

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Neglected Strip of Road

by Neil Ray

John Denver's "Country road take me home" opens up an expansive vista of the Rocky mountains of cowboy-fame. The crimson glow of the setting sun and the endless stretch of a road piercing through the vast prairies of America's south instantly give a twang at the heart. Compared with the lonely and long road to which a tiring soul makes its fervent appeal, the streets of Dhaka city really cuts a sorry figure. Known for their highly-concentrated traffic, with every chaotic character in the dictionary adding to their speciality, the city roads are a world apart from the country road of Denver's song. Yet the serpentine city streets at the end of the day's work lead millions to their homes.

The poetry, the pain and the poignant feeling may be missing from the routine drudgery.

would not stop within the bounds of this portion of road.

The spectacle Dhaka's traffic presents, therefore, is very amusing — provided one ignores the risks involved. The neglected strip of road on the left might have complained to one with Denver's talent for redressing the discrimination. An exploring eye and an intense ear could have given both language and melodies to articulate the road's complaint. Only rarely a solitary car, a truck or a few pushcarts or rickshaws stop at this neglected strip of the road. But moving vehicles treat it like a *pariah*. Even roads within their own breath are subjected to discrimination! But certainly at a cost.

If the rickshaws continue to outpace their zone into the lanes of cars and buses, the con-



but still, one cannot ignore the fact that for most of the home-bound people, the longing for home is as overpowering as ever. However, surprisingly few people care a fig for the road they negotiate almost routinely and ritually. It does not require another Denver to notice what abuses we subject our roads to. But we ever thought of the road unused or just sparingly used?

This may sound unconvincing, but a closer look at the main roads with comparatively light traffic may reveal a new picture. Just observe the army of rickshaws — some of them without passengers and most others carrying one to four of them — meandering through these spacious roads. To the left of these roads there is a wide space nobody would even mistakenly tread. No, it is not a case of 'where the angels fear to tread' but both rickshaws and pushcarts would avoid this strip of road more out of habit than from any conscious effort. Even the buses

flitting speeds — between the slow and the fast — are prone to cause accidents. The return of the hurrying home-bound passengers may be cut short any moment, anywhere on the way. This is an unusual habit to develop. But as things now stand, people see nothing unusual in this odd vehicular movement. Instead of longing for home, one constantly has to hold one's dear life in two hands. For living each moment on the Dhaka street, one must be ready to deduct a year from one's original life span. A slow death indeed! So either way, coming to office or returning home, is a diminishing exercise.

The neglected lane of road at last exacts its revenge. But is there no other way of responding to the appeal of this portion of road? There are thousands and one acts of indiscipline committed by the road users. Just pay enough attention to correct this one faulty way of traffic alone — the result may be pleasantly surprising.



Activists of the opposition parties blocking a road at Demra during yesterday's barricade programme. — Star photo

### 8 get UNESCO Club Award '94

Eight renowned radio and TV artists received UNESCO Club Award '94 at a function in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan distributed the prizes among the artists for their outstanding performance.

The recipients are Ferdousi Rahman, Abdul Latif, Sudhin Das, Laila Hasan, Shiblee Mohammad, Minu Huq, Dipa Khondoker and Sultana Haider.

Sponsored by National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh and presided over by Mahbubuddin, secretary general of the association, the function was addressed by Noor Uddin al-Masud, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Akbar Ahmed, Managing Director, Bangladesh Biman, Abdus Samad Bhuiyan, Chairman, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, SM Saifuddin, Secretary, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO, Rahat Khan, Executive Editor, Daily Ittefaq and Rafiqul Islam, News Editor, Bangladesh Television.

### Appointments, transfers

The government has brought about some changes in the upper echelon of the administration, according to an announcement made Monday, reports UNB.

Tariff Commission Chairman Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir has been transferred to the Ministry of Science and Technology as Secretary.

The post of Tariff Commission Chairman goes to Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Md Inamul Huq has been appointed Chairman of the Land Appeal Board.

Syed Amir-ul Mulk, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, has been transferred to the Forest and Environment Ministry as Additional Secretary in-Charge.

The Additional Secretary in-Charge of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Anwarul Islam, has been moved to the Ministry of Religious Affairs with same designation.

The Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Industries Md Matur Rahman has been appointed Additional Secretary in-Charge of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

### 'Price situation of foodgrains stable'

The country's overall price situation of foodgrains has become stable following sale of rice and wheat under open market sale (OMS), reports UNB.

There is adequate stock of foodgrains in the government godowns for six months, a meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Food Ministry was told yesterday. Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali presided over the meeting.

