

The Dhaka that we live in: Footpaths for everything except walking

A Photo Report by AKM Mohsin

Starting this week we introduce this special feature highlighting the problems of urban life in Bangladesh, especially in the capital. In keeping with The Daily Star's motto of serving its readers better, we invite our readers to send in pictures depicting any and every such misuse of public property and facilities. At the same time we do hope the city and other relevant authorities will take necessary note and initiate appropriate action towards redressal of the problems. The first feature in our new series focuses on the hardships faced by the pedestrians in this bustling, burgeoning metropolis. While the traffic jams get getting worse on almost every city road, the sidewalks, too are being grabbed by illegal occupants — the hawkers, beggars, roadside shop-owners, crooks and quacks, et al. Here are some scenes that our Chief Photographer saw during a round of various parts of the city last week:

Day by day it's increasingly beginning to appear that the pedestrians do not quite have a right of way over the city sidewalks. Here are some samples:



A veritable furniture market on the sidewalk along Khilgaon Bazaar.



Construction material on the Bijoy Nagar Road near Puraña Paltan.



A kutcha market or bazaar near the AG Office and Commissioner's Office at Segun Bagicha.



An open-air restaurant for the very poor at Kawran Bazar.



Mango-sellers in the busy Motijheel Commercial Area.



Stacking bricks and making chips right on the road near the Century Arcade on Outer Circular Road Maghbazar.

HC acquits condemned prisoner

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court (HC) has acquitted one Shahjahan nearly two years after a lower court convicted him of murder and sentenced him to death.

A division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and Justice Ruhul Amin on Tuesday set aside the conviction and sentence passed by the additional sessions Judge of Tangail in 1992.

The HC also acquitted five others sentenced to imprisonment for life in the case.

The prosecution story in brief is that one Shahjahan along with the five others allegedly stabbed and killed one Mahfiz.

In the hearing of the appeal, the defence contended that the condemned prisoner did not exceed his right of private defence.

After hearing, the Division Bench passed the order.



Time Extension

বিদ্যুৎ বিল নিয়মিত পরিশোধ করুন

The closing and opening date of International Tender Enquiry No. Pur-377/93 dated 01-06-93 for COLLAPSIBLE CONTAINERS for grid Circle, PDB is hereby extended up to 23-8-94. As such the tender will be received at 11-00 AM on 23-8-94 and will be opened at 11-30 AM on the same day in presence of the intending bidders or their representatives, if any. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

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১৯৯৪-৯৫ অর্থ বৎসরের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত আইসিএমের পার্শ্ব উল্লেখিত, ধান বাছা, কমপ্লেক্সে টিকাদার নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত টিকাদার, সরবরাহকারী ও খুপীদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২৭-৮-৯৪ তারিখ বোকা ১১-৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বায়ে পূর্ত হইবে একে ঐ দিনই বোকা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রসমূহের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল ও শর্তাবলী ২৫-৮-৯৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জর কার্যালয়ের হিসাব শাখা হইতে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

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Ctg Sangbadik Coop Housing body

CHITTAGONG, Aug 19: Mahbul Alam and Nizam Uddin Ahmed were elected chairman and general secretary respectively of the Chitragram Sangbadik Cooperative Housing Society at the annual election of the society held at the local press club today, reports BSS.

Other office-bearers are: vice-chairman M Nasirul Huq and members — Akhtarun Nabi, Shahidul Alam and Nirmal Chandra Das.

Obituary

Mohammad Hussain, retired Director of Statistics in pre-independence days, died in the city on Thursday. He was 78, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife and only son Akhtar Hussain Rumi, now working as country manager with the Rangs. His kulkhwani will be held on Sunday at his residence after Asr prayer.

What's on today . . .

Law Readers: A reception for the first year students of the Department of Law, DU, has been arranged. Chief guest: AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad. Special guest: Wakil-Ahmed, Pro-VC, DU. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 11 am

Rotary Club of Dilkusha: The third organising meeting of the club will be held. Rtn M Jamaluddin will preside. Venue: Hotel Parbani. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Capital: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Speaker: Rtn A M Mezbah Uddin. Rtn M Fasihur Rahman will preside. Venue: La Luna Restaurant, Eastern Plaza, Hatirpool. Time: 5:30 pm.

Muslim League: The city unit of the organisation will hold a discussion and milad on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunabi. Mahbubuzzaman will preside. Venue: Pioneer auditorium, Motijheel. Time: 4 pm.

