# Dhaka Day by Day

## Changing Attitudes To Occupations

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With the passage of time, changes take place in our attitude and mentality towards many things. In general, the pace of such changes is influenced by factors of diverse character including social, economic and political ones. In this light, a significant change seems to have taken place in respect of our attitude towards many occupations.

The problem of unemployment affecting our educated youths is very acute. Opportunities for employment for such unemployed young people in the traditional fields have shrunk. On the other hand, hundreds of educated youths are passing out of their educational institutions, swelling the ranks of the unemployed.

In this context, some noteworthy changes in our outlook towards certain occupations in the city are in evidence, testifying to a new direction in our concept of the dignity of labour. Some educated unemployed youths are heard to complain that no suitable occupation is open for them. In their cases, some social superstitions and conventional prejudices stand in the way of their choice.

However, we are increasingly finding another side to the picture. Nowadays many educated youths, overcoming age-old superstitions and prejudices, are found to venture into new pastures under the pressure of the need for earning a livelihood.

Take for instance, the employment situation in the city's Chinese restaurants. In the roughly estimated fifty Chinese restaurants spread all over the city, there are about 500 employees. Most of these employees who serve food at these restaurants are found to be educated youths nowadays. Some of them are graduates and even post-graduates. They are reportedly leading an interesting life with a fairly reasonable pay supplemented by tips.

Mazhar Ali (a pseudonym) working in a well-known Chinese restaurant, is a student of History at the Dhaka University. Asked whether he feels any inferiority complex or gave his reply in the negative, adding that there should be no feeling of shame in earning one's living in an honest way. He feels strongly

Name of the Project

Name of Work

Supply of semi-skilled labour

for Mechanical repair &

Supply of semi-skilled labour

for Electrical repair &

Maintenance of M P H & S

Repair & Maintenance of

staff quarters and V i P

Supply of Hardware mate-

rials for M P H & S P H

Supply of Electrical goods

Repair of Subsidiary Pump

Eligibility of the contractors

Name of Banks where Tenders

Name of place where tender will

Rest house

Situation of work

will be available

be received

PANI-83/94-95

DFP-6665-6/10

G-1572

Maintenance of M P H & S

Name of Division

Tender No

**Tender Notice** 

2/1994-95 to 7/1994-95

Earnest

Money

f5.965/=

3 920/=

2 921/=

the quoted

Bheramara, Kushtia

Area Dhaka

Sonali Bank Jhedidah

Sonal Bank Sailkupa

Sonali Bank, Narail

Kushtia

Sonali Bank, Amla

Sonali Bank Chuadanga

Commercial Area, Dhaka

Estimated

Cost

6.38.505/=

1.56.000/

G K Irrigation Rehab Project, BWDB, Kushtia

Operation & Maintenance (Pump Stn.) Division, BWDB, Bheramara,

Date of

Receiving of

Tender

24 10 94

24 10 94

31 10 94

27-10-94

27-10-94

3-11-94

Date of

Opening of

Tender

24 10.94

24.10.94

31 10 94

27-10-94

27-10-94

3-11-94

Time Allowed

6 Months

6 Months

30 Days

15 Days

30 Days

Sonali Bank Main Branch Kushtia

Janata Bank, Main Branch, Magura

Sonali Bank Bheramara Branch, Bheramara

Executive Engineer, O&M Divn, BWDB, Kushtia

Executive Engineer, O&M Divn, BWDB, Magura

Executive Engineer, O&M Divn. Jhedidah

Executive Engineer O&M Divr. Sailkupa

Executive Engineer, O&M Divri, Chuadanga

G K Pump Station Operation & Maintenance (Pump House) Divin

Sonali Bank WAPDA Building Branch Motijheel Commercial

Executive Engineer, O&M Divn-II, BWDB, 156/157 Motifheel

Executive Engineer O&M (P/S) Divn BWDB, Bheramara.

Sub-Divisional Engineer: Narail O&M Sub-Division, BWDB

"C' class enlisted contractor of BWDB for the year 1994-95

that the social prejudice in treating such jobs lowly will gradually disappear under pressure of economic necessity. While our youngmen. staying abroad do not hesitate to do such jobs, he finds no reason why only social prejudice should stand in the way of our educated young men accepting such jobs within the country. He feels that a progressive outlook on earning an honest living without being dependent on others and a greater awareness of the dignity of labour under changed socio-economic conditions, will gradually help in opening up similar opportunities for employment in other fields for our educated unemployed youths.

