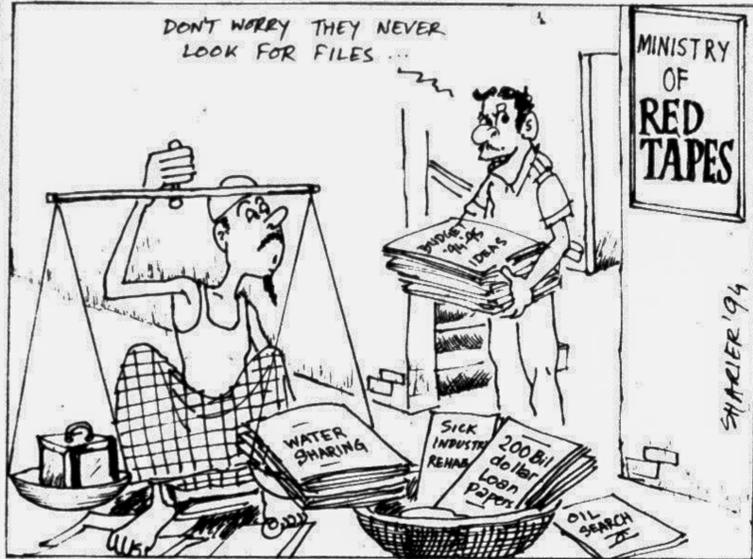


Dhaka Day by Day

Old lamps for New

by Parveen Anam



We are an impatient lot in general and I can see a lot of my friends and readers smile and nod their heads in agreement. The Dhakaites seem to have left out the word 'patience' from his dictionary when he was compiling it. Oh he has a dictionary all his own, make no mistake about that; unfortunately it is one which he and he alone can decipher!

But again, he is a lovable rascal, the Dhakaites, and no species can quite match him when he is at his cynical or innovative best. More often than not he is smashing cars and mugging but when he is in a kind mood, he is honestly one of the best.

The world seems to be going quite crazy at the moment, screaming 'environment' and no being can contribute as much to its well being as the innovative pavement dweller in Dhaka. That is when his genius and patience come into play.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, goes waste in this city. Be it old tins or shoes, jars or cans. The most familiar sight in the city is of course, the eternal 'kagaj' wall, peddling his ware of genius. That is the only way he can be described. Morning, noon and night, he is parading up the lanes and down the alleys of the city, shouting at the top of his lungs 'hey, k-a-a-gaj', a cry which reminds the romantic amongst us of the lamp seller in the fabled 'Aladin's Lamp'. Only he is not selling, he is buying.

That man will buy anything and everything. From old shampoo bottles to empty cigarette boxes, from old powder tins to used batteries. Not a thing goes to waste. He is the environmentalist's dream. Everything he buys off you is re-cycled. How and where he does it, or who he again sells it to, to be recycled, is a mystery. But he will pay you good money for your junk and you will have a cleaner household.

Actually, that man is the housewife's delight. A once a month cleaning out of the junk not only ensures less hiding places for that awful cockroach, but also ensures a substantial increase in the spending money for the household.

He will buy old newspaper by the weight and empty drink bottles at anything between 8 takas to 30 takas. Hence, the tendency of the household staff to save everything you ask them to throw away. They can make quite a good income on the side really and all the while the environment stays healthy with all the recycling taking place. Of course, that ignorant man is hardly conscious of the great contribution he is making to society and nature. All he is interested in is keeping body and soul together in a city gone mad. Trudging along in the midday sun he has an inflexible means of earning a living but his honest living. He has managed in spite of all obstacles, to maintain his dignity of labour. Which I am afraid is more than can be said for some others amongst us.



Communication Minister Oli Ahmed speaking at a workshop on "Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project Implementation" at JMBA conference room in Dhaka yesterday. — PID photo

Lawyers serve notice on FAP in Tangail

Star Report

A group of 'environmental lawyers' have initiated legal procedures against the Flood Action Plan (FAP) authorities for a "badly conceived" priority water management project in Tangail district.

They have also put a big question mark on the legal entity and status of the FAP's implementation machinery — the Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (EPCO).

