

Dhaka Day by Day

WASA's Challenging Job

by Goutam Prosad Das



The WASA is the sole authority in the capital responsible for meeting the water requirements of the city's 8.6 million dwellers. It also oversees the city's serpentine sewerage system which carries off the refuse of houses and streets. With only three steel-make water tanks situated at Fakirapul, Mohakhali and Lalmatia, each having a capacity of 10 lakh gallons of water and several tanks of concrete with capacities varying between one lakh gallons to 1.25 lakh gallons dotting the city, WASA has failed miserably to provide the city's growing population with sufficient water.

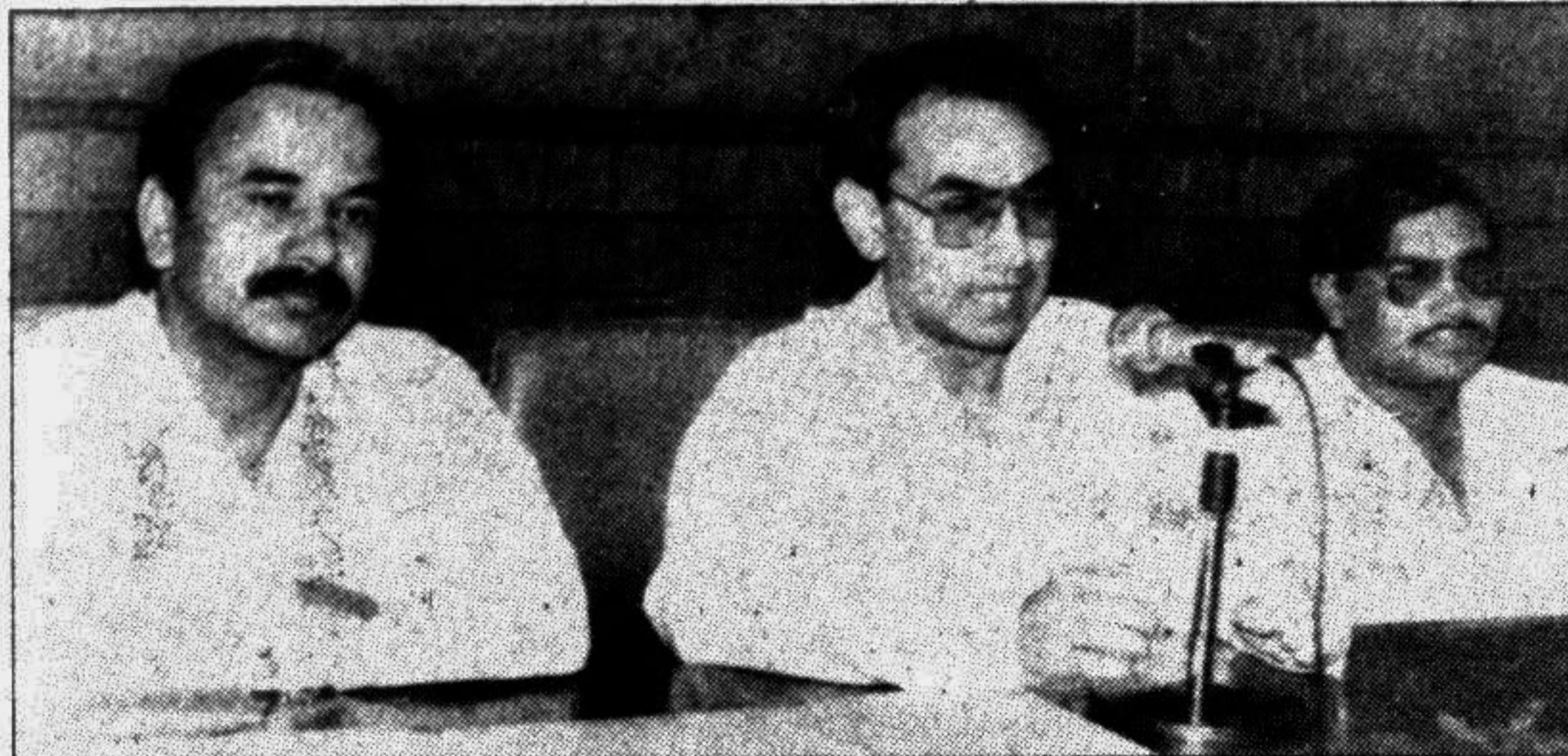
People working at the WASA are quite unhesitating to disclose the fact that at present the WASA is capable of supplying only 50 per cent of water requirements of the city. The master plan made at the time of creation of the authority was never materialised, and instead of ten towering water tanks, only three have materialised. Each large water tank is connected with two or three large pipes penetrating some 800 ft. deep into the soil for lifting underground water. According to geologists of the WASA, the underground water is gradually going down and reaching some 800 ft. beneath the soil does not always guarantee the availability of water. At present the WASA does not

have the technology to explore if water is adequately available at further depth. The proposal for extracting more water from the Buriganga to meet the shortfall is also not acceptable. There is the apprehension of endangering navigability.

