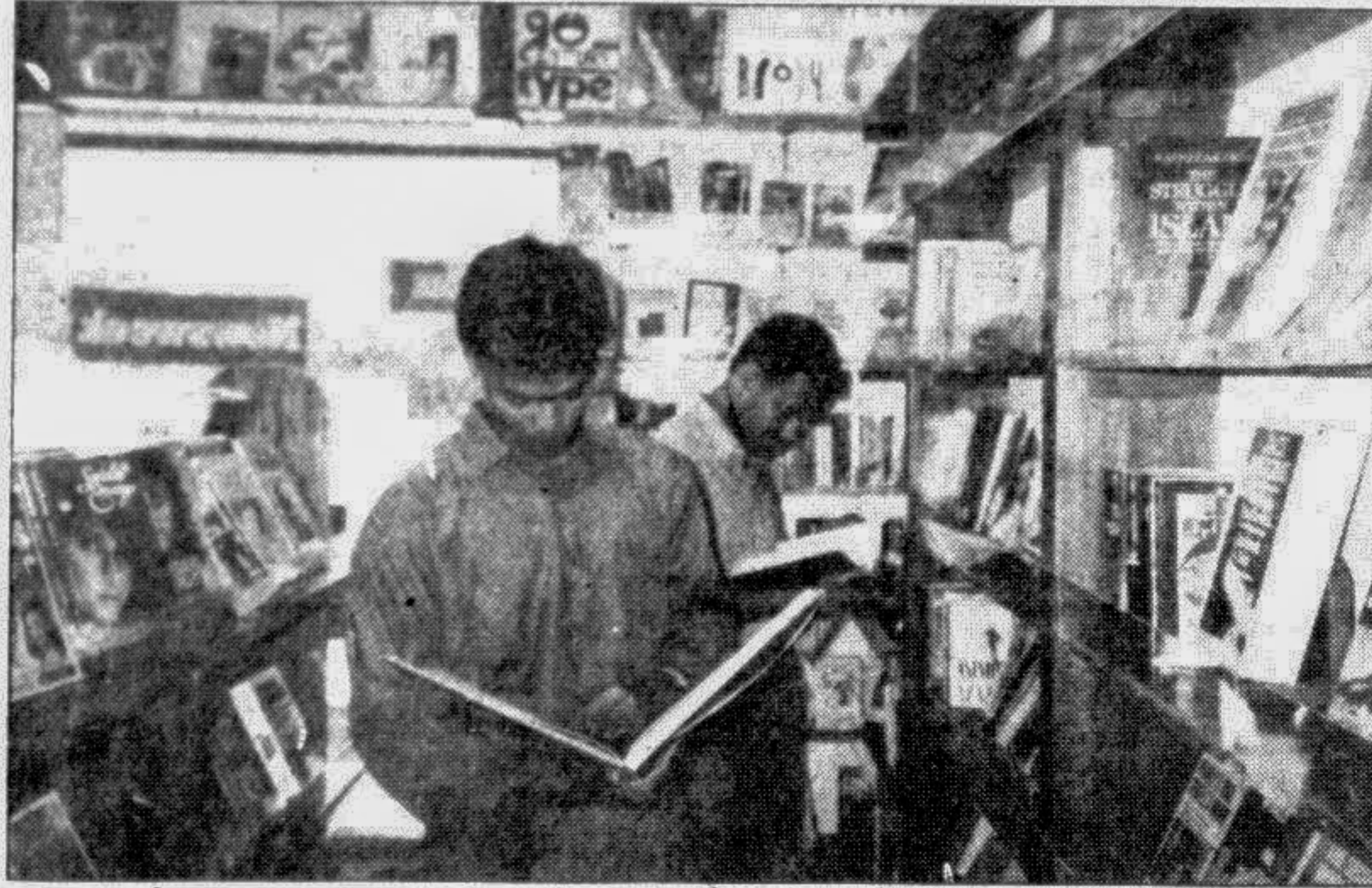


Dhaka Day by Day

A Bookstore to Browse In

by Aasha Mehreen Amin



A place where you can browse freely.

Visiting a bookstore for 'readaholics' at least every other day, is more than just a habit. It has almost a religious significance. Inability to go to their favourite bookstore may have severe psychological effects on these people ranging from irritability to acute depression. Browsing around, turning the pages or just touching the glossy cover of that sacred object, are things that book lovers are prone to do. Yet most complain that there are hardly any bookstores in Dhaka where this is possible, most of them being cramped places with unorganized stacks of books, the best ones behind the shopkeeper and so out of reach. For these bookworms, there is a close solution — a book-store named 'Bookworm' lives upto its motto of being one with a difference.

