

Dhaka Day by Day

Uncalled for Assistance Abounds

by Lamis Hossain

Two worthy attributes distinguish the Dhakaite from his fellow humans: his leadership skills and his ability to proffer advice. Try as he might, the city man cannot curb his urge to help others.

Unlike the apathetic inhabitants of most big cities, the Dhaka dweller never shrinks from his responsibilities. His services are on offer wherever you may be: on the street, in a shop, at a society meeting, you name it. The fact that his leadership may be uncalled for and the advice unsolicited, never gets in the way of rendering assistance.

His talents thrive on adversity. Take your everyday Dhaka traffic jam for example. As usual, the traffic police dart about rather ineffectually while cars honk and rickshaws squeeze in everywhere. Enter our metropolitan hero. He leaps out from a vehicle, his sleeves rolled, poised for action. The savior purposefully directs the traffic while our boys in blue watch helplessly. In no time, the situation is resolved. In Los Angeles such citizen initiative is only seen after a major earthquake, but our Dhakaite needs no such excuse.

The city man's exploits are not confined to the traffic. He rescues dames in distress as well. Isn't it sweet of him to holler at the top of his lungs, "Aha, be careful - your urna is so long it'll get caught in the rickshaw spokes!" How did this stranger guess that you love being singled out in a crowd as a rather absent minded and foolish young woman? What a refreshing change from London where underground commuters sit poker-faced feigning ignorance of each other's existence. The phlegmatic Londoner wouldn't even notice if your scarf was stuck between the tube doors and your face turning blue.

The Dhakaite is a fair man. It wouldn't be just if only a few urbanites were to benefit from his leadership and wisdom. Even in medical matters, the Dhakaite has a tendency to bombard you with advice. So what if the doctors are on strike? Mention any physical ailment and suddenly everyone has a cure. For a headache, take an aspirin, ground some leaves, go to bed - the list is endless.

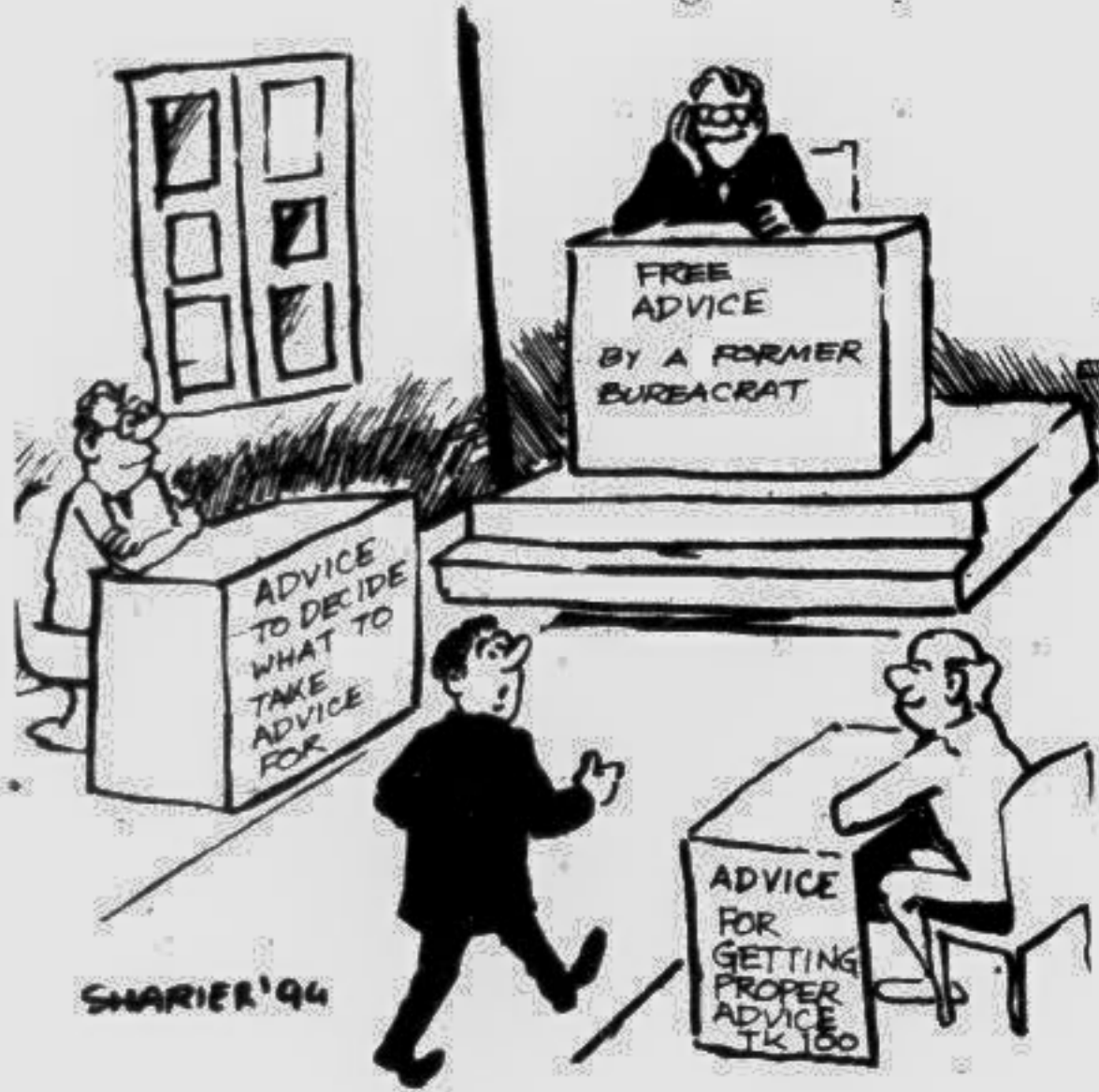
The Dhakaite is also capable of handling a large group by himself. Why not help a whole