Such opportunities already exist in the long route coach service linking the capital with some of our important cities. Some enterprising and hardworking young men have given a modern touch to such service by working as guides. These guides can be seen on any of the modern air-conditioned coaches operating between Dhaka and Chittagong. They are a modern version of coach supervisors of earlier times. They are seen to take keen interest in making the long journey comfortable and entertaining. There are about 250 young educated guides working on the long range coach services operated by Dolphin, Sohag, Challenger, Green Line etc. Most of them are said to be graduates, some of them are even pursuing further studies at the university. The role that these guides play in the air-conditioned coach-services is like that of stewards on passenger planes. Their duties mainly consist in supplying snacks and cold drinks to the passengers, fixing their headphones to enable them to enjoy taped music and attending to their inconvenience or complaints.

In this capital city, there are many unemployed young men, some of whom lead a life of frustration on various excuses. Yet there are some others who banking on a spirit of enterprise and challenge, are taking up occupations such as these. They are not deterred by sneers frustration in respect of his job. he strongly of some sections of society who regard such occupations as lowly, Ignoring such social prejudices, they stride with determination in to a career of honest earning.

JS team tells CPA confce

#### One-third of country facing desertification for Farakka

Three members of Bangladesh parliamentary delegation now attending the 40th, sion Rashed Khan Menon said conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) being held in Canada took part in discussions Tuesday, reports UNB.

The members of the delegation are: Whip M A Karim. Rashed Khan Menon MP and Prof Mohammad Abdullah.

Taking part in the discussion M A Karim expressed concern over the world wide environmental degradation and Green House effect and called for concerted efforts of all countries of the world to face the challenge.

Referring to adverse impact of the Farakka Barrage on the environment of Bangladesh he said almost one-third of the country was facing the menace of desertification due to unilateral withdrawal of water at Farakka.

He said the developed countries of the world were mainly responsible for degradation of environment while the developing countries were worst sufferers. He also referred to afforestation and other measures adopted by the government of Bangladesh to ment of the country.

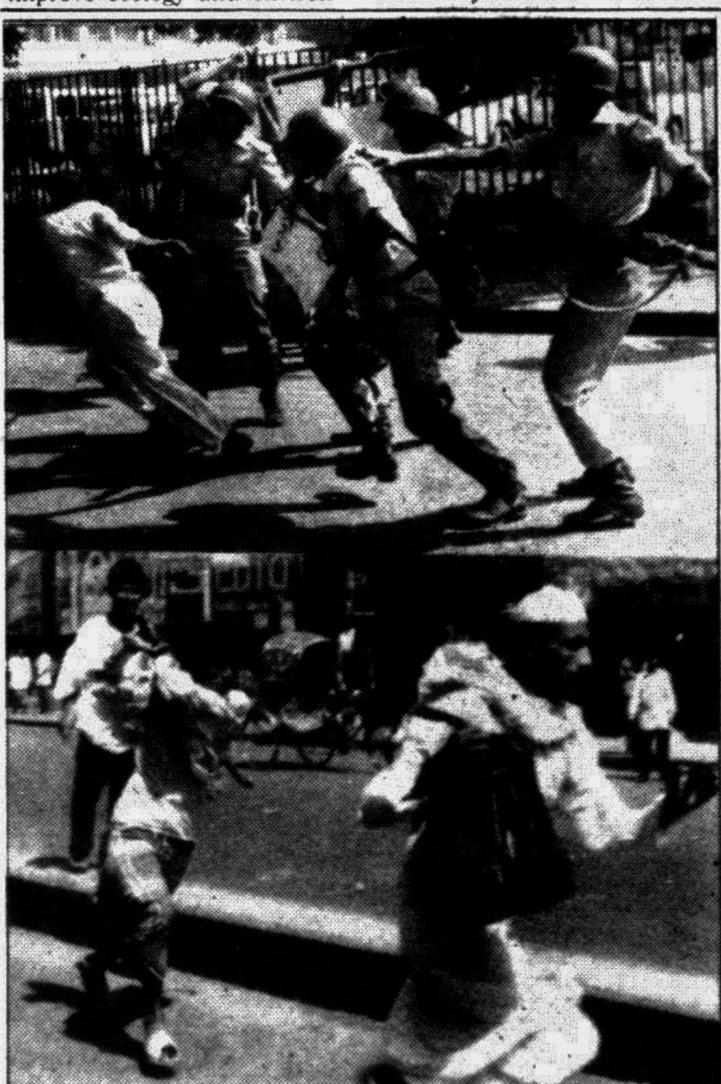
Participation in the discusthat Commonwealth countries should take practical steps to encourage participation of women in the process of policy making by inducting them in increasing number in formal politics and ensuring their ac-

