Dhaka Day by Day

Wretched Slum Life

by Rashed Mahmud Titumir

For Rahela and many others, barefooted and apparently unclad children in urban slums, stinking puddles and garbage heaps provide fun in these days of their childhood. Since play grounds are even regarded as a luxury in planned residential areas of Dhaka, the metropolis with the highest population growth in Asia, the children of TT Para slum are doubly disadventaged.

Every year poverty and environmental disaster draw thousands along the roads and railway tracts. The swarming city confines them to the railway lines. So, the name of the slum was after TTE, a railway post.

Here in this slum, the rugged earth road snaking through closely-spaced rows of huts built with mud and polythene is interrupted by muddy pools of foul smelling water, flowing from open drains.

A member of the civil society, going along the narrow foot paths, has to use a handkerchief to resist vomiting. But for 45-year-old Razia Khatun, a maid servant for nearby houses and living here, this is a daily reality, as it is for so many like her.

"This is how we live, and life continues," says the single mother of four. "Our efforts to get assistance from the city corporation have been frustrated and neglected," she adds.

Although TT Para Basti, located almost at the heart of the city, has an estimated 500 households, the slum has a thatched and tin-roofed primary school run by a German NGO. The children, aged between four and eleven, who play in the muddy puddles, ought to be in school. But they are not.

Dr Mamunur Rahman, who spends every Friday, the holiday, providing medical advice in the slums by turn, has chilling tales to tell about sanitation in these settlements.

"Due to lack of toilet facilities, people use polythene bags or other rags in their huts and throw the refuse along the paths," says the physician who is now working with a WHO project.

"This not only causes accidents, but puts every body at risk of epidemic diseases," he adds.

They have no other way, but to leave contaminated water to flow in or out any how.

"People who frequent me constantly complain of dysentery and food poisoning," he says.

The urban sanitation situation in Dhaka's squatter settlement is complicated by laws, as the inhabitants are not eligible for becoming voter in the city corporation elections. While the illegal nature of the slums, settlements upon the illegally occupied government lands, denies the population there the basic official services.

"In my opinion, firstly policies need to be revised so as to better meet their basic service keeping pace with the existing reality," says Dr Mamun.

"In my opinion, brave steps like the social mobilisation in the real context and making a way for the access to the resources — side-stepping archaic by-laws that stifle innovation — have the potential to improve degraded slum environments," concludes Dr Mamunur Rahman.

Release of Janakantha editors demanded

By DU Correspondent

The students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of the Dhaka University demanded immediate release of Toab Khan and Borhan Ahmed, Advisor Editor and Executive Editor of the Daily Janakantha respectively.

The students brought out a protest procession and held a rally in front of the Arts Faculty building yesterday morning.

Addressing the rally the student representatives blamed the communal and fundamentalist forces for attacking the Janakantha office recently. They said, "This circles have become a threat to the freedom of press and the right of free thinking."

The rally was addressed by Mir Mashrur Zaman Rony, Masud Chowdhury and Swapan Basu.

The students also demanded withdrawal of cases against the editors of the Janakantha and urged the government to take necessary measures to ensure the freedom of speech in the country.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Columnists' Association president Manindranath Sarkar, vice president Nukul Chandra Shaha and general secretary Abu Zahid Jaglul Pasha in a joint statement demanded the immediate release of Advisory Editor and Executive Editor of the Dainik Janakantha and also withdrawal of cases.

Symposium on tax policy June 14

A three-day symposium on Tax Policy and Reforms in the Asia-Pacific Region jointly organised by the Asian Development Bank and the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies will be held in the city beginning from June 14, says a press release.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will inaugurate the symposium as chief guest at Sonargaon Hotel at 9:00 am.

An artist of Mymensingh Sangeet Kala Parishad performing at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

2000 villages to get electricity in '94-'95

Some 2,000 villages of the country will be energised under rural electrification programme during the coming financial year at a cost of Tk. 509 crore, reports UNB.