Located in the Twin Peaks Complex in old Airport Road, The Bookworm is not very big but has enough room for browsers to look around and take their time to choose a book. "You can't do this in other bookstores", says Zarah Qudus, manager and part creator of the store, "the books are behind the shopkeeper so you have to ask him for a particular book. That's why we wanted to create a place where you can touch the books and browse around freely."

The books are all stacked up neatly in shelves and organized according to various categories: particular authors, fiction or non-fiction, biographies and books on particular subjects such as business management. Authors include best selling Indian writers such as Vikram Seth, R K Narayan, Naguib, Kushwant Singh, Shobha De and Bharati Mukherjee. The store also has a large collection of non-fiction, books on politics, travel and plenty of biographies including Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Margaret Thatcher, Stalin and even Diana. A section which Zarah categorizes as War, Spies and Politics includes books on Bangladesh such as Mascarenhas's, The Rape of Bangladesh and Borhanuddin Ahmed's "Generals of Bangladesh and Pakistan," both hot sellers at the store. Bengali best sellers include books by Humayun Ahmed, Emdadul Haque Milon and Asha Purna Devi. The store even has its own best sellers list on display listing the books and their authors according to the highest number of sales.

Classics too, have not been left out. There are plenty of Somerset Maughams, D H Lawrence, Jane Austins, Rabindranath Tagore and Sharat Chandras. Then there are the glossy coffee table books on art, embroidery, fabrics and dyes, gardening, cooking and even one on how to design an office. For those who like to be preoccupied with more complicated subjects, there are

titles like 'Im OK You're OK' and The Transactional Analysis Break through that's Changing the Consciousness and Behaviour of People who never Before Felt OK about Themselves!

The store has a small 'kiddle' corner with children's books, educational guides and work books and little stools for the kids to sit and read. A wide range of comic books is featured with classes such as MAD, Asterix and Tin Tin. There is also the usual stock of popular news, fashion and sports magazines.

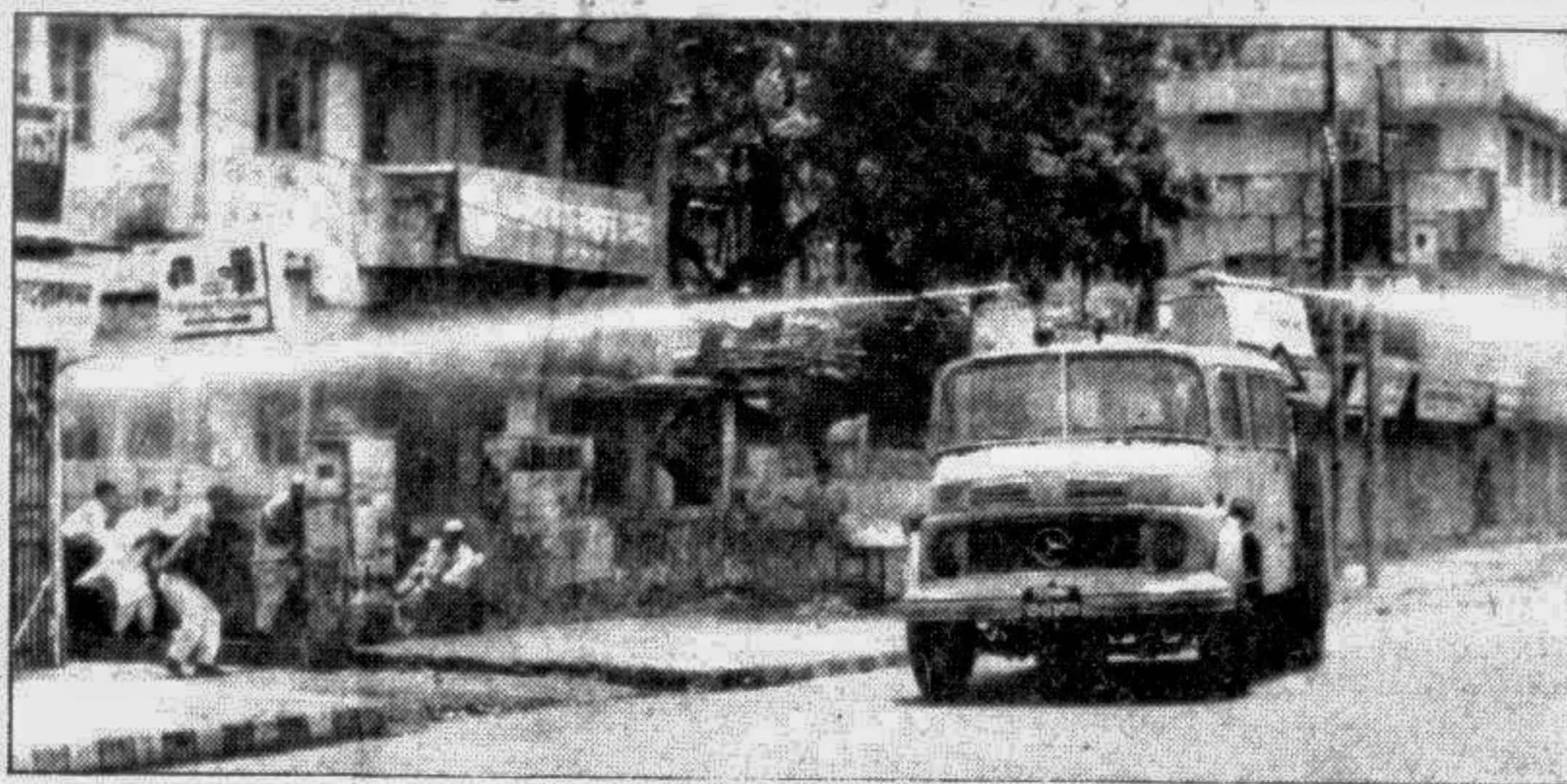
The Bookworm is different from any other bookstore in town because it offers, apart from a good collection of books, a variety of gift items. Mugs with little stationery items, telephone books, fancy writing paper, utility globes, indoor games, plane or car model-kits, stickers, Ninja masks clip-on reading lamps and a big inflatable Coke hammer are all part of this interesting collection. For more fun, are the framed plaques ranging from Tk 35 to Tk 75 with things like Rules for a Happy Relationship or a New Company Policy that says "We are now making a little effort to be pleasant. As soon as business picks up, THIS WILL STOP!"

