

Dhaka Day by Day

Man vs Animal

by Nico den Tuinder

I like chicken. Sometimes I have one in my garden, and its cackling creates a homely atmosphere. Ko...ko. ko. ko. ko. ko... is the sound of a bird that feels happy in my presence. It seems to have been born with soft feathers to allow me to stroke it lovingly. In return, as if I were continuously celebrating my birthday, the feathery animal keeps on giving me a present, an egg.

I also like chicken on my plate. My servant prepares delicious chicken curries, and I love to set my teeth into the soft juicy meat of the animal. Chicken curry, chicken soup, chicken kebab; you present it to me and I will eagerly eat it.

With all the live meat in the markets, I am lucky to have a servant. I find it hard to face the act necessary to transform the cackling animal into the juicy one. Blood makes my head spin, and bandaging small cuts is as far as my stomach allows me to go. Blood does not have to be real to make me sick. Whenever there is a medical programme on television, I turn the machine off, or hide behind a newspaper.

Back home getting meat is no problem. Whenever I feel like having chicken soup, I open a can of it. I dump it into a pan, add some water, make it hot and ladle it into my mouth. When I feel like having chicken on the menu, I go to the supermarket around the corner. Only the label on the plastic package informs me that I am about to purchase the mortal remains of an animal. The skin has been taken off, the bone has been taken out,

and sometimes the meat has been salted and spiced already. I buy and consume a piece of meat like any other article of consumption, let's say a pencil. I chew on that as well (to the dislike of a colleague of mine) without knowing what it is that I set my teeth in.

There is one remarkable thing though. I do not eat cats or dogs, and I do not know why. Their meat seems to be delicious: the Chinese

are fond of it. In Holland, we make a strict division between pleasure animals and meat animals. The first we take into our homes, give names and bury or cremate; the second we ban to the countryside, earmark with bar codes and dine on. With the exception of pets, Holland presents a society without animals.

Bangladesh is different. I share my house with numerous ants, termites, mosquitoes, cockroaches and ticks. My garden is full of frogs and birds. My servant call my residence "Pipra-house". My office, right in the city's commercial heart, looks out over a farm.

Virtually everybody keeps chicken, ducks, cows or goats, and they walk wherever they like. The country is one big natural reserve.

Which society is more humane? We daily eat meat in Holland, and give millions and millions of animals a life-long rigorous imprisonment in small boxes and cages to satisfy our needs. We close our eyes to the massacre. The Bangladeshis give their animals all freedom, and kill them without mercy when their time has come.

Should I become a vegetarian?



The Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday evening rejecting the proposed budget. — Star photo

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What's on today . . .

Dance Drama: Jugo Art Centre will present "Samanya Khati," a popular dance-drama by Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: Shipakala Academy. Time: 7:00 pm.

Muktokantha Recitation Academy: A day-long function which will be followed by a recitation programme to mark academy's 10th founding anniversary. Venue: 78/C Indra Road. Time: 9:00 am.

Rotaract Club of Dhaka Buriganga: Regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

Apex Club of Dhaka: 34th changeover will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:00 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Occasional light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions, at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

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

South West monsoon has set in all over the country. Country's highest temperature 36 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna while the lowest 24.5 degrees at Barisal and Khepupara yesterday.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:10 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.7	26.7	78	72
Chittagong	33.6	27	73	72
Rajshahi	34.5	26.4	81	67
Khulna	36	26.4	78	80
Barisal	33	24.5	78	81

Taslina issue Islamic groups call hartal

Several Islamic groups have called a country-wide half-day hartal on June 30 to press for arrest and trial of controversial writer Taslima Nasreen for her alleged objectionable remarks about the Quran, reports UNB. Committee for Resisting Anti-Islamic and Anti-State Activities and Young Muslim Society jointly called the hartal at a rally at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram yesterday.

They also demanded a ban on all the "anti-Islamic" newspapers.

Principal Fazlul Haq Amin addressed the rally as chief guest while Maulana Mohiuddin Khan presided.

The rally was addressed by Young Muslim Society Chairman Mezbahur Rahman, Maulana Abdur Razzak, Maulana Jinal Abedin, Maulana Altaf Hossain, Maulana Zahirul Islam, Maulana Hafez Zakaria, Mohammad Saki Sultan, Alhaj Abdul Wahed and others.

