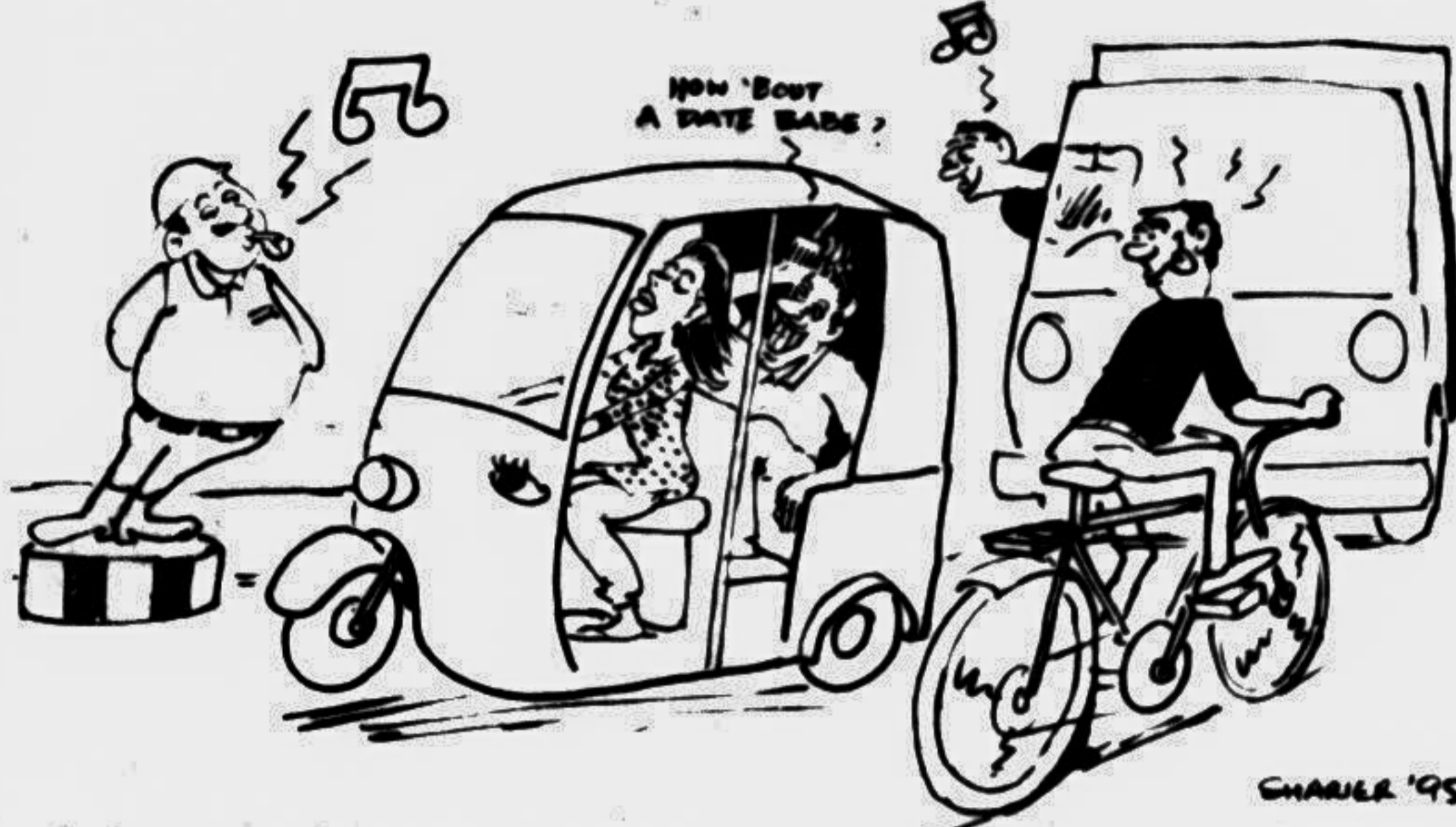


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Dhaka Day by Day

Woman Scooter Driver

by Rashida Ahmad



Jainul drives a scooter in the city. He was pleasantly surprised recently however, to notice for the first time, a woman driving the same, a three-wheeled autorickshaw, as he was taking a passenger from Motijheel to Dhanmendi.

Having delivered his passenger, Jainul stopped by at a friend's cigarette-stand for a smoke and some *adda*. He was telling his friend, Soheedul, about the woman he saw driving an autorickshaw when a couple, Faruk and his wife Latifa, turned up to say hello. These friends of Soheedul were also soon engaged in the conversation about the female scooter-driver.

