

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day

Unrecognised Entrepreneurs

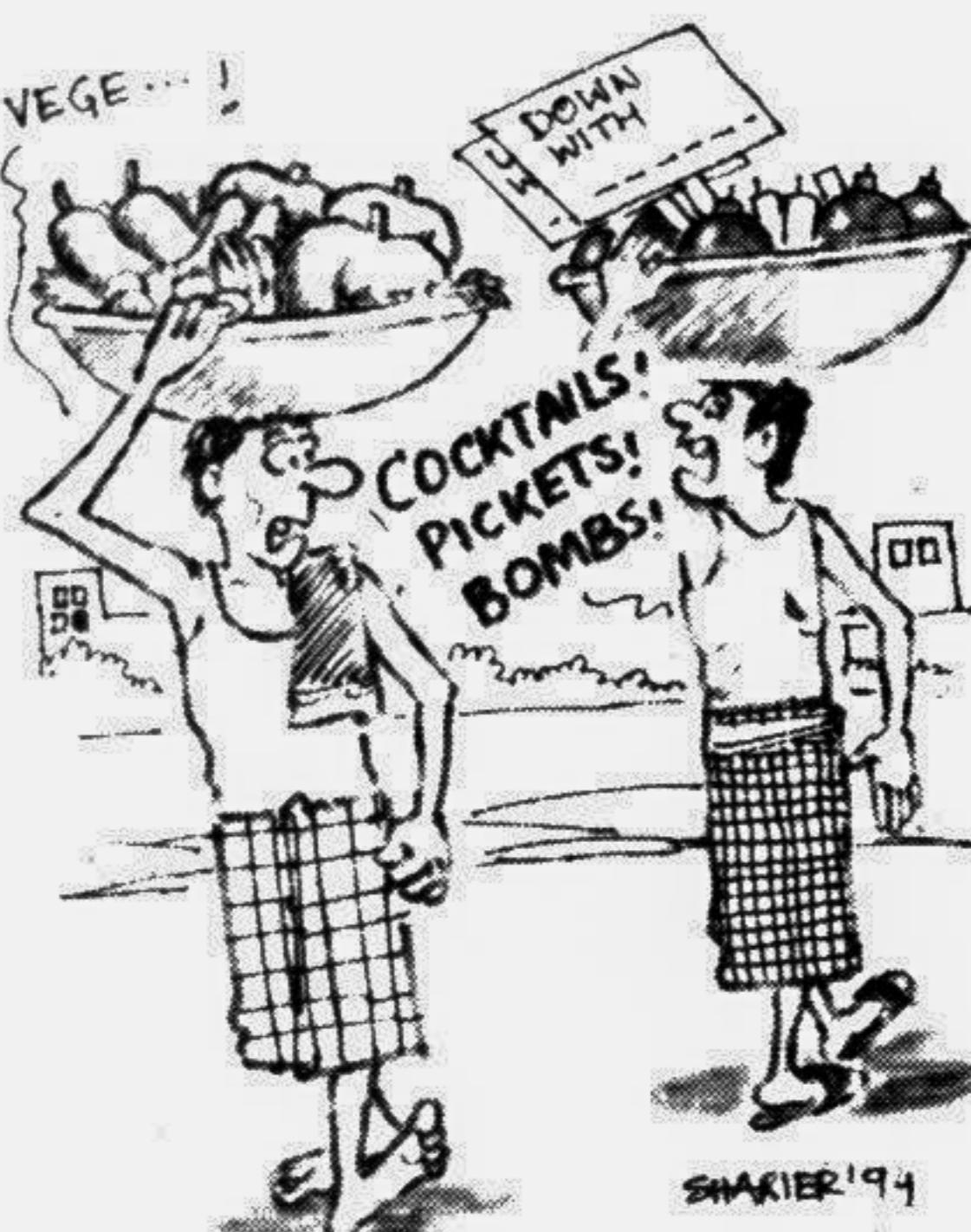
by Neil Ray

First a deep bass voice, then almost immediately a lilting tenor, taking the cue, announce their presence with the most necessary daily culinary items. Indeed, the rhythmic — almost musical — announcement of *tarkari* (sounds like a-ri-ka-ri-), meaning vegetables, now adays fills the morning air of Dhaka city with increasing frequency. Hardly a residential area in this city can now keep these *tarkarivallas* off its limit.

Nor there is any point restricting the movement of this new class of enterprising men. Yes, all of them, without exception, are as yet men. Although women have ventured to the until recently male-dominated and labour intensive earth cutting and filling job, they are yet to hawk about vegetables like their male counterparts. The vegetable vendors were a rarity only four of five years ago. Over the past couple of years their number in the city has increased in leaps and bounds.