group of people at one go? The best place to do so would be at some kind of social function or seminar. But if he is not a speaker at the congregation, how will he share his gifts with the others? Not to worry - there may always be a question and answer session at the end. Our multi-talented denizen jumps up at the words, "Are there any questions from the audience?" Instead of partaking of the knowledge of others, the Dhakaite proceeds to demonstrate how *au courant* he is of the topic at hand. He embarks on a soliloquy of his own for a good twenty minutes at the very least.

The model citizen is also never absent from society meetings or local club get togethers. Such gatherings are auspicious for him, especially when elections are on for executive posts. So rampant are leadership skills in this wonderful metropolis, that in a society of 20 members, 19 will run for the chairmanship. And the one that doesn't run will win.

We should be grateful to live in a city filled with great leaders and counsellors, but what to do when our fellow residents get a little overzealous in their desire to help others? You could choose to follow the path taken by one teenager shopping in Bangobazaar. The adolescent was looking around for a winter jacket of suitable length to take overseas. He was in the middle of a discussion with the shopkeeper. When a total stranger barged into the conversation without any encouragement. The lungi clad stranger volunteered his unsolicited opinion, "No, no - I think the length is too short. Winter jackets shouldn't be too short. No, no." The teenager, being a rather hot-tempered young man, swung around to face the helpful Dhakaite and spat out, "When was the last time you wore one of these!" He was rather rude perhaps, but it did the trick. Direct confrontation is the best policy if you wish to rid yourself of unnecessary assistance.

You may think it is all very male chauvinistic to say that the leaders and counsellors of this city are mostly male. But rest assured. Females are beginning to show similar tendencies as well. It won't be long before they too master the art of leadership where it is uncalled for, and the ability to proffer unsolicited advice. Remember, you were warned here first.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaking at a discussion on Islamic values and Bangabandhu' organised by the Awami Sechchasebak League at the party office in the city on Sunday.

'Nearly half of urban population are poor'

Dhaka city Mayor Mohammad Hanif has said that more than 44 per cent of the nearly 23 million urban population in Bangladesh are poor, reports BSS.

He said approximately 10 million urban poor live in slums or squatter settlements. The city mayor was speaking at the International Collo-

quium of Mayors on social development held at the UN headquarters in New York on Friday, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

Mayor Hanif said Bangladesh is at present going through a rapid urban transformation. The urban population of seven lakh or 2.4 per cent of the total population in 1901 will grow to 39.1 million or 25 per cent of the population by the turn of the century, he said.

Hanif said the urban population growth is mainly occurring in the four metropolitan cities - Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi - and accounts for 45 per cent of the entire urban population. Dhaka city with present population of 7.5 million has undergone a growth of 45 per cent from 1981-1991, he said.

He said the growth of urban areas has consistently been faster than development of infrastructural services. As a result, large sections of the urban population have no access to municipal services like health and nutrition, literacy and education, water supply and sanitation, urban drainage and solid waste management and transport and communication.



Tuesday

4:30 Opening announcement
4:45 Esho Para Sankhi: Mass Education
5:10 News in Bangla
5:25 Comedy series: Coach
6:00 National TV debate competition
7:00 Open University
7:25 Musical programme: Sangeeta
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Fortnight drama serial: Itkhata
10:00 News in English
10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:45 Closing

What's on today...

Graphic Exhibition: A four-day long solo exhibition of graphic prints by Prof Shiroki Toshiyuki begins today. Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the show. Guest of Honour: Japanese Ambassador Shigeo Takenaka. Venue: Shipakala Academy. Time: 5:00 pm. The exhibition will remain open everyday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Centre for Development Research: A discussion on "Post-Cold War US Policy in South Asia" will be held. Main speaker: Dr Enayetur Rahim. CDRB chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly will preside. Venue: CDRB auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

BIBM: Dr Allen Parkman, Regent Professor, Anderson School of Management, University of New Mexico, USA, will deliver a talk on "Banking Practices and Economic Development". Director General of BIBM Dr A H M Nurul Islam Chowdhury will preside. Venue: BIBM seminar hall. Time: 11:00 am.

American Bangladesh Economic Forum: The August luncheon meeting of the forum will be held. Guest of Honour: US Ambassador David N Merrill. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 1:00 pm.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: The film *Basundhara* (Mother Earth) will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00 pm.

