

Dhaka Day by Day

Fishing — Dhaka Style

by Parveen Anam

Perhaps one of the most talked-about subjects, next to politics, is fishing. Books have been written and anecdotes spun around the fascinating topic. There is the weekend fisherman, and there is the fisherman who will lay down his life to prove he has caught the largest fish that ever swam the seven seas. One must hasten to add, that it is the fisherman who goes fishing for a hobby and not for a living.

Doctors wisely recommend fishing as a therapy for distraught nerves and many a harassed housewife heaves a sigh of relief as the 'sahib' packs his fishing tackle for the day. At least she can have her peace and quiet around the house for a few hours without the scowling 'master of the house' breathing down her neck. And the 'sahib' in the meantime hopes secretly

is a shout of 'No, no, sahib, not too fast' and looking up he is met with the astonishing spectacle of about two hundred spectators, assembled from the thin air he could swear, ready to offer him the best advice ever. Actually, quite puts the 'How to fish' books to shame.

As he mutters, and starts to pull the fish in, those very chaps, about three hundred by now, are all around. Squatting on the ground, hanging from the tree tops, wading into the water. And all the time, a non-stop commentary and advice on how best to bring the fish in. Some will even offer to go under the fish and actually catch it with their bare hands, to assist the 'sahib'. The 'sahib' has by now of course just about given up and is going along with the tide.



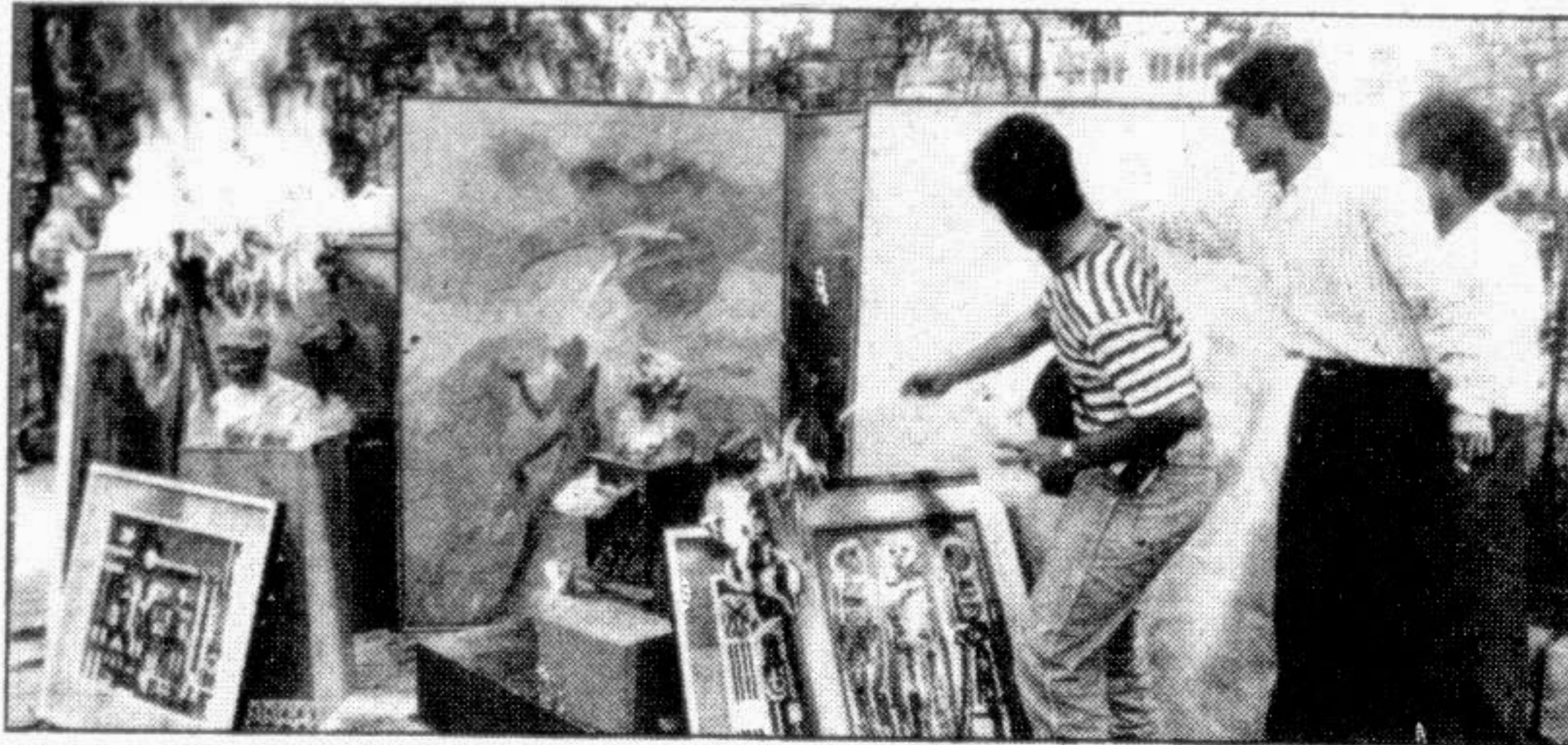
he can catch at least one fish to come back in glory to the household, with all 'oohing' and 'aahing' over the catch. Otherwise he will have to make a trip to the New Market fish market on his way back home. But a fish he must have to show for his day's effort.

