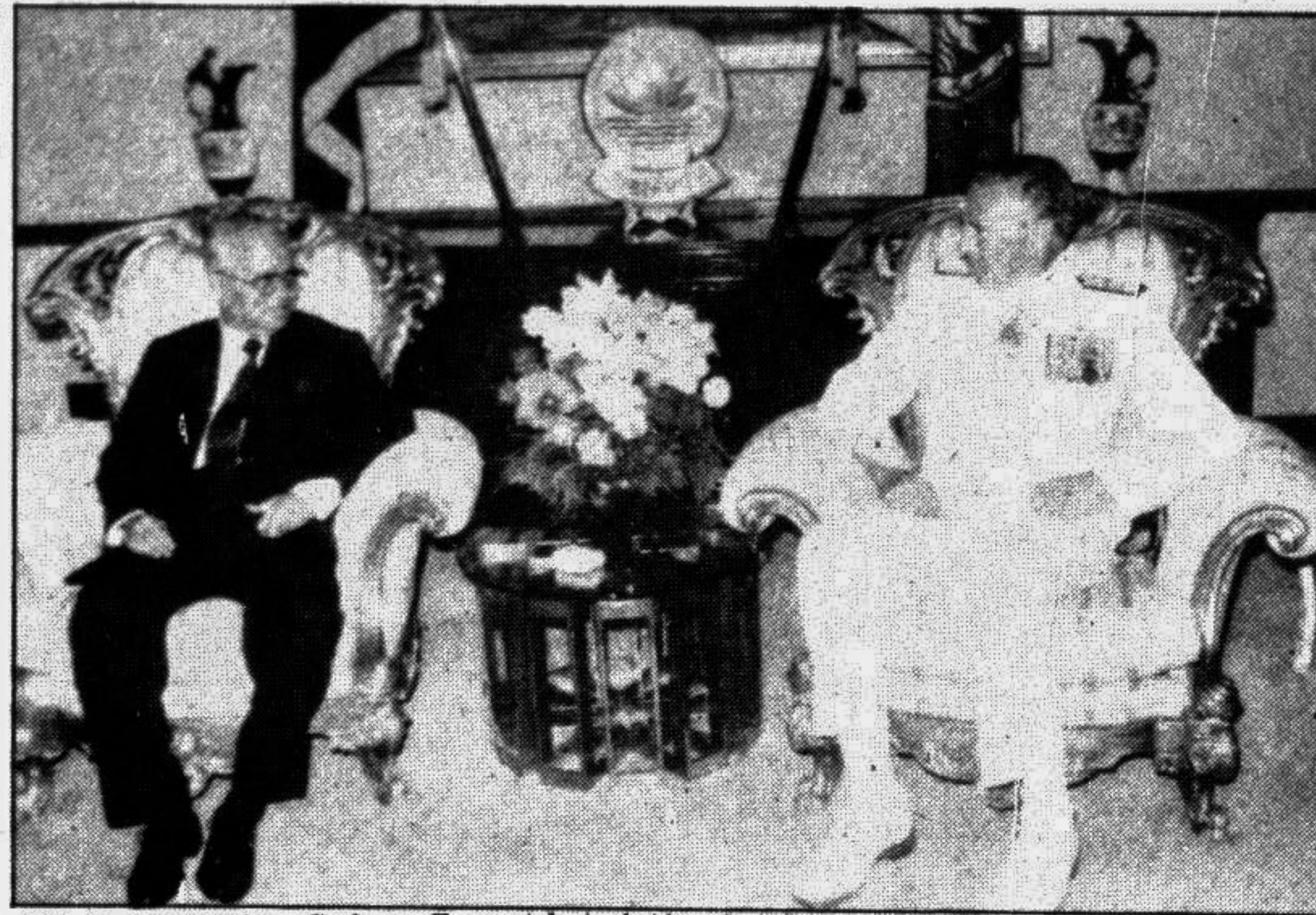
Although at the beginning there was prize-bonds of Tk 10 denomination only, subsequently, 50 Tk prize-bond was introduced and now both kinds are very much in circulation. It has been heard that the government is thinking seriously of introducing bonds of Tk 100 and Tk 500 denomination also, for boosting the per capita income of the people. Obviously, these bonds, if introduced, will carry along with it greater temptation of prize money than the usual.