The meeting was informed that sale of rice and wheat under OMS had been geared up through 597 dealers (private traders) in 56 district towns and four cities.

District administrations have been asked to open more OMS centres, particularly in the industrial areas, to meet the workers' demand, the minister told the meeting. Arrangements have also been made to sell wheat through Chakki (small flour mills) owners at Tk 7 per kg to increase the supply of flour in hats and bazaars in the rural areas.

He said an international tender had been invited to import one lakh tons of wheat to improve stock position, and some 50,000 tons of atar rice were being purchased through local tender for the Rohingya refugees and the Hill Tracts people.

Committee members MA Matin and Abu Abbas of BNP attended the meeting.

### Govt may increase natural disaster management grant

The government is considering an increase in the annual grant for natural disaster management from Taka 60 lakh to Tk 1.5 crore, reports UNB.

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid said this while addressing the CPP officers' annual conference at Justice BA Siddiqui Nursing School auditorium in the city yesterday.

Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) is playing a vital role in taking precautionary measures against natural disasters in the coastal areas, the state minister told the conference.

Some 27,000 volunteers are working in 30 coastal thanas under CPP, jointly run by the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS).

## Madrassah teachers meet Biswas

A delegation of teachers of Churamon Al-Haj Adam Ali Dakhl Madrassah of Barisal sadar called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Talking to them, President Biswas said that all-out efforts are being made to enhance the rate of literacy for overall so-

cio-economic development of the country. Education and development go together and no development can be achieved if the majority of the people remain uneducated in society.

President Biswas said that the whole world, including the Far Eastern Asian countries, are making rapid economic

progress due to their higher rate of literacy. Therefore, people should take full advantage of the literacy programme launched by the government.

Earlier, in a memorandum, the delegation sought the President's help for overall development of the madrassah.

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

প্রধান বন সংরক্ষকের দপ্তর

বন ভবন, গুলশান রোড, মহালালী, ঢাকা - ১২১২

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তারিখ: ২১-৯-৯৪ ইং

### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বন্যপ্রাণী সংরক্ষণ ও ব্যবস্থাপনা উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পধানে নিম্নের সংশ্লিষ্ট শিডিউলে বর্ণিত দ্রব্যাদি ক্রয় করার জন্য অমদানিকারক/এজেন্ট/ডিলারদের নিকট থেকে এতদসংশ্লিষ্ট টেন্ডার দলিলে বর্ণিত চাহিদা ও স্পেসিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী সীলমোহর করা যাবে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

#### সংশ্লিষ্ট শিডিউল

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ক	এয়ারকুলার ৩ ডিনাটি।	সর্বশেষ মডেলের সম্পূর্ণ নতুন এয়ারকুলার প্রয়োজনীয় সমুদয় অঙ্গসজ্জা ও আনুমানিক সামগ্রীসহ সম্পূর্ণ।	উত্তম মূল্যের ২% হারে।	বন ভবন, মহালালী, ঢাকা।	কার্যসমাপ্তি ইস্যুর তারিখ থেকে ৩০ দিন।
খ	ফটোকপিয়ার ২(দুই)টি।	সম্পূর্ণ নতুন, হেডী ডিউটি, ডেঞ্জটপ টাইপ, সুখাত ব্যাকের পেন পেশার কপিয়ার প্রয়োজনীয় সমুদয় অঙ্গসজ্জা ও আনুমানিক সামগ্রীসহ সম্পূর্ণ।	-	-	-

২। টেন্ডারসমূহ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী কর্তৃক সহকারী প্রধান বন সংরক্ষক (সাধারণ) এর অফিসে ১৯-১০-৯৪ ইং তারিখের দুপুর ১২টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০টায় উপস্থিত টেন্ডারদাতাদের (কেউ থাকলে) সামনে খোলা হবে।

৩। টেন্ডার নামের উপর টেন্ডার মেমোরেন্ডাম নং এবং তারিখসহ কাজের নাম, ক্রম নম্বর উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

৪। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস থেকে ১৭-১০-৯৪ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত শুক্রবার ও অন্যান্য সরকারী ছুটির দিন ছাড়া অন্যান্য দিনে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে অফেরতযোগ্য ৪০০/- টাকা জমা দিয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় বিবরণ, স্পেসিফিকেশন, নির্দেশাবলী, সাধারণ শর্তাবলী ইত্যাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট সরবরাহ করা যাবে।