Of the total amount, Tk. 200 crore will be invested from the government's own fund while the rest will come from the donor agencies.

This was stated by Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain at a meeting with officials of Power Development Board (PDB) and Rural Electrification Board (REB) in Jessore yesterday.

Local MPs Shahiduzzaman Beltu and Moshiur Rahman were present at the meeting. Regional officials of PDB and REB were also present.

The Energy Minister informed the meeting that an amount of Tk. 358 crore including Tk. 100 crore from the government was being spent during this financial year to energise some 1,300 villages.

Till April this year, over 1,100 villages had been energised through constructing some 6,270 kilometers of distribution lines against a target of 5,800 kilometers earmarked for the fiscal year, he added.

Dr Mosharraf further said some 1,09,000 rural consumers have been given electricity connections during the current fiscal year.

Another 1,30,000 new consumers will be brought under rural electrification network during the next fiscal year, he added.

Newspaper holiday

All the newspaper offices will remain closed on June 21 on the occasion of Ashura (10th Muharram), reports UNB.

No newspaper will, therefore, come out on the next day (June 22), says a press release of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad yesterday.

Two killed in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

One Rahima Khatun, 35, was killed when she was electrocuted at about 10 am yesterday.

Meanwhile, an unidentified man aged about 27 was killed in the spot when a speedy truck ran over him near Matuail on Dhaka Chittagong highway at 3 pm yesterday.

The bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical and Mitford hospital for autopsy.

Contraband seized

RAJSHAHI, June 11: BDR personnel of 20 Rifle Battalion seized Indian contraband worth over Tk three lakh from different corners of the district recently, reports BSS.

The seized goods included nylon net, saree, blouse piece, wine, imitation goods, medicine and Indian rupee.

The seized contraband were deposited with the Rajshahi Customs Office.

DAB executive body

Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) has formed a 82-member executive committee, according to a press release.

The committee has been formed for two years with Prof Md Abdur Rashid as president, Dr. Rafiq Chowdhury as General Secretary and Dr AKM Azizul Huq as treasurer.

Barapukuria Coal Mine Development Project
(Petrobangla)
Petrocentre
3, Kawran Bazar C/A
Dhaka

Urgent Tender Notice

	Tender No	Description	Price of Tender Document
1.	BCMP/Purchase/3/94	Radio Communication system	Tk.1000/= (not refundable)
2.	Suppliers credibility	Reputed International company or company's local agent/sole distributor	
3.	Earnest money	$2\frac{1}{2}$% of the quoted value should be submitted along with the offer in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft issued by any scheduled bank.	
4.	Availability of tender schedule from 13.6.94 to 15-06-94 during office hours	Barapukuria Coal Mine Development Project, Petrobangla, "Petrocentre", 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Phone-818136.	
5.	Tender receiving and opening place	As above.	
6.	Tender receiving date & time	16-6-94, at 12.00 Noon.	
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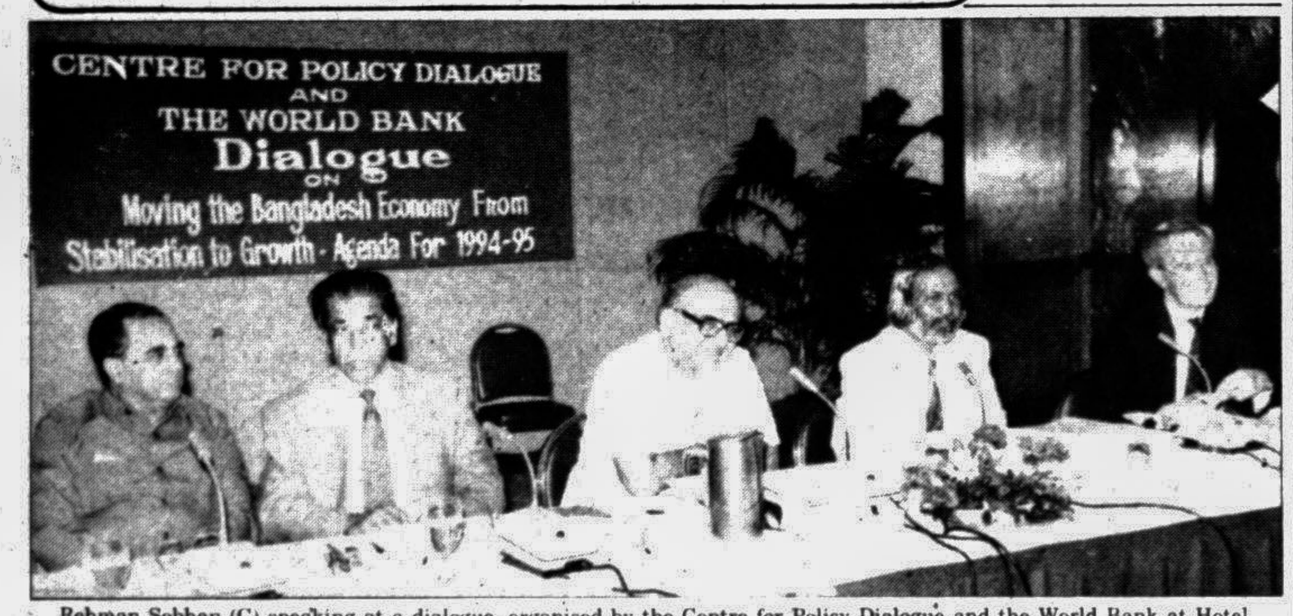