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association (BELA) has recently sent a legal notice to the FAP authorities and demanded immediate withdrawal of the Tangail Compartmentalisation Pilot Project (CPP) under FAP-20 on legal, social and ecological grounds.

Signed by the BELA secretary general Dr Mohiuddin Farooque, the legal notice was served on the Secretary, Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Flood Control, Secretary, Ministry of Land Revenue and Land Reform, Chief Engineer of the EPCO, Chairman of the Water Development Board, Project Director of the Tangail CPP and the Deputy Commissioner of Tangail.

A copy of the notice made available to The Daily Star said that the BELA would start legal action against the FAP authorities if it fails to stop implementing the project within 15 days.

The notice pointed out that the lawyers association had sent a three-member inspection team to the Tangail CPP area.

On inspection, the association was convinced that, if implemented, the FAP-20 project would create massive unemployment, cause displacement, damage the soil and natural habitat of fish and create drainage problems.

The four-page legal notice pointed out that the FAP authorities have flouted established rules in land acquisition and compensation process in the project area.

The poor and the landless people would be the worst victim if the Tangail CPP was translated into reality, it added.

The Tangail CPP is an experimental flood control project, the objective of which is to enclose the 13169-hectare area with embankments for evolving a viable water management technique.

The compartmentalised project, when completed, would be put to operation for two years for various studies on flood control and drainage, food production, fisheries and environmental impact.

If found favourable, the 94,00,000-US dollars project, co-funded by Germany and the Netherlands, would be replicated all over the country.

Tangail CPP is one of the 26 components of the FAP which aims at charting an integrated national water management plan for the country by permanently resolving the complexities of the floods.

Encompassing Tangail Sadar, Basail, Delduar and Kalihati thanas, implementation of the Tangail CPP started in 1990 and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Experts involved in the FAP observes that with the legal notice served, the whole existence and legality of the FAP programmes was going to face the first and most important challenge.

As against the government arguments, the critics point out that now the FAP is not merely a 'study' but it is now being 'implemented' under the FAP-20.

Sources in the Irrigation Ministry as well as the FPCO have said that the authorities have received the legal notice and is now scrutinising it.

Biswas, Khaleda greet Syrian President

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic on the occasion of his country's Independence Day today, reports UNB.

In a message of felicitation President Biswas said, "On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Syrian Arab Republic it gives me great pleasure to extend to you my warmest felicitations."

He wished the Syrian President his personal well-being and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of Syria.

In a similar message, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad on the occasion of its Independence Day.

Begum Khaleda Zia conveyed her best wishes to the excellency's long life, good health and happiness and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the fraternal people of Syria.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Bhola Road Division, Bhola

Short Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No: 62/HB RD of 1993-94.
- Name of Work: Bollah pilling under RCC box culvert of 8th km of Nazirpur-Lalmohon-Mongol Sikder-Tazumuddin Road under Bhola Road Division during 1993-94.
- Estimated Cost: Tk 1,52,403/-
- Earnest Money: Tk 3,100/-
- Time allowed: 30 (thirty) days from the date of work order.
- Eligibility of bidder: "A" to "C" class general category of RHD & "D" class general category of Barisal Road Circle, Barisal & "E" class general category of Bhola Road Division, Bhola.
- Name of offices of availability of tender documents: Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Bhola/Barisal/Patuakhali/Pirojpur/Planning & Design Divn Barisal/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Bhola/Charfession during office hours on all working days.
- Name of offices to receiving tender: The Superintending Engineer, RHD, Barisal Road Circle, Barisal/The Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division Bhola/Barisal/Patuakhali/Pirojpur/Planning & Design Division, Barisal.
- Last date & time of receiving of tender: Up to 12.30 PM on 20.4.94
- Date & time of opening of tender: At 12.45PM on 20.4.94.

Md Mujibur Rahaman
Executive Engineer, RHD,
Bhola Road Division, Bhola

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The Sangrami-Chalachitra Jote held a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. — Star photo

Tk 10 prize bonds draw results

The 115th draw of 10-Taka Bangladesh prize bonds was held yesterday at the Conference room of the Commissioner office, Dhaka Division, Dhaka. The Commissioner, Dhaka Division presided over, says a Bangladesh Bank press release.

