

Dhaka Day by Day

Fascination for Aquarium and Aviary

by A S M Nurunnabi



The world of aquarium.

If you proceed along the Elephant Road towards Shahbagh Avenue and take a turn to the right at the junction of the Katabon Mosque towards Nilkhel, you will come across a long row of shops on the left hand side of the road known as the Babupura Road. There is a special feature of the shops standing on this side. Most of these shops deal in aquariums and aviaries. The aquarium shops mostly dominate the scene. It was a revelation that so many people in the city are devoted to the hobbies of aquariums or aviaries. The concentration of so many shops in this line of business is striking. It is estimated that the total number of such shops range between 200 to 300 with a sprinkling of aviary shops.

A quick survey of the place shows that the ready-made aquariums on show for sale can be of various shapes and designs. If you want a design to be in harmony with the setting of the place where you want to keep your aquarium, that can be arranged. Much of this artistry is devoted to the bottom half of the wooden frame holding the aquarium. If you want your aquarium to be placed in your library, the frame can be so fashioned as to look like a bookshelf. There are other models with appropriate embellishments and decorations to make them a fit adjunct for a drawing room.

Talks with the salesmen, give the impression that proper looking after a aquarium takes much care and attention. The hobby is expensive too. Most of the species of fish kept in an aquarium are imported and the food they are given to eat are mostly imported. The brand names of the dry food that is imported are varied, such as Tokyu, Osaka, Sakura, Tropical, etc. Some items of local food such as small worms are sometimes given but experienced people in this line advise against their use because of potential risks of diseases from them.

— Star photo

To keep them in good health, vitamins are also administered to them. The water in the aquarium also needs change every two or three months and kind of blue tablet is used to effect purification of the water.

The popular kinds of fish that are kept in an aquarium include gold fish, gaffi, angel, pommet, sucker, etc. The real beauty of an aquarium lies in the decorations one endows it with. Such decorations may include multi-coloured lamps and stone chips.

An aquarium is a source of great pleasure to children. If you want them to be free from their naughty doings, give them an aquarium and see how they are kept diverted. There are perhaps few persons who in their childhood were not bewitched by the play of local species of small fish kept in a bottle. The memory of such happy moments perhaps bests the hearts of grown-ups in their choice of aquarium as a hobby.

Keeping a small aviary is another kind of popular hobby. Like an aquarium, it also requires careful maintenance. The kinds of birds that are normally found in our aviaries include Bajarka, Star Finch, Red Finch, Munia parrot, parakeet, etc. The spaciousness of an aviary adds to its charm as it allows fuller display of their intrinsic charms. If you have a parrot in your collection, your pleasure will be heightened if it is trained to utter a few catch words.

After all, these hobbies, be it an aquarium or an aviary, are an expensive affair, and as such, as said by salesmen of the shops, these are mostly limited to upper class people. Apart from money, these hobbies pre-suppose the existence of sophistication and culture among those who go for them. From the numerous existing shops, it can be concluded that there is no dearth of patrons in these lines.

Metropolitan

Report on pulp from jute submitted to PM

Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan submitted a full report on pulp — making from green jute — to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office Wednesday, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was told about the different kinds of industrial paper which could be produced by using pulp made from green jute.

Begum Zia showed keen interest and said this would help increase jute production in the country and benefit the farmers.

The Sylhet Pulp and Paper Industry has successfully produced various kinds of paper from green jute pulp.

Experts said this success will have a far-reaching impact on the country's growing economy and help make multifarious uses of jute — the golden fibre.

Commemorative stamp

Bangladesh Post Office Thursday issued a commemorative postage stamp of Tk two denomination and a first day cover valued Tk 5 marking the beginning of 15th century in Bengali era, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released the stamp at a simple ceremony during the inauguration of a week-long Baishakhi Mela at Dhamondi Club ground in the afternoon.

Minister for Post and Telecommunications Tarique Islam and senior officers were present on the occasion.

