

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Regal Ways of Road

by Raffat Binte Rashid



You step out of your cosy home, all fresh and tidy, relaxed and happy to begin another day, only to find yourself in you know what and the series of incidents that follows. Under the scorching sun and in the blazing black gas from the cars nearby, the desire to stay cool and contented just vanishes. And then like the metamorphosis of mighty incredible hulk, the nasty, mean you surfaces out. It happens with everybody and most certainly for the rickshaw-pullers and their passengers are no exception.

Both have a 'I'll kill you' — type of attitude. The pullers ask for fares that are as astronomical as their passengers' ego. Nowadays you have to pay Tk 2 if you just call him (so it seems) and Tk 3 if you bargain and then don't take him (that's the attitude alright) and just double the fare if you are stuck in a you know what we are talking about, traffic jam. There are no fixed rules or tables for rickshaw fares, all depend on his majesty the rickshawalla. The fare down route to any place is just one third extra than going up that way. To them the length of streets then becomes elastic. 'Jai te paren' (you can go) is what they always say, but I'll charge this. A take it or go to hell attitude.

It's true that they are poor, hard-working deprived class of the society and our few extra bucks are their savings (maybe). But it's also correct that most of them are extremely rude and even abusive. They have an air about them that clearly says that they know better, and it's true to some extent, after all they are the king of the roads. There is simply no way you can question their judgement of detours. 'Why did you take that turn?' 'Why can't you see the red light? I won't stop in the single (signal)? As if he is the one who has to go to work instead of you. Anyway he is the boss and you have trusted your

dear life in his hands. So don't argue, he doesn't like it and this message he will surely get through by that jerk that almost displaces you from the seat or by that fiery look in his eyes when he turns around. And that does it 'how dare he, a mere day labourer look at you, like that?'

If you are a girl, you scold him, which to him seems like a high-pitch scream that has little or no effect at all, saying that 'if you can't drive properly then just stop, I'll change rickshaws. Nothing bothers him either, he simply pulls the rickshaw aside in the middle of a busy street and demands full fare, all the time cursing you to be a stupid, rotten thing. But if you happen to be a youth and specially a student then they wouldn't dare do such a thing. They would almost timidly take four of you at a time, peddle long distances and ultimately when they reach destinations be satisfied with half the usual fare. If anybody dare questions their judgement of fairness ends up with a black eye.

I have no comments for or against any rickshawallas, they are what they are but I would definitely feel better if they are less arrogant and use their civic and common senses more than their anger,' says a man who rides a rickshaw to work almost every day. The same goes for the caravallas (drivers) if they set aside their macho attitude and maintain lines and don't stop cars in the middle of busy streets just to inspect what that collusion with the lesser vehicle did to his grand car, he wouldn't have any part in the massive jam that follows. Moreover if that tiny rickshaw for that matter, gives up the eternal urge to overtake whatever is in front of him then traffic rules, at least stand a chance along with your suggestions.

### Biswas, Khaleda greet Lebanese President, PM

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated his Lebanese counterpart Elias Haroui to mark the national day of Lebanon today, reports BSS. In a message to Haroui, President Biswas said, "I take this opportunity to express my earnest hope that the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two brotherly countries will be further strengthened in the coming years."

He conveyed his best wishes for the long life, good health and happiness of the Lebanese leader and for the continued peace. In a similar message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia expressed the confidence that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and the Republic of Lebanon and the two peoples would be further strengthened in the year ahead. Felicitating the Lebanese Premier, Rafic Hariri, to mark the national day of his country Begum Zia in a message conveyed her best wishes for personal health and happiness of the Lebanese leader.



Sangeeta Islam performing at a cultural function organised by Youth Front, a socio-cultural organisation on the occasion of the Sher-e-Bangla award giving and cultural function at the Shiphakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo



The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the killing of two of its activists in Chittagong Sunday morning. — Star photo

### What's on today...

- Chaplin film show:** Today is the concluding day of the film session, organised by the Rainbow Film Society. Two movies 'The Circus' and 'The Great Dictator' will be screened. Venue: GCC auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 and 7pm respectively.
- Islamic Medical Mission:** A certificate awarding ceremony for the imams and primary school teachers will be held. Chief guest: Prof K M A Munim, Editor, Bangladesh Observer. Venue: Premises of the mission at Mirpur. Time: 12 noon.
- Workshop:** Closing of the four-day long workshop on 'regulated market study reports', organised by the Department of Agricultural Marketing. Venue: CEA conference room, Khamarbari. Time: from 9 am to 2:00pm.
- 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.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Dhaka Sheraton. Time: 5:30 pm. Guest Speaker: Khushi Kabir, Chairperson ADAB will speak on 'Women and development'.
- Rotary Club of Ramna:** A meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time 5:30pm. Guest speaker: Dr Parvez Salman Chowdhury.

