

Dhaka Day by Day

When Money is Rejected

By Raffat Binte Rashid

Chera Note. Chera Note, you hear a man calling in the alleys of Gausia Market. Now what can this be? A term of endearment in Italian or some desserts with whipped cream and cherries?

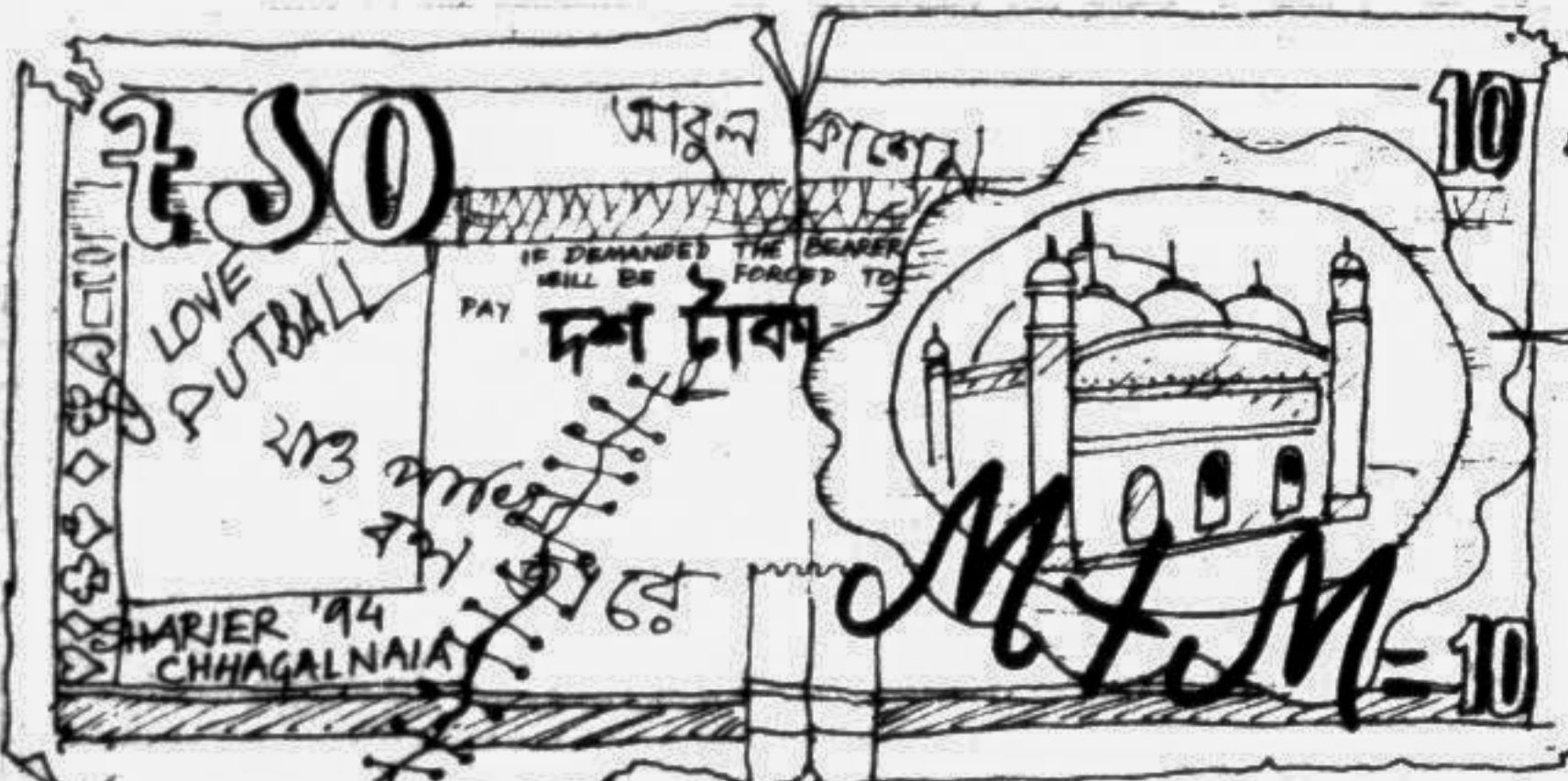
Believe it or not, it is precisely the thing with which you buy desserts or cherries. Yes it's money, and Chera Note is the torn and battered ones to be exact.

This man in the market is offering you the fresh clean, new notes for your rejected ones in exchange for a small charge. This is a big favour. Believe me I am sick and tired of counting soiled notes; sometimes I count two notes for one," grumbles a shopkeeper. These days a

Bangladesh Bank you will find men sitting behind tables or beside spread cloths, strewn with different kinds of notes; Tk 1 to Tk. 500 (how convenient for the muggers).

The exchange depends on the size of the tear, suppose for an extremely dirty note with a big tear, the charge is higher than the ones with a smaller tear," says a customer who frequently visits these exchange shops.

Well actually this customer is no one other than the man in Gausia who collects tattered notes from various shopkeepers in that particular area. "I come here twice a week and gather these unusable notes in exchange for the fresh ones. Then either I go to the men near



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white and clear note is a rarity and like all exclusive things it is no doubt, a priced possession.