Another item this store offers is an assortment of cards from birthday ones to 'I am sorry' cards, something that has attracted many a card freak. A little out of the ordinary, is the selection of paintings some of them reprints by famous artists such as Zainul Abedin, Manirul Islam and Alokesh Ghosh, some of them offered at very reasonable prices. "The paintings", says Zarah, "have a dual purpose, they act as display prices plus we can sell them." To avoid pilferage, a short-circuit TV monitors customers.

The bookstore, which is a dream-come-true for Taher Qudus, its owner, is run by his daughter in-law Zahrah whose own interest in reading has made this more than just a job. "It's like my own baby, I make the decisions, the changes plus it's not like a normal office job". With the help of her husband Farhan she is always looking for new ways to make the store more attractive.

So far, their efforts have not gone waste. Everyday from 20 to 30 people walk into the bookstore, some buy books, some browse around while others just come for the cards and gift items. There are still others who just peek in to see what's inside and to ask for unlikely items such as candles or polythene bags!

The Bookworm with its cozy, relaxed atmosphere is a pleasant place where one has the luxury of just being close to so many books without the obligation to buy any. For the book lover it is no doubt, a miniature haven.



Police using a mobile water cannon to spray hot, coloured water on some fundamentalist activists near Purana Paltan during yesterday's day-long hartal in the city. — Star photo

Record production of urea in '93-'94

Bangladesh has achieved record production, domestic sale and export of urea fertilizer in 1993-94 fiscal year, reports UNB.

Country's six fertiliser factories under Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) produced 21.85 lakh tons of urea in 1993-94 fiscal year against the production of 20.8 lakh tons in the previous financial year.

Five lakh metric tons of urea worth Tk 200 crore were exported in 1993-94 fiscal year as against 3,86,000 lakh tons of urea worth Tk 177 crore exported in the previous fiscal year showing an increase in the export earning to the order of Tk 23 crore.

Some 15.96 lakh tons of urea were sold in the domestic market in 1993-94 fiscal as against 14.89 lakh tons in 1992-93 fiscal year.

This was announced at a review meeting in BCIC Bhaban with Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan in the chair yesterday. The review meeting related to the performance of different enterprises under BCIC.

Industries Secretary A H M Abdul Hye, BCIC Chairman Waseq Al Azad, directors of the corporation and other high officials were present at the meeting.

Three killed in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least three persons were killed in separate incidents in the city yesterday. A pedestrian was killed when a speeding auto-rickshaw ran over him at Jatrabari yesterday afternoon.

The victim identified as Mohammed Kamal Uddin, 16, was seriously injured and rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died after admission.

Police recovered a body of an unidentified person from Suhrawardy Uddyan yesterday morning.

In another incident, a maid servant was killed when she fell from the roof of a six-storied building at about 6:30 pm yesterday.

