# Escape from City's Tribulations

by Syed Amir Abbas

The alarm rings. Summon jumps up out of bed almost as if he was waiting for the alarm. He rubs his eyes and reflects on his restless night of sleep. Must be because this is the day. his day, three years of hard work is finally going to pay off. He thinks ...

"Okay, it's 9 o'clock, have to get to Narayanganj by noon, get my samples and well, let's hope. Remember, you have to be back by 6:00 pm or you will miss your train."

In this case the train is Federal Express and his ticket is his samples: basic white T-shirts for his Swiss buyers who will place an order for 25,000 dozen T-shirts, provided he can get the samples there by Thursday. Today is Monday. It takes Fed Ex three days to deliver the

package to Switzerland. He remem bered the fax he re ceived last night. In summary, if they don't receive this package by Thursday noon, the deal is off! It took him

months to get to this stage of negotia tions. He is guaranteed an order if he delivers the samples on time. Fed Ex's cut-off time for receiving packages for Monday is 6:00 pm. — O

He thinks, "all right, take a shower call the office and make sure the same ples are waiting for me," It's 10 o'clock Summon feels a lot better after the shower. The phone

"Hello," he an A short statement

on the other end. It's the office. Narayangani has called and the samples are ready. What a surprise, the first time they called me, anyway. He checks the address, gets ready and he's off. It's 10.45. His mind is racing. He does not even notice the Dhaka summer heat. He decides to take a scooter since a rickshaw will take too long. He does notice the traffic but he is not worried. He has seven hours. He has never been to this factory because usually they deliver the samples to his office but he still has ample time, he reckons. He arrives at the factory at 1 o'clock.

"Two hours!" he thinks, he is very angry and tense.

Solar eclipse

will take place on April 29 and

April 29, will end at 2.32 am

on April 30, says the

Bangladesh Meteorological De-

ible anywhere in Bangladesh.

This eclipse will not be vis-

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Facilities Department

Ministry of Education

Faridpur Zone, Faridpur

**Tender Notice** 

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911, subject to the terms & conditions stated below, are

Charmadhabpur Govt Pry School Re-construction

Dhala Rajanoor Govt Pry School Re-construction

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South Birangal Govi Pry School Re-construction

3-5-95 up to 12 30 minutes

3-5-95 at 1-00 P. M.

deposited with the tender

Contractor shall buy the tender himself from the above stated offices subject to production of

Such contractors as have received work order during 1994-95 financial year but could not start

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A-1/A-2/A-3 class.

Tk 4.93.000/=

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1994-95 financial year Renewal Fee paid original Registration book.

invited for re-construction & major repair of the undermentioned Govt. Primary schools under this

Name of Govt. Primary School

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Sadar West Pevarpur Govt Pry School

Algi Govi Pry School

Sadar North Birangal Govi Pry School R.

Chowhaddi Cinvi Pry School

Motipara Cove Pry School

Sadar Charkoarpur Govt Pry School

Last date for purchasing . 2-5-95 (during office hours)

Sadar Pathalia Govt Pry School

Mominkharhat Govt Pry School

30, reports BSS.

partment.

An annual eclipse of the sun

It will begin at 8.33 pm on

The trip only took an hour but it took him another hour to find the address. He walks in. calms himself down and starts to think posi-

Tk 1.2 cr Dutch

grant to UNHCR

ment will provide an additional

5 lakh NLG approximately Tk

1.2 crore in aid to UNHCR, re-

in response to the joint UN-

The amount was sanctioned

Tender Notice No. 32/FD/FZ/94-95

Name of

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zone underhead 137-Education-5(10) operation & maintenance.

Name of

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Last date of receiving tender

Tender to be had at

Earnest money

Estimated cost

Instructions

DFP-9820-19/4

G-641

Tender to be received at

Time of opening tender

Price of tender per set

work as yet can not purchase the tender.

will be treated as cancelled outright.

on 8-5-95 at 10 am before the tenderers present

VAT & Income Tax will be deducted as per Govt rules.

