

Dhaka Day by Day

The Fun of Hartals

by Raffat Binte Rashid

The lane was unusually quiet that day (it had reasons, though). Sumon was walking over to his friend's house to share a new video game, when suddenly something hit his head. Thinking it to be a stone, he started running, to avoid any picket coming his way; only he tripped over and fell flat on the ground rather than on the road. Rubbing his face, Sumon discovered that it was just a tennis ball and its owner (s), a bunch of old and young boys staring at him in such way as if saying, "don't you know it's hartal and lanes are reserved for cricket only."

Murmuring to himself Sumon came to the main road. The ever busy Bailey Road seemed unusually wide to him and also deserted, except for a few, again, cricketers. Walking towards Shantinagar, Sumon suddenly came across what it looked like from a distance, a mob. Coming close to it he saw that it was only men, (taking a break from work i.e. picketing, harassing people) some having jhalmuri and others preferring cucumbers with a pinch of powdered chili and salt. Thinking it to be a good idea Sumon ordered for a cucumber treat (specially to cool him off both from the outside and inside).

Suddenly to his utter shock or even dismay, he saw the men around him vanish within the split of a second. This time real pickets were coming his way. He started to run following the cucumber vendor, who ran for his life with his money and without his cucumbers. Few seconds later he found that instead he was being followed by the group. Cursing his fate he made an excellent duck and managed to escape when he realized that those men were actually shouting at the vendor to stop and sell some of his cooling cucumbers to them.

Forgetting the cucumber and his Tk 2 once and for all, he took a detour to his friend's

place. Thinking that he had experienced all the excitement of the video game on the streets that day, he heard a cry. Looking around he saw a lone rickshaw stranded few feet away from him. It was surrounded by yet again, pickets. Sumon thought that the poor rickshawpuller would have to pump his tires again and the weary traveller will have to walk to his destination. He turned around, when again he heard a scream. This time he realized that it was a lady shouting from the rickshaw and she was surrounded by the muggers in the disguise of political activists. With nobody around they took time to get rid of her purse and valuable.

Surprised and shocked Sumon finally reached his pal's house and declared, "hartals are fun, really I mean it."

"It's not only not waking up at seven in the morning and going to school or watching videos, but also playing cricket in the traffic-free main roads, mugging with pleasure while pretending to be a picket, vending goods without actually having to sell them."

A member of the press who is on duty on hartal days, takes this particular assignment on purpose. Unlike other errands this is exciting and fun. He gets to meet friends working in other dailies and also like Sumon is able to witness some unusual happenings.

"A normal jhalmuriwala or chaipattiwala or even cucumber vendor earns as much as Tk 700 per hartal day. It is at these squares that the police, the press and the hosts (the ones who call the hartals) gather together during breaks. Tokais are busy gathering shoes or throwing cocktails for a pay of taka five per successful throw and a lot of such titbits continue throughout the day," he concludes. Interesting, don't you agree!



Performers of the touring drama troupe Shared Experience Theatre at a sequence of the play 'Mill on the Floss,' held at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. The British Council sponsored the show. —Star photo



Ever busy Saderghat transforms into a playground during hartal hours. —Star photo

Weather

Dry spell likely

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

The Met Office forecasts day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days the office predicted thundery weather. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast little change.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Teknal and the lowest 10.6 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 6:07 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:07 am.

The British Council

mill on the floss

The British Council would like to inform readers that on 15 March the 3 pm performance of the mill on the floss performed by Shared Experience at the National Museum Auditorium has now been re-scheduled to 2 pm.

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Special display of works of Zainul, Quamrul, Rashid

The Bangladesh National Museum Authority will arrange a special exhibition on the works of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hasan and Rashid Chowdhury, reports UNB.

This was revealed at the first meeting of the newly formed Trustee Board of Bangladesh National Museum held at the board room of the National Museum. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum was in the chair.