Now, the Dhakaites is a breed, who like all his fellow Bangalees, loves his fish and loves to fish. Only the authorities are fast making sure he soon does not have a place to go fishing. But till now, he can still buy himself a season ticket to fish in the polluted lakes dotting the city. Perhaps he does not necessarily like to eat that fish, with all the pollution in the water but it's the spirit which moves him as he saunters off on a Friday morning, tackle, net and 'fish food' at the ready.

As soon as he arrives at the sight, he unravels his equipment, lovingly throws the 'fish hook' into the water and sits back for the fish to bite. And lo and behold! The fish does bite. As he jumps up, ready to reel in his hook there

The only problem here seems to be the fish that unfortunately does not pay heed to the advice and the Dhakaites, whose general attitude is, 'How dare the fish be so difficult?'

And of course, even before the fish is pulled out the 'peanut-walla' has materialised and is doing a brisk business. Quite a festive air all around. Everybody enjoying himself in the fresh morning air, all hustle and bustle forgotten as all and sundry concentrate on how best to bring that fish in, which for all intent and purposes is only about a foot long. But again, remember, it is the spirit of the occasion. Suddenly, the fish lands with a flop on the fishing dock, a small wooden platform. A resounding cheer goes up, a round of applause follows and within seconds, the place is as deserted as ever, with only a few straggling 'fishermen', hoping to catch another fish. The Dhakaites' concept of fishing is all his own. Difficult to beat and impossible to compete with.



Some young artists burning their works in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday in protest against alleged malpractice by the selection committee of the 10th Nabin Charukala Pradarshani '94. — Star photo

Programmes on Eid day

The government has planned an elaborate programme to celebrate the holy Eid-ul-Azha on Sunday with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports UNB.

The main Eid congregation will be held at the National Eidgah at the Supreme Court premises at 7:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the main Eid congregation will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque at 7:30 am, said an official handout yesterday.

The national flag will be hoisted atop all public and private buildings on the day.

The thoroughfares and road islands from Zia International Airport to Bangabhaban will be decorated with miniature national flags and bunting inscribed with Eid-Mubarrak both in Bangla and Arabic.

Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television will put up special programmes and the newspapers will publish special supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

Special diets will be served to the patients in different hospitals, the jail inmates, at the children centres, baby homes, vagrant welfare centres and the destitute welfare centres.

After the Eid prayers, the Ministry of Information will arrange screening of films, and organise cultural functions at the city parks and other important areas.

Islamic Foundation and Islamic cultural centres in the districts will arrange seminars and discussion meetings on the significance of Eid-ul-Azha.

Children reunions and charity football matches will be organised.

Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Thana Nirbahi Officers will arrange programmes in keeping conformity with national programmes.

Bangladesh missions abroad will also observe the day with due solemnity in line with the government programmes.

BRDB disbursed Tk 2.65cr loan in last fiscal

RAJSHAHI, May 19: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) under rural poor cooperative project area comprising 82 thanas distributed loan amounting to Taka 2.65 crore in the last fiscal year, reports BSS.

The loan was disbursed among 12,722 members of different landless cooperative societies under the project area to run their self-employment project like cattle and poultry farming, handicrafts, and small business centre.

A meeting was held Wednesday at rural poor cooperative society office of BRDB here. The Divisional Commissioner M Aminul Islam was present as chief guest.