Eligibility of contractor

ports UNB.

HCR/WFP appeal.

The Netherlands govern-

tively, well sort-off. Traffic outside was really bad and it was not getting better. The manager is waiting for him. After having the customary chit-chat, they get down to the business of his T-shirts. The samples are ready for him in her office he inspects them and finds everything is in order. Another surprise, a good omen. He thanks her profusely and leaves her office. He checks his watch; four more hours to go. No problem, he thinks. He grabs a scooter and they start weaving in and out of traffic till they get to a small road which is blocked by a lot of people pouring out of an old red brick house. Indian design, he estimates it to be two hundred years old. No way out and this is the only road out of the area. He

has three and a half hours left, time enough to have a drink and wait for the crowd to dissipate. The scooter driver decides not to wait. Summon takes care of the driver and proceeds to a confectionery He is almost panicking by now.

The store owner was an elderly 'chacha'-type gentleman who takes pity Summon's plights and offers him a seat. He orders his Coke and asks the old man what was going on at the red house. The store-owner begins to tell him that eight generations ago a 'zamindar' came here and built the house and his next generations developed the whole area, hence the crowd. The

old man is a master story teller. Summon is engulfed by the story and starts to relax about the time. The crowd starts to thin out which he does not notice hypnotized

by the story. Finally Summon asks. "So what happened?" The old man replies, "The last of the zamindar's family just died today, two hundred and forty years, over with one death. No more direct descendants. He was the last son, an only

bitter end." Summon thanks him for every thing and tells the store owner he has to leave. The crowd has completely gone, he pays for his Coke, takes another scooter and he is on his way again. He looks at his watch, it's 6 o'clock.

reports UNB.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department.

Faridpur/Dhaka/Mymensingh/Tangail/Narayanganj Zone

and office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department.

2% (two per cent) of estimated cost in the form of Pay

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Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable)

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Newspaper

holiday

news agencies will remain

closed on May 1 (Monday) on

the occasion of great May Day,

lished on May 2 (Tuesday).

said a BSP press release.

All newspaper offices and

No newspaper will be pub-

Dated: 16-4-95

Time for completion

of work

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Executive Engineer

(Current Responsibility)

Facilities Department

Faridpur Zone, Faridpur.

child who could not have children. A sad and



The Executive Director of International Jute Organisation (IJO) K M Rabbani addressing a press conference in the city yesterday. - PID photo

#### 12000 new digital phones in city soon

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tarigul Islam vesterday said, connections of twelve thousand new digital telephones will be given from September next through six telephone exchanges of Dhaka city to meet the growing demands of telephones, reports BSS.

The exchanges are Maghbazar, Nilkhet, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Mirpur, Gulshan and

The minister said this while addressing the general managers' conference held at the conference room of telephone bhaban in the city.

Secretary, Post and Telecommunications M Hafizuddin Khan, Chairman, BTTB M H Choudhury were present.

The minister said, to achieve the revenue target during the present fiscal the collection drive would have to be strengthened.

The minister directed the Bangladesh T and T Board to disconnect the telephones of the defaulter subscribers.

He urged the T and T men to gear up the monitoring system of card phones so that no card phones get out of order.

The minister once again called upon the T and T officials to be sincere in providing proper services to the subscribers. Only proper service can protect BTTB from privatisation, he added.

#### SAARC rural electrification experts' meet ends

SAARC rural electrification experts ended a two-day meeting in the city Monday call for developing an institutional concept that rural electricity utility would be a cooperative of beneficiaries, reports

Financial management of rural electrification is to be more in line with the principle of a community utility than with that of a commercial venture, the experts said.

They recommended that ultimate governance of the cooperatives lies with a democratically elected board of directors in each cooperative of the beneficiaries, that is the electric consumers constitute the electoral college.