### 'Political unrest hindering foreign investment'

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali said yesterday that peaceful atmosphere is the vital factor for deriving the maximum benefit from the market economy, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at a technical session of the fifth national conference of the chartered accountants, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh here. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan spoke on the occasion as special guest. Jamaluddin Ahmed, past president of the institute, presided over the function.

The Speaker said various uncertainties, like strikes, are hindering foreign investment in the country. He said that the opportunity of economic development after independence was lost due to various reasons. The nationalisation policy of industry in 1972 was also not favourable to economic development, he remarked.

The Speaker said all problems of the country are inter-linked, therefore, consensus among the political parties through discussion is necessary for solving the problems of the country, he added.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan said, unless we are able to create an image of the country by avoiding strike and ensure continued supply of electricity, skilled manpower and fair trade union practice, foreign investors would not come forward.

### Heroin seized

A squad of the Department of Narcotics Control Sunday seized 140 grammes of heroin from the Railway staff quarters under Tejgaon thana of the city, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip, the squad raided the spot at around 2 pm and arrested three persons with the heroin.

A departmental case was lodged with Tejgaon thana against the arrested persons.

### Two bodies recovered

Police recovered two bodies — one of a one-day-old child and another of an 11 year old girl — from Pallabi in the city Sunday night, reports UNB.

The body of the child, with hands and legs cut off, was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

The girl was identified as Fatema, daughter of Kanchan Miah, 209, Senpara Parbata, Mirpur.