Rehman Sobhan (C) speaking at a dialogue, organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue and the World Bank at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. Also seen from left are Jamaluddin Ahmed, Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, State Minister for Planning Dr. Abdul Moin Khan and Christopher R Willoughby of the World Bank. (**Story on Page 1**). — Star photo

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION) MATTER NO. 29 OF 1994

In the matter of: Gulf Bangladesh Electronics Ltd.....Petitioner

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In the matter of: Application u/s. 12 of the Companies Act, 1913

Notice is hereby given for information of all concerned that an application u/s. 12 of the Companies Act, 1913, was filed for alternation of the Memorandum of Association of the Company by adding a Clause there to. The said application was admitted on 19th May, 1994 by Mr. Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury of the High Court Division and fixed for hearing on 20th June, 1994.

Any person interested in the matter and/or desirous of opposing the application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either personally or through duly authorized advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed cost.

(Z.I. KHAN PANNA), ADVOCATE
Bangladesh Supreme Court, House No-14-B,
Lake circus (2nd Floor), Kalabagan, Dhaka

Student team meets Biswas

A ten-member delegation of the Sir Salimullah Medical College Student Union called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday and sought his help for development of SSMC and providing more facilities, reports UNB.

Principal of the college A K M Shamsuddin Siddique led the delegation.

The delegation included Kazi Mostafa Kamal, Hasan Zafar Refat, Arif Sanowar, Obaidullah Hafiz Pial, Latifa Nishat, Safiullah Munsi, Monzur Shawkat Kachi, Yusuf Jamil and Anis Ahmed.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Occasional moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours till 6:00 pm Sunday, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls are likely at places, the Met Office forecast said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 34 degree Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest 22.4 degrees at Satkhira yesterday.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6:47 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:10 am.

Meanwhile, most parts of the country experienced rain with varied intensity yesterday with the highest 48 mm at Ishurdi.

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	31	26.6	75	83
Chittagong	31	25.7	80	93
Rajshahi	30	25	95	92
Khulna	30.6	24.6	100	97
Barisal	27	24.5	100	100
Cox's Bazar	29.4	25.5	89	95
Sylhet	32	25.5	83	98
Dinajpur	30.8	25.5	88	82

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7:15	Tagore Songs
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