

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Troubles of Being Tall

by Nico den Tuinder

I live in a huge body. To measure the distance from my top to my toes you need a tape of at least 6 feet 4 inches.

This height is quite an asset in my home-country (the Netherlands). It opens conversations for me ("Hey fellow, is it warm up there?", people with shorter limbs ask me) and I can be of help to older, shorter generations ("Please sir, could you give that can of soup over there? I cannot reach it", elderly people ask me in self-service shops).

In Bangladesh things are different. As a former student of history, I can now experience the fears of the gentry during the French Revolution. Whenever I enter the room of my servant, I must take care not to get my head chopped off by the rotating blades of the ceiling fan. Perhaps Bangladesh has another death penalty for me in mind, though, I can only stand in a bus with my head tilted: the ceiling is not high enough. One pothole (I do not need to add the adjective big: they are all big in Dhaka), and crack! neck broken.

Being tall is a very time-consuming business. The day before yesterday I wanted to buy a new polo shirt. I spent the best part of the afternoon roaming around the fashion shops on New Elephant Road. None of them however catered to the needs of customers of elephantine proportions.

I experience discomfort during the nights as well. I cannot simply roll over from my left to my right side. I have to execute a complete repositioning manoeuvre, as my (twin!) bed is simply too small.

After such a restless night, I cannot give my-

body a refreshing shower. That is to say, not all of it. The hose of the shower reaches only as high as my shoulders. I have to wriggle my head to get a decent splash of water over it. You will understand that my legs and frame cannot jointly experience the pleasures of a bath tub. I cannot submerge both of them at the same time.

Swimming pools also present their limitations. My club has a nice one; not for me though. I can only swim a couple of strokes; then I bump into the other side of the pool.

Things would not be so bad if it were only me who suffered from my height. I hardly dare present my head to a hairdresser here: I am afraid my height will strain his arms. As my hair approaches a GI cut and therefore loses its model quickly, I have to visit a saloon every month to keep it decently trimmed, though. I really feel sorry for the victim of my genes. I want to use this column to express my sincere apologies to all the hairdressers of the metro.

One weekend I went to see Shankar Karar. I am sure that I prevented at least four rows of people sitting behind me from watching the film. They must have been happy to see me leave in the first break. After having produced a puddle of sweat during the first part, I could not stand the heat anymore.

There is, however, a big advantage to being a Gulliver in Bangladesh: I can show off my knowledge of Bangla. On the streets people often teasingly call me *lombu*. Happy as a child who has just mastered the art of cycling and wants to show this to his mother, I then retort: *Na, ami lomba noi, apru chhoto!*



## US assures continued support to market-oriented reforms

The US government has hailed Bangladesh government's economic policy and the achievement it has made so far, according to a message received here yesterday from Washington, reports BSS.

Roger C Altman, Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Treasury lauded the "bold and dynamic" economic policy measures undertaken by Bangladesh government and the "tangible results" achieved so far. He expressed the hope

that the momentum for further structural adjustment and privatisation would be sustained, the message said.

Altman made the remarks while welcoming Bangladesh Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the US Department of Treasury in Washington, Thursday.

During the 40-minute meeting, the Finance Minister explained in details the current political developments in Bangladesh and the sincere

efforts of the government in nourishing and institutionalising the democratic process set in motion after the fall of dictatorial regime. The minister in particular underscored the difficulties of switching to an approach for full free market economy through a process of consensus inherent in a democratic polity to which the government is firmly committed, the message said.

Saifur recounted the US support received at different phases of country's economic development endeavour. He raised the issue of PL-480 title 1/111 debt write-off and sought the treasury's help in resolving this problem.

The Deputy Treasury Secretary, who heard with great interest the recent achievements of Bangladesh government in putting in place wide ranging economic policy reform package including currency convertibility and prevalence of very low rate of inflation, assured continued US support to Bangladesh's market oriented reform and economic development efforts. On the question of debt write-off, Altman recognised the problem and gave indication that he will be willing to find appropriate avenues for resolving the issue, the message stated.

The Finance Minister who also sought the help of Deputy Treasury Secretary for early conclusion of avoidance of double taxation treaty between Bangladesh and USA, was assured that the formalities will be completed as quickly as possible.