cess to elective bodies. . He said that political parties could take a lead in this regard by removing social and other barriers which prevent women from coming to politics.

He said that both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in Bangladesh were now ladies but the overall condition of women in Bangladesh was far from satisfactory.

Speaking on the worldwide problems of unemployment drug abuse and spread of AIDS, prof Mohd Abdullah stressed the need for closer cooperation among member countries in respect of funding and exchange of technical knowhow to combat these menaces.

ldentifying unemployment as one of the main causes of drug abuse Menon said that for employment generation in the developing countries support of the developed countries was



Policemen in hot pursuit of an activist (top) of the Sammilitya Sangram Parishad, an umbrella organisation of fundamentalist groups. (Bottom) a hawker beating up another activist with a hockey stick in the city streets yesterday during the Parishad's secretariat gherao programme. — Star photo

#### Dhaka, Beijing for cooperation in cultural sector

Bangladesh and China have agreed to strengthen cooperation in the (ield of cultural affairs of the two coun-

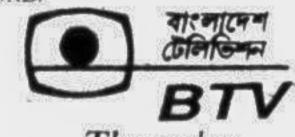
tries, reports UNB. The agreement was reached at a meeting between the State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum, who is leading a high level Bangladesh delegation in Beijing, and Chinese Cultural Minister Liu\* 4.30 Zhoung De Tuesday, according to message received in Dhaka

vesterday. During the meeting, Prof Jahan Ara apprised her Chinese counterpart about the cultural activities in her country. Bangladesh has a rich cultural heritage dating back to thousands of years, she told the meeting.

The state minister said that her government is striving to revitalise the age old glorious cultural traditional. She also praised China for her ruh cultural tradition

#### 91 arrested in city

Police rounded up 91 people, including 17 wanted criminals, from different parts of the city yesterday, a DMP press release said, reports



**Thursday** 

Musical programme: Esho Gan Shikhi News in Bangla National TV School Debate

Competition Mass education programme: Esho Para Shikhi

Religious programme

Jiboner Alo Musical programme: Nazrul songs News in Bangia

Drama of the week Raja Fakir Amir News in English

Film show: Equaliser Khabar/The News Temorrow's programme

### Weather

### Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, the Met office forecasts, reports UNB

The day temperature may dise by about 1-2 degree Celsius during the period throughout the country, it added. In its outlook for subsequent two days the Met Office

predicted little change Giving extended outlook for another five days it says that there would be no marked change. Country's highest temperature 34.2 degrees Celsius was

recorded at Khulna and the lowest 21.6 degrees at Bhola The sun sets today at 5.33 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:56 The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity

recorded in some major cities and towns today are: Humidity in City/Town Temperatures in degrees Celsius percentage 6pm 6am 25.6 117 Dhaka 83 75 24.4 32 Chittagong 70 76 23 3 33000 Raishahi 78 78 24.8 34 2 Khulna 72 24 2 33.4 Bartsal 88 236 Sylhet 300 24.5 Cox s Bazar 32 11



#### Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence New Airport Road, Tejgaon Dhaka-1215

