

Dhaka Day by Day

Singing the Unspeakable

by Raffat Binte Rashid

There are times when it becomes impossible to give words to what you actually want to say. For the deep-rooted inner thoughts you cannot always find the right expression that gives vent to your feelings. It is only then that you need a catalyst to influence you, someone to surface your ideas or emotions or maybe someone like FeedBack — the pioneer music band in Bangladesh. With its songs it tries to influence, inspire and entertain the general people.

After a long break of four years, they are recently going to launch their fourth album *Bangabada 1400* sometime in *Baishakh*. "We deliberately took time for this album. 1990 to 1993 has been a period of rapid changes, in fact a lot has happened during this time, and we should recognise those changes and their impact," says Maqsoodul Haque FeedBack's lead vocalist since 1977.

"We learned a lot during this time, the 1990 movement against autocracy, the change of political power and now the advent of democracy. It again proved that *Bengalees* are full of vigour and power," he continues.

There are still so many *Na Bola Katha* (words that are not yet said). More over, there were also a few tragedies within the band, he explains their long wait.

Interestingly interesting is *Mone Pore Tomai* (Remembering you) — it is a ballad style song, in fact it has two parts. This song is a Geeti Kobita I and *Dhanyabad Hay Bhalobasha* (Thank You, My Love) is the second part.

"I found out that there are more than 200 ways to remember someone, but in this number I have compiled 52 ways only. It is one of my favourite compositions," he says.

"Thank You My Love, the second part is quite different. When your beloved leaves you, there are so many protests, so many thoughts and experience that you feel, and for every thing 'a thank you' is much needed.

ASHA is a sad number explaining deep feelings when wishes are taken away. *Bhuru Mon* is an adaptation of one of Billy Joel's songs. "We always have an adaptation," he explains. Another controversial number, *Mama*, is about the typical influence of maternal uncle and aunts upon a little child's psychological and emotional state of mind.

"Actually, the song is about coward lovers, love is not a full time commitment. You can always fall out of love and be attracted to someone else, but how many of us have the courage to acknowledge such feelings? All great lovers think they are brave but basically they are all cowards," he believes.



'A band for social change'

Band music is now a new trend in the country. They basically cater to the younger generation between 12 to 20 years.

"I believe we have fans above 50 in age but it is always the younger people we want to reach out to. In our recent album, we are trying to turn over to the listeners of 20 and above, after all, we are all 35-plus ourselves and should play like it, at the same time remember the commercial aspect too."

"*Bangabada 1400* is a strong anti-establishment album. It is not about the government or the opposition but about the few basic problems that need to be changed," he says strongly. They have an eight minute song called 'Social Constipation' (Shamajik Koshtho) *Kathina* discussing the drug problems, the radiated milk story and other controversial issues.

"We are actually trying to diffuse public anger, acting like safety valve. One of our song is about the much known and talked about high powered inquiry committee. I actually don't know what this is supposed to mean."

"For every thing, these so called high powered committees in the country basically try to find the root of the problems, but unfortunately we never get to hear their reports," Haque, popularly known as Mac, continues.

For any gruesome university murder, or the detestable attack on the press or a road mishap, there are inquiry committees but only as a formality. In fact the press was attacked once in 1971 and again in 1992, even they could not bring out the inquiry report, our songs will depict this sort of anomaly in the system. It is called *Oochcho Podosto Todonto Committee*.

One of their lighter compositions but definitely



A performance of songs was arranged at the Central Saheed Minar yesterday to welcome the fifteenth century of Bangla calendar.

UN report reveals People getting shorter in Bangladesh

The people of Bangladesh are getting shorter due to malnutrition, a recent UN report reveals, says UNB.

The report also says that Bangladesh is the only country where the problem has been detected.

Between 1937 and 1982, the average height of 12-year-old boys in the rural areas of the country fell by 7 per cent, it observed. In 1937, average height of a 12-year-old boy was about 140 cm and in 1982 it decreased to less than 130 cm.

Listing other health hazards of malnutrition, the report said about 2.40 lakh children of the country die every year of diseases related to malnutrition.

Malnutrition has become a national emergency for Bangladesh and everyday 655 children are dying of diseases related to malnutrition, said the report.

By international standard of protein-energy nutrition, only 6 per cent of Bangladesh's under-5 children are considered to be normal and the rest either underweight or stunted.

In urban areas, 9 per cent of children are suffering from acute malnutrition while it is 8 per cent in rural areas. Some 52.2 per cent of children in rural areas suffer from chronic malnutrition.