The stamp and first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all head post offices, including GPOs.

Plastic surgeons at Ganoshasthaya

By Staff Correspondent

A team of plastic surgeons from Bombay's JJ Hospital is now conducting operations at the Ganoshasthaya Kendra at Nayabhat, Savar.

The experts led by renowned physician and medical advisor to the Indian President Prof N H Antia has already treated 600 patients from money, these hobbies pre-suppose the existence of sophistication and culture among those who go for them. From the numerous existing shops, it can be concluded that there is no dearth of patrons in these lines.

Police rounded up 102 people from different parts of the city in last 48 hours ending yesterday on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 22 were wanted criminals, one was held under the Anti-Terrorism Law, two accused of arms case, one for dacoity and seven for stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.

Biswas, Khaleda greet Queen of Denmark

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday greeted Queen Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark on the occasion of her birth anniversary, reports BSS.

In a message President Biswas extended his best wishes for the Queen's health, happiness and long life and the friendly people of Denmark continued peace, progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also felicitated Queen Margrethe II, on occasion of her birth anniversary.

In a similar message she said, "I am confident that the excellent relations which exist between our two friendly countries will continue to grow in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

Hajj flights begin Apr 27

The government has arranged 21 Biman flights for the intending Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims from April 27 to May 12 for carrying them to Saudi Arabia for performing Hajj this year, reports UNB.

The pilgrims will be carried back home from May 24 to June 8.

All valued Hajj applicants are being informed through letters about their flight to Makkah, return from there, classes of accommodation in Makkah and reporting to the temporary hajj camp information regarding these are also being sent to all deputy commissioners for onward transmission to all concerned TNOs under them.

The interested Hajj pilgrims have been requested to contact the office of the Deputy Commissioners, TNOs for collecting the said information.

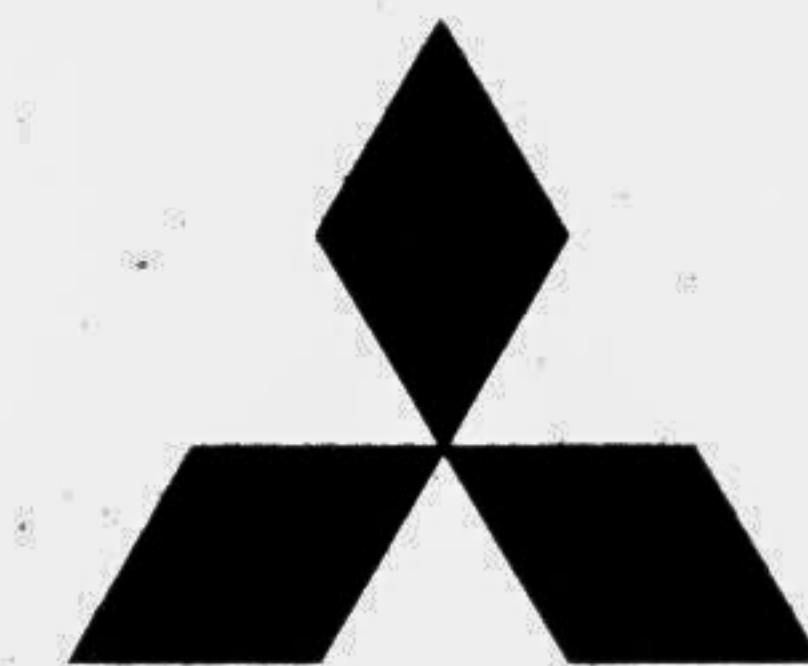
102 held in city

Police rounded up 102 people from different parts of the city in last 48 hours ending yesterday on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 22 were wanted criminals, one was held under the Anti-Terrorism Law, two accused of arms case, one for dacoity and seven for stealing.

