

Dhaka Day by Day

Troublesome Eligible Spinsters

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Eligible spinsters vs eligible bachelors, a not so eligible tug of war. While the latter is considered a blessing in disguise, directly from God, by mothers, the former is nothing but trouble and bad news.

In fact this is another war — if you take into account the war of Troy for the beautiful Helen — where beauty, charm, youth not to forget intelligence are all minus points or even their own enemy. After all, what good is beauty if there is no one to look at and appreciate?

At 25 a girl is in the state of ruins. Her health, her beauty all emaciated (10 years from that time, she won't be able to bear children properly), it's rather ghastly. At this point frustration is at its height, from the mother's point of view, and her desperation leads to the girl meeting an as-sorted of sophisticated men, and all in obscure fashion.

The most convenient venue for such blessed moments is New Market or a relative's place or now it could be her office. Without any prior notice, they might barge in and declare, "I live in America." Not quite comprehending the conversation her reaction might be, "How can I help you?" That does it, he is in your spell, and would continue to pester until you say something. At times, this love (at-first-sight) sick man might even ask your permission to leave the country. How obedient he can be? Even some, supposedly established doctor, engineer, men from almost every profession, would do the same and at some nervous point they might start babbling, have hiccup attack while talking. What a convincing act, though a poor one?

All this will happen, without for once giving attention to the girl concerned. What could be her needs? She needs a man to look after her and the concerned families' choice is her choice. How wonderful arrangements could be — and of course appropriate.

The right time for a girl to get married is between 18 to 24 whereas for the boys 32 plus is the proper time. By this time, this estab-

lished man, living abroad, is the right person. For these young girls, God forbid, if for some reasons they cross their mid thirties, the concerned family — still proud of their half bald, tummy man for a son — target these nubile girls. Their last hope.

This happens because at 25, a man is considered almost a child by the family. He has just started his career and life, when by that time, a woman of that age is nothing but an old maid. For her marriage comes first, then career. What people tend to forget is that marriage is as important as career for both man and woman. It is their life, so the choice should be theirs too. Happiness is what really matters and each person defines it in his or her own terms.

At this level, age is a real problem added to the career. She has to make adjustments, meaning giving up her stable job, to live with a stranger in some strange country. Marriage is sacrifice and understanding from both parts. But how much is it possible for both of them to be happy under unknown circumstances? It is a gamble no doubt. After all no risk no gain.

Then again, it is the girl laying the foundation stone of this trust, as a goodwill gesture she is leaving her home for 25 plus

years, her job, to live with him — a total stranger. How romantic things could be?

With the entire family backing him up and the whole family behind her back such sort of arrangements are no longer in vogue. A 25-year-old woman or a 32-plus man might get the right partner under the right circumstances. They might then give their liking and understanding a shape of a marriage. "Age is not the main priority here, it is the liking and knowing each other that matters," expresses a confirmed bachelor.

A small point to take note of, is that, there is no such thing called a confirmed spinster. A woman has to marry under any circumstances. There are few exceptions but those in the eyes of such concerned persons have some sort of drawbacks.



SHARIF 94



Dr. Mahbubul Huq, author of the UNDP Human Development Report, speaking at The Daily Star dialogue on 'Development challenges for South Asia' in the city yesterday. Also seen (from left): Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Khondakar Delwar Hussain, Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali and Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim. —Star photo.

Tunisia keen to import jute goods

The Tunisian ambassador to Bangladesh, Mohamed Mustapha Mizouni yesterday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office, reports BSS.

The new Tunisian ambassador described the relationship between the two countries as very good and said his country is willing to open up trade relations with Bangladesh.

He also conveyed his country's desire to import more Bangladeshi commodities including jute and jute goods.

The Prime Minister assured the new ambassador of all possible cooperation in discharging his duties in Bangladesh.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister A N M Eusuf was also present.

Proposal for 32 investigation centres

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the proposal for setting up 32 investigation centres instead of police outposts would be placed before the next meeting of National Implementation Committee for Administrative Reforms (NICAR) for consideration, reports BSS.

He was replying to a call attention notice of Osman Ghani Khan for establishment of a new police station at Aminpur under Bera, Pabna, to help proper development and law enforcement in the area.

The Home Minister said the establishment of any new police station could not be considered presently due to resource constraints. But the proposed Investigation Centres, if approved, would be gradually upgrade into police stations.

He said the investigation centres would be headed by one Sub-Inspector of Police. He expressed the hope that the investigation Centres would help meet the demands for police stations substantially.

BSP emergency meet June 15

An emergency meeting of the executive committee of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) will be held at Dhaka Courier office in the city on June 15 at 5 pm, reports UNB.

The meeting is expected to discuss problems of the newspaper industry, including attacks on newspaper offices, burning of newspaper copies and propaganda and filing of cases against newspapers, said a BSP press release yesterday.