Fazlul Haq Amin said the people want the establishment of Islamic rule and Quantic law in the country. They would resist any conspiracy against Islam, he said declaring a "Jehad" against anti-Islamic activists.



Friday Morning Session
8:00 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary
8:10 News in Bangla
8:15 Aor Dishari
8:35 Our Friends the Dolphins
9:00 Shikdha Dikkha
9:20 Comedy series: Major Dad
10:00 News in English
10:15 Moneer Muzarey
11:25 Film show: Tarzan
11:45 Programme on Health
Evening Session
3:00 Opening announcement
3:15 Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
3:45 Movie of the Week
5:10 News in Bangla
5:45 Sports programme
6:50 Open University
7:20 Malancha
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
9:00 Magazine
10:00 News in English
10:30 Film show: LA Law
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45 Closing

SALES OF OCEAN GOING VESSEL BY INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RE-AUCTION

It is hereby notified that in pursuance to the order dated 17.5.1994, passed by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in Admiralty Suit No.22 of 1993, M.V "TONY BEST" now lying under arrest at Char Elahi, P.S. Companyganj, District- Noakhali, shall be sold "as it is where it is" basis by public auction by the Marshal of the Court or his substitute at his office in the High Court Division on Saturday, the 25th June, 1994 at 10.00 A.M. Information regarding the Ship may be available from the office of the Marshal. In tending bidders shall attend the auction personally or through authorised agents at the aforesaid office of the Marshal on the date and time mentioned above for the auction. Foreign bidders or their authorised agents may also participate in the auction subject to fulfilment of the requirements of the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations of Bangladesh. On acceptance of the highest bid by the Marshal, (subject to confirmation by the Hon'ble Court) the successful bidder shall be required to pay 25% of the bid price on the spot as earnest money by pay order or draft from a scheduled Bank in the name of the Registrar, Supreme Court of Bangladesh and the balance 75% of the bid price shall be paid by pay Order or Bank Draft from a scheduled Bank within 14 (fourteen) days of confirmation of the sale by the High Court Division.

In case of failure to deposit 75% of the bid price within the stipulated period, the 25% earnest money deposited earlier shall be forfeited. The Marshal reserves all rights to cancel the auction bid and to hold re-auction without showing any reason.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL :

LIBERIAN FLAG : LDT-3,877, Built-1971
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(Md. Ali Asgar Khan)
Marshal & Registrar,
Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Dhaka



Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the arrest of the Janakantha editors. — Star photo

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DATED 7TH JUNE, 1994

Painting exhibition at Shilpakala
By Staff Correspondent
The fortnight-long 10th National Young Artists Exhibition opens at the Shilpakala Academy gallery at 3:00 pm today.
Organised by the Academy, the show will remain open for all from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm everyday barring Thursdays, until June 24.
The National Young Artist Award will be announced on the concluding day at 5:00 pm.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Bandarban PWD Division
Bandarban