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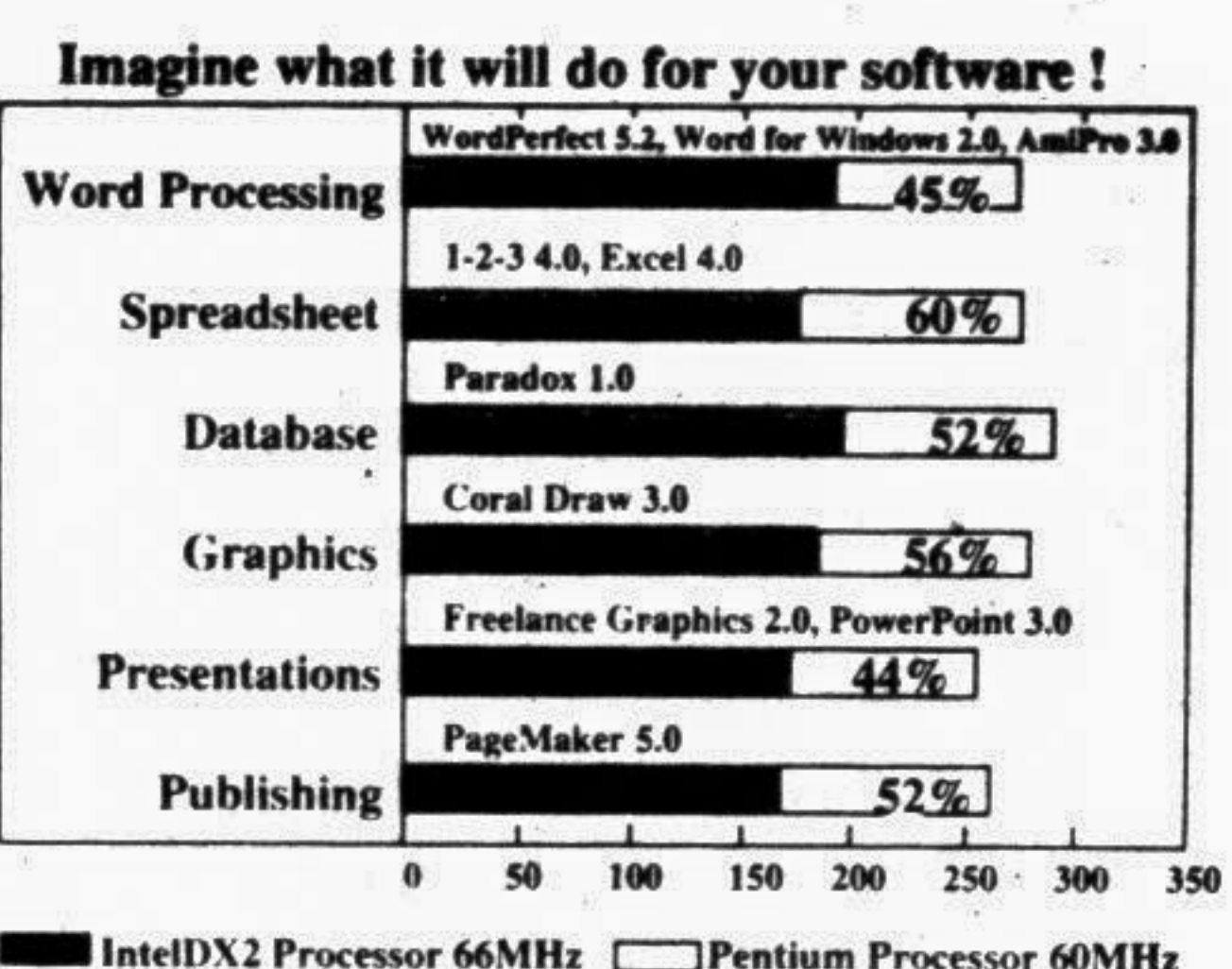
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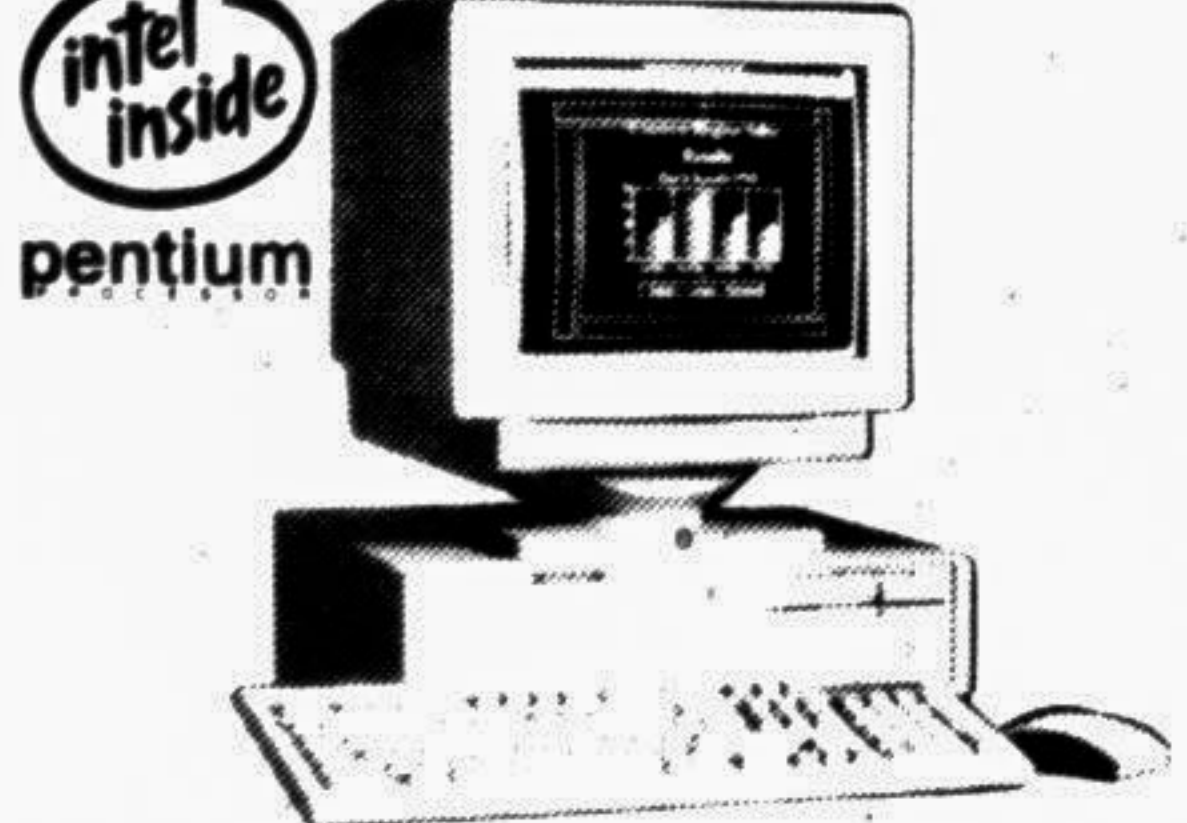
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