### **Tender Notice**

SI.	with DGDP) for procurement of the folio Nomenclatures of Stores	Qty	Selling Date	Opening Date	Cost of 1/T	Remarks
1.	Cordage Cotton Hawser led (1") 2.54	15000		500000-14504-10619-00099-100	(e) S	*********
	c.m. Undyeđ	Mtr	8		8	
	Twin Jute	700 kg		80		Local
	Canvas Jute (37") 95, 00 c.m.	750 Mtr				currency
	Canvas Jute Special Grade B (37") 95.00 c.m.	650 Mtr			OM.	
2.	Grease PX-6 (Preservative)	2000 kg	17-10-94	2407		
	Grease PX-11 (Preservative) 07 lbs	1320 kg	to	16-11-94	Tk. 30/=	
	liver Tin	200-00-00-M	14-11-94	S288500000 9877	1/FANGS0/B0893	
3.	Tent 40 lbs Mk-2 Bags Pin Mk-1	2000			27	
4777746	Tent 180 lbs Mk-4 Rope with Tagles	600	-do-	-do-	Tk. 20/=	
2.	Necessary tender documents will be av payment of non-refundable Taka mention	ailable on a ned above.	ny working	day between		300 hrs on
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DFP	-66316/10	36	-	96	Major	
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#### Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Mechl. Ferry Division, Barisal (RHD), Tender Notice

	l ender Notice No	142	52 of HHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/1994-95.		
2	Name of work		As described below:		
3.	Eligibility of contractor		(RHD), general category contractor as per financial capacity and territoria jurisdiction.		
4.	Availability of tender schedule	*	<ol> <li>Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna</li> <li>Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur. (Only office hours. No tender will be sold on the date of opening tender schedule).</li> </ol>		
5	Tender receiving officer	iii III	<ol> <li>Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Circle, Boyra, Khulna.</li> <li>Executive Engineer, RHD, Mechl. Ferry Division, Barisal/Khulna.</li> </ol>		
6	Last date of selling of	80	19-10-94 (only office hours).		

7.	Date and time of opening of : 20-10-94 at 1 PM. tender schedule	E MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMENT PROGR	AUTOGRAFIA OR MATERIA DE DESCRIA OR DESCRIA
Gr No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
1.	Supplying spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 1,26,800/-	Tk 2.536/-
2	Supplying of different spare parts and electrical spare parts for 75 HP Ford Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 2,03,300/-	Tk 4.066/-
3.	Supplying spare parts for 110 DAF Engine and 75 HP Ford Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 1,53,000/-	Tk 3 060
4.	Supplying spare parts for 150/290 HP Volvopenta Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 1,41,900/-	Tk 2.838
5	Supplying electrical spare parts for 110 DAF 150 HP Volvopenta and 120 HP Hydramaster Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 1.89,700/-	Tk 3,794/
6	Supplying spare parts for 120 HP Hydramaster Engine of different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95.	Tk 1.30,100/-	Tk 2.603
7		Tk 3,73,000	Tk 7 460/

Md Humayun Rashid Khalifa Executive Engineer, RHD Mechl. Ferry Division, Barisal

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

निर्वाशे श्रकोगनीत कार्यानय क्यांत्रिनिष्ठिकः जिनार्वे स्मिन् सञ्जनानय ঢাকা জোন, ১৭, আউটার সার্কুলার রোড, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০১/এফ, ডি/ডি, জেড/১১৯৪-৯৫ ইং

different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Division, Faridpur during the year 1994-95

তাবিখঃ ০৩/১০/৯৪ ই

এতহারা নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট-এর তালিকাত্ত ঠিকাদার যাহাদের নিম্নোক্ত ধরনের কাজ করার পর্ব-অভিজ্ঞতা বহিয়াছে তাহাদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহবকত খামে দ্বপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে

গ্ৰুপ নং	কাজের নাম/বিবরণ	প্ৰাক্তলিত মূল্য (টাকা)	কাজ সমাণ্ডির মেয়াদ (দিন)	ঠিকাদারের শ্রেণী	মন্তব
<b>5</b> I	ঢাকার মোহাম্মদপুর থানাধীন <b>গ্রাফিক</b> আর্টস ইনষ্টিটিউটের <b>প্রিলিপাল</b>	টাঃ	৬০ (ষাট) দিন	0-2/0-5	নভ্ন
ર ા	কোয়াটারের মেরামত ও সংক্কার কাজ। ঢাকার ধানমন্ডি থানাধীন নারেম	2,63,090/=			দর্পত্র
	ক্যাম্পাসের অভ্যন্তরীণ রাস্তাটির মেরামত	টাঃ	৯০ (নবই) দিন	4-7/9-5	ন্তন
4	ও সংস্থার কাজ।	2,08,608/42			দবপত্র
७।	ঢাকার লালবাগ থানাধীন সরকারী	77			পুনঃ
	বদরুরেছা মহিলা কলেজের বিদ্যমান সুপার কোয়াটারের সম্প্রসারণ কাজ।	টাঃ ১১.৬৪২/=	৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন	Q->/Q->	দবপত্র
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	মটর পাম্প-এর মেরামত ও সংকার				
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প্রতিসেট দরপত্র দলিল আগামী ২৫/১০/৯৪ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর ১৭, আউটার সার্কুলার রোড বাজারবাগ, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, পরিচালক, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট-এর শিক্ষা ভবন, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, সিনিয়ব সহকারী সচিব, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের বিভিৎ নং-০৬ (ছয়), ফ্লোর নং-১৮ (আঠারতম), রুম নং ১৮২৫ ।এক হাজাব আটশত পটিশা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, ময়মনসিংহ/ফরিদপুর/টাংগাইল/নারায়ণগঞ্জ জোন-এর কার্যালয়ে এবং সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্রাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, ঢাকা/মানিকগঞ্জ/গাজীপুর জেলার কার্যালয়ে নগদ টাঃ ৪০০/= (টাকা চারশত। মাত্র অফেবত যোগা মূল্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পাওয়া যাইবে।

দরপত্র আগামী ২৭/১০/৯৪ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত নিম্বসক্ষরকারীর ১৭, আউটার সার্কুলার রোড, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, পরিচালক, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট-এর শিক্ষা ভবন, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, বিভিং নং-০৬ (ছয়), ফ্লোর নং-১৮ (আঠারতম), ক্রম নং-১৮২৫ (এক হাজার আটশত পচিশা, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকাস্থ কার্যালয়ে, নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন, ময়মনসিংহ/ফরিদপুর/টাংগাইল/নারায়ণগঞ্জ জোন-এর কার্যালয়ে এবং সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ভিপার্টমেন্ট, ঢাকা/মানিকগঞ্জ/গাজীপুর জেলার কার্যালয়ে গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন দুপুর ১২-১৫ মিনিটে দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা ইইবে।

দরপত্রের সহিত প্রাঞ্চলিত মূল্যের ২% (শভকরা দুই ভাগ) হারে বায়নার টাকা বাংলাদেশের যে কোন বাষ্ট্রায়ন্ত/তফসিল ব্যাংক হইতে ব্যাংক ভাফট/পে-অর্ভার আকারে "নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, ঢাকা জোন"-এর অনুকৃলে অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

#### শর্তাবলীঃ

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দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয়ের সময় তালিকাভুক্তি রেজিট্রেশন বই (হাল সন নাগাদ নবায়নকৃত। অবশ্যই দেখাইয়া যথায়থ কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট হইতে পূর্ব অনুমতি গ্রহণ করিয়া দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয় করিতে হইবে

২। দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী ঠিকাদার/প্র**তিষ্ঠানকে মূল্য সংযোজন কর** ভোট)-এর জন্য নিবন্ধিত হইতে হইবে এবং দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয়ের সময় নিবন্ধন সনদ-এর মূল কপি অবশ্যই দেখাইতে হইবে। সবকারী বিধি মোতাবেক মুল্য সংযোজন কর (ভ্যাট) এবং আয়কর কর্তন করা ইইবে।

ত। উদ্বত/টেগুর দর প্রাঞ্চলিত দর অপেক্ষা নীচে হইলে আইটেমওয়ারী দর বিশ্লেষণ অবশাই দাখিল করিতে

৪। প্রাক্তলিত মূল্যের ৫% শেতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ)-এর অধিক নিম্ন দরে দরপত্র দাখিল করিলে দাখিলকত দরপত্র সবাসবি বাভিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

কর্তপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। মোঃ ফজলুর রহমান নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী काञिनिष्ठिक छिनाउँ सम् ঢাকা জোন, ঢাকা

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