Six experts from four SAARC countries — India. Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka -attended the "SAARC Meeting of Experts on Examination of the Operational System of Rural Electrification Co-operatives of Bangladesh" at the BC-SIR auditorium.

Science and Technology Secretary Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir addressed the closing ceremony presided over by Chairman of the Rural Electrification Board (REB) Brig

Muhammad Enamul Hug. REB Director Sajedul Karim read out the recommendations.

REB has entered its 17 years of operation in Bangladesh with the rural electrification infrastructure built in 48 per cent of the total area of the country.

Rural electrification has been a success story in 32 countries of the world, including Bangladesh and Philippines from Asia.

Experience over the years of operation of rural electrification programme in Bangladesh suggests that this programme, embodying the unique combinations of democracy. accountability and technology, has survived the test of time.

#### Obituary

AMG Mohiuddin, a former journalist and founder member of the National Press Club died in the city Monday night after a prolonged illness. He was 72. reports BSS.

Late Mohiuddin who worked in a number of newspapers including the Azad and the Pakistan Observer in different capacity, also served as an editor of the weekly Markin Parikrama.

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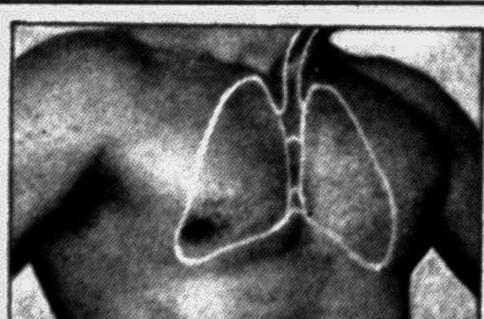
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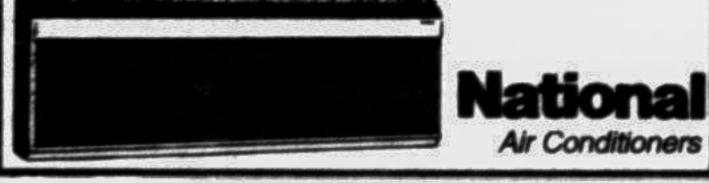
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#### Biswas Khaleda greet Valentine

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated chairman of the national provincial council and head of state of the Republic of Sierra Leone Captain Valentine em Strasser on the occasion of the National Day of Sierra Leone today, reports BSS.

In a message President Biswas wished good health and happiness of Captain Valentine and the peace, progress and prosperity of the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted chairman of the national provincial council and head of state of the Republic of Sierra Leone Captain Valentine em Strasser.

In a message Begum Zia expressed the hope that the cordial relations existing between the two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come.

#### JCD demands arrest of terrorists

BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday demanded arrest of those responsible for Monday's gunbattle on the Dhaka University campus, reports UNB.

At least 50 round of gunshots were reportedly fired during the gunfight between the two factions of JCD, known as "Tangail group" and "Anti-Tangail group". None was, however, injured.

Addressing a protest rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban yesterday morning, leaders of the JCD said terrorists have no place in the organisation. The rally was addressed by

JCD leaders Monwar Hossain Rana, Shafiqul Islam Shafiq. Mosharraf Hossain and Monir Hossain.

#### Cancel 'Kha' unit DU admission test: BCL Leaders of Pro-Awami

League Chhatra League yesterday reiterated their demand for cancelling the "Kha" unit admission test held on April 21 and a fresh date for the examination, reports UNB.

At a rally in front of "Aparajeyo Bangla" of Dhaka University yesterday morning. they also demanded immediate punishment to those involved in the leakage of question pa-

The question papers of "Kha" unit admission test were allegedly leaked out and sold in different residential halls of the university the night before the examination.

Authorities formed a sixmember probe body to investigate into the allegation.

BCL leaders including Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Bahadur Bapary and Wadud Khakon addressed the rally which was perceeded by a procession.