Saifur invited Altman to visit Bangladesh to have the first hand idea of the economic progress and practice of democracy.

The Finance Minister was accompanied by Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Humayun Kabir.

## Workshop on education begins today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate a two-day workshop on "The Role of Secondary Technical and Higher Education in Human Resource Development and Poverty Alleviation" today at International Conference Centre at 10:30 am, reports UNB.

The Education Minister has organised the workshop.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will preside over the inaugural session while State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moeen Khan and State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus will attend the seminar as special guests.

The working sessions of the workshop will be participated by senior government officials, policy makers, educationists and representative of development partners.



Members of Hindal, a cultural organisation, presenting songs at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday as part of the 95th birth anniversary celebrations of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. — Star photo

## What's on today . . .

**Nazrul Joyanti Programme:** Drama 'Madhumala' by Kazi Nazrul Islam will be staged as part of four-day long national programme. Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 7 pm.

**Bangla Academy:** Organises a discussion on the occasion of 18th death anniversary of Shilpakacharya Jainul Abedin. Prof Nazrul Islam will present the paper. Prof Bulban Osman and Prof Matlub Ali will participate in the discussion. Venue: Seminar room of the Bangla Academy. Time: 5 pm.

**Shilpakala Academy:** Organises a discussion on the occasion of the death anniversary of Shilpakacharya Jainul Abedin. Artists Aminul Islam, Qaiyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Prof Abul Kalam Manjur Morshed, and Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam will participate in the discussion. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5 pm.

**Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** Regular weekly meeting. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

## Vietnamese FM leaves Dhaka

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam left Dhaka last night for Cairo ending his three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He was seen off at the Zia International Airport by Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman.

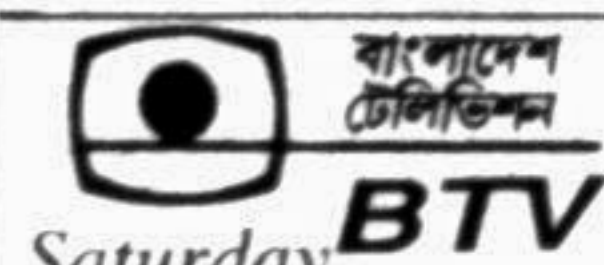
Prior to his departure, the two foreign ministers had discussions on various bilateral issues at the airport.

During the discussion Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman reiterated his country's position on the Farakka problem and explained its adverse affect on Bangladesh.

The Vietnamese foreign minister appreciated Bangladesh's position on the issue.



Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam (L) addressing a press conference at the state guest house Padma in the city yesterday (story on page 1). — Star photo



**Saturday**  
4:30 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
Children's programme:  
Mona Katha  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:20 Tarunnya  
5:50 Population programme:  
Angikar  
Banshori  
6:20 Special Programme on  
Jainul Abedin  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Maati-o-Manush  
9:00 Surer Chhota  
10:30 News in English  
11:30 Drama series: Dynasty  
Khalid/The News  
11:40 Tomorrow's programme  
summary  
11:45 Closing

## Weather

## Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower is likely to occur at a few places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions, and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions, according to a Met office forecast effective till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather will remain mainly dry over Khulna division. Day temperature is likely to rise by 2-3 degree Celsius over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 36 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi district and the lowest temperature of 23.4 degree Celsius was recorded in Mymensingh district.

Maximum temperature recorded in capital Dhaka was 32.90 degree Celsius and the lowest temperature recorded there was 25.5 degree Celsius. Relative humidity recorded in the morning was 79 per cent while in the evening it was 72 per cent.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:40 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:11 am.

## Job Opportunity

We are looking for an energetic, dynamic, aggressive young person for the post as per following criterion:

<b>Name of the post</b>	Marketing Officer
<b>Educational Qualification</b>	Minimum Honours Graduate in Marketing or Economics. (MBA preferable)
<b>Age</b>	Between 24 years - 29 years
<b>Experience</b>	2-3 years experience in a reputed organisation in product promotion group or Marketing Department will be given preference, but fresh candidates can also apply.
<b>Remuneration</b>	Between Tk 6,000-9,000 per month according to candidate's experience.
<b>Job responsibility</b>	Prime job responsibilities are: Product management, maintain liaison with Ad-agencies, sales department, logistic department & factory.