But some people who save through prize-bonds object to the time limitation set by the government to claim the prize money. If and unless one claims the prize money in six years' time, the prize will be forfeited. Many people who have prize-bonds could not verify the bond numbers at the time of the draw and later on it probably escapes their eyes. So, there is a possibility of lot of prize-money going unclaimed. "Therefore, the given time limit of 6 years should be withdrawn. Because the money won, should always remain the winner's money, it should never be forfeited," says one.

Another problem that many people face is when they want to surrender their prize-bonds for cash money. "Selling bonds seems to be a lot more hassle than buying

one," jokingly says a man. This problem probably arises out of the banks assigned by the government to perform these tasks. In reality, many banks see it as an imposed burden to do this job. So, innocent people are harassed.

There is no denying the fact that prize-bonds have over the years become a very popular savings device among the middle and low-income groups specially. But the bottomline remains, in a situation where only money can breed more money — a ten or fifty Taka prize-bond brings the possibility of Tk 50,000 as a prize money — not many people are even capable of sparing that little amount for trying their luck.



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— PID photo

Australian Chief of Defence Force meets Biswas

Visiting Chief of Australian Defence Force Admiral Alan Lee Beaumont called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, President Biswas expressed happiness at the excellent relations that exist between the Armed Forces of Bangladesh and Australia.

The President said, "Our Staff College is imparting training to a number of foreign students and we can have exchange of students for such course, if agreed by the Australian government."

Admiral Beaumont assured all cooperation to the armed forces of Bangladesh.

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Nooruddin Khan, Secretary to the President Ataul Haq and Military Secretary to the President Major General Mohammad Golam Mowla and the Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh were present.

Parliamentary team leaves for South Korea

A ten-member parliamentary delegation, led by Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury MP, left for South Korea yesterday afternoon on a week-long tour at the invitation of South Korea-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship Society, reports BSS.

BTV
Friday
Morning Session

8:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
News in Bangla
8:15 Alor Dishari
Border Town
9:00 Educational programme
9:20 Comedy series: Major Dad
10:00 News in English
10:15 Moner Mukurey: Ayomoya
11:25 Film show: Tarzan
11:45 Prescription
11:55 Documentary programme
Images

Evening Session

3:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja
Movie of the week: Son of Ali Baba
5:10 News in Bangla
Sports programme
6:15 Open University
6:50 Malancha
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Stranger
9:00 Marabadihikar
News in English
10:30 Film show: L.A Law
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

Jahanara accorded reception in Moscow

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, who is presently in Moscow for a week-long visit, said the present government has taken all-out efforts for socio-economic development of the nation, reports UNB.

She was addressing a reception accorded to her Wednesday night by the Cultural Minister of Russia, according to a message received here yesterday.

Jahanara, who is leading a high-powered Bangladeshi cultural delegation, said education, specially the female education, health care and human resource development are getting priorities in the national planning.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Friday) says, rain or thundershower accompanied with gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Kushtia, Sylhet and Comilla.

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

The Met Office said, day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country.

The maximum temperature in the century yesterday of 37.6 degrees Celsius was recorded in Iswardi and the minimum 20.2 degrees in Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6:18 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.8	26.2	79	67
Chittagong	32.0	24.1	85	77
Rajshahi	37.4	24.8	77	50
Khulna	36.0	25.5	75	63
Barisal	34.4	25.6	83	72
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.7	77	77
Sylhet	33.0	20.2	80	71
Dinajpur	36.0	24.0	74	42

A procession of the Jatiya Party in front of the Election Commission office in the city yesterday.

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World Health Day observed in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Apr 7: World Health Day was observed here in a befitting manner today, reports BSS.

Health Department, various social and voluntary organisations of the city organised discussions, seminars and health exhibition to mark the day.

A colourful rally was brought out in the city in the morning participated by various voluntary organisations including 'Nishkriti'. A cycle rally was also brought out on the occasion with the objective to create awareness among the people about maintenance of oral and teeth hygiene — the theme of the day. The processionists also carried banners and footnotes and paraded different city streets.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, led a rally which paraded main thoroughfares of the city. Participants at the discussions called upon the people to take proper care of oral and teeth as it would help them maintain disease-free health. They urged all to spread the message of the day to every nook and corner for total benefit of the people.

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