সৈয়দ আলী আহমেদ

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### NOTICE

This is to notify for information of all Shareholders of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited that we have received the notices of intention from six Shareholders under Section 144(6) of the Companies Act, 1913 for appointment of the following Auditors for the year 1994 in the ensuing 12th Annual General Meeting to be held on 06th October, 1994:

- M/s. A. Wahab & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
1, Dilkusha Commercial Area  
Dhaka.
- M/s. B. Alam & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
37, Purana Paltan Line (2nd floor),  
Dhaka.
- M/s. Khan Wahab Shafiqe Rahmani & Co.  
Chartered Accountants,  
55, Dilkusha Commercial Area,  
Dhaka.
- M/s. Acnabin & Co.  
Chartered Accountants,  
National Scouts Bhaban (13th floor),  
70/1 Inner Circular Road,  
Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.
- M/s. K.M. Hasan & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
46, Dilu Road, Dhaka.
- M/s. Howladar Yunus & Co.  
Chartered Accountants,  
67, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.

It may be mentioned that the existing Auditors M/s. Rahman Rahman Huq, Chartered Accountants, have completed their 3(three) consecutive years as Auditor of the Bank and as such they are not eligible for re-appointment as per order of Bangladesh Bank vide their letter No. BCD (P) 748/3-551 dated 30.03.1991. The Shareholders will have to elect one from amongst the above Auditors in the 12th Annual General Meeting.

For Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited

*Sharif-ul-Huq*

SHARIF-UL HUQ  
Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, the 28th September, 1994.

### Malaysian minister visits Drug Addicts Treatment Centre

Visiting Malaysian Deputy Home Minister Dato Megat Junid Bin Megat Ayob visited the central Drug Addicts Treatment Centre the city yesterday, reports UNB.

He was accompanied by Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ahmed Fuzi Bin Abdul Razak and senior officials of the Home Ministry of Malaysia.

Director General of the Narcotics Department Syed Marghub Murshed apprised the minister of the functions of the treatment centre and its rehabilitation programme for the drug addicts.

### Visits BDR headquarters

The visiting Malaysian Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Dato Megat Junid Bin Megat Ayob, visited the BDR headquarters at Pilkhana yesterday, reports BSS.

Director General of BDR Major General Anwar Hossain received the Malaysian minister and informed him of the activities of BDR.

### Decision postponed

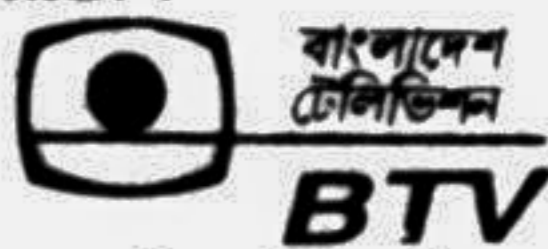
CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: The Chittagong Divisional Petroleum Dealers' Association has postponed its decision to stop selling of the fuel from October 1 next following a fruitful discussion with the chairman of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) here on Monday, reports BSS.

Petroleum dealers' association earlier decided to stop selling of petroleum from October 1.

### Mafizulla's death condoled

The Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad has condoled the death of Flight Sergeant Mafizullah — the number seven accused of the historic Agartala Case.

In a press release, Parishad chief Col (Retd) Shawkot Ali MP said yesterday that Mafizullah, who died recently, was suffering from various ailments.



Time	Programme
4:30	Opening
4:45	Sports programme
5:10	News in Bangla
5:25	Programme on population problem: Agami
6:00	Cultural programme: Nibedon
7:00	Open University
7:25	Tagore songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Current affairs: Biswa Parikrama
9:00	Film Show: Equalizer
10:00	News in English
10:30	Musical programme: Giti Bichitra
11:30	Khabar /The News

### Weather

## Dry weather likely

The weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country with partially cloudy sky over the coastal region, according to the Met office forecast effective till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged. The country's highest temperature of 35.00 degree Celsius was recorded at Dhaka and Jessore, while the lowest temperature of 20.90 degree Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are given below:

City/Town	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	3 am	6 pm
Dhaka	35.0	23.0	49	63
Mymensingh	33.0	23.6	77	68
Faridpur	33.0	25.0	52	59
Chittagong	33.4	25.0	75	68
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.4	65	68
Sylhet	32.5	23.0	78	68
Comilla	34.0	23.5	71	71
Rajshahi	32.8	21.8	54	72
Rangpur	32.7	24.4	74	78
Dinajpur	32.5	20.9	75	77
Khulna	34.1	26.7	88	72
Jessore		25.0	11	
Barisal	33.3	24.8	74	78

## Vacations don't come often enough to be travelling any other way

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