Mostly illiterate, these people either fresh from villages or just in their second generation in this metropolis have their regional accents and voices of their own to draw attention of the potential customers readying their breakfast in the kitchen. For in most cases, unlike the vendors, the clients are mostly women. Some of these customers, on certain days, literally keep their ears raised like a rabbit, to catch the most desired of the "rakhben, *tarkari*" calls.

For some of these hawkers really have a heart of gold. They are so religiously meek, pliable and gentle — this is inspite of their extreme poverty — that one almost feels instantly drawn towards them. Certainly there are exceptions to this but their lack of manner and urbanity can be excused, considering the treatment they receive from the refined of our society. But imagine what a help they can be at times. The kitchen runs short of green chillies and or you badly need a few coriander leaves or



Compared with the vegetables in the market theirs ones are surely cheaper. And yet they have to give a service which alone would be quite precious in any of the Western society. But here that service is hardly taken into account. They sell vegetables calling from door to door. But how much of this item do they and their families have to eat? Well, says Razzak still in his teens, "If I can sell all my wares — which is what I want to do — we feel delighted and there is no question of sacrificing my profit for an added curry."

Razzak should not be alone holding this view. However on the bad days for their business, they have to carefully sort out the items about to rot and use them for an extra treat. Life in their world is really harsh and yet they try to eke out a living from as honest a trade as possible. Credit goes to these people who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. Honest and modest, they are not going to be heroes but surely they deserve to be treated respectfully.



Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Matiur Rahman Nizami addressing a meeting at north gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

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Urgent Tender Notice

Tenders are invited for the supply of following items:

Group-1

A. Micro Computer

- a) Processor 2-3 unit INTEL 80486 DX-33 MHz (MINIMUM 256 KB)
- b) Cache Memory 4MB RAM
- c) Memory 3.5" (MINIMUM 1.4MB) FDD
- d) Drive VGA CARD WITH 1MB RAM
- e) Vedio Card 14" SVGA COLOR MONITOR
- f) Monitor (1024X768 RESOLUTION) NON INTERLACE

g) Hdd 200 MB ENHANCED KEYBOARD

h) Mouse MICROSOFT COMPATIBLE MOUSE

i) Preloaded Software DOS 6.2, WINDOWS 3.11, WORD PERFECT 6, MS WORD FOR WINDOWS, DBASE IV, FOXPRO FOR WINDOWS, LOTUS 1-2-3, EXCEL FOR WINDOWS, BANGLA BIJUO FONT.

B. Printer

- a) Model Epson LQ 1170
- b) Print Method Dot Matrix
- c) Print Head 24 PIN
- d) Print Speed 330 Cps (10 CPI)
- e) Print Column 136 Column

Group-2

Voltage Stabilizer 500VA 1-2 unit

Group-3

- a) 3.5" High Density Diskette 2-4 Boxes
- b) Ribbon for Printer 5-10 Boxes

Group-4

Computer Paper 4-8 Interested tenderers are requested to submit their tenders for any or all groups separately along with 2% earnest money in Pay Order/Bank Draft within 22-09-94 at 12.00 hrs. Tenders will be opened on 22-09-94 at 12.30 in presence of the tenderers (if any). Tenderers may contact with the undersigned for any queries. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders fully or partly without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Moroccan envoy presents credentials

New ambassador of Morocco to Bangladesh Hassan M Daud presented his credentials to President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Accepting the credentials, President Biswas said there had been a steady development of friendly bilateral relations between the two countries and hoped that the areas of cooperation would further widen in the coming years.

He said the Bangladesh and Morocco had a convergence of interest on issues concerning Islamic Ummati and shared commonality of views in promoting the cause of regional and international peace, security and development.

President hoped that during the tenure of new ambassador the two brotherly countries would be brought closer and bilateral and trade relations would acquire new dimensions. He assured the new envoy of all help and cooperation in discharging his responsibility.

While presenting the credential, Hassan Daud said that the brotherly relations binding together the people of both the countries have witnessed a considerable progress in all fields of mutual cooperation.

To meet the great challenge, faced by the Muslim Ummah, the friendly and brotherly ties have to be strengthened particularly in political, economic, multilateral and social arena, he observed.

Lawyers team meets Biswas

A delegation of lawyers styled as the Anti-drug and Smoking Association called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

While talking to them, President Biswas said that drugs were spoiling the young generation and we must gear up anti-drug and anti-smoking movement to save them from the menace.

"We have to impress upon the youths and the people in general about the harmful effects of drugs and smoking," he said.

President Biswas also added that public awareness should be created against the harmful effects of these high-risk-habit.

Earlier, in a memorandum the delegation led by Advocate Alhaj ANM Yousuf, president of the association, appealed to the President to stop publication of all advertisement encouraging use of drugs and tobacco, and to stop smoking in all government and semi-government organisations.

President Biswas appreciated the endeavour of the association and assured his support to their efforts.