The meeting was informed that the research programme on traditional "Nakshi Kantha" is going on full swing and expected to be completed by June next.

It was also informed that in observance of forthcoming Bangla New Year, National Museum will organise an exhibition on folk song and folk tradition of Bangladesh.

Two publications with titles "Zainul Abedin" and "Dhaka Metropolitan City: History and Tradition" will be brought out soon.

Apart from these, National Museum will implement various programmes in the current fiscal year.

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The Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 15th March (All programmes in local time)

4:00 Opening announcement 4:10 Recitation from Geta 4:15 Sports programme

4:45 The songs 5:10 News in Bangla 5:25 Programme base on population Agami 6:00 Unmesh 7:00 Open University 7:25 Band Show 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Dance programme: Writer Tale 9:00 Film show: Time Trax 10:00 News in English 10:30 Magazine programme: Protyashar Ab 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:45 Closing

9:00am BBC World News 9:25 World Business Report

10:00 BBC World News 10:25 Time Out: Top Gear 11:00 BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 Horizon 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Britain in View 4:00 BBC World News 4:25 Time Out: Film 5:00 BBC Newsdesk 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 Panorama 8:00 BBC World News 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 World Business Report 9:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show 10:00 BBC World Headlines 10:05 Cracking the Code 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 Time Out: Top Gear 12:00am The World Today 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 Developing Stories 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Time Out: Raymond's Blue Mangle 4:00 BBC World News 4:25 World Business Report 5:00 BBC World News 5:25 World Business Report 6:00 The World Today 7:00 BBC World News 7:25 World Business Report 8:00 BBC World News 8:25 Newnight

6:00 am International Flights 7:00 Sigaw Manila 8:00 Rewind 8:30 VJ Sophia 9:00 The Ride VJ Trey 10:00 The Vibe 10:30 VJ Ruby 11:00 By Demand 11:30 VJ Angela 12:00am The Ride 12:30 VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 VJ Alessandra 3:00 Big Bang VJ Petrina 4:00 The Vibe 4:30 VJ Ruby 5:00 Over the Edge VJ Sophia 5:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 6:00 Sigaw Manila 7:00 Over the Edge VJ Sophia 7:30 First Day Videocon Mangia Hai 10:00 Over the Edge VJ Sophia 10:30 Speak Easy 11:00 The Vibe 12:00am 1st Day 1st Show 12:30 BPL Oye! 1:00 The Ride 1:30 VJ Trey 3:00 Frame by Frame VJ Alessandra 4:00 By Demand 4:30 VJ Angela 5:00 Jump Start 5:30 VJ Trey Farly

6:30am Spiderman 5:00 7:00 Kidstreet 7:30 G I Joe 8:00 Jem 8:30 Aerobics Oz

9:00 The Wind in the Willows 9:30 Playabout 10:00 The Sullivans 10:30 Burt Wolf's Eating Well 11:00 El Features: Quiz Show 11:30 Donahue: "Serial Rapist Hijacks School Bus Caught on Videotape" 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: "How To Protect Your Home From Dangerous Criminals" 3:00 Riviera 3:30 Burt Wolf's Eating Well 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 The Sullivans 5:00 Special: Indian Budget '95: A Preview 6:30 Indian Budget '95: Live (Duration - TBA) 7:30 Neighbours 8:00 MASH 8:30 Doogie Howser MD 9:00 Anything But Love 9:30 Moonlighting 10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara 12:00am Star Trek 1:00 The Full Guy 2:00 El Features:

Quiz Show 2:30 Neighbours 3:00 Movie: "Minder On The Orient Express" 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Richmond Hill