He should be very fluent in English and Bangla. Working knowledge in computer is preferred and should be willing to travel all over the country at any time.

If you fulfil above criterion and willing to join within a short notice, please come personally with bio-data only between 12.00 Noon to 2.00 PM on 30th and 31st May 1994. Please contact Mr Aftab-uz-Zaman Khan at the ground floor.

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## NOTICE

IN THE SUB-JUDGE ARTHA RIN  
ADALAT NO. 3, DHAKA.

Title Suit No. 147/1992.

Pubali Bank Ltd., Through Chawk  
Bazar Branch, Dhaka.....Plaintiff.

Versus

M/s. National Glass store and others  
Defendants.

Notice Under Section-5(Ka) of the Artha  
Rin Ain, 1990

1. M/s. National Glass Store,  
3/4, Gopinath Dutta Street, Babu Bazar,  
P.S.-Kotwali, District-Dhaka.
2. Mr. Geas Uddin Ahmed,  
Proprietor: M/s. National Glass Store,  
3/4, Gopi Nath Dutta Street, Babu Bazar,  
P.S.- Kotwali, District-Dhaka.
3. Mrs. Bashana Begum,  
W/O. Mr. Geas Uddin Ahmed,  
51/1, Agamasi lane,  
P.S.-Kotwali, District-Dhaka.

Where as the Defendants above named availed loan from Plaintiff Pubali Bank Ltd. but failed to repay the same in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Sanction Letter, the Plaintiff Pubali Bank Ltd. has filed the abovenamed case against them for realisation of Tk. 7,34,261.81 (Seven lac thirty four thousand two hundred sixty one and paisa eighty one) only as on 30-9-1992 along with interest (till realisation) and costs and other reliefs available in law.

And whereas the Defendants are evading service of the Summons of the Court regarding the said case.

Now, therefore, the said Defendants are hereby notified that the said case is fixed on 31-5-94 for their appearance in Court and filing of written statement if any and they are directed to appear in person or through duly appointed lawyer in court on that date and take necessary steps in default of which the said case will be disposed of exparte in their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 10th day of May 1994.

By order

Abdus Salam

Sheristadar

Sub-Judge Artha Rink Adalat No. 3, Dhaka



## Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

Local Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of ACSR "DOG" "RABBIT" AAC "WASP" and AAC "ANT" (Ins) as follows:

Sl No	Tender No	Description of materials	Cost of tender documents	Submission of tender date and time	Opening of tender date and time
1.	Pur-212/94	1. ACSR "DOG"	Tk 1,000/-	5-6-94 at 11-00 AM	5-6-94 at 11-30 AM
2.	Pur-213/94	2. ACSR "RABBIT"	Tk 1,000/-	6-6-94 at 11-00 AM	6-6-94 at 11-30 AM
3.	Pur-214/94	1. AAC "WASP" (Ins) 2. AAC "ANT" (Ins) 1. 11 KV Drop out fuse cutout (DOF) 2. 11 KV Lighting Arrester.	Tk 1,000/-	8-6-94 at 11-00 AM	8-6-94 at 11-30 AM

A complete set of Tender documents will be purchased by interested bidder on submission of written application and upon payment of Non-refundable fee for Taka mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2½% (Two and half) per cent Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with the tender.

Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11-30 AM in the stipulated date as above in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any. No Tender shall be sent by post or sold on the opening date and no Telex/Fax offer will be acceptable.

Biddut/Jan-1372 (6) 93-94

DPP(BA) 3905-7/5

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Director of Purchase  
PDB, Dhaka

## IDLC Industrial Development Leasing Company of Bangladesh Limited

Hadi Mansion, 2 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka

## Dividend Notice

Dividend warrants of the company for the FY 1993 are ready for distribution from the company's registered office. Shareholders are requested to collect either personally or through their duly authorized representative on all working days commencing from 28th May 1994. Uncollected Dividend warrants will be despatched by registered post/special courier after reasonable time at the risk of the shareholders.

Yun S. Kim  
Company Secretary