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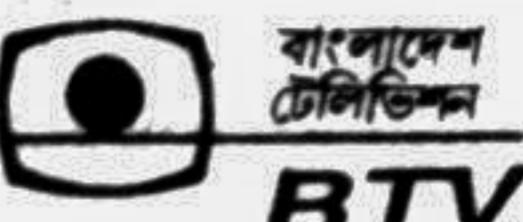
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15 gamblers held in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Chittagong port police rounded up 15 gamblers from different areas on Saturday, reports BSS.

Police on secret information raided gamblers' dens at Salugola and Agrapara and found the gamblers in action.



Monday

4:30 Opening session

4:40 Bible recitation

4:45 Cartoon Film Captain Planet and the Planeteers

5:10 Sports programme

5:25 Football

6:30 Programme on Bangla language: Moder Garob Moder Asha

7:00 Open University

7:25 Nazrul songs

8:00 New in Bangla

8:30 Family planning programme: Janomat

9:00 Women's magazine programme: Ghorai Bairey News in English

10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown

11:00 Musical programme: Disco Rally

11:30 Khabar/The New Closing

Weather

Heavy rain likely

Moderate to heavy rainfall is likely at places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to the Met office, light to moderate rain or thundershower may occur at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions, at a few places over Khulna division and at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged during the period across the country.

Meanwhile, Tangail experienced the highest 57 mm rains during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Madaripur had 32 mm, Sitakund 27 mm, Bholia 21 mm, Cox's Bazar 20mm, Bogra 17 mm, Teknaf and Barisal 16 mm each. Mymensingh 13 mm, Comilla 7 mm and Sandwip 6 mm shower during the period.

The country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Sathkhira while the lowest 24.4 degrees at Rangamati and Barisal.

The sun sets today at 6:06 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are given below:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 30.8 Min 25.3	Morning 88 Evening 86
Chittagong	31.8 25.8	93 90
Rajshahi	32.5 25.3	82 85
Khulna	33.1 25.5	92 84
Barisal	30.4 24.4	100 95
Sylhet	33.1 25.8	85 69
Cox's Bazar	30 25	95 92



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BCS (edn) token strike Sept 21-22

Members of the BCS general education cadre will observe a two-day token strike from September 21 protesting the attack on their colleagues and to press home their 16-point demand, reports UNB.

The strike has been called to protest the terrorists' attacks on some principals and teachers while carrying out their professional duties during the last HSC examinations, against aggression of a particular cadre on education and for realising their demands.

They will observe the strike on 22, in support of the Prokrichil-BCS Central Action committee's call to fulfil their 17-point demand nearly half of which are similar to those of education cadre.

This was disclosed in an extended meeting of the BCS General Education Association held on Friday at the Teacher's Training College with Principal Mahtabuddin Sarker in the chair.

The meeting condemned the terrorists' attack on the principals of the Magura Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Nilfamari College, Meherpur College, and on the family members of the principal of Rajshahi New Degree College others.

It also resented the appointment of the members of administrative cadre in education department and the intervention of DC, ADC and magistrates while conducting the last SSC and HSC examinations.

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Govt appoints envoy to Holy See

The government yesterday announced its decision to concurrently accredit Ambassador Anwar Hashim as the Bangladesh envoy to the Holy See, reports BSS.

Hashim, who is permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN Organisation in Geneva, will continue to have his residence in Geneva.

The trains will run as per their present time schedule.

2 inter-city trains to run today

Bangladesh Railway yesterday announced its decision to run two inter-city trains today, an offday for the trains due to road transport strike, reports BSS.

The trains are Chittagong bound "Turba Nishita" and Sylhet bound "Upaban" from Dhaka.

The trains will run as per their present time schedule.

Mannan condoles US plane crash deaths

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan expressed profound shock and grief at the tragic crash of US airliner Boeing 737-300 near Pittsburgh on Thursday killing 131 passengers on board, reports BSS.

In a message of condolence, the state minister conveyed his sympathy to members of the bereaved families and prayed for the peace of the departed souls.

An attractive package of handsome salary and liberal fringe benefits will be offered to a right candidate selected for the position.



Extension of Time for Submission of International Tender

বিসিআইসির পণ্য শিকায়নে জাতীয় অঞ্চলিক প্রতীক

The time for submission of International Tender for supply of 1000 M Tons of Paraformaldehyde (Solid) against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/FP/UREA/1.12/55 dt. 27.7.94 is hereby extended from 10.9.94 to 24.9.94. The Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 24.9.94 and be opened immediately thereafter.

All other terms of the tender will remain unchanged.

BCI-951-8/9
DIP-4095-8/9

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Rangs Workshop Limited, 113-116, Old Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka, immediately require a Service Manager and 2 Service Engineers.

Service Manager—Graduate in Mechanical or Automobile Engineering—Minimum experience of 3 years in major repair of cars and light commercial vehicles

Service Engineers—Graduate as above—some experience preferred—Age between 28-33 years.

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