"I didn't realise women drove scooters," exclaimed Latifa. Noticing the intent look on Latifa's face, and her enthusiastic questions, Jainul mischievously asked if she was thinking about taking up scooter-driving also.

"I'll teach you, if you want."

Taken aback for just a second, Latifa was quick to reply, "alright, then," she laughed.

Now it was her husband's turn to be taken aback. Some earnest discussion took place at the end of which it was decided that Latifa would meet Jainul every evening at eight, beside Soheedul's cigarette-stand, starting with her first lesson the next evening.

As the story spread among friends and ac-

quaintances, however, they were met with disapproval and censure. Over and over again, both were told that it was a pointless exercise as women aren't given licenses to drive such vehicles. Also, it was pointed out that it would be far too dangerous for a woman to pursue such an occupation. Latifa's husband also began to have serious misgivings about his wife's venture.

"But I would only drive in the day-time," protested Latifa.

"And, besides, I saw with my own eyes, a woman driving a scooter."

"She must have had a license," argued Jainul.

"But the people just would not be convinced. The critics would not be silenced."

"No, no, even in day-time... it's far too dangerous."

"If you really saw a woman driving a scooter, then it must have been a private one."

"She'll never get a license, not without a lot of money for bribes..."

In the end they finally convinced Jainul and Latifa that they were wasting their time. The lessons stopped...

Can it be that we won't be seeing any women scooter-drivers in Dhaka in the near future!

What's on today...

Nagorik reception: Nagorik Natya Sampradaya, a leading theatre troupe in the country will accord celebrated playwright Syed Shamsul Haq a reception on his 60th birthday. Venue: 121/1 New Eskaton. Time: 6 pm.

Nat'l Jatra Festival: Natyamonjuri Jatra Unit, Ashashuni, Satkhira will perform the opera *Manohi Devi* as part of the ongoing national jatra festival. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

CDRB seminar: Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) has organised a seminar on 'Bangladesh: The Quest for the Centre'. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Keynote speaker: Mohammad Rashiduzzaman, Associate Professor of Political Science.

Discussion: Samprii Jubo Parishad has organised a discussion on 'secular Bangladesh'. Venue: 5/3, Subhanbagh. Time: 5pm.

Posthumous award: Bangladesh Ganoshilpi Sangstha, a cultural organisation, will accord Mukunda Award to Sheikh Lutful Rahman posthumously. Venue: Shilpa Kala Academy auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

Prize-giving ceremony of art competition

By Staff Correspondent

Former Chief Justice Kamal Uddin Hossain yesterday said that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman could not be separated from the national and personal life of the people of this soil.

"History could be distorted with a pen, but it could not be sold out," he said while addressing a children art competition prize giving ceremony.

The Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikya Jote organised the function, which was also addressed by Dr S A Malek, Alhaj Makbul Hossain, Sheikh Abdul Qader and Dilip Kumar Gostama and others.

President of the organisation Salauddin Badal presided over the function, held at the premises of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in Dhanmendi.

Some 165 children took part in the art competition, organised in connection with the 75th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu.

The winners of last year's competition were awarded prizes which include a crest of Bangabandhu, an audio cassette on the life of Sheikh Hasina and a certificate.

Efforts on to ensure better treatment for cancer patients

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf yesterday underlined the need for community participation in creating awareness to eliminate the deadly disease cancer, reports UNB.

He said the present government has been spending some one billion US dollar (about Tk 4,000 crore) for the years 1992-96 to improve the country's health sector.

This is the highest ever investment in the health sector, the health minister said while speaking as chief guest at the 6th annual conference of Bangladesh Cancer Society at the BARC auditorium.

The minister said that the government had imported six Cobalt Teletherapy machines to ensure better treatment of cancer patients in the country, and 10 more Cobalt Teletherapy machines would be imported in the coming year to meet the urgent needs of the patients.

"We need 120 Cobalt Teletherapy machines to ensure better treatment of the country's existing cancer patients, but it will not be possible to import all the machines at a time. We will import in phases," he added.

In Bangladesh, cancer death per year is estimated at 150,000 as against some 200,000 cases per year. Total cancer cases in the country have been estimated at 800,000.

Canadian High Commissioner Jon J Scot, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, Director General of Health Services Prof A K Shamsuddin Siddiquey, Cancer Society President Prof S F Huq and Secretary General Prof Samir Kumar Sharma also addressed the inaugural function.

High Commissioner Scot assured that Canada would always help Bangladesh to contain the disease and said sympathy, good intention, strategy and adequate money are required to combat cancer.

A Terry Fox Foundation would be set up to help the Bangladesh Cancer Society, the Canadian High Commissioner said. Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam said the newspapers were now publishing more health-related news to help create awareness in the society.