- 8:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 8:15 News in Bangla
- 8:15 Alor Dishari
- 8:45 Film show: Our Friends the Dolphin
- 9:10 Shikha Dikka
- 9:30 Major Dad
- 10:00 News in Bangla
- 10:15 Moner Mukurey: Mohar Ali
- 11:25 Film show: Tarzan
- 11:45 Programme on health
- 12:05 Documentary on World Cup Football

Afternoon session

- 2:15 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 2:30 Live telecast of Hajj from Arafat
- 4:40 Musical programme
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:45 Lets Watak
- 6:30 Open University
- 7:20 Modern songs programme: Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9:10 Magazine: Upabar
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series: LA Law
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme
- 11:45 Closing

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius across the country. Meantime, Dhaka experienced the highest rain 43 mm during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Tangail had 8 mm shower, Chandpur 6 mm and Chittagong 5 mm during the period. Country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati and the lowest 20.1 degrees at Ishardi, yesterday.

The Sun sets today (Friday) at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:13 am.

Maximum temperatures and Minimum temperature of some major cities yesterday were:

City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.5	21.5	66	62
Chittagong	33	20.7	67	69
Rajshahi	32.4	21.5	83	91
Khulna	33	20.4	74	73
Barisal	32.3	20.7		91

Vietnamese envoy presents credentials

The Ambassador-designate of Vietnam Tran Viet Tan presented credentials to President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Accepting the credentials, the President said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties with Vietnam, there has been steady development of bilateral relations between the two countries.

The people of Vietnam is held in special esteem in Bangladesh, he said. 'We have been following with admiration the significant efforts being made by the people of Vietnam in reshaping their destiny through reforms and renovation under a dynamic and dedicated leadership.'

President Biswas said Bangladesh and Vietnam share a long history of friendly cooperation in all regional and international fora.

World leaders greet Biswas

The world leaders have warmly felicitated President Abdur Rahman Biswas on the eve of holy Eid-ul-Azha, reports BSS.

In their messages the leaders conveyed their sincere greetings to the President and wished continued prosperity, progress and happiness of the brotherly people of Bangladesh.

The leaders are President of UAE Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan, President of Syria Hafez Al Assad, Amir of Kuwait Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Amir of Qatar Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of Bahrain Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, President of Sudan Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of Guinea Lansana Conte, President of Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Sultan of Oman Qaboos Bin Said, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Saad Abdullah Al Salim Al Sabah, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE Maktum Bin Rashid Al Maktum and OIC Secretary General Dr Ahmad Mohammad Ali.

Happy Birthday To TIMUR



Ammu, Abbu Apu, Khammu

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 ZIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KURMITOLA, DHAKA. PHONES: 894771-9, 894730-4. CABLE: AIRBANGLA, TLX: 642649 DABG BJ
 Ref: DACPL/26/93-94/434 Dated: 14-05-94

Tender Notice

No: 19/93-94

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Biman Bangladesh Airlines on two envelope system (Technical & Price Offer) directly from interested Textile Mills/Manufacturers for the supply of any or all the undermentioned 10 (ten) Type Cloth Items as per details/specification given in the schedule.

01. White Drill Cloth (26000 MTR).
02. 65/35% Tetron Cotton White Shirting Cloth (15000 MTR).
03. 65/35% Tetron Cotton Cream Shirting Cloth (5000 MTR).
04. 65/35% Tetron Masted Colour Cloth (4000 MTR).
05. 65/35% Tetron Maroon Colour Cloth (2000 MTR).
06. 65/35% Tetron Feroza Colour Cloth (2000 MTR).
07. China White Poplin Cloth (4000 MTR).
08. Woolen Cloth, Maroon Colour (500 MTR).
09. Panting Cloth Khaci Colour (400 MTR).
10. Georgette Cloth, Cream Colour (850.86 MTR).

Tender schedule mentioning full details/specifications of items, terms and conditions will be available from the Accounts Officer, Cash Payment Unit of Finance Directorate, Admin Building, Biman, ZIA, Dhaka on payment of Tk: 300/- (Taka Three Hundred Only) per set (Non-refundable) during any working day up to 29-05-94.

Sealed tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in Local Purchase Section, Stores & Purchase Directorate latest by 11:00 AM on 30-05-94 and will be opened on the same day at 11-15 AM (BST) in presence of the tenderers (if any).

