

Dhaka Day by Day

When Bonhomie is Botched

by Fayza Haq

You would think that occasions like Eid, weddings and birthdays in Dhaka are a time for people to get together and exchange pleasantries.

Amidst sherbat and sweetmeats, a family friend said to the son of a host at Tikatulley, "Your old schoolmate Arif has built a garment factory, what are you doing wasting time hack-writing in that dump of yours?"

Similarly, a loud-mouthed relative who had dropped in to a lady's house in Old Dhaka on the third day after Eid remarked, "Your daughter I hear is over twenty-five. Isn't she thinking of marrying and settling down?"

The hostess was quite taken aback by this comment by a complete stranger who was undoubtedly a distant relation but whom she had met for the first time.

"You are wearing something pale for a change. I wonder why you are so broad on the beams even though you have no children. Why don't you try wearing heels? It won't make you look so squat and rotund," another Eid visitor told Rifat, a college teacher who lives in Moghbazar, and who was in tears to hear this remark.

"Eid is an occasion for people to come together and spread goodwill. Making unpleasant personal remarks is not in good taste. They can talk about the prices of cattle and goats, or the hassle in the distribution of meat, or even how difficult it is to get the snacks like 'kebabs', 'chatpati', 'zarda' or 'firni', or what problem it was to get the tailors to finish the children's clothes in time, or how hectic the Eid shopping had been.

artificial jewellery that go with their apparel. Nobody would have been hurt if they discussed how they got their Eid fineries from India or Singapore, or if they boasted among how many poor people, they managed to distribute the 'qurban' meat with success," the lady commented.

Naheed, an office worker in her forties, who lives in Naya Paltan had a short haircut for Eid and this too brought in acid comments. "At your age you are really turning trendy," said someone. Naheed was miserable and agonised and refused to offer the explanation that her hair was falling drastically after she had permed and later straightened her hair at a local parlour in Dhanmandi.

Iqbal, who lives in the University Quarters had this to comment about some Eid guests, "You take so much of trouble in making the delicacies for friends and relatives and wait for them instead of disappearing to your own friends' place, yet they tell you that there's not enough salt in this, or that the fruit cocktail with ice-cream at some other house was so wonderful, so that you feel your own offerings ridiculed or belittled despite the many hours of labour you put into it."

There are numerous unsolicited "advice" given by Dhakites, despite their urgency to do rounds on Eid they have plenty of time to tell you that your TV is good enough only for the museum or the junkyard. People do not stop to think that you may not have the money for every latest gadget in town. They will tell you to take up gardening when you might be returning from office at 8 p.m. and may have no desire to go digging mud or pruning thorny trees.

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National Professor Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting organised by BNP in observance of the 13th death anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

'Zia was a successful statesman'

Speakers at a discussion yesterday described late President Ziaur Rahman as a great nationalist leader, a heroic freedom fighter and a successful statesman, reports UNB.

They said Zia succeeded in uniting the nation and involving all sections of the people in nation-building activities. The discussions also called upon people to work hard to materialise the dreams of Zia.

The Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Dal (BNP) organised the discussion meeting on the occasion of the 13th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman at the auditorium of the National Museum in the city yesterday afternoon.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was among the audience at the meeting which was also attended by ministers, distinguished citizens, educationists and BNP leaders.

Presided over by BNP vice chairman Iskander Ali, the meeting was addressed, among others, by National Professor

Dewan Mohammad Azraf, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Chief Editor of the Financial Express Rezauddin Ahmed, Editor of the Bangladesh Times Mahub Anam and Director of the Language Institute of the Dhaka University Prof Mansur Musa.

The speakers said President Zia had brought about a revolutionary change in all fields of development to make our independence meaningful. Zia would be remembered forever by the people for his declaration of independence, introducing a multi-party democracy, ensuring freedom of the press and carrying out other nation building activities, they observed.

Dewan Mohammad Azraf said there would not be any leader like Ziaur Rahman who had worked with the people for the development and welfare of the nation.

He said there is no alternative to Bangladeshi nationalism and called upon all to follow the ideals of Zia to establish an exploitation-free society.

Air chief leaves for Hawaii

The Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury, left Dhaka yesterday for Hawaii on a fortnight long official visit, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Lions Dist 315B-1 convention begins today

The first annual convention of Lions International district 315 BI begins today at 5:00 pm at Sonargaon Hotel, reports UNB.

The three-day convention includes a seminar on "Stop Drug Abuse-Save our Generation."

Minister for Commerce M Shamsul Islam will be the chief guest at the closing session while all other sessions will be presided over by Lion Governor Ataul Karim.

The inaugural function will be attended by Lions International officials, foreign diplomats, journalists, distinguished personalities of the country and Lion members.



National Professor Dr M Innas Ali speaking at the third biennial council of the Bangladesh Electronics Society at the Dhaka University's Curzon Hall auditorium yesterday, reports UNB.

BES biennial council held

The 3rd biennial council of the Bangladesh Electronics Society (BES) was held at the Dhaka University's Curzon Hall auditorium yesterday, reports UNB.

National Prof Dr M Innas Ali was present as chief guest with the BES president and chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof M Shamsul Haque in the chair.

Prof Ali urged the society members to come forward for establishing electronics industry in the country.

"The whole world is now controlled by electronics, and for this reason in this age of science no nation can prosper without electronics industry," he added.

The function was addressed, among others, by M Jahur Ali and Prof Jalalur Rahman vice president and general secretary of the BES respectively.

Wanted Lady Personal Assistant

A diplomatic mission in Dhaka wants to recruit a lady Personal Assistant to Ambassador. Candidates should be ideally educated with English medium background and should have an excellent command over spoken and written English. Typing skill and ability to work under pressure are the other essential pre-requisites. Please forward applications to Head of Chancery, House No. NW(E) 17, Road No. 55, Gulshan Model Town, Dhaka-1212 by June 10, 1994.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

BRAC is looking for some male and female Medical Officers, interested to develop career in Family Planning Work and Child Health Development Programme.

Experience: MBBS with one year rotatory internship. Any previous experience in family planning service delivery will be welcome but non-experience people are also welcome. Place of posting will be in greater Sylhet, Nilphamari and Norsingdi.

Interested candidates should apply with complete bio-data and one recent passport size photograph to Personnel Department, BRAC 66 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka 1212 by 16 June 1994. Please mention the name of the post on the envelope and application.

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গ্রামাঞ্চলে সেবামূলক কাজ করার জন্য ব্র্যাক মহিলা ও পুরুষদের কাছ থেকে নিম্নলিখিত পদে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করাচ্ছে। (ক) কর্মসূচী সংরক্ষক (ফরেস্ট)। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা বিএসসি (সেশন) ফরেস্ট। বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর। বেতন ৩৬৫০ টাকা। (খ) কর্মসূচী সংরক্ষক (পশুখালি)। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ডিগ্রি বা পশুখালি স্নাতক। বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর। বেতন ৩৬৫০ টাকা। (গ) কর্মসূচী সংরক্ষক (সেরিকালচার)। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা পোট গ্রাজুয়েট ডিপ্লোমা, সেরিকালচার। যন্ত্রারস 'বেতন ৩৬৫০ টাকা, বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর। গ্রাজুয়েট বেতন ৩০২৫ টাকা, বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর। ব্র্যাকের সব প্রকল্পে কর্মীদের জন্য নিখরচায় থাকার ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই সাইকেল, ঘটার সাইকেল ব্যবহার করতে হবে। চাকরিতে স্থায়ী হলে গ্রাজুয়েট, প্রতিডেট ফন্ড ও ইন্সিওরেন্সের সুবিধা পাবেন। আগামী ১৬ই জুন ১৯৯৪-এর মধ্যে পূর্ণাঙ্গ আবেদনপত্র ও এক কপি ছবিসহ কর্মী ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, ব্র্যাক ৬৬ মহাখালী, ঢাকা ১২১২ এই ঠিকানায় আবেদন করুন। আবেদনপত্র ও নামের উপর আবেদনকৃত পদের নাম উল্লেখ থাকতে হবে।

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

BRAC is looking for well qualified professionals with the following background:

- 1. Graduate Architect (1) - Bachelor of Architecture. Minimum three years experience. Salary will be negotiable. 2. Graduate Engineers (2) - B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. Minimum three years experience. Will be based in rural areas. Salary will be negotiable. 3. Diploma Engineers (2) - Diploma in Civil Engineering. Minimum three years experience. Will be based in rural areas. Salary will be negotiable. 4. Sub. Assistant Staff Architect (1) - Diploma in Architecture / 2 (two) years Civil Drafting Course. Minimum five years experience. Salary will be negotiable.

Interested candidates should apply with complete bio-data and one recent passport size photograph to Personnel Department, BRAC 66 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka 1212 by 16 June 1994. Please mention the name of the post on the envelope and application.

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Sector-6, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka. WANTED

Applications are invited from intending candidates for the following posts:

Table with 3 columns: S/No., Name of Post, Pay Scale, Qualifications. Posts include Vice Principal, Assistant Professors, and Lecturers.

Note: a. Retired, experienced and physically fit candidates may also apply. b. Highly qualified, experienced and Meritorious candidates may be given higher initial salary and other facilities on negotiations and appointed on contract basis.

Terms and Conditions: a. Typed application with applicant's full name, Father's name/Husband's name, Permanent Address, Date of Birth/Age, Educational Qualifications, Experience etc. is to be submitted to the undersigned.

What's on today...

- Photography Exhibition: By Mir Mahboob Rishad Ashraf. Venue: National Photographic Gallery, 87, Science Laboratory Road. Time: From 10:00 am to 8:00 pm up to June 30. Short Film: Premier show of 'Ekhane Mayer Kanna' based on Liberation War and directed by Aziz Meher. Venue: Public Library auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 10:00 am. Shilpakala Academy: Prekhapat Natyaloy will stage the drama Uttar Palta Din. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm. Lions Club of Dhaka Oriental: Regular monthly meeting. Venue: House-11, Road-103, Gulshan. Time: 7:00 pm. Seminar: On 'Establishment of Islamic Government and Imam Khomeni' organised by The Committee for Observance of 5th Death Anniversary of Islamic Leader Imam Khomeni. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Condolence Meeting: In memory of 'Saogat' editor Mohammad Nasruddin organised by the weekly Begum. Poet Suha Kamal will preside. Venue: 'Begum' office, 66 Patuatali. Time: 10 am.

Weather

No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Mymensingh and Tangail during the next 24 hours till 6:00 pm Friday, reports UNB.

Met office says moderately heavy falls may occur over the regions of Sylhet, Mymensingh, Bogra and Rangpur. Weather will remain mainly dry with cloudy sky elsewhere across the country.

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Table with 4 columns: ক্রমিক নং, পদের নাম ও সংখ্যা, বেতন স্কেল, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা. Lists posts like শাখা সহকারী and সীট ড্রাফটম্যান.

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