Journalists should now focus more on talkers to doers he said adding that the media should give more coverage to those doing good for the society than highlighting political verbosity.

Cancer Society Secretary General Prof Samir Kumar Sharma stressed on constructing special type of buildings for the recently imported Cobalt Teletherapy machines to provide protection from radiation.

4 UP chairmen, 7 members join BNP

Four union parishad (UP) chairmen and seven UP members of Domar and Dimla thanas under Nilamari district along with a number of local leaders and workers formally joined the Bangladesh Jatiyatabaddi Dal (BNP) at a simple ceremony held at the central office of BNP in the city, reports BSS.



Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Karam Elahi hoisting the national flag on the occasion of Pakistan Day at a function in the chancery Thursday.

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Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Greece

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated Greek President Konstantinos Stefanopoulos on the occasion of the national day of Greece to be celebrated today, reports BSS.

President Biswas in a message of felicitation to President Stefanopoulos expressed his best wishes for good health, happiness and long life of President Stefanopoulos and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Greece.

In the message of felicitation Begum Zia expressed her confidence that the bonds of friendship and cooperation existing between the two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come.

Photo show on war of '71 begins tomorrow

A photographic exhibition on the country's War of Liberation will be inaugurated at La Galerie in the city tomorrow, says a press release.

Some 150 photographs, taken during the war by various photojournalists, including Aftab Ahmed of the daily Ittefaq and freedom fighter-turned photographer S M Shaif Jessor, will be on display.

The show will run till April 2 from 9 am to 8 pm everyday.

Training course

A six-week training course for teachers of Mathematics Department under the auspices of the National University began in the city Thursday reports UNB.

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Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of AM Ershad Ali Chowdhury will be held at his residence, 67 R K Mission Road (Gopibagh lane three) after Asr prayers tomorrow, reports BSS.

A retired deputy secretary, Chowdhury was the father of Enayet Hossain Chowdhury the city editor of the daily Morning Sun who died just a few days ago.

Seminar

A seminar styled as "Naree Purush Shamparka: Samaj-Sabhatar Swarup" was held at TSC seminar hall, DU, in the city Thursday, says a press release.

The Gender Relations and Development Forum, Dhaka in cooperation with the USHA organised the seminar. Former chief justice Kemal Uddin Hossain chaired the session.

Rover Moot begins today

The 14th Rover Moot of Rover Regional Scouts begins today at the National Scout Training Centre at Mouchak in Gazipur, reports UNB.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, who is also the Chief of Scouts, will inaugurate the six-day moot as chief guest.

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CORRIGENDUM
Northeast Regional Water Management Project
Invitation for Pre-qualification of Dredging Firms

Applications are hereby invited from bonafide Bangladesh Registered Hydraulic Dredging firms/contractors for pre-qualification in connection with the dredging of the Kalni-Kushiyara River channel.

The works will be executed under a CIDA Grant during the period from October 1995 to March 1996. The approximate volume of dredging is about 600,000 m³ (Six hundred thousand cubic meters).

The qualified firm should have past working experience in dredging of river channels. The firms are requested to submit the following information with the supporting documents.

- Organizational Information: Name and address and registration number; years of experience; names, professional qualification and experience of key personnel; current inventory of equipment.
- Past experience of the Firm: List of completed works in the last five years. State separately for each work the volume of dredging the execution period, and the equipment used for the work.

Applications will be received up to 15 April 1995. Detailed information can be obtained from the Kalni-Kushiyara Project Coordinator during office hours. (Phone Nos. 882823, 882923)

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NOTICE OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the MBA CLUB LTD will be held on Friday, 28 April 1995 at 6.00 PM in the Hall Room of the Club, Dhaka to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To confirm the proceedings of the Special General Meeting held on 12 January 1994
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts as of 31 March 1995 together with the reports of the Auditors and the Treasurer thereon
- To elect the Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee 1995-1996
- To appoint Auditor for the year 1995 and to fix his remuneration
- To transact any other business of the club with the permission of the chair.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -sd-
M SAIDUL HAQ MBA
General Secretary
Dated: 20 March 1995

The Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 25th March
(All programmes in local time)

4:00 Opening announcement 4:10 Recitation from Geeta 4:15 Children's singing programme: Pafshunori 4:45 Musical programme: The Kid songs 5:10 News in Bangla 5:25 Folk songs 6:00 Population programme: Shamacher 6:30 Moiner Mukure 6:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Development programme: Janmabhumi 8:30 Agricultural programme: Mati O Manush 9:00 Magazine programme: Ananta Dhara 10:00 News in English 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Tomorrow's programme announcement 11:45 Closing