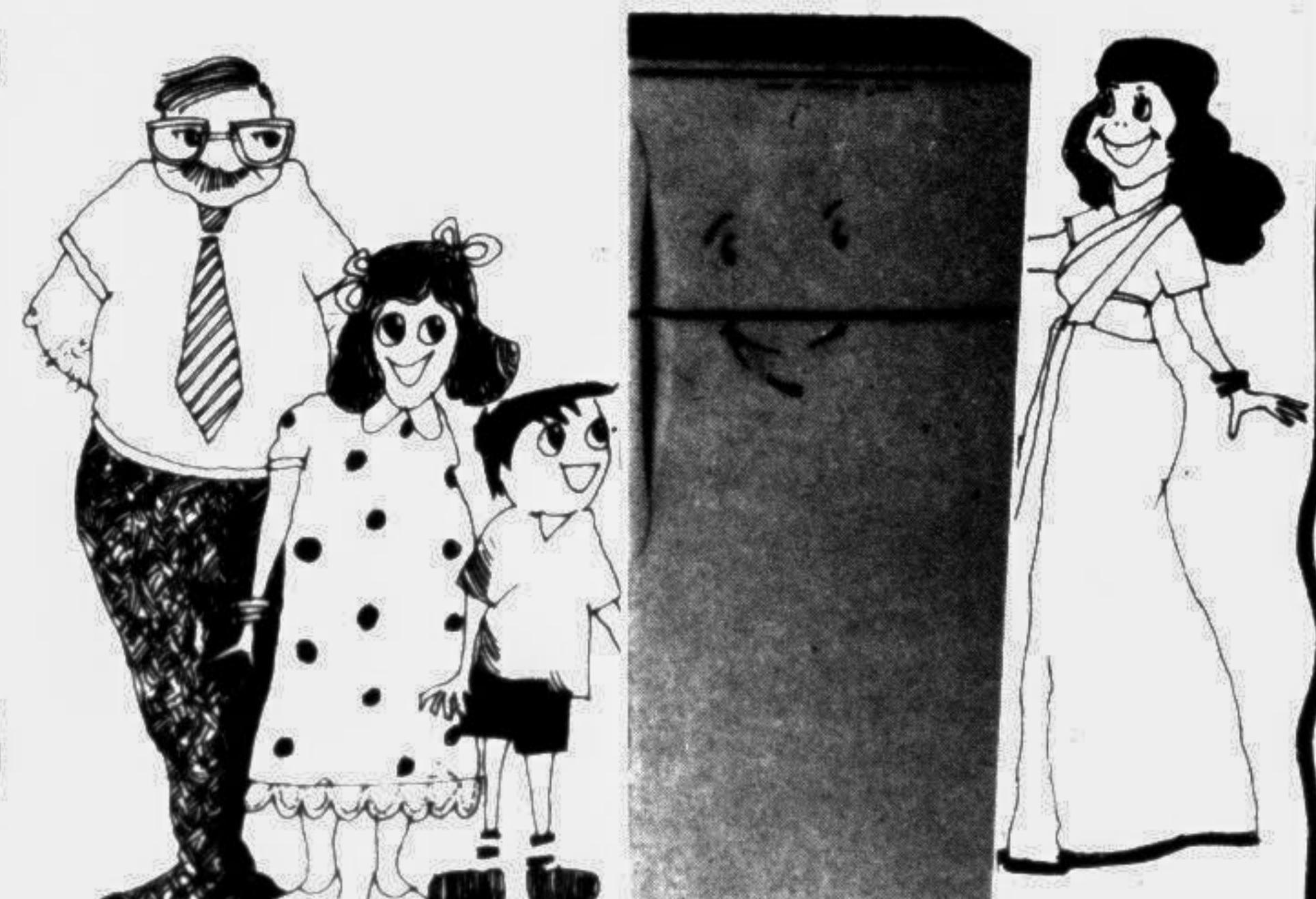
All the arrested people were produced before court.

