

Dhaka Day by Day

Sacrifices for the City

by Neil Ray



The city has by now become accustomed to strikes, hartals, gheraos and violent agitations. In fact, the Bangalees excel in making protests. As the capital of the country, Dhaka naturally has a major slice of all kinds of movement. There are indeed rabble-rousers, crowd-pullers and even go-alone type of protesters. While some known parties resort to collecting bus and truck-loads of audience unconnected with their politics just to infiltrate the gathering with an inflated look, there are others who even do not try to pretend to make a show of their meetings. Only a few people take possession of the streets — mostly in front of the National Press Club — and the speaker, undeterred as he is, delivers a high-pitch speech throwing and raising his arms and fists according to the mood he wants to convey.

There are a different sort of crowd-pullers who peddle their wares and services deftly blended with either entertainment or persuasion. They are the snake charmers, magicians and mountebanks. These crowd-pleasers or beasers may not choose the main thoroughfares as their venues but at times the crowd spills over to the streets leaving hardly any space for the passers-by or vehicles to negotiate the path. Fortunately, they are not as numerous as the footpath vendors whose burgeoning business is now poised to burst to the seam.

When Dhaka's physical capacity is so under stress, its transition from a metropolis to a megalopolis is not likely to be without pains. Hartals in such a situation come to spare us from the stifling and crowded business. The enforced relaxation really becomes a boon for many. For those days provide for the Dhakaites

the scope to take life easy. The streets wear a deserted look and the office-goers get the opportunity to languidly wash or bathe, eat and dress and finally take a healthy stroll all the way to work places. What a hartal treat!

However, such occasions are not expected to bring unmixed blessings for all. When someone falls ill, there is a death in a family or perhaps the students have their examination schedules. It is indeed very difficult to manage a vehicle for carrying the patients to hospitals. In case of death, people cannot assemble together to hold the religious and funeral rites. If the body is in the hospital, the problem can only be imagined. For the examinees, the anxieties and trepidation start mounting because with the extension of hartals, they cannot rely on any second-hand news source. Unless they have heard themselves the news of the postponement of the examination scheduled for that very day, cannot be sure and therefore tension-free.

Such personal inconveniences and tragedies get drowned in the great din and bustle raised by the great deliverers of collective goods' or those concerned with only 'big matters' — all for the national interests. They will surely call such sacrifices and sufferings from the lesser mortals all the time. Even if they cause irreparable damage to the country's economy, that too is a momentary sacrifice for a lasting benefit. Who has the guts to dispute their claim? The only thing is that we are too often asked to make sacrifices and time and again taken to the starting line. A false start all the time and we hardly know when we will be in the race.

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এতদীয়া নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য গৃহ সংস্থান অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত তিকাদারদের নিকট হাতে বাংলাদেশ কর্ম নং-২৯১১ মারফত সিলমোহরকৃত থামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২৪-১-১৯৯৪ইং দুপুর ১২:০০ টা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্থান কর্মসূচী/ভূগুর্ণস্থান কর্মসূচী, ঢাকা গৃহ সংস্থান সারকারী, সেন্টেন্স বাগিচা কার্যালয়, ঢাকা গৃহ সংস্থান বিভাগ-১, মিরপুর, ঢাকা-এর অফিস দরপত্র কর্মসূচী থেকে ধৰ্ম করা হইবে এবং এ পুরুষ দুপুর ১২:০০ মিনিটে তিকাদারদের উপরিভিত্তে যদি কেবল উপরিভিত্ত থাকেন থেকে হইবে। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত কাগজসমূহান্তি আগামী ২৪-১-১৯৯৪ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত যে কোন কার্যালয়ের অধিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপরিভিত্ত কর্মকর্তারের কার্যালয় হইতে নিম্নস্থান কর্মসূচীতে যাইবে এবং এতদ্বারাক্ত বিস্তৃতিত তথ্য জানা যাইবে। বায়নার টাকা বাংলাদেশের যে কোন কর্মসূচী বাংলাদেশ প্রকাশন কর্মসূচী, ঢাকা গৃহ সংস্থান বিভাগ-২, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূল দরপত্রের সদে জমা দিতে হইবে। যে সমস্ত তিকাদারদের হাতী জামানত আছে তাহারের হাতী জামানতের টাকা, বায়নার টাকা হাতে বাস দিবার পর অবশিষ্ট টাকার ব্যাকে ডাক্ত জমা দিতে হইবে। যে কোন তিকাদার দরপত্র কর্মসূচী কর্মসূচী অর্থ বৎসরের সময় দেখাইতে হইবে এবং উভয় দরপত্রের সাথিল কর্তৃত হইবে।

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What's on today . . .

Swanam: A two-day poetry recital of the group will begin. Nazru Mahmud will inaugurate. Venue: Children's auditorium of the National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 6 pm.

Workshop: Group discussions will be held on the third day of the workshop titled 'regulated market study report' organised by the Department of Agricultural Management. Venue: CEA conference room, Khamarbari. Time: 9 am.

Rotary Club of Shahbagh, Dhaka: The 235th regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The 124th regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Chaplin film session: Rainbow Film Society has organised the show. Today's movies *Modern Times* and *City Lights*. Venue: GCC auditorium. Time: 5:30 and 7:30 pm respectively.

Seminar: The centre for study of international affairs will hold a seminar on 'Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia: Self determination and humanitarian perspective'. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 11am. Chief guest: Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman.

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Seminar on JMB: International Relations Students Seminar Forum will hold a seminar on 'Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge as a Development Strategy of Bangladesh: Prospects and Problems.' Venue: Room 401, Lecture Theatre, DU. Chief guest Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury of BUET.

Exhibition: An exhibition of Bakery, pastry and traditional cakes will be held as part of the ongoing Tourism Month '94. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 10am. Organiser: Bangladesh Parjaton Corporation. Chief guest: Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali.

Tribal Cultural Show: Sunday November 20.

Deputy Speaker: in Parliament Humayun Khan Panni, (C), State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M A Mannan, Secretary for Home Affairs Nazimuddin Ahmed (on the left) and Secretary for Civil Aviation and Tourism Nooruddin Al Masood seen on the extreme right.

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Tk 16cr remitted in October
Fahmida Khatun Munni, 9, the youngest daughter of an information officer of PID, Abdul Matin Khan died of cancer Saturday night at the PG Hospital in the city, reports BSS.

Munni was a meritorious student of class three of Bally Preparatory School.

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