Although children are the most vulnerable, but malnourished women are also in great danger during pregnancy and childbirth.

About child mortality, generation growing shorter and danger situation for pregnant women, the report further revealed serious economic implications of malnutrition.

A poorly nourished workforce is physically unproductive. But the implications run deeper than this. Early childhood malnutrition can irreversibly damage mental ability and lead to adults with weakened intellectual capacities. This is disastrous for human development, it cautioned.

To compete intentionally in the next century, Bangladesh will require an ever more alert and innovative workforce. In both physical and intellectual terms, malnutrition is a crippling blow.

The report identified three causes of malnutrition: shortage in household food supply, lack of health standards and caring practices.

Shortage of food supply undermines nutrition. Constant sickness, particularly diarrhoea and measles in young children, reduces the capacity to absorb nutrients and if parents are unsure about the best feeding methods, their children may be malnourished even when sufficient food could be made available.

At present, the per capita calorie consumption in the country is only around 80 per cent of the level recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the report said.

Hanif visits Merual, Badda

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday visited Merual and Badda areas in the capital, reports BSS.

শ্রী শ্রী কাজল দেবনাথ এর ৫০ তম জন্মদিনে অনেক শুভেচ্ছা।

Permanent chief executives in agri institutes demanded

By Staff Correspondent

The employees of different agricultural research institutes yesterday demanded appointment of permanent chief executives in the institutions.

The Bangladesh Krishi Gabeshana Karmachari Kalyan Federation at a press conference said the important agri research institutions are now run by acting chiefs who are heavily engaged with their original positions rather than encouraging research works.

The federation maintained that unless permanent chiefs were appointed, research works would be impeded.

The employees also condemned moves to reduce manpower from the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI).

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Vessel capsizes with 20000 cft boulders

By Staff Correspondent

A cargo vessel, Amanat-2, capsized near Narayanganj with 20000 cft of boulders during a storm around 3:50 pm Sunday.

The cargo bound for Islambagh, Dhaka, was due to supply the boulders to KK Builders Limited, a construction company, which is executing construction works under environmental improvement project of Dhaka City Corporation.

It is believed that over loading of the cargo caused the mishap. A case was lodged with the local police station.

However, no casualties were reported.

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road
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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tender in foreign currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessary) for supply of following items for Bangladesh Army:

Sl.No.	Nomenclature	Qty.	Cost of I/T
a.	Hy Trk Dumper ISUZU 6X4 Trk Model CXZ18J, 15 Ton Complete with accessories & 5 Yrs maint spare parts (Japan).	01	Tk.100/-
b.	Lt Trk Dumper Renault Trk Dumper Model ME-160.13, 7 Ton Complete with accessories & 5 Yrs maint spare parts (France)	01	Tk.100/-
c.	Hy Trk Dumper Renault Model: CBH-320, 22 Ton Complete with accessories & 5 yrs maint spare parts (France).	01	Tk. 100/-
d.	Crane 8 to 12 Ton Locatelli Rough Terrain Crane, Gril 102,12 Ton complete with accessories & 5 Yrs maint spare parts (Italy).	01	Tk. 100/-
e.	Crane 8 to 12 Ton Liebherr Telescopic Mobile crane all Terrain FKL 10 Ton, Complete with accessories & 5 Yrs maint spare parts (Germany).	01	Tk. 100/-

2. Tender schedule with detail specifications will be available on payment at the rate of tender schedule (Not refundable) from 16-4-94 to 10-5-94 on any working day between 0800 hrs. Tender will be opened on 11-5-94 at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers present (if any).

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বাংলাদেশ ক্যাডেট কলেজসমূহে প্রভাষক, হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিসার এবং কম্পিউটার অপারেটর নিয়োগ : লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল

১। ক্যাডেট কলেজসমূহে প্রভাষক, হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিসার এবং কম্পিউটার অপারেটর নিয়োগের জন্য গত ১৫ এপ্রিল ১৯৯৪ তারিখে আদমজী ক্যান্টনমেন্ট কলেজে অনুষ্ঠিত লিখিত পরীক্ষায় নিম্নলিখিত রোল নম্বরধারী প্রার্থীরা উত্তীর্ণ হইয়াছেন:

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চ। ইসলামিক ঐতিহ্য : ০৬, ২০, ২৯, ৩১, ৩৯, ৪০, ৫২, ৫৩, ৫৬, ৫৭, ৬৭, ৬৮, ৭৩, ৭৮, ৮০, ৯২, ৯৮, ১০৬, ১০৭ এবং ১০৮।
ছ। হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিসার : ০৫, ১৬, ১৭, ২১, ৩৫, ৫৭, ৬৩, ৭৪, ৮৪ এবং ১০৯।
জ। কম্পিউটার অপারেটর : ০১, ০৭, ১২, ১৮, ২৬, ৪৩, ৪৪, ৪৫, ৪৬, ৪৭, ৬৪, ৭৭, ৭৮, ৮৭, ৯৫, ১০৩, ১০৪, ১১৪, ১১৭, ১১৯, ১২৪, ১২৭, ১৩৫, ১৩৬, ১৫০, ১৫৬, ১৫৮, ১৬৫, ১৬৬ এবং ১৬৮।

২। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ উপরোক্ত রোল নম্বরধারী প্রার্থীদেরকে নিম্নবর্ণিত সময়সীমা মোতাবেক তাহাদের সকল শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতার মূল/সাময়িক সনদপত্র সহকারে মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্তে আদমজী ক্যান্টনমেন্ট কলেজ, ঢাকা সেনানিবাসে উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল:

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ক।	পণিত এবং রসায়ন	২৩ এপ্রিল ৯৪	০৮০০-১৬০০ ঘটিকা
খ।	পদার্থবিদ্যা এবং প্রাণীবিদ্যা	২৪ এপ্রিল ৯৪	-এ-
গ।	ইতিহাস, ইসলামিক ঐতিহ্য এবং হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিসার	২৫ এপ্রিল ৯৪	-এ-
ঘ।	কম্পিউটার অপারেটর	২৬ এপ্রিল ৯৪	-এ-

৩। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য প্রার্থীদেরকে কোন প্রকার ব্যাঘাতের ভাড়া/সৈনিক ভাড়া প্রদান করা হইবে না।

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Weather

Kalbaishakhi likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by the temporary Kalbaishakhi gusty to squally with hail are likely at places over the regions of Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna Division during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today (Tuesday).

The Met Office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The forecasts in its squall warning till 6 pm today says, north-north westerly Kalbaishakhi with a speed of 80 kilometres or more per hour is also likely at places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Pabna.

The maximum temperature of yesterday in Dhaka was recorded 30.5 degrees Celsius and the minimum 20.2 degrees. Percentage of humidity in the morning was 77 and in the evening 70.

Country's highest temperature of 35.5 degrees Celsius was at Dinajpur and the lowest of 16.9 degrees at Maljeed Court. The sun sets today at 6:22 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:33 am.

Temperatures and humidity recorded at important cities and towns yesterday are as follows:

Cities/Towns	Temperatures		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	30.5	20.2	77	70
Chittagong	26.2	20.1	77	79
Rajshahi	34.6	19.0	80	50
Khulna	30.4	21.0	97	70
Barisal	28.5	21.5	77	80
Cox's Bazar	27.0	21.0	94	79
Sylhet	29.5	19.5	71	73
Rangpur	33.4	20.0	83	

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Munshigonj Road Division, Postogola, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Tender

Sl. No.	Particulars	Remarks
1.	Tender Notice No.	201/RD Munshigonj of 1993-94.
2.	Name of work	Tender for Earth work in road embankment at different KM of Konakhola-Kholamora-Hajrat Road under Karanigonj Road Sub-Division, Dhaka during the year 1993-94 (3 (three) Groups).
3.	Name of offices of availability of tender documents	Offices of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Dhaka/Munshigonj/Narshingdi/Narayanganj/Munshigonj/Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sreenagar/Karanigonj/ Munshigonj 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division under Munshigonj Road Division during office hours.
4.	Name of offices to receive tender bids	Offices of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Dhaka, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka Executive Engineer RHD, Munshigonj Road Division, Postogola, Dhaka Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Sreenagar/ Karanigonj/ Munshigonj/ 1st line work shop Sub-Division, under Munshigonj Road Division.
5.	Last date of receipt of tender bids	24.04.94 up to 12.30 PM.
6.	Date & time of opening of tender bids	24.4.94 at 12.45 PM
7.	Lottery date	30.4.94
8.	Charge to	266 (Dev)
9.	Group List:	

Group No.	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
I (one)	Tk 2,65,000/-	Tk 5,300/-	30 (thirty) days	"A" to "E" class contractor of RHD
II (two)	Tk 3,05,925/-	Tk 6,120/-	-	-
III (three)	Tk 1,85,966/-	Tk 3,720/-	-	-

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