

Attack condemned

The Bangladesh Mohila Awami League yesterday expressed its deep concern and condemned the armed attack on the residence of the organization's Chittagong chapter leader Anjali Rani on Wednesday in which one person was killed, reports BSS.

Girl killed in city road mishap

A teen-aged girl was killed in a road accident in the city's Pallabi area yesterday morning. The victim identified as Madina, 13, died on the spot when a speeding minibus knocked her down on Road No 4 at Pallabi Bloc-C around 5:30 am yesterday.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue. A case has been registered with Pallabi Police.

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Dhaka Day by Day
Entrepreneurship OK, Profit not Easy

by Lamis Hossain



Lawrence L. K. Baidya didn't want to sit idle after his retirement in 1984. "I reasoned that I would die sooner if I didn't do anything," the ex-station master of a steamer company explains. Instead of taking up stamp collecting or looking after his grand children, Baidya embarked on a more unlikely venture: producing peanut butter.

The elderly gentleman with the guru-like appearance of a Buddhist monk, knows that he has not chosen a conventional post-retirement pastime. After all, peanut butter is hardly an essential part of the Bengali diet, so why bother with it?

"Peanut butter is very good health-wise. Why else do you think it's so popular around the world?" Baidya asks. In fact, you only need to look to the US where it was invented a hundred years ago, for proof. Americans consume 700 million pounds of peanut butter a year, which is apparently enough to coat the floor of the Grand Canyon.

"Only the Bangladeshis don't appreciate it," Baidya adds, looking a little impatient with the ignorant masses. He pulls out a Tufts University analysis from the pocket of his grey Nehru collar safari to prove the merits of the product. Unlike eggs and milk, peanut butter contains mono-unsaturated fat, which is "good" fat and does not clog the arteries. It may even be helpful in reducing heart disease, according to the university. "It's also a very good source of protein," Baidya points out. This information is summarised for customer convenience on Baidya's peanut butter labels.

Sounds like the perfect foodstuff, so where's the catch? Calories, and lots of them. One spoonful contains about 90-100 calories of which 75 are pure fat. But for peanut butter addicts, it's almost impossible to lay off after a spoonful.

Baidya's first encounter with peanut butter was in Barisal in the Pakistan era. The Christian Mission memshabs used to make it. It was quite popular with the Pakistanis," Baidya informs.

This second and more permanent encounter with the foodstuff came about thanks to a young unemployed man. This boy used to work with a memshab, the peanut butter man

explains. "He came up to me and asked, 'How will I survive?' and asked me to help him out. He said, 'If you can make peanut butter then I can help you and sell it for you.' And so it began.

Baidya poured all his retirement money into the undertaking. He has two other people making the peanut butter in his home. The sales and production are irregular," he informs. "We sometimes make 10 jars a week or more."

The only ingredients needed are salt and peanuts. "You fry the peanuts and then break them in a hand-grinding machine," Baidya explains making it sound very simple. "I asked a few Americans and British for advice before starting," he informs. He admits that foreign peanut butter has an added unknown ingredient that makes it slightly tastier than his.

Producing peanut butter may be easy, but making a profit is not. "The small shops only take things on credit," Baidya explains. "My products are sold, but I don't see the money. Different shops owe me at least Tk 70,000 altogether. I spend a lot of my time just running around trying to get as little as Tk 30 from one shop or another."

Baidya started his business more as a hobby than as a profit-making venture. "It is very hard to do business if you're middle class. You can't be a hawk on the one hand and you don't have big capital on the other. You can't even get a loan."

He also admits rather ruefully that consumers, both foreign and Bengali, are cynical about Bangladeshi products. "Some people even think it will be adulterated or they don't think it will be good," Baidya says. If someone spots the homemade product next to the foreign one, they will opt for the latter, even if it's more expensive. Hardly the way to encourage local initiative.

Marketing peanut butter in Bangladesh is not such a crazy idea as it appears. The product is nutritious and manufacturing is simple. It's not a case of American junk food ruining the native palate.

Baidya believes that peanut butter should be given a fair chance to prove its nutritional value. "Why don't you write about it?" he suggests with a conspiratorial grin.

Kabita Utsav from Feb 1

The three-day Jatiya Kabita Utsav-1995 will begin in Dhaka February 1, reports BSS.