MITSUBISHI MANAGES YOUR FOOD STUFF

*A Friend in need is A Friend Indeed*

MITSUBISHI FRIDGE

YOUR PERFECT FAMILY FRIEND



Bangladesh Television
BTV Saturday

4.30 Opening announcement, Al-Quran Programme summary
4.45 Programmes for children Shoregoal
5.10 News in Bangla
5.25 Cartoon show: Peterpan and the Pirates
6.00 Shikkhangon
6.30 Shamacher
7.00 Musical programme: Banshatri
8.00 News in Bangla
8.30 Agricultural programme: Matto-O-Manush
9.00 Drama: Biswanatak
10.00 News in English
10.30 Drama series: Dynasty
11.30 Khabar/The News
11.40 Tomorrow's programme

Magnificent Look
Wide and Well Arranged
Humidity Controlled Chilled Case for a fresher bread-cake-pastries
Multi Air Flow for well distributed chilled air
Innovative Vegetable Box
Crystal Clear Ice-cubes

Weather

Thundershowers likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind may occur over the regions of Bogra, Pabna, Tangail, Mymensingh and Sylhet during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today (Saturday).

The country's highest temperature yesterday (Friday) of 39.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Ishwardi and the lowest of 20.5 degrees Celsius at Srimangal.

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 degree Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
	Max	Min
	9am	6pm
Dhaka	37.2	33 41
Chittagong	34.0	23.3 58 77
Rajshahi	36.6	21.8 56 38
Khulna	37.6	21.4 58 40
Bardia	35.5	22.5 65 60
Bogra	36.5	23.7 59 44

113-116 OLD AIRPORT ROAD, DHAKA, TEL 3250 01-4
82 VIP ROAD, KAKRAIL, DHAKA, TEL 4091 26-7, 41 33 30
PLOT-3, SHOLASHAHAR C/A, CTG, TEL 21 12 24

RANGS GROUP

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Regional Controller of Food
31/E, Topkhana Road, Dhaka

Sale Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bona-fide traders, intending purchasers or firms for sale of iron materials, bricks (damaged) kept in Saturia Food Godown under Manikganj district of Dhaka region. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Regional Controller of Food (31/E, Topkhana Road, Dhaka) and office of the District Controller of Food concerned up to 12 Noon on 24-4-94.

Intending buyers can obtain rules & regulations and other information regarding the tender from the office of the Regional Controller of Food, Dhaka and District Controller of Food, Manikganj during office hours.

Md Azizur Rahman
Regional Controller of Food
Dhaka.

DFF (G) 6838-9/4

G-634

(সওজ) কোটেশন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নং-১২ (বার) সাল ১৯৯৩-৯৪

একাত্তরা সর্বসামান্যকে আমাদো যাইতে যে, যশোহর সত্ত্বে বিভাগের অধীন যশোহর-বেন্দোপোল স্কুলের ১১তম, ১২তম ও ১৩তম শ্রেণীর ক্লাসের কোটেশন মাসিতে বিভাগের জন্য কর ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস নিকট হতে একাত্তর সিলিন্ড্র সিলিন্ড্রকর্কস/সিলিন্ড্র প্রোটোল্যুনি (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২০-৮-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন বিভাগের কার্যালয়ে রাখিত টেক্সের বাজে পৃথক্ক হইবে এবং একাত্তর মেলা ১২-৪২ মিলিটে উচ্চার ক্লাসের কোটেশন ক্লাসের বিভাগে স্কুল কার্যালয়ে আলাদা ১১-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১২-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৩-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৪-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৫-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৬-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৭-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৮-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ১৯-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২০-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২১-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২২-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৩-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৪-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৫-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৬-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৭-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৮-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ২৯-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ৩০-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ৩১-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ৩২-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ৩৩-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্বে কোটেশন আলাদা ৩৪-৪-৯৪ মিলিটে ইন্ডিয়ান বাইস্কলিংস (সওজ), সত্ত্ব