The victim Zarina, 20, was seriously injured and sent to the DMCH where the doctors on duty declared her dead.

the lone TSP/SSP factory, produced 1.76 lakh metric tons of TSP/SSP representing all-time high production from the inception of the factory. The annual production capacity of the factory is, however, 1.52 lakh metric tons.

Karnaphuli Paper Mills at Chandroghona, the oldest and biggest paper mill of the country, produced 30,277 metric tons of paper during 1993-94 as against annual production capacity of 30,000 metric tons.

The six BCIC enterprises are: Jamuna Fertiliser Factory, Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Factory, Zia Fertiliser Factory, Ghorasal Urea Fertiliser Factory, Polas Urea Fertiliser Factory and Natural Gas Fertiliser Factory.

BCIC paid Tk 382.48 crore to the government in the form of debt liabilities, customs duties, sales tax, VAT, income tax, etc in the just concluded fiscal year. In addition, BCIC paid Tk 10 crore to the National Treasury as part of profit earned.



- Morning Session**
- 8:00 Opening announcement
 - Al-Quran
 - Programme summary
 - 8:10 News in Bangla
 - 8:15 Alor Dishari
 - 8:40 Our Friends the Dolphins
 - Shiksha Diksha
 - 9:05 Comedy series: Major Dad
 - 10:00 News in English
 - 10:15 Moner Mukurey
 - 11:25 Film show: Tarzan
 - 11:45 Programme of Health: Prescription
- Evening Session**
- 3:00 Opening announcement
 - 3:15 Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
 - 3:40 Movie of the Week
 - 5:10 News in Bangla
 - 5:20 Sports programme
 - 6:15 Open University
 - 7:05 Malancha: Musical programme
 - 8:00 News in Bangla
 - 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
 - 9:05 Magazine: Upahar
 - 10:00 News in English
 - 10:30 Film Show: LA Law
 - 11:30 Khabar/The News
 - 11:45 Closing

Jobs under int'l organisations

Some International Organisations have invited applications for filling up certain vacancies at their disposal, says an official handout.

Name of the organisations along with the post titles and last date for receipt of the application by the head offices of the organisations are: World Intellectual Property Organisation: Director (D-1) — August 12; International Trade Centre: Director, Division of Trade Services (D-1) — 15 July; The Colombo Plan: Director — 14 July; ICDDRDB in Dhaka: Health Scientist: (P-3) — 14 July; International Criminal Tribunal: Seminar Investigator/Junior Investigator.

Details of the posts and procedure of applications will be available with the Ministry of Establishment, other Ministry/Divisions, Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, District Labour and Manpower offices.

Hanif returns

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif yesterday returned home after attending a seven-day international conference on sustainable city development programme at Manchester, UK, reports BSS.

He led a 12-member delegation in the conference. High officials of the corporation received the mayor at the Zia International Airport, said a DCC press release.

According to another press release of DCC, Mayor Mohammad Hanif condoled the death of former commissioner and City Awami League leader Lutfar Rahman.

OPENING OF OFA SECRETARIAT

Old Faujians Association, CGB & Dhaka Chapter, invites all OFA members at a Milad on 1st July 1994, at 5.00 pm, at Suite # 15-16, Floor # 8, Eastern Plaza, Hatirpool, Dhaka, for the Opening Ceremony of Permanent OFA Secretariat. For Details Contact : 869222 (Ofns. Najmul & Musleh)

WORLD BANK VACANCY

Position: Program Officer (Education)

Operational Activities: The education sector operations in Bangladesh comprise two on-going projects - i.e.: the General Education Project and the Female Secondary School Assistance Project; two projects which are under active preparation - The Non-Formal Education Project and the General Education Project-II; and, plans for possible projects, during the next five-year period, in fields such as post-primary and vocational education. The Education Unit also provides support for economic and sector work relating to education. It is particularly the focal point for issues related to gender planning in the on-going and planned education projects.

Tasks: The Program Officer would work primarily on selected education projects, with emphasis on post-primary and female education. More specifically, the Program Officer would: (i) participate with headquarters staff in the preparation, appraisal and supervision of a specific portfolio of Bank-assisted projects; (ii) support selected economic and sector work, review related sector analyses by donors/consultants, and supervise on-going sector work by consultants; (iii) keep abreast of developments in government education policies and programs, review annual budgets (revenue and development) and public expenditures in the sector, prepare analytical reports to clarify issues and help formulate strategies for Bank assistance; and (iv) help facilitate communications between Bank staff, Government officials, NGOs and donors, and support national capacity building in project work and in identifying local consultancy talent.