WASA people, of course, are not ready to take the blame singly on their shoulders. Why? Some unscrupulous power owners and hotel-wallas instal powerful motors along WASA's underground water pipes to ensure 24-hour water supply in their establishments. Such unapproved steps certainly deprive their neighbours of one of the most useful amenities of city life.

Perhaps because of this trickery we wonder why in the same locality the people of one house has plenty of water for wastage, while another is forced to keep household activities such as washing, cooking, bathing, mopping up of floors etc. suspended.

Constant low budget for the WASA is a major problem. It needs investment. People pose the question, if Karachi can have supply of drinking water from some 1500 kilometers away, why can't we have the same from the Meghna basin?



Mirza Abbas MP, president of the Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, addressing a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Diabetic Awareness Day observed

Invest more in health sector, Biswas tells entrepreneurs, NGOs

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon entrepreneurs and non-government organisations (NGOs) to invest more in the health sector for the promotion of health services in the country, reports BSS.

He made this call while addressing a function in observance of Diabetic Awareness Day, organised by Bangladesh Diabetic Association at BIRDEM auditorium in the city.

President of the association Alamgir MA Kabir chaired the function while its secretary general Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab also spoke on the occasion.

Mrs Ibrahim, wife of the founder of Diabetic Hospital (BIRDEM) and the association late Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, attended the function as the special guest.

Paying rich tributes to Dr Mohammad Ibrahim, who pioneered the treatment of diabetic patients in the country,

Chehlum

The chehlum of Golam Mortuza, journalist, political organiser and one of the activists of the Language Movement will be held on March 5 at his residence at 53/1 West Dhanmondi, Shankar after Jehr prayers, reports BSS.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend and pray for the peace of the departed soul.

Golam Mortuza died, on January 25 and was buried at Azimpur graveyard.

President Biswas said the people would remember him for his contribution to service-oriented diabetic treatment.

The President appreciated the efforts of the diabetic association in making people aware of the disease and providing different services to the patients. He observed that the mass media could play an effective role in raising awareness regarding the diabetes and keeping it under control.

Earlier, President Biswas handed over the Ibrahim Memorial Award to noted social worker and physician Dr Zobeda Hannan for her outstanding research activities on diabetes.

The president also distributed letters of appreciation to a number of aged diabetic patients who have set examples through keeping the disease in control by leading disciplined life.

Speaking on the occasion Alamgir said though diabetes is known as a non curable disease, this can be kept in control through disciplined life.

He urged the mass media to generate awareness among the people of the disease.

Dr Fasihuddin said there are about 20 to 15 lakh diabetic patients in the country while only 10 per cent of them get the medicare facilities through 32 branches of the Diabetic Associations across the country.

Wanted

Applications from female candidates are invited for the posts mentioned below. Lecturer in Psychology: Master with honours degrees in Psychology. Candidates must have at least Second Class/Division in all examinations. Demonstrator: Minimum Second Class in BSc with Psychology as one of the subjects, skill in computer will be preferred. Candidates must have ability to teach both in Bengali and English medium. Applications supported with CV, copies of certificates and Bank Draft of Tk 100'00 in favour of the college will be received up to 20.3.95

Principal
Siddheswari Girls' College
148, New Baily Road, Dhaka-1000.

S-134

Dr Razees birth anniversary Postal stamp released

The 70th birth anniversary of renowned educationist, jurist and politician Dr Aleem Al-Razees will be observed today, reports UNB.

Dr Aleem Al Razees Smriti Sangsad Bangladesh Bastuhara Janakalyan Samity and Bangladesh People's League have taken up programmes on the occasion.

The programmes include Quran Khwari at the mazar of the late leader and discussion meetings.

The Smriti Sangsad will hold a mlud mahfil and discussion meeting at its office at 3 pm. Bastuhara Samity will arrange a discussion meeting at its office at 10 am.

Bangladesh Postal Department yesterday released a definitive postal stamp of Taka two and a first day cover of Taka five in observance of the National Diabetic Awareness Day '95 at the General Post Office (GPO) in the city, reports BSS.

The president of Bangladesh Diabetic Association, Alamgir MA Kabir, ceremonially released the stamp by using a special canceler.