The following 100 common numbers have been drawn from amongst the numbers 000001 to 500000:

First prize of Tk. 50,000/- 146025. Second prize of Tk. 10,000/- 492266. Four prizes of Tk. 1,000.00 each 125735, 132912, 196275, 257442. Four prizes of Tk. 500.00 each 012628, 140966, 255693, 491618.

Ninety prizes of Tk.100/00 each 018612, 022058, 032775, 035437, 044383, 045164, 046978, 051747, 061087, 062932, 068593, 072843, 074964, 079431, 088234, 095422, 098786, 107306, 110502, 111281, 126255, 134537, 139336, 140486, 141095, 142458, 149991, 167071, 170756, 174122, 174270, 177847, 180302, 180588, 182109, 185336, 185935, 211578, 215229, 221051, 229097, 229477, 254497, 261261, 266485, 269079, 277685, 278546, 279021, 298582, 306692, 328690, 336676, 337584, 343730, 345127, 351127, 352027, 353822, 356104, 365632, 367016, 369414, 375514, 376257, 389676, 391968, 394563, 394864, 395760, 398500, 401078, 414860, 417534, 418254, 420672, 422421, 425689, 427975, 429759, 447505, 455551, 461030, 471515, 473212, 480365, 496291, 496906, 498778, 499747.

১) দরপত্র বিক্রির নং: ১৪/নারায়ণপল্লী সড়ক বিভাগ, সন ১৯৯০-৯৪ইং।
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Sunday

4:30	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary El Prethivi
4:45	News in Bangla Cartoon show Tom And Jerry Kids Show Sports programme Cricket
6:30	Health programme Aqner Dakter
7:00	Open University Tagore songs
7:25	News in Bangla Probaha
8:00	Drama series The Sword of Tipu Sultan
8:30	News in English Classical musical programme: Sur Lahari
10:00	News in English
10:30	Classical musical programme: Sur Lahari
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing



Poet Sufia Kamal (L), president of the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, receiving a bouquet from the president of Bangladesh Mahila Forum advocate Ferdousi Sultana yesterday. The reception was accorded to the poet to mark the 24th founding anniversary of the parishad. — Star photo

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

The weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6am today (Sunday) says, rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet.

The Met Office said weather remains mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere and day temperature may fall by two to three degrees Celsius over Bangladesh during this period.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 36.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Dinajpur and the lowest of 21.5 degrees in Rangamati and Sitakundu.

The sun sets today at 6:21 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:35 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius	Humidity percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	32.0	25.2
Chittagong	32.0	25.4
Rajshahi	36.5	25.0
Khulna	32.9	25.8
Barisal	31.4	25.0
Cox's Bazar	32.5	24.2
Sylhet	32.3	24.6
Dinajpur	36.8	23.6

MODERN INDUSTRIES (BANGLADESH) LIMITED

21, Dilkusha C/A (First floor), Dhaka-1000

NOTICE FOR THE 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given for information of the shareholders of MODERN INDUSTRIES (BANGLADESH) LTD., that the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Sunday, the 15th May, 1994 at 4:00 P.M. at the HOTEL PURBANI INTERNATIONAL, 1, DILKUSHA C/A, DHAKA-1000 to transact the following agenda.

16th April, 1994

By Order of the Board
Khurshid Azam
Director

AGENDA:

- To confirm the proceedings of the 26th Annual General Meeting.
- To consider and adopt report of the Board of Directors of the Company for the year 1993 and the Audited Accounts as at 31st December, 1993 together with Reports of the Auditors.
- To declare dividend for the year ended on 31st December, 1993.
- To elect Directors in-place of those retiring by rotation.
- To consider and approve the appointment, tenure of office, remuneration, allowances of the Managing Director.
- To appoint Auditors and fix up their remuneration.
- Miscellaneous, if any, with the permission of the chair.

NOTE:

- The Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from the 28th April, 1994 to 15th May, 1994 (both days inclusive) and transfers received in order at the Registered office of the Company up to 27th April, 1994 at the end of the working hours will qualify for the payment of Dividend to the transferees.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. Such proxy shall be a member of the company.
- The proxy form duly signed and must be affixed with revenue stamp of TK. 4.00 and should be deposited at the registered office of the company not later than 72 (Seventy Two) hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

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