6:30 am Swimming World Cup From Malmo, Sweden 6:00 Poomawalla Breeders

Million 9:00 Futbol Mundial 9:30 Swimming World Cup From Gelsenkirchen, Germany 11:00 W Indies V Australia, 1995 3rd 1 Day Int 12:30 Australian Skins 2:30 1995 World Police & Fire Games 4:00 Primebodies-1 4:30 The World of Rugby 5:00 Australian Rugby League H/L Round 1 6:00 W Indies V Australia, 1995 3rd 1 Day Int 7:00 EPGA Tour Moroccan Open H/L 8:00 Thai Kick Boxing Highlight 9:00 International Motorsport News 10:00 Volvo World Cup show Jumping Palm Beach, Florida 11:00 EPGA Tour Moroccan Open H/L 12:00 Australian Rugby League H/L Round 1 1:00 1995 World Police & Fire Games 3:00 The World of Rugby 3:30 Thai Kick Boxing Highlight 4:30 International Motorsport News 5:30 Primebodies-3

7:30am Romance: The Boy in Blue (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Classic: A Ticket To Tomahawk (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Romance: Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Cafe (Hindi Subtitles) 2:00 Classic: The Lavender Hill Mob (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Action: Prisoners Of The Lost Universe (Hindi-Subtitles) 5:30 Classic: A Ticket To Tomahawk (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 The Interview 7:30 Oscar Winner: Norma Rae (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Romance: Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Cafe (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Romance: The Boy in Blue (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Film Club: The Elephant Man (Arabic Subtitles) 4:00 Action: Black Cobra (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Martin Sheen Double Bill Oscar Winner: Wall Street (Arabic Subtitles)

7:30 Zee Education 2:30 Teer Kamaan 3:00 Love Stories 3:30 Tol Mol Ke Bol

4:00 Insight 4:30 Daak Ghar 5:00 Zee Education 5:30 All Souma Quiz Contest 6:00 Manab 6:30 Chitra Darshini 7:00 Manab 7:30 De Ray 8:00 Gaane Anjaane 8:30 Ek Minute 9:00 Special 9:30 Banegi Apni Baat 10:00 Parampara 10:30 Helpline 11:00 Bazaar Buzz 11:10 Aap Ki Adalat 12:40 Campus 12:10 Commander 12:40 Dateline Asia (Arabic) 1:10 Infotainment 3:40 Close Down

8:00 am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma 8:05 Hamd/Naat 8:15 Warzish 8:20 Cartoon 8:25

Bachon Ka Naghma 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Kitchen Faloodah 9:05 Sur Sawara 9:30 Hamari Sehat 9:45 Aaj Ki Kitaab 10:00 Change Over 10:05 Solo-Hits 10:30 English Film 11:00 News 11:10 All Souma Quiz Contest 11:30 Sargam Sargam 12:00 Angara Wadi 12:55 Dua 1:00 PTV2 Insigila 1:02 Bismillah 1:10 Aaj Ki Nashriyat 1:15 Taimal Show 2:00 Rawish 2:55 Future Quest 3:25 Dost Darakht 3:45 Documentary 4:35 Aioi Courses 6:50 Hamara Qaeda 6:25 Trail Blazers 8:55 Roushen 8:35 Aioi Courses 8:50 Aa-Khbar 7:00 English News 7:15 Promo 7:20 Home Improvement 7:45 Khila Khatran 8:20 Vita World of Cricket 8:55 Yee Jahaan 9:00 Headline News 9:02 Yee Jahaan (Remaining Portion) 9:30 Sargam Sargam 10:00 Khabarnama 10:25 Commercial News 10:30 Raigzar 11:30 Current Affairs Program 12:10 Gafriel's Fire: Khas Khas Khabrain Farman-e-Elahi Close down

8:00am Tere Sur Mere Geet (Rpt) 8:30am Geet Gata Chal (Rpt) 2:30 Devotional "Veer Bhimsen" 3:30 Hindi Film Hit Songs 7:15 Tere Sur Mere Geet 7:45 Geet Gata Chal 8:15 Gunjan 8:45 Sangeet 9:15 Guldasta 9:30 Suspense Film "Saa Saal Baad"

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