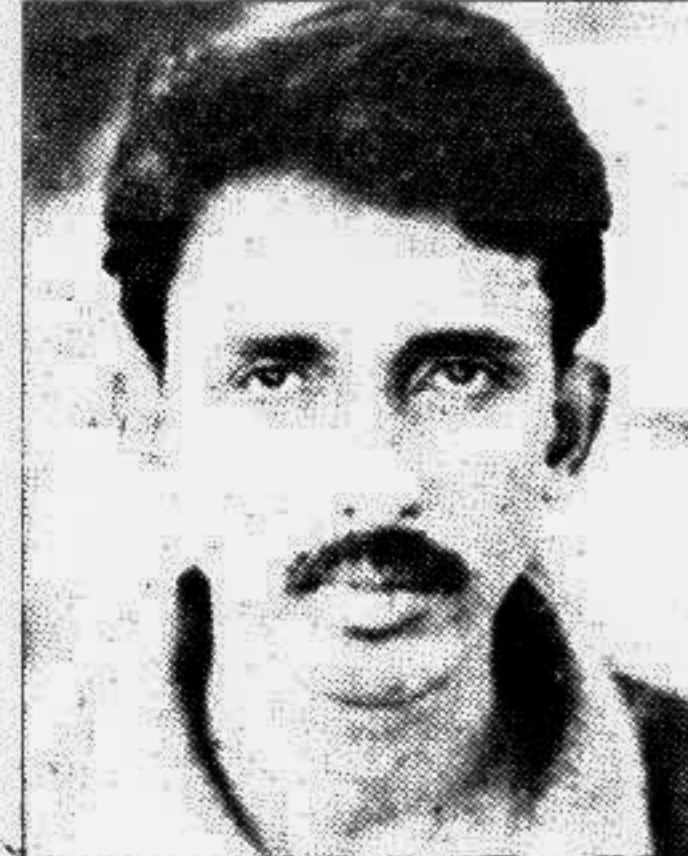
HERE and THERE

Proshika
Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday stressed the need for adopting development plans and implement those as per the requirement of the people of the country, reports BSS.

They said both the government and the non-government organisations were accountable to the people in a developing country like Bangladesh.

The seminar on 'Non-government organisations in Bangladesh: Issues of Legitimacy and Accountability' was organised by the Information division of Proshika, a non-government organisation, at its conference room.

With Executive Director of Proshika Dr Kazi Faruque Ahmed in the chair, the seminar was participated by Shahnewaz, Parveen Mushtari, Abdur Rob



Sun photographer selected for ACCU prize

Abu Taher Khokon, senior staff photographer of The Morning Sun, has been selected for the Saipen prize of Asia Pacific Cultural Centre (APCC) for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), says a press release.

The photo contest was held in Tokyo, Japan from June 28 to 30 where 7,138 entries were submitted from 22 member states of UNESCO in the region.



Saturday 20th August
(All programmes in local time)



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6:00am Gillette World Sports Special 6:30 NBA-Inside Stuff 7:00 The Asian Football Show 8:00 World Tables 9:00 Men's World League Volleyball Final from Italy 11:00 US PGA Tour The International Day 2 1:00 World Tables 2:00 The 1994 Goodwill Game from St. Petersburg Russia. 11/2 Day 4 Athletics, Boxing, Beach Volleyball, Judo, 4:00 Trans World Sport 5:00 European Soccer Show 6:00pm World Wrestling Federation Wrestling Mania 7:30 Live! The English Open Day 3 9:30 Omega M/Rac Sailing, Swedish Cu 10:00 Hungarian F1 Grand Prix Highlights 11:00 Trans World Sport 12:00am European Soccer Show 1:00 World Wrestling Federation Wrestling Mania 2:00 Omega M/Rac Sailing, Swedish Cup 2:30 International Motorsport News 3:30 The English Open



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New ERF body

Moazzem Hossain, Editor of The Financial Express, and Shamsul Huq Zahid, chief reporter of the Bangladesh Times, have been elected president and secretary general of the Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF) for 1994-96, reports UNB.

A 9 member executive committee of the ERF, an organisation of financial writers, was unanimously elected at its first general meeting at the Jatiya Press Club on Thursday.

The other members are: vice-president — Ataur Rahman (BSS) — assistant secretary general — Shahiduzzaman (Janata), finance secretary — Inam Ahmed (Daily Star), members — Syed Kamaluddin (Far Eastern Economic Review), Azmal Hossain Khadem (Banglar Bani), Zakaria Kaji (Inqilab) and Shakeel Anwar (UNB).