Fresh notes with their striking smell have an irresistible appeal. Bring a fresh bundle of notes — no matter of what denomination — you feel an inbuilt resistance from within to part with them. Your wife or child will insist on possessing a few of them or slotting them into their clay banks.

You particularly abhor the notes blackened with dirt. Specially the ones which convey messages, rather equations, to anyone special like X+U=L or dial 420420. There are even addresses and promises written all over the note which say that some interested person could write and if need be will be made life partners. Now this is a rare note, you get money as well as a prospective partner.

But like all exclusive items, a clean note is available at a certain price.

In the Gulistan crossing or opposite the

Gulistan to change again or go straight to the Bangladesh Bank. In the Bank they issue bundles of notes every morning," he explains his unusual business.

"Well, this is a very good facility considering the large number of rejected notes in circulation now. I think paying Tk 105 for a fresh bundle of Tk 1 i.e. Tk 100 to be exact, is very convenient," says a customer who sometimes buys such a bundle of Tk 1 for Tk 5 only. Touching dirty notes not only makes your hand dirty but also makes you a little squeamish.

After working hard for a whole month, on pay day when you receive a pack of soiled notes, the immediate reaction is to run and change them at once. All your anger is directed at the poor accountant.

But even at times accountants or bank cashiers are helpless, because not many fresh notes are available in the market. So you just have to turn to the chera note exchanger.



Members of the Surobani presenting songs at a function held at the Russian Cultural Centre in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Rotary tree plantation campaign

Nearly half a million saplings will be planted by the Rotary Clubs throughout the country in a nationwide tree plantation programme in next one year. Rotary District Governor Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday, reports UNB.

The programme for the 1994-95 rotary year began with distribution of about 6,000 saplings in Joydevpur area yesterday morning.

The saplings were arranged by Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka which sponsored the inauguration of the tree plantation campaign.

Saplings were planted by Mosharraf and other rotary leaders at Bahadurpur river village near Joydevpur town.

The function was also attended by president of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka Ashfaq Ahmed Khan and rotary leaders Kazi Kamaluddin Ekram, A K M Shamsuddin and Fazle Rabbi.

Attack on press won't be tolerated: Huda

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday warned that the government would not tolerate any attack on democratic institutions like newspaper, reports BSS.

The Information Minister, in a statement issued here, strongly condemned and expressed resentment at the recent attacks on newspaper offices and journalists by evil forces. The government was determined to ensure freedom of the press and right to free expression, he said.

Huda pointed out that we had achieved democracy after a long struggle and much sacrifice. He said all fundamental rights of the people including freedom of expression had been established which has been reflected in the free press.

The Information Minister said the government had always been paying due respect to the responsible role of the newspapers for consolidation of independence and sovereignty and strengthening of democratic political system. But certain reactionary forces who are against development and social progress by attacking newspapers have exposed their dirty faces before the people, he said.

He said conscious citizens and journalists should forge a strong unity and resistance

Chehlum of Nasiruddin held

The chehlum of centenarian litterateur and Saogat editor Mohammad Nasiruddin was held yesterday after Zohr prayers at his Sarat Gupta road residence in the city, reports BSS.

Quran khwani and milad mahfil were arranged on the occasion. Besides, special prayer was offered for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

3 envoys visit USTC

High Commissioner of Malaysia Ahmed Fuzi bin Haji Abdul Razak, Ambassadors of Indonesia and Nepal Hadi Ahmed Wayarabi al-Hadar and Lok Bahadur Shrestha and WHO Consultant in Bangladesh Prof. Myo Thwe visited the University of Science and Technology, Chittagong (USTC) and university hospital Tuesday, says a press release.

They were accorded a reception at the USTC. Ahmed Fariduddin, the Vice Chancellor of the university presided over the meeting while the founder-president of the university National Prof Dr N Islam delivered an address of welcome and Nur-e-Alam Siddiqi, a founder-member of the IMM and a Member of the Syndicate offered vote of thanks.

Narayanganj.

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

Moderately heavy falls are likely at place over Chittagong, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says occasional moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions and at many places over Khulna, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected during the period over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 24.4 degrees at Dinajpur yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:15 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	32.4	27.3	81	85
Chittagong	32.5	24.8	86	77
Rajshahi	31	25.4	96	90
Khulna	34.6	26	87	88
Barisal	33	24.6	82	72
Sylhet	33.8	26	83	63
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.5	78	80
Dinajpur	32	24.4	85	78

BNP firm to ensure fair polls: Rafiq

BNP standing committee member and Works and Housing Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday said that BNP was committed to ensure fair and impartial elections where every voter would be at liberty to exercise his right of franchise without any fear and favour, reports BSS.

"To achieve this goal a bill has been placed in the Jatiya Sangsad aimed at strengthening the Election Commission and providing all necessary equipment to it," he said.

Rafique was speaking as chief guest at a meeting of the Bangladesh Hosiery Samity held in its auditorium at

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