The organisers of the Utsav said in a press conference in Dhaka yesterday that Poet Begum Sufia Kamal will inaugurate the Utsav.

This year's slogan of the Kabita Utsav is "Rights of the Mankind is the Commitment of the Poetry" (Manushere Adhikar Kabitar Angkar).

The programmes of the inaugural day include rally placing of wreaths at the mazar of the rebel poet, recitation of poetry, exposition of books of poem and posters on the Liberation War and the democratic movement.

The second day of the Utsav will have, among other programmes, seminar, recitation of poem by the poets and announcement of the new committee of the parishad.

The general secretary of the parishad will read out future programmes on the concluding day.

Meanwhile, the parishad has formed 19 sub-committees to make the Utsav a success.

Computer donated to Rotary

A Macintosh 475 computer and a Stylewriter printer were presented by a member of the Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Australia, Geoff Powell, now visiting Bangladesh, to Rtn. DGN Emdad-ul-Huq of Rotary District 3280 Bangladesh for starting vocational training on computer, says a press release.

This computer was funded by the generosity of Apple Computer in Australia through Chris Fell of the Rotary Club of Woodend in District 9800, Victoria, and the Keydon Secondary and Primary Schools where Powell is a computer teacher.

The computer and printer will be used to provide free computer training to the unemployed youths under the Rotary's vocational service programme.

FFs threaten greater agitation

By Staff Correspondent

The Kendrio Sangram Parishad, a forum of disabled freedom fighters and members of "shaheed" families, threatened greater agitation if their demand was not met by today, says a press release.

Hundreds of parishad members, who have been staging sit-in since December 10 near the Swadhinata Bhavan, Motijheel, demanded immediate transfer of the trust office to the Swadhinata Bhavan.

Rotary Int'l Dist confce

The Foreign Minister yesterday said SAARC chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is committed to the seven-nation forum to promote its socio-economic objectives and create broad-based confidence building among the member states, reports UNB.

Presenting a keynote paper on Foreign Policy of Bangladesh at the Rotary International District Conference-95, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said Bangladesh is no longer considered as the bottomless basket.

He said the present government assumed power at a crucial moment of transition. "The first task before the government was to restore the democratic image of Bangladesh in the international arena," he added.

Mostafiz said Bangladesh is the fourth largest troops contributor to the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

He said the foreign policy being pursued by Bangladesh is based on the principles of respect for national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Rotarian Mosharrat Hossain and Mostafiz Zaman Abbas also spoke at the function.

BNWLA concerned at violation of human rights

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) yesterday demanded immediate arrest and trial of those involved in the incident of religious inditement in Feni district and the subsequent death of Rina.

At a meeting, BNWLA leaders expressed grave concern over the increasing incidents of violation of human rights, rise of religious fanaticism and religious inditements at the rural areas.

The meeting was attended by Bangladesh Human Rights Enforcement Organisation Executive Director Abdul Matin, advocates Touhida Khanndakar, Rashida Hossain and Hasina Rashid of BNWLA. Ekram Hossain of Coordination Council of Human Rights in Bangladesh, Tipu Sultan and Ila Chandra of Ain O Salish Kendro, Shahriar Parvin Kakoli of Saptagram Nari Swanirvar Parishad, Shahnaz Babil of Legal Aid and Services Trust, Afroza Ruby of Nari Pragati Sangha and Momtalin Islam of Human Rights Journalists' Forum.

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Discussion on political crisis

The Mujib Adarsha Mullyan Parishad held a discussion on the present political crisis at its party central office in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The speakers hailed the resignation of the opposition members from Parliament.

The meeting was addressed by Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq, A Rashid Akash, MA Kashem, Syed Ataur Rahman, Dr Jogesh Karmakar, Berrard de Costa, and others.

Attack on Janakantha condemned

The president of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and secretary general Shahjahan Mian have condemned the attack on The Daily Janakantha by some people when a procession was passing the newspaper office on January 4, reports BSS.

The BFUJ leaders, in a statement, yesterday said hurling stones at the newspaper office and exploding bombs at its gate by some unruly processionists of a political party was not only an act of terrorism but



Prof. M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor, BUET, delivering a speech at a freshers' reception at the BUET auditorium in the city yesterday.

Free Market Economy

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economy demands more educated people, with education in even more specializations, and also with a broad education, specially for leaders. A credible education system using up-to-date curricula and education technology should be established forthwith.

V. Concluding Remarks
This paper has provided an idea about the pertinent economic reforms that are currently being practised in many developing countries and outlined the reform experience in Bangladesh. The country has been able to overcome the chaotic economic conditions of the immediate post-independence years and achieve some degree of stability in the major macro economic variables. A favourable situation now prevails for pursuing policies for growth, but much still needs to be done for sustaining the growth process. Some indications are given in this paper of the need for intensifying the pace of the on-going reform measures.

The rate of growth of GDP will have to be increased much further for eliminating poverty. The economy is like a bicycle which does not fall only when it moves. Likewise, a stagnant economy will always falter. A mere 4-5% growth rate is utterly insufficient for a poor economy like Bangladesh. Efforts should be intensified to obtain a growth rate of at least 7-8%. To achieve this growth rate, the investment ratio should be raised to 20-22% from the current level of 10-12%. With appropriate policies, attainment of this target is not impossible. For investment, both domestic and foreign, to grow, a favourable environment should be created by appropriate policies. Structural adjustment policies and other macroeconomic reforms to which the Government remains committed, viz, trade liberalization, transfer of ownership to private sector, raising ADP and rationalization of government expenditure, reform of tariff and taxation policies, improvements in labour and financial markets, and above all, improving the education system, should be expeditiously implemented for facilitating private-sector-led, market-oriented growth.

Bangladesh Police

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guarantee the best quality sought for. Similarly, the best quality in the matter of promotion is sometimes being sacrificed at the altar of District and Range considerations.

Police training in the foundation course of every tier of recruitment is intended to generate the attitude to learn and unlearn. And as such this course is the cardinal point in Police development and it covers a wide range of subjects. Reasonable knowledge of sociology, psychology, criminology, electronics, law etc. is a hallmark of police career. For Sub-Inspectors and others in the higher ranks advanced knowledge of such subjects has become essential now-a-days. The syllabus prescribed for police training needs to be periodically recast in the light of changes in the nature of police duty. The most important point in this regard is the teacher who pushes the learner through the syllabus and the course. The Sardah Police Academy and other training centres suffer from lack of specialized teachers in subjects like Law, Sociology, Psychology, Criminology etc. It is, however, possible to get the service of specialized teachers from universities and other institutions if arrangement is made for payment of respectable honorarium. The police training budget should be augmented to enrich the library and training aids of the Sardah Academy and other training centres. One of the prime considerations in police training should be to post the best possible officers and other ranks in the training duties and not to treat the training institutions as dumping ground for misfits elsewhere. Advanced training course for superior officers and research projects may be organised in collaboration with universities.

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12:00 BBC World Service News
12:25 Top Gear
1:00 BBC World Service News
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2:00 BBC World Service News
2:25 Public Eye
3:00 BBC World Service News
3:25 Film '95 With Barry Norman
4:00 BBC World Service News
4:25 World News Week
5:00 BBC World Service News
5:25 Tomorrow's World
6:00pm BBC World Service News
6:25 A Joy To Drive
7:00 BBC World Service News
7:25 The Late Show
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5:30 Ticket
6:00pm IPL Oye!
7:00 Billboard US Countdown
8:00 Club X VJ Sophiya
10:00 Never Enough
10:30 VJ David Wu
11:00 The M'Escos Gith Show
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12:00am Videocon Flashback
12:30 Ticket
1:00 Videocon Mangta Hai
2:00 Music Update Tokyo
2:30 VJ Petrina
3:00 Over The Edge
5:00 VJ David Wu

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7:30am Gold: Only The Lonely (Hindi Subtitles)
9:30 Family: Bmx Bandits (PG) (Hindi Subtitles)
11:30 Film Club: My Left Foot (Hindi Subtitles)
1:30 Comedy: How To Marry A Millionaire (PG) (Hindi Subtitles)
3:30 Family: Those Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines (Hindi Subtitles)
5:30 Family: Bmx Bandits (Hindi Subtitles)
7:30 Film Club: My Left Foot (Arabic Subtitles)
9:30 Gold: Only The Lonely (Arabic Subtitles)
11:30 After Dark: Brazil (Arabic Subtitles)
1:30am Comedy: The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes Smarter Brother (Arabic Subtitles)
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5:30 After Dark: Love Letters (Arabic Subtitles)

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