

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Many Faces of Chauvinism

by Lamis Hossain



A woman scanning the dailies for an employment opportunity has good reason to be confused. Job advertisements in the city have yet to grasp the concept of the working woman: should they encourage females, remain silent on the issue, or admit that the employer just seeks a pretty young hand?

If it's a placement offered by an international organisation or an NGO, it sometimes goes beyond the usual, "We're an equal opportunities employer," to actually state, "Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply." This is all very well for the 'gentler' gender, but what if they wrote, "We encourage men to apply"?

Unfortunately, this happens, though not in so many words. Recently, a leading American Bank in Dhaka advertised several positions. Although it proclaimed itself to be an equal opportunities employer, the ad went on to specify, "You should be a male and preferably a graduate..." Thank you for the vote of confidence, gentlemen.

But when companies do actually solicit applications from women, they reveal a woeful misconception about female competence. Take the following common example: "Positions vacant. Executive manager (male). Secretary (female). Not that secretarial work is brainless, but shouldn't there be freedom to choose for yourself?"

The chauvinism doesn't end here. It gets worse. The following is a real ad: "Eastern Navigation. Bangladesh restaurant seeks to employ female receptionists, supervisors and

cook. Age 20-27. Preferably unmarried. Character certificate from a respected gentleman." Why didn't they save on their advertisement budget and just declare: "We require a pretty young thing to smile at us all day"? And a character certificate from a gentleman? Wake up, this isn't the dark ages. From the men's point of view, surely they make perfectly good cooks and receptionists, and would appreciate the chance to apply as well.

If looks were an important part of the job such as modelling, it may be understandable to mention it, but it seems to be requisite for all sorts of employment: "Wanted nanny for a nine year old. Age 18-20. Good looking. At least S.S.C pass." This conjures up images of desperate men in the house staring at or harassing the young girl. Any sane woman would stay away from the job, but with the lack of available employment, they may not be able to pass it up.

It may be hypocritical for the press to criticise employers. It seems that journalists have a thing or two to learn as well. Two extracts from a weekly magazine prove the point. One describes a beauty contestant. "She has a long neck, broad shoulders, narrow waist, big bottom and an extended chest." Another, a review of the movie 'Charom Aghat', observed, "Marvellous acting, beauty, healthy curvaceous body and sex appeal of Diti have been an added attraction..."

If male good looks were so important to employers and female journalists surely there would be a lot of unemployed men around. Consider yourselves warned.



Dr CR Abrar addressing a seminar titled 'US economic embargo on Cuba: The last unresolved issue of the Cold War' at city's Institution of Engineers auditorium yesterday. The Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Union organised the seminar. — Star photo

## What's on today

**Drama week:** The Dhaka Theatre Mancha will stage the drama *Soda Mair Gandhe* on the opening day of a drama week. Seven group-theatres of the metropolis will take part in the festival. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

**Seminar on tanning process:** A seminar on 'beamhouse and tanning process for tanning industry' will be held. The Limex Technologies Ltd, Bangladesh and Roehm GmbH, Germany have jointly organised the seminar. Venue: Ball Room of the Sheraton Hotel. Time: 3 pm.

**CAMPE:** The Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) will hold a discussion titled 'Should we have a second language at the primary level?' Venue: Arches auditorium at House-701, Road-13 (New), Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

**Seminar:** A three-day international seminar on 'commercial activity, women and ecology' will begin. The seminar will be jointly organised by the International Geographical Union (IGU), The Commission on Commercial Activities and the Bangladesh Geographical Society (BGS). Venue: National Museum. Time: 10 am.

**Chinese film show:** The Cultural Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bangladesh will hold a buffet dinner and a Chinese film show. Time: 7:30 pm. Venue: Embassy's grand hall. The programme will be held to entertain the prize-winners of the art competition organised by the Bangladesh-China Friendship Association on the occasion of the 45th founding anniversary of China.

**Paty Zilla Bastabayan Committee:** a meeting of the committee will be held. Venue: Jatiya Grantha Kendra auditorium. Time: 5 pm.



Poet Sufia Kumal speaking at a discussion organised to mark the 107th birth anniversary of late Mohammad Nasiruddin, a renowned journalist and the Sawgat editor, at city's National Museum auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

## Lift economic sanctions against Cuba

Speakers at a seminar in the city criticised the US foreign policy and called for withdrawal of the economic embargo on Cuba, reports UNB.

The seminar was addressed, among others, by Prof Rehman Sobhan, Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim, Haidar Akbar Khan Rano, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Ajoy Roy and Amirul Islam Bar at Law.

Dr CR Abrar presented the key-note paper and Justice KM Sobhan chaired the seminar.

Addressing the seminar, on "US Economic Embargo on Cuba: The Last Unresolved Issue of the Cold War", the speakers said United States must immediately cease its hostility towards Cuba and allow the Cuban people to decide their own path to development and governance.

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01.	Construction of 4 Bar Gas Pipe line at village Gahira, South Sarta etc. under Rajuran, Chittagong.	Tk 15,57,886.00	Tk 1000/- P/set	120 (One hundred twenty) days.
02.	Qualification of Contractor. Enlisted with BGSL for Category 1/3/14 for the year 1992-93/1993-94. Contractor of on-going project are not allowed to participate, if they have completed 75% of their work within schedule time.			
03.	Where schedule will be available: a) Finance & Accounts Department, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla. b) Accounts Section, 100, Momin Road, Chittagong. c) Accounts Sub-section, CGS, Demra, Dhaka. d) Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro-Centre, 3, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka. e) Accounts Department, BAPEX, HBFC Building, 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka. f) Accounts Department, PIU, BSB Bhaban, 14th floor, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka. g) Accounts Department, Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd. 2, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka. h) Accounts Department, BGFL, Court Road B. Baria. i) Accounts Department, JGTDCI Barkatia Super Market, Amberkhana, Sylhet. j) Accounts Department, SGFL, Chiknaguli, Horipur, Sylhet. k) Accounts Department, RPGL BSEC Building, 7th floor, 1, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka.			
04.	Selling of tender Schedule: From 05-12-94 to 19-12-94 (During office hours)			
05.	Place, date and time of tender receiving: a) Construction Department, BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla. b) Sales Department, BGSL, 100, Momin Road, Chittagong. c) Liaison Office, BGSL, Road No. 2/A, House No. 3, Banani, Dhaka. d) Petrobangla, Petro Centre, 3, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka. e) BAPEX, HBFC Bhaban, 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka. f) PIU BSB Building, 14th floor, 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka. g) Titas Gas T&D Co. Ltd. 2, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka. h) Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd, Court Road, B. Baria. i) Jalalabad Gas T&D Systems Ltd, Barkatia, Amberkhana Super Market, Sylhet. j) RPGL BSEC Building, 7th floor, Kauran Bazar, Dhaka and k) Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Chiknaguli, Horipur, Sylhet. On 20-12-1994 up to 12-00 Noon.			
06.	Date and time of tender opening: On 20-12-1994 at 12:10 PM			
07.	BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all other tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.			

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