

Dhaka Day by Day

A Dog Excels in Fidelity

by Atiqul Karim



Alisa knows his master's clothes well

'Alisa', a pet dog will cress you by stretching out one of its front legs for a handshake. This it does as part of its master's training. It does also possess some exceptional rare qualities which can never escape the attention of a visitor.

At the first sight, it is likely to give a real fright by barking at strangers, which it usually does like other dogs to guard against burglary at night. But the situation turns normal the moment one gets closer to the animal and it becomes quite friendly. It, however, became a bit ferocious to see the camera of the photographer perhaps for the simple reason that it didn't allow anybody to take its snap for media coverage. Following instructions of Rubel's mother, Alisa did not mind to take its seat on the sofa.

It does not take long to take a test of its loyalty to its owner. First, the houseboy is ordered to mix up Rubel's clothing with those of others. Rubel's mother then tells Alisa to identify the clothes of its master and keep them separately. The dog can do the job in a moment and then start moving towards its master's room holding them in its mouth. In another incident, the houseboy kept all the shoes mixed up before the dog to choose rightly the pair belonging to its owner. This time also it succeeded in identifying Rubel's pair of shoes and started running to keep them in proper place.

Dwelling on the intimacy of the animal with her son, Rubel's mother informed that in the pet he has probably found his best playmate. This closeness in turn impels him to take utmost care of the mammal. A few days' separation from the master sometimes becomes unbearable for the dog. She cited an example. Very recently, Rubel went to Chittagong to see his aunt. Believe it or not, Alisa refused to take food for two days for him. Tears rolled down the corner of its eyes. Hearing this, her son had to cut short his visit and came back. As a gesture of love and joy, his favourite puppy started to lick him with its tongue and no longer refused food.

The most surprising thing is that the dog doesn't allow any inmate of the house to touch its master's dress. It loves to perform the job itself. It becomes angry if Rubel's sisters try to take his apparel inside. The dog would love to carry its master's towel and trousers for Rubel at the time of his bath. While everybody in the house sleeps, the dog is seen waiting in front of the gate for the arrival of its master who sometimes comes late at night. It is learnt from Rubel's family members.

It does not even lack in the sense of courtesy. The dog comes to see the guests or visitors off at the gate. It has indeed acquired qualities we even appreciate in human beings.



Students of the Udayan School presenting chorus on the occasion of annual prize-awarding ceremony. On the right, a student receiving prize from the chairman of the school managing committee. — Star photo

Power sector achieves 43 pc target in 6 months

Nearly 43 per cent of target in the power and natural resources sector of the current fiscal year's ADP (annual development programme) was achieved in the first six months, a meeting here was told yesterday, reports BSS.

The achievement in the sector during July to December 1994 was 42.92 per cent, compared to less than 28 per cent scored by this sector in the same period of the previous year.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharruf Hossain presided over the meeting to review the progress in implementation of the current year's ADP in power and natural resources sector. Power and natural resources are the two sub-sectors in this ministry.

The meeting was told that the donors earlier had fixed the target of this sector in the first six months at 35 per cent, a PID handout said.

The progress in power sub-sector during the period under review was 46.65 per cent, while the achievement in the same period of the previous year was 29.34 per cent. Taka 1305.30 crore was allocated in this sub-sector during fiscal 1994-95. Progress of ADP achievements in power development, rural electrification and DESA during the current year were 59.86, 34.67 and 35.20 per cent respectively, the handout said.

The achievements in the natural resources sub-sector

during July-December was 29.32 per cent. Out of a total allocation of Taka 357.59 crore, including 188.38 crore foreign exchange, Taka 104.85 crore were spent. Petrobangla, Petroleum Corporation and Petroleum Institute have achieved 36.06, 1.16 and 7.34 per cent respectively of their ADP targets.

German instt donates scientific equipment to DU

The Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation of Germany has donated scientific equipment valued at Tk 12.50 lakh to the department of Microbiology of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

Ambassador of Germany Dr J Gohl yesterday handed over the equipment to the Vice-Chancellor Prof Emazuddin Ahamed.

The Ambassador expressed his pleasure and hope that the donation will help promotion of research, particularly in the areas of formation and industrial biotechnology of the department.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Ambassador for the donation and cooperation provided by his country.

The Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation, a prestigious organisation of Germany, awards fellowships to highly qualified scholars on a worldwide basis mainly for research purposes.

Prize-giving ceremony

By Staff Correspondent

The annual prize-giving ceremony of Udayan School, Dhaka was held at the school premises yesterday.

Prof M Shaif Chowdhury of the Dhaka University and also chairman of the school managing committee was present as chief guest while Headmistress Shyamali Nasreen Chowdhury presided over the function.

Nat'l Moon-sighting body meets today

A meeting of the National Moon-sighting Committee will be held at the conference room of the Islamic Foundation today at 6:30 pm for sighting the moon of the month of Ramadan, reports BSS.

We love you
Please forgive us



Mommy Jaanu, Daddy laanu & I miss & love you. Please come back.

QULKHWANI



Mr Ishaque, a renowned businessman, died of cardiac failure at Suhrawardi Hospital at 6 am on 29th January '95 (Inna Razeun).

He has left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of friends, admirers and relatives to mourn his death. His Qulkhwani will be held today (31st January) after Asr prayers at this residence at House No 64/B, Road No 8/A (New), House No 559/B, Road No 15 (Old), Dhanmondi. Phone: 815703. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the Qulkhwani to pray for his departed soul.

Mrs Ishaque, Adnan Ishaque, Uzma Ishaque

Wanted

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka invites applications for appointment as Senior Officers.

Candidates should be between the age of 35 and 40 and must be at least M.B.A. or M.A. in Economics with distinguished academic records and strong writing and communication skills, particularly on economic issues.

The positions offer good emoluments and opportunities for career development.

Interested applicants should send their CV along with recent photographs by 12th February 1995 to the Secretary-General, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka, "Chamber Building" (4th Floor), 122-124, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

BRTA installs computer system

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) entered the computer era yesterday, beginning to keep records of 3.5 lakh vehicles and 5 lakh driving licences in its computer data bank, reports UNB.

Besides, registration, issuing of fitness certificates and route permits for vehicles will also benefit from the accurate and prompt service offered by data base.

Communications Minister Oli Ahmad yesterday formally inaugurated the project which aims at giving better service to the customers besides ensuring road safety.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the government is committed to develop a safe and secure road transportation system keeping pace with the tremendous developments in the road communication network.

He said that road safety should be improved to stand equal to the demand of the situation, making best use of the yearly budget of about Tk 2,000 crore for construction and development of roads and

bridges. Steps are also underway to modernise the age-old Motor Vehicles Ordinance and bring dynamism in the sector to eradicate the irregularities, Oli Ahmad added.

The Communications Minister asked the BRTA authority to start issuing laminated driving licences immediately.

He underlined the coordinated efforts of different public bodies, including the law enforcing machinery and the Department of Environment, to check plying of vehicles without fitness certificates and those emitting black smoke.

The annual collection of BRTA has been increased to about Tk 60 crore from Tk 29 crore due to the timely steps taken by the government, the minister informed. This will be further augmented through strict adherence to honesty and sincerity by the workers at all levels.

Roads and Road Transport Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat said that with the introduction of computer system, facts and figures of the district offices of

BRTA will be linked with headquarters in updated form and the standard of customer service will be elevated.

Addressing the function, BRTA Chairman HMB Zaman disclosed that the road transportation sector contributes 11 per cent to the GDP to register the third highest position.

Workshop on Global Modelling

A two-day international planning workshop on Global Modelling concluded in the city Saturday, says a press release.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and the Environment Institute (RIVM) of the Netherlands, Dr Joseph Alcamo, Director, RIVM presented the keynote paper at the inaugural session on the integrated global environmental model called Image 2 developed by RIVM.

International participants at the workshop included representatives from the Netherlands, Philippines, India, Pakistan and USA. Representatives from government, BUET, BARC, WARPO, SPARRO, Planning Commission and Ministry of Environment also took part.



Birth anniversary of Abu Sayeed Chowdhury today

The 74th birth anniversary of former president late Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury will be observed today, says a press release.

The Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council will distribute stipends among the meritorious students in this connections. The function will be held at 4pm at the late president's residence at 116, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.

Justice Chowdhury joined the War of Liberation while he was Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University.

In 1972-73, he was president of Bangladesh and in 1985-86, he became Chairman of the UN Human Rights Commission.



A two-day workshop on The Use of Image 2 Model in South Asia was concluded at the Sonargaon Hotel in the city on January 28.

Weather

No change in temperature

Dry weather is likely to continue across the country with partly cloudy sky over the coastal regions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office forecasts no appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country during the period. Yesterday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 27 degrees Celsius and the minimum was 19.6 degrees while the country's highest temperature was recorded 28.2 degrees Celsius at Teknaf and the lowest 7.4 degrees at Srirangal. The sun sets today at 5:44 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40 am.

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