Notice Inviting Tenders
No. 37/93-94

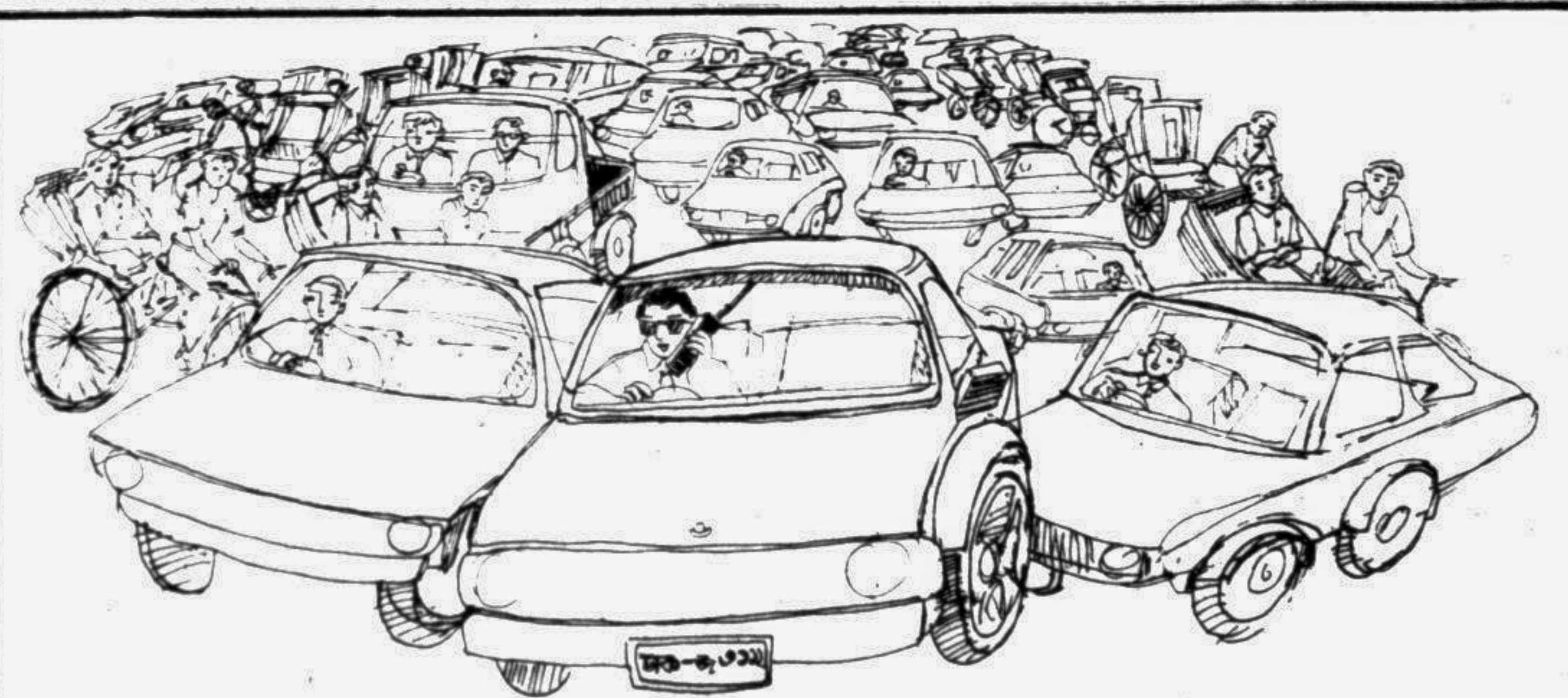
1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited for the undermentioned works from the approved enlisted contractors of Public Works Department as shown in group list and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD Division No. III, IV, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar PWD Division, Cox's Bazar up to 12-30 PM on 15-6-94 and will be opened on the same day at 12-35 PM in presence of the contractor who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work & group No. superscribed on it.

Gr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Eligibility of Contractors
I.	Special repairs to Bandarban 50-bedded Hospital (Hospital Bldg.) during 1993-94.	Tk 2,47,179/=	Tk 4,944/=	21 (Twenty one) days	Special Class-I & class-II approved building contrs. of PWD, class-II of PWD, Ctg. Zone, Ctg. class-III of Ctg. PWD Circle-II & class-IV of Bandarban PWD Division, Bandarban
II	Special repairs to Bandarban 50-bedded Hospital (Re-Constn. of southern compound wall damaged due to landsliding) during 1993-94.	Tk. 10,31,517/63	Tk 20,630/=	30 (Thirty) days	-Do- Special Class, Class-I, II & III

2. Contract documents comprising of BD Form No. 2911 schedule of items additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen & obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bandarban PWD Division, Bandarban, Executive Engineer, Cox's Bazar PWD Division, Cox's Bazar, Executive Engineer, Chittagong PWD Division No. III/IV, Chittagong on payment of usual charges of Tk 400/= (Taka four hundred) only (non-refundable) for Group No. I & Tk 750/= (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) for Group No. II per set notice inviting tender, schedule of items additional terms & conditions etc. & a sum of Taka 25/= (Taka twenty five) only (non-refundable) per BD Form No. 2911. The tender form may be purchased by the contractor himself or his representative on production of authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor along with the registration book any day during office hours up to 14-6-94.

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