The issue of advertisement and annulment of DFP may come up in the meeting for discussion.

It will also discuss the future course of action of BSP.

30 pc of budget allocation to edn sector demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Four government college teachers associations in a joint statement yesterday demanded that 30 per cent of the new national budget and 7 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) be allocated to the education sector in accordance with the UNESCO recommendations.

The allocation is needed to improve the standard of education at the graduation and post-graduation level and to create fresh posts in 134 nationalised colleges, the teachers observed.

They said in neighbouring countries, budgetary allocation in the education sector is 4 per cent of their GDP whereas it is only 2.2 per cent in Bangladesh.

The teachers' associations also demanded filling up of posts through promotions in the 57 colleges, approved by the Finance Ministry.

The statement was issued by the Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association, the Bangladesh Government College Professors' Association, the Bangladesh Government College Lecturers' Association and the BCS General Education Association.

Five killed in city

By DMCH Correspondent

At least five people were killed in different incidents late Tuesday night and Wednesday.

A second year student of the Dhaka City College was reportedly committed suicide at his brother-in-law's house at North Shahjahanpur Tuesday night.

The victim, Mohammed Masudur Rahman, 22, son of Makbul Rahman killed himself by hanging.

The cause of suicide is yet to be known.

In another incident, one 44-year-old Jahida Khatun was killed when a running train knocked her at Pubal rail station at Gajipur at about 5 pm Wednesday.

At Mirpur, a pedestrian was killed when a speeding truck ran over him at about 11.30 pm Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Jahidur Rahman, 24.

An unknown person was found dead in front of the Cantonment General Hospital Tuesday night. Cantonment police recovered the body and sent to the DMCH morgue.

In another incident some unidentified person sent a boy of one Ikbal Hossain, 30, to the Emergency Department of the DMCH Wednesday noon.

The cause of the death is still in mystery.

A first year student of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute was stabbed by some unidentified person at Shiddershari Lane in the city at about 6 pm yesterday.

Thai envoy meets Mannan

Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Sunthorn Vibhymeth made a courtesy call on the State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

বিশিষ্ট ক্রীড়া সংগঠক মরহুম এম. এ. হামজার প্রথম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী

আগামীকাল ১০ই জুন শুক্রবার, বাস আদর সিঁচেরদী ইটপাট মাটিকিং কমপ্লেক্স-এর ১০ নং বিল্ডিং-এর নীচ তলায় বিশিষ্ট ক্রীড়া সংগঠক মরহুম এম. এ. হামজার প্রথম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে এক মিলান মহফিলের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। উক্ত মহফিল-এ মরহুমের আত্মীয় বন্ধু, বন্ধু-বান্ধব ও জনসাধিকের উপস্থিতি বাকর জন্য সন্নিয়র অনুপ্রাণ করছি।

বিলিভ
মরহুমের স্ত্রী হালিমা বেগম
ফোন : ৪০৩৬৩০, ৮৩১৮৩৭.

চিন্তা

বিপুল পাঠক চাহিদার পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে পাক্ষিক চিন্তার 'গ্যাট, বিশ্ববিশিষ্ট ও তৃতীয় বিশ্ব সংখ্যা পুনর্মুদ্রিত' হয়েছে। দ্বিতীয় মুদ্রণ শেষ হবার আগে পাক্ষিক চিন্তার এই বিশেষ সংখ্যা রাজনৈতিক কর্মী, সাংবাদিক, মাঠ কর্মী, গবেষক এবং ছাত্রছাত্রীরা সংগ্রহ করুন। হকারের কাছে না পোলে সরাসরি চলে আসুন

প্রবর্তনা

১/৮ স্যার সেক্স রোড, (বৈষ্ণব রোডের ওপর) ঢাকা-১২০৭
ফোন : ৩১৮৪২৮, ৩২৯৬২০

2500 flats to be built for govt employees

The government has plans to construct 2500 flats for accommodation of the government servants, Housing and Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to a supplementary from a Treasury Bench member, the minister said 1000 flats are already under construction this year while allocation is expected to be made in the national budget for construction of another 1500 flats next year.

BMA degree certificate giving ceremony held

CHITTAGONG, June 8: The Degree Certificate Awarding Ceremony of the 30th BMA long course was held at the Bangladesh Military Academy at Bhatiyar on Tuesday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan attended the ceremony as chief guest and distributed certificates among the gentlemen cadets who had passed BA and BSc Examinations under the National University during their two years course at the BMA.

বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন

BTV

Thursday

2:30	Opening announcement
3:00	Live Telecast of Budget Session from Jatiya Sangsad
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	National Television School Debate Competition
6:45	Children's programme: Esho Gaan Shikhi
6:45	Jiboner Alo
7:15	Nazrul songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama of the week Anabuya
10:00	News in English
10:30	Mint series
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme

Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka

Agroforestry Research & Demonstration Project Wanted

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals for the appointment of Research Assistant.

Designation	Nos	Durations	Qualifications	Experience	Salary
Research Assistant	3	12 Months	Graduate or M.Sc. in Forestry/Agronomy/Farming System/Horticulture	Experience in Research activities	Tk 7,000/- (seven thousands) consolidated

Applications duly marked on the cover of envelope "Applications for Agroforestry Research & Demonstration Project" should be received by 23rd June/94. Interested candidates are requested to supply with bio-data, qualifications and experience certificate and passport size photograph to the undersigned.

Monoj Karnti Roy
Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests & Project Director
Agroforestry Research & Demonstration Project

DFP (G) 10531-30/5
G-982

Bangladesh Open University project
House-16, Road-2 Dhanmondi R/A
Dhaka-1205.

Memo NO-BOU/Admn-37 (18)/94/2305 Date: 04-06-94

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide Manufacturers/Distributors/Agents for the supply of some Audio Cassettes shall have the origin in eligible member Countries of the Asian Development Bank.

- Tender No. : 18 (Procurement) 1993-94
- Items : Audio Cassette
- Place of selling : Bangladesh Open University project tender schedule office.
- Place of dropping tenders. : Bangladesh open University project office.
- Last date and time for selling tender schedule : 18-06-94 (Upon 12-00 Noon).
- Price of schedule (Non-refundable) : Taka 400/- (Four hundred) only.
- Date & time for receipt of tender : 19-06-94 (Upto 12-00 Noon).
- Date & time for opening of tender : 19-06-94 (12-30 P.m)
- Earnest money : 2.5% (two point five percent) of Total Quoted price in the form of Account Payee Bank Draft/ Pay order from a Schedule bank in favour of "Project Director/Vice Chancellor Bangladesh Open University Project"
- Validity : 90 (ninety) days from the date of bid closing

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Project Director/Vice Chancellor
Bangladesh Open University Authority.



Sigma Huda, General Secretary of the Bangladesh Manabdhikar Bastabayan Sangstha, presenting books on human and fundamental rights to Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner A N Hussein in the city yesterday.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thunder shower is likely at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions, at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Thursday, reports UNB.

Met office says moderately heavy falls are likely at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions.

Rainfall activities are likely to increase during the next two days, the weather office predicted.

Monsoon has set in over Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions and it is likely to set in over Rajshahi division during next 24 hours.

One to two degree fall in day temperature is expected across the country.

Country's highest temperature 35 degree Celsius was recorded at Ishurdi and the lowest 23.4 degrees also at Ishurdi, yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:45 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:10 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity	
	In Celsius	Min	In percentage	6 pm
Dhaka	33.5	25.5	81	71
Chittagong	33.5	27.8	79	75
Rajshahi	34.9	24.8	79	67
Khulna	34.7	28.8	92	83
Sylhet	33.0	23.5	69	78
Barisal	31.4	28.4	93	85

BPDB's International Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

International Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of equipment/materials for following power station/Grid substations. The source of financing will be Cash Foreign Exchange Allocation.

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-389/93	Surge Arrester for G.M.D PDB, Comilla	Tk 200/-	14-8-94 at 11-00 AM	14-8-94 at 11-30 AM
2.	Pur-377/93	PVC Collapsible Container for Grid Circle, Dhaka	Tk 500/-	15-8-94 at 11-00 AM	15-8-94 at 11-30 AM
3.	Pur-316/94	Precision N'on Contact Thermometer for Grid, Dhaka	Tk 500/-	16-8-94 at 11-00 AM	16-8-94 at 11-30 AM
4.	Pur-374/93	Digital Indicator for Sikalbaha Power Station	Tk 150/-	17-8-94 at 11-00 AM	17-8-94 at 11-30 AM
5.	Pur-319/94	Nickel Cadmium Battery for Grid Maintenance Division, Dhaka South	Tk 500/-	18-8-94 at 11-00 AM	18-8-94 at 11-30 AM
6.	Pur-3024/92	33 KV & 11 KV Heat Shrinkable Termination Kits for Shampur Sub-Station	Tk 500/-	22-8-94 at 11-00 AM	22-8-94 at 11-30 AM

A complete set of Tender documents will be purchased by interested bidder not before 5-6-94 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.

2% Bid bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with Tender.

Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM and will be opened at 11-30 AM in presence of the intending bidder or their representative; if any. No Tender shall be sent by post or sold on the opening date and no Telex offer will be acceptable.

Biddut/Jan-1508(6)93-94
DFP(BA)4745-2/6
G-981

Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka