

Dhaka Day by Day

Mosquitoes: Awami or BNP?

by Lamis Hossain

Mosquitoes have had more than their share of fame recently. Not only do their numbers make front page news, but they have also become the subject of parliamentary discussion.

The question which seems to vex our MPs, is the political affiliation of mosquitoes. Are they BNP or Awami League? (Should they be on the voter's list?) "Possibly those are Awami mosquitoes which menaced the city," offered the Home Minister. The remark was well received by his entourage, but not by the Mayor of Dhaka.

These are 'Jatiyabadi mosquitoes' says Hanif headlines screamed out the next day. According to the mayor's logic, if Dhaka mosquitoes are Awami then the rest of the country could be branded as 'Jatiyabadi.' Hanif must have been well briefed by his advisers on the difference between the mofussil and city versions of the winged peril.

The Dhaka mosquito is small and almost invisible. You will be sucked dry before you even notice the insect, because it is clever, fast and impossible to see. The district mosquito, such as the ones in Barisal, is blacker, bigger and altogether slower. It hovers around your face, unsure of whether to bite or caress you. The insect is slapped dead by the time it reaches a decision. Surely the Home Minister would recant in light of this amazing revelation.

But whatever the ideological stance of the mosquito, one thing is clear: they have become more of a menace than our politicians themselves.

Anyone who has waited in a parked car in the evening knows the danger. An ominous grey cloud will gather in front of the window, which if left open, and could land you in big

trouble. Separated only by a pane of glass, the winged predators loom before you baying for blood.

Wet clothing left out to dry is also a favorite haunt for mosquitoes. As soon as you shake the items on the clothesline, hundreds of the little vampires fly out and head for cover (or for your vein).

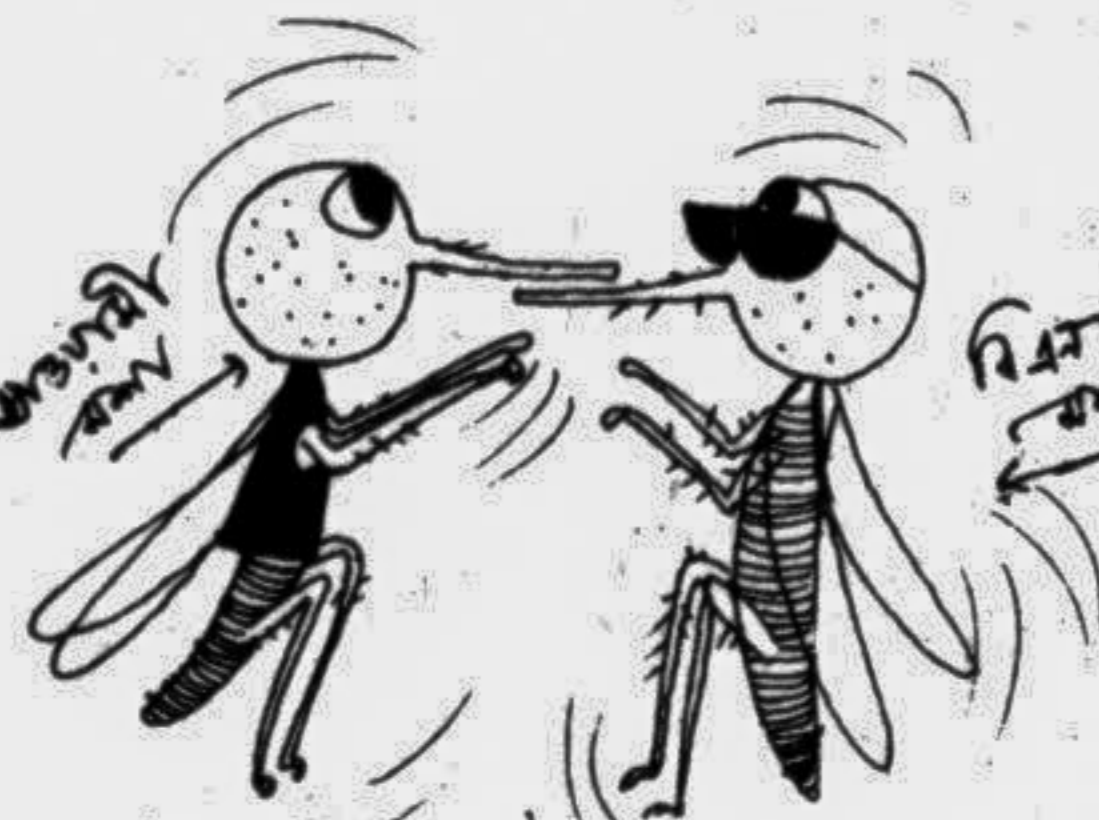
By five in the morning, the mosquito spray in your bedroom loses its effect, and the blood suckers leave their dark hiding places to buzz irritatingly near your face. A great wake-up call.

Of course, some people are strangely immune to mosquito bites, while others are daily targets of the potential malaria carriers. It is thought that mosquitoes prefer warm blooded people. Frankly, the answer probably lies with your political sympathies.

It is not surprising that the mosquito menace has reached such a scale. Each female mosquito can produce anywhere between 40 to 400 eggs. Dhaka with its open drains, stagnant pools, and discarded bottles which collect rain water, is a perfect place to lay these little larvae.

The Dhaka mosquito has been breeding an increasingly resilient species. No matter what tactics we choose, their numbers seem to double every winter. Aerosol and mosquito coils probably harm us more than them. The situation is so desperate that the DCC has taken to releasing 'Gappi fish' in our drains in the hope that they will feast on the wrigglers in our sewer system.

There is only one positive thing about mosquitoes: they've managed to generate a brief and shallow debate in Parliament, it almost makes you forget about the present crisis. Almost.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas hosted an iftar party for the editors, journalists and ulema at the Bangabhaban yesterday. — Star photo

Biswas hosts iftar party

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday hosted an iftar party for the editors, senior journalists and ulema of the country at the Bangabhaban, reports BSS.

President Biswas exchanged greetings with the guests.

Call to learn from Osmany

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday called upon all concerned to take lessons from the life of Bangabir General MAG Osmany with a view to developing a democratic culture in the country, reports BSS.

Addressing a discussion organised in observance of the 11th death anniversary of Bangabir Osmany here, Rahman termed Osmany the most idealist follower of democracy.

Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, Major General (ret'd) Kazi Golam Dastagir and BNP leader Hares Chowdhury spoke at the function organised by Sylhet Division Movement and Development Council at the National Press Club.

President of the council advocate Abed Raja presided.

Rahman said Osmany will be remembered by the nation not only because he had led the Liberation War in 1971, but as a noble politician who dared to resign from the cabinet and parliament to uphold the democratic values.

But the opposition's resignation from Parliament today would only destroy the democratic process, he observed.

Mannan Bhuiyan said, the liberation war cannot be viewed without remembered.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed called upon Bangla Academy and other authorities concerned to introduce Osmany to the new generation properly, particularly his glorious role during the independence war and afterwards.

Police attack on newsmen condemned

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) in a joint statement yesterday expressed grave concerns at the police attack on three press photographers including Emran Hossain of The Daily Star.

The BFUJ acting president Manzur Ahmed and secretary general Amanullah Kabir and DUJ President Zahurul Haq and general secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi in their statement said: "We noticed a tendency of the police to attack the journalists on duty over the recent days. We condemn such attitude of the police."

The statement also condemned the attack on the Editor of the daily Sakaler Khabor, Tahmina Shawqat, and demanded punishment of those responsible for both the incidents.

Bangladesh Journalists Forum yesterday condemned police attacks on Emran Hussain, photo-journalist of The Daily Star and Tahmina Shawqat, the editor of vernacular daily the 'Dainik Shakal Khabar' during a clash between Shibir activists and police at Bangla Motor crossing on Tuesday.

The forum at a protest meeting yesterday at its office at North Brook Hall Road, demanded immediate punishment of the persons responsible for the attack on journalists, says a press release.

Among others, forum secretary general Md Musa spoke at the protest meeting chaired by M Shamsheer Ali.

DCC UCEP school opens

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif Tuesday underlined the need for massive spread and application of education to speed up national development, reports UNB.

He was addressing the inaugural function of DCC UCEP school at Ganoktuli Cleaners' Colony in Hazaribagh.



Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman speaking as a chief guest at a discussion and *doa mahfil* in memory of General MAG Osmany at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Jobs under international bodies

Some international organisations have invited applications for filling up certain vacancies at their disposal. Names of the organisations alongwith the post titles and last date for receipt of the application by the head offices of the concerned organisations are below:

Staff Medical and Social Welfare Assistant (P-3) March 10, Chief of Section (P-5) February 22, Programme Specialist in Engineering Sciences (P-4) March 20, Principal Programme Specialist (P-5), Chief of Section (Chief Archivist) (P-4), Programme specialist in Educational Planning and Management (P-4), Information Officer (Arab Region)

(P-4) March 19, Education Adviser and Coordinator 'Appeal' (p-5) March 20. Further details of the posts and procedure of application will be available with the Ministry of Establishment, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioner and District Labour and Manpower Office, says a PID handout.

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চ)	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ	৪) বাংলাদেশ সরকারের কর নীতি অনুযায়ী বিধি মোতাবেক উক্ত কাজের বিস্তারিত "আয়কর" এবং "মূল্য সযোজন কর" কর্তন করা হইবে।				
ছ)	দরপত্র দিল যথাযথভাবে পূরণে ব্যর্থ হইলে উক্ত দরপত্র দিল বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।					
জ)	কোন টিকাদার তাহার লাইসেন্স/কার্যের কার্যক্রম হস্তান্তর যেমন দরপত্র দিল জয় ও দাবিল, তালিকাভুক্ত বন্ধকীকরণ করিলে তাহার দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।					
ঝ)	কেবলমাত্র বরাদ্দ প্রতি সাপেক্ষে টিকাদারদের মিল পরিশোধ করা হইবে।					
ঞ)	কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিক্রমে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।					

সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্রের প্রাপ্তি নির্দেশাবলী

১) তালিকাভুক্ত রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই এবং হাল নাগাদ, নবায়ন কিংবা দেওয়ার টেকারী চালান দেখাইয়া কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতি গ্রহণপূর্বক দরপত্র দিল জমা করা যাইবে।

২) যে সকল টিকাদার অত্র ডিপার্টমেন্টে প্রদত্ত কাজ সম্পাদন করিতে ব্যর্থ হইয়াছেন তাহারা দরপত্র দিল জমা করিতে পারিবেন না।

৩) মোট দরপত্র মূল্য প্রাকলিত মূল্যের ৫% (পাঁচ) ভাগ-এর অধিক নিম্নে হইলে দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল হইয়া যাইবে।

৪) যে সকল টিকাদার ইতিপূর্বে একই কার্যক্রমের মাধ্যমে ৬.৫০ লক্ষ (ছয় লক্ষ পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকার নির্মাণ কাজ সম্পন্ন করিয়াছেন কেবলমাত্র তাহারা ইতিপূর্বেকার মূল কপি ও কাজ সমাপ্তির সনদপত্র (যাহা নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী পদের সমমানের কর্মকর্তার নিতে নাহে) দেখাইয়া দরপত্র জমা করিতে পারিবেন এবং উক্ত সনদপত্রসমূহের কটেকপি সংযুক্ত করিয়া দরপত্র দিলের সহিত সংযুক্ত করিয়া দিতে হইবে।

৫) বাংলাদেশ সরকারের কর নীতি অনুযায়ী বিধি মোতাবেক উক্ত কাজের বিস্তারিত "আয়কর" এবং "মূল্য সযোজন কর" কর্তন করা হইবে।

৬) দরপত্র দিল যথাযথভাবে পূরণে ব্যর্থ হইলে উক্ত দরপত্র দিল বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

৭) কোন টিকাদার তাহার লাইসেন্স/কার্যের কার্যক্রম হস্তান্তর যেমন দরপত্র দিল জয় ও দাবিল, তালিকাভুক্ত বন্ধকীকরণ করিলে তাহার দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

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