Biman Management reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity in the items and can accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Dy. General Manager (S & P) Commercial
 Stores & Purchases Directorate
 DFP (BA) 4182-155
 G-867

Sonali Bank Engineering & Building Division
 Head Office, Dhaka

No. EBD/SB/HO/TENDER Dated: 19-5-94

Re-Tender Notice

Sealed re-tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Sonali Bank for the following work:

Sl No	Name of work	Group	Estimated cost in Tk	Price of tender documents (Non-refundable)
1.	Supply & installation of 500 KVA Electrical Sub-station and Water Pumping unit including External Electrification work for the proposed Officers' Quarters of Sonali Bank at Uttara, Dhaka.	GA	45,18,525/=	2,000/=

Tender document will be obtained from the office of the undersigned up to 02-06-94 during office hours on cash payment of the amount mentioned above against the name of the work.

Tenders will have to be dropped in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned (5th floor, Chamber No. 29) on 8-6-94 up to 15-00 hours, to be opened at 15-10 hours on the same day before the tenderers (if any present).

- a) The tender rates will be considered valid for 120 days from the date of opening the tenders.
- b) If the tender opening date is declared as holiday the tenders will be received and opened in the next working day at the scheduled hours.
- c) The bank reserves the right to reject any or all tender (s) and accept any tender in part or full without assigning any reason thereof.
- d) Those who previously purchased tender documents for the same work may submit the tender on the same documents instead of purchasing afresh.

D-422 Deputy General Manager

অগ্রনী ব্যাংক
 খুলনা সার্কেলের মহাব্যবস্থাপকের কার্যালয়
 এখন তাকা থেকে খুলনা তে

প্রশাসনিক জটিলতা দূর করে শিল্প ঋণ, বৈদেশিক বাণিজ্য, কৃষিঋণসহ সবধরনের বিনিয়োগের ব্যাংকিং সিদ্ধান্ত এবং বহুবিধ ব্যাংকিং কর্মকাণ্ডের সহজ সমাধানের লক্ষ্যে ৯ই মে '৯৪ ইং থেকে খুলনা সার্কেলের মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয়ের কার্যক্রম শুরু হয়েছে— মহাব্যবস্থাপকের সচিবালয় শিল্প ব্যাংক ভবন (ধুমতলা) হাশাত রোড, খুলনা

অগ্রনী ব্যাংক
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Bandhan, a voluntary blood donation organisation, accorded a reception to Nargis Ahmed (3rd from right), a social worker living in New York, at a city hotel yesterday.

What's on today . . .

Art Exhibition: Opens at 5:00 pm. Some 40 paintings will be displayed in the month-long show. Venue: Gallery Tone, Road: 1, House: 29/B, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm everyday.

One crushed

A pedestrian was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck at Jatrabari crossing early yesterday, reports UNB. Abdul Mannan, 30, was crossing the road while the killer truck knocked him down, police said.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited
 (A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)
 গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধ করুন এবং নিৰ্ধারিত সময়ে বিল পরিশোধ করুন

Tender Notice

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Completion time
1.	Repair and Maintenance work at Laksam, Kutumbapur, Chandpur TBS's, Nandanpur DRS and Laksam Telecom. Station of BGSCL, Comilla.	Tk 2,98,996.50	Tk 500/= per set	60 days
2.	Earnest Money	2.5% of the total quoted amount.		
3.	Eligibility	The intending Contractors/Firms will have to take permission from General Manager (P&D)/Manager (Civil Construction), BGSCL, Chapapur, Comilla to purchase tender documents by showing original and producing attested photocopy of current Enlistment certificate with Govt./Semi-govt./Autonomous Organisation, bank solvency certificate, Municipal Trade Licence, Income Tax Clearance certificate, VAT Registration certificate, similar nature of work execution certificate with a copy of work order value of Tk 2.50 lac in a single tender within last 7 (seven) years with any Govt./Semi-govt./Autonomous Organisation.		
4.	Where tender documents will be available	i) Accounts Department, BGSCL, Chapapur, Comilla. ii) Regional Distribution Department, BGSCL, 100, Momin Road, Chittagong. iii) Accounts Section, BGSCL, CGS, Demra, Dhaka.		
5.	Dates of purchasing of tender documents	From 25-5-94 to 4-6-94.		
6.	Place, date and time of tender receiving	i) Civil Construction Department (2nd floor), BGSCL, Chapapur, Comilla. ii) Regional Distribution Department, BGSCL, 100, Momin Road, Chittagong. iii) Liaison Office, BGSCL, Road No. 2/A, House No. 3, Banari, Dhaka on 5-6-1994 at 12:00 Noon.		
7.	Date and time of tender opening	On 5-6-1994 at 12:10 PM.		

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