Qualifications: Minimum Masters Degree in Education and/or Social Sciences/Economics. Candidates must have 8 to 10 years operational experience in human resource development activities. Experience in working with a donor agency and/or working on gender issues will be preferred. Candidates' experience of economic and financial work in the sector would also be advantageous. Proficiency in spoken and written English and Bangla is essential. Evidence of good analytical and report-writing skills should be provided. Women are encouraged to apply.

The person chosen would be recruited on a two-year contract, which would be extended provided performance is satisfactory and the work program justifies it. The World Bank pays salaries which are competitive and commensurate with the UN salary structure and provides medical benefits for staff and dependents as well as termination benefits.

Applications with complete curriculum vitae and contact telephone number should be addressed to:

World Bank Resident Mission
[Ref. Program Officer (Education)]
3A, Paribagh
GPO Box 97, Dhaka

Applications will be treated in strict confidence and should include the names of three work-related references. Letters acknowledging receipt will be sent to all candidates.

Deadline: Applications should be submitted by July 21.

Khaleda greets Canadian PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien on the occasion of his 127th anniversary of the Canadian confederation, reports BSS.

In a message, Begum Zia expressed her sincere belief that the existing relationship and cooperation between the two countries would continue to flourish from strength to strength in the years ahead.

New Dutch envoy named

By Staff Correspondent

Robert A Vornis has been named by the government of the Netherlands as the new Dutch envoy to Bangladesh.

He would replace Henricus Gajentaan who would leave tomorrow.

A career diplomat, Robert Vornis was serving as the Dutch Ambassador to Mozambique.

RCC Karmachari Union installation ceremony held

RAJSHAHI, June 30: The installation ceremony of Rajshahi City Corporation Karmachari Union and a reception function of Bangladesh City and Poura Karmachari Federation leaders were held at city corporation premises here Wednesday, reports BSS.

City Mayor Mizanur Rahman spoke on the occasions as chief guest.

What's on today

Kendriya Khelaghar Asar: Second part of lecture series on battlefield of 71. Main speaker: Air Vice Marshal (Retd) A K Khandaker. Khelaghar central committee chairman Professor Ali Asgar will preside. Venue: Khelaghar, 278/3 Elephant Road, Kataban. Time: 5 pm.

Surobani: A musical evening "Tomart Madhur Rupe" will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 7 pm.

Old Faujians Assoc: The inaugural ceremony of permanent OFA secretariat will be held. Venue: Eastern Plaza, Suite 15 & 16, 8th Floor, Hatirpool. Time: 5 pm.

BARACA: The sixth founding anniversary and International Day Against Drug Abuse will be observed. Venue: BARACA, 3/20 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Mid Town: Inter-city meeting will be held. District Governor Rtn Mosharraf Hossain will attend the meeting. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 4 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely at many places over Rajshahi division and a few places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said moderately heavy falls are also likely at Rajshahi division during the period.

Day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 33 degree Celsius was at Rangamati and Satkhira and the lowest 23.6 degree at Hatiya yesterday.

The sun sets today (Friday) at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6:15 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.0	25.0	85	79
Chittagong	31.2	26.0	92	76
Rajshahi	31.2	25.4	85	95
Khulna	32.2	25.5	89	82
Barisal	31.2	24.0	95	84
Sylhet	28.2	24.5	87	88
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.8	80	75
Dinajpur	31.0	24.5	94	86



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Saudia the IATA carrier of the Middle East, is seeking to recruit qualified Accountants for its local Finance Office.

Applicants must have good post graduate Accounting/ Finance qualification. They should be within 30 to 35 years of age. Knowledge of computerised accounting system will be a definite advantage. Candidates with airline experience will be given preference.

Selected candidates will be offered attractive salary and other benefits including free tickets.

Interested candidates may send their up-to-date resume with recent photograph and telephone number to the following address latest by 15 July, 1994.

Country Manager - Bangladesh
Saudi Arabian Airlines
Sonargaon Hotel
Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Dhaka - 1000.

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RHONE-POULENC BANGLADESH LTD. TONGI, GAZIPUR COMPLETE CHEMICAL PLANT FOR SALE

Sealed tenders are invited from intending buyers for purchase of a complete plant for manufacture of benzoyl metronidazole. Form of tender containing plant schedule and terms and conditions is available from the office of Accounts Manager at 29 Topkhana road, Dhaka - 1000, on cash payment of Tk 500/- (not refundable) on any working day - Sunday to Thursday - from 0930 hours to 1600 hours from 5th July 1994 to 18th July 1994.

Tenders to be submitted by 1500 hours on or before 21st July 1994 in a manner as set out in the tender document.



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