The secretary general of Diabetic Association, Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab, the director general of Postal Department, Mohammad Badruzzaman were present on the occasion.



UNITED INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Camellia House
22 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka

NOTICE FOR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of United Insurance Company Limited will be held at Camellia House, 22 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue on Thursday, the 30th March 1995 at 3:00 PM to adopt a special resolution to amend the Articles 136, 141 and 155 of the Articles of Association of the Company relating to election of Directors from sponsors and public subscribers.

Notice of the above EGM is also being mailed to all shareholders who are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Company Secretary.



Rotary and Rotaract Dist 3280 inaugurated a three-month long Career Development Programme for fifty Rotaractors recently at Hiroshima Academy, Chittagong. Rtn Engr Ali Ashraf, Rtn M Saiful Islam, Rtn past president Shahed Khan and Rtn Salahuddin were among others spoke on the occasion.

Tariqul Islam returns

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam returned home yesterday after attending the 4 day 'Intercom '95 Global Telecommunication Congress and Exhibition' held in Vancouver, Canada on February 20-23, reports UNB.

The minister led a two member Bangladesh delegation in the Congress.

Weather

Dry spell likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka division and the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Kushilia, Jessore, Comilla, and Sylhet during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office forecasts weather may remain dry with temporary cloudy sky elsewhere over the country and night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged throughout the country.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was recorded 31 degrees Celsius at Teknaf and the minimum 11 degrees at Srimangal.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity percentage recorded yesterday in some major cities of the country were:

City	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	6am	6pm
Dhaka	30	17.4	75	62
Chittagong	28	17	62	64
Cox's Bazar	29	18	52	61
Sylhet	28.2	13.8	78	63
Rajshahi	29.5	15	90	62

SUMMON / NOTICE

In the 4th Court of Artha Reen Adalat, Dhaka.

Title suit No. 5 of 1993

Uttara Bank Ltd., Islampur Branch, Islampur, P. S. - Kotwali, District - Dhaka Plaintiff.

- Versus -

- M/S. Saiman Enterprise, Prop. Mr. Abdur Rahman, 89/3D, R. K. Mission Road, Gopibagh, Dhaka.
- Mr. Abdur Rahman, Son of Haji Ramizuddin Howladar, Village - Rampal, P. O. Ramjal, P. S. Munshiganj, District Munshiganj.
- (Appeared) Defendants.

By this notice the above named defendants are notified that the plaintiff - Bank has filed the above mentioned suit for realisation of Tk. 4,73,562.02 (Taka four lacs seventy three thousand five hundred sixty two and paise two) only as on 30.11.93 against you, the defendants on account of defaulted loan.

Therefore you are hereby directed to appear in the court in person or through an Advocate on 8-3-95 and to reply if any, otherwise the above suit will be disposed of according to law.

Given under my signature and seal of the court this the 19th day of February 1995

By Order,

Md. Khurshed Alam Meer
Sherestadar

4th Court of Artha Reen Adalat Dhaka

এস এস প্রোডাকশন লিঃ
৪ বিজয়নগর, ঢাকা-১০০০১

শাবানার ঈদ শুভেচ্ছা

লক্ষ কোটি দর্শকদের প্রতি রইলো আমার ঈদের আনন্দঘন প্রাণঢালা শুভেচ্ছা। আমার অভিনীত বহু ছবি দর্শক পছন্দে ধন্য হয়েছে। আমিও জাতীয়ভাবে পুরস্কৃত হয়েছি বহুবার।

এবারের ঈদের ছবি 'শাবানার' পরিচালক দেলোয়ার জাহান ঝঞ্ঝুর **ক্যান্টোন** ছবিতে আমি সব থেকে আলাদা একটি বহুমাত্রিক চরিত্রে অভিনয় করেছি। যা শুধু দর্শক প্রিয়তা পাবে না, আমার অভিনয় দেখে ভক্তরা নতুন করে আমাকে বুঝে পাবেন। এক নতুন শাবানাকে বুজতে প্রিয় দর্শকবৃন্দ জীবন পরিবার পরিজন সহ সবাইকে

এবারের ঈদে এক মর্মস্পর্শী কাহিনীর স্ক্রিনপ্ল **ক্যান্টোন** ছবি দেখার জন্য আমন্ত্রণ রইলো।
আপনাদের প্রীতিধন্য

ঝঞ্ঝুর

তাবানী বেভারেজ কোম্পানী লিঃ
(বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কল্যাণ ট্রাস্টের একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)
৪৭৪ চিড়িয়াখানা রোড, মিরপুর, ঢাকা, ফোন: ৩৮৩০০১, ৩০১৬৭৮