#### 4 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Three boys were injured in an explosion and another person was stabbed in the city Monday

Liton. 21, an employee of the Titas Gas Company, was stabbed by some unidentified hoodlums near his residence at South Mugdapara under Sabujbagh Police Station around 2:30 pm when he was returning home from his of-

In another incident, three urchins - Pintu, 11, Arzu, 10, and Ibrahim, 11, - were injured seriously when a cracker went off accidently near the Phoolbaria Railway Hospital at around 6 am. The bomb exploded when they picked up a small container from a nearby

#### Chehlum

The chehlum of journalist Enayet Hossain Chowdhury and his father Ershad Ali Chowd hury will be held on April 28 after Asr prayers at their 67. R K Mission Road. Gopibagh third lane residence, reports

Enayet, city editor of the daily Morning Sun died of a heart attack in Calcutta and his father, a retired government official, died here a few days later on hearing the premature death of his son. Chehlum of father and son

#### Shakespeare's birthday

will be held on the same day.

The 431 birth anniversary of William Shakespeare was observed with due solemnity at his birth place. Stratford-on-Avon, England on April 22, reports BSS.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to U K Dr A M F Yusuf. represented his country at the traditional ceremonies to pay respect to the great poet.

The programmes included a colourful procession, hoisting of flags of different countries and placing of wreaths.

#### Poura commissioners team meets Biswas

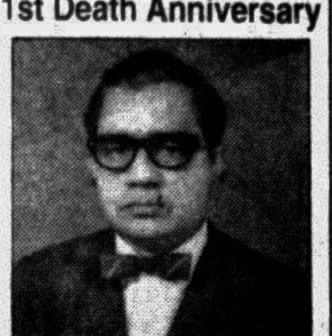
A 20-member delegation of poura commissioners, imams and motawallis of mosques of Sagardi under Barisal municipality called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Led by poura commissioner Shahabuddin Sardar, the members of the delegation apprised the President of some of the local problems.



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# 1st Death Anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Prof T H Khan, retired Prof of Ophthalmology. ON THIS OC-CASION, a milad will be held today at his residence at 10, Dhanmandi R/A, Road No-7, Dhaka after Zohar Namaz. All his relatives, friends & well-wishers are invited to attend the milad and pray for the departed soul.

### In Memoriam



A heart so pure and noble, a heart so kind and affectionate, left us 23 years ago. We remember you all the time and your image is still the deepest in our hearts.

> Children & Grand children

# 26th April, 1995

11th Death Anniversary of Firdaus Alam



" By love, he is remembered ... ... And he lives eternally In caring hearts, In lives he touched, In the glow of memory."

TODAY AND EVERYDAY WE REMEMBER YOU

Iftekharul Alam and Khorshedi Alam

# POTATO FRENCH FRY

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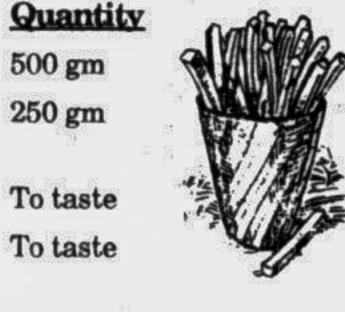
# Ingredients

Potatoes

Soybean/ Sunflower Oil

Salt

To taste Black Pepper/Red To taste Chillies Powder



## Method of Preparation

- Peel and cut raw potatoes into 1/4 inch (6mm) thick strips · Put the potato strips in cold water to keep them
- crisp and white. Drain and dry well ◆ Heat about 4 inches (10 cm) of vegetable oil to
- in a shallow/deep-fat fryer or heavy saucepan to the frying temparature 375°F
- Fry potatoes slices for 5-7 minutes stirring with the straining spoon until golden brown and crisp
- Slow heat is good for french fry
- ◆ Remove with the straining spoon, dry well on paper towels, salt lightly and sprinkle with hot chillies powder/black pepper and serve hot
- The french fries may be prepared before and kept in the refrigerator and refried when needed

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