Unmesh Film Society: The film 'Baagh Bahadur' by Buddhadev Dasgupta will be screened. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00 pm.

Centre of Improved Technology: On on-site and dal processing will be inaugurated. Chief guest: State Minister for Science and Technology Professor M A Mannan. Venue: IPST seminar room, BCSIR. Time: 9 am.

Rotary Club of Sher-e-Banglanagar: The installation ceremony of the Board of Directors of the Club will be held. Chief guest: Kenneth W Aspinall, Australian High Commissioner. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:00 pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The regular meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 5:30 pm.

Leo Dist Council: A colourful rally has been organised to mark the Leo Day '94. Lion Fakir Ashraf will inaugurate the rally. Venue: National Museum, Shahbag. Time: 10:30 am.

Weather

Light rain likely

Moderately heavy falls at places is likely to occur over Chittagong and Barisal divisions with occasional moderate rain or showers at many places during the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said temporary light to moderate rain or showers may occur at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions during the period. Day temperature likely to fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Country's highest temperature 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest 23.3 degrees at Rajshahi.

Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:25 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:36 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	3 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.0	26.4	85	85
Chittagong	32.4	26.6	78	86
Rajshahi	31.9	23.3	89	86
Khulna	31.7	26.6	95	82

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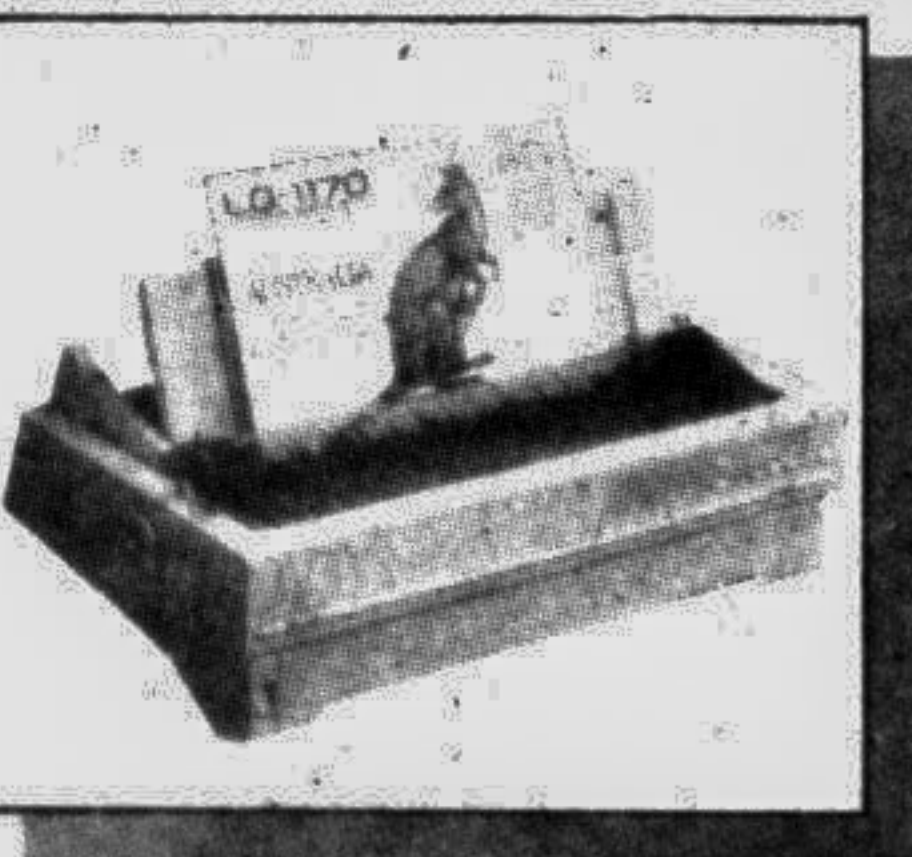
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৩।	উত্তরা আদর্শ শহরের ৪ নং সেক্টরের ৪ নং সড়কের (আংশিক) এবং ৬ নং সড়কের উন্নয়ন কাজ	১২,৪০,০৬০/-	৩৭,২১০/-	৭৫ দিন
৪।	উত্তরা আদর্শ শহরের ৩ নং সেক্টরের সড়ক নং-১৪, ৭-বি, ১০ ও ৭-বি এর সংযোগ সড়ক ও ৬/এ সড়কের উন্নয়ন কাজ	১৪,৭৪,০২২/-	৪৪,২২০/-	৭৫ দিন
৫।	উত্তরা আদর্শ শহরের ১ নং সেক্টরের সড়ক নং-৫ ও ১৪ এর উন্নয়ন কাজ	২,৯৪,৬৭৬/-	৮,৮৪০/-	৩০ দিন
৬।	উত্তরা আদর্শ শহরের সেক্টর নং-৩ এর ১১ নং সড়কের উন্নয়ন কাজ	৪,০৬,০৬৭/-	১৪,৬২২/-	৪৫ দিন।

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