9:00am BBC World News 9:25 World Business Report 10:00 BBC World News 10:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 UN World 12:00noon BBC World News 12:25 Business Matters 1:00 BBC World News 1:25 Britain in View 2:00 BBC World News 2:05 Developing Stories 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 The Late Show 4:00 BBC World News 4:25 Time Out: Holiday 5:00 BBC World News 5:15 Everyman 6:00pm BBC World News 6:25 The Late Show 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Cracking The Code 8:00 BBC World News 8:25 World News Week 9:00 BBC World News 9:25 Time Out: Film '95 10:00 BBC World News 10:05 Correspondent 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show 12:00am BBC World News

12:25 World News Week 1:00 BBC World News 1:25 The Late Show 2:00 BBC World News 2:05 Horizon 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Time Out: Top Gear 4:00 BBC World News 4:25 World Business Review 5:00 BBC World News 5:25 World Business Review 6:00 BBC World News 6:25 India Business Report 7:00 BBC World News 7:25 World Business Review 8:00 BBC World News 8:25 India Business Review

6:00am Dive To Adventure 6:30 Transformers 7:00 Kingdome Adventure 7:30 East Of The Moon 8:00 Pastaguns 8:30 Count Duckula 9:00 Grim Tales 9:30 The Herkules Kids 10:00 Katts & Dog 10:30 Planet Of The Apes 11:30 Automan 12:30 Movie: Once Upon A Texas Train 2:30 Movie Classics: Penny Serenade 4:30 Lifestyles Of The Rich & Famous 5:30 Movie Television 6:00pm Whose Line Is It Anyway? 6:30 The Wonder Years 7:00 The Green Hornet 7:30 Evening Shade 8:00 The Simpsons 8:30 Baywatch 9:30 Street Hawk: Pilot 10:30 LA Law 12:00am COPS 12:30 Mystery Movies: Ruth Rendell The Best Man To Die 2:30 Movie: Mortuary Academy 4:30 Hooperman 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Crossbow

7:00am Asian Top 20 VJ Nonie 9:00 VJ Nonie 11:00 VJ David Wu 1:00 Never Enough VJ David Wu 2:00 First Day First Show 3:00 VJ Sophiya 4:00 House Of Noise 5:00 Speak Easy 5:30 The Ticket 6:00pm BPL Oyel 7:00 Billboard US Countdown 9:00

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2:30 Dour 3:00 Shesh Prashna 3:30 De Ray 4:00 Ekusha Pa 4:30 Shakti 5:00 Special 5:30 Humare Lye 6:30 Chakravayha 7:00 Helpline 7:30 Great Days 8:00 Gaane Anjaane 8:30 Do Se Bhal Teen 9:00 Film Deewane 9:30 Tara 10:00 Parvarish 10:30 Ghoonta Aaina 11:10 Phillips Top 10 12:10 The Zee Horror Show 12:40 Salame (Arabic) 1:10 Infotainment 4:40 Close Down.

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma 8:05 Hamd/ Nnat 8:15 Warzish 8:20 Cartoon 8:25 Bachon Ka Naghma 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Alif Laila 9:10 Des Pardes 9:25 Dasterkhawn 9:35 Mehmaan 10:00 Change Over 10:05 Sur Ka Safar 10:30 English Film 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Fifty Fifty 11:30 Counter Strike 12:10 Hawain 12:55 Daa

Second Transmission
1:00 PTZ Insignia 1:05 Bismillah 1:10 Aaj Ki Khabrainat 1:15 Sachchans 2:00 Band Galli 2:55 Get To Know Your Body 3:25 TV Encyclopedia 3:45 Sport Time 4:35 Ayou Courses 5:00 Hamara Qaeda 5:25 Adand-O-Aaskaal 5:55 ETV Quiz 6:25 Ayou Courses 6:50 Al-Khbar 7:00 The News in English 7:15 Promo 7:20 Sada-E-Kashmir 7:30 PTV Time 7:55 Aabhaair 8:25 Dentonic World Of Sports 8:45 Tariq Aziz Show 9:00 Headline News 9:05 Tariq Aziz Show (Remaining Portion) 10:00 Khabrain 10:25 Commercial News 10:35 Paddaash 11:25 Current Affairs Programmes 11:55 English Film Khas Khas Khabrain Farman-E-Elahi Close down

8:00am Tere Sur Mere Geet (R) 8:10 Geet Gata Chal (R) 2:30 Hindi Social Film 'Lajwanti' B/W 8:30 Hindi Film Hit Songs 7:15 Tere Sur Mere Geet 7:45 Geet Gata Chal 8:15 Gurjan 8:45 Sangret 9:15 Gukhista 9:30 Action 'Bond 303'

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