

Dhaka Day by Day

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...

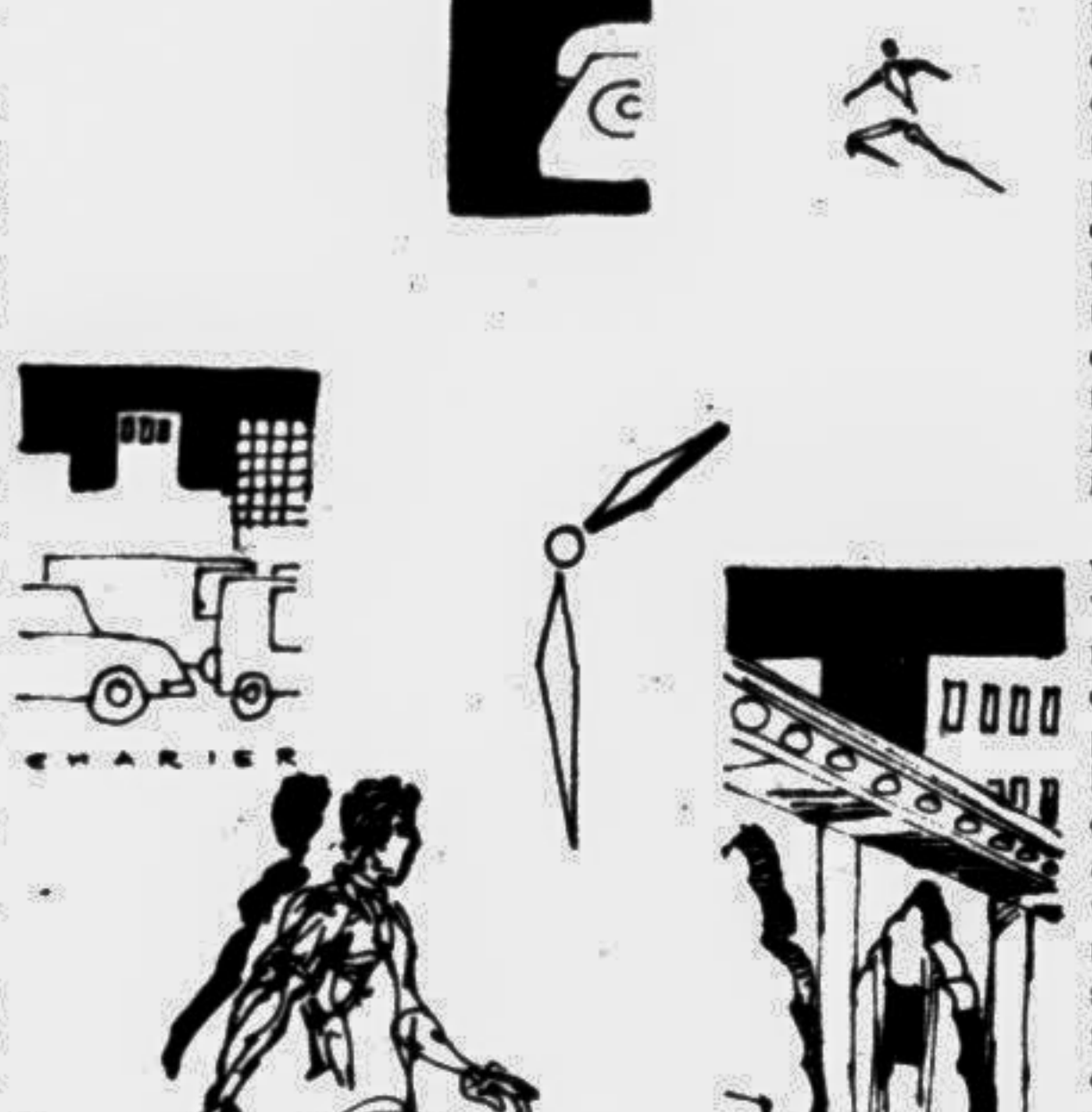
ively, well sort-off. Traffic outside was really bad and it was not getting better. The manager is waiting for him. After having the customary chit-chat, they get down to the business of his T-shirts. The samples are ready for him in her office. He inspects them and finds everything is in order. Another 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 on Summon's plight 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 storyteller. Summon is enguiled 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 child who could not have children. A sad and 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.

A short statement on the other end, it's the office. Narayanang 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. 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-



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 Tariqul Islam yesterday 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 Magbazar, Nilkhet, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Mirpur, Gulshan and Uttara. The minister said this while addressing the general managers' conference held at the conference room of telephone bhavan in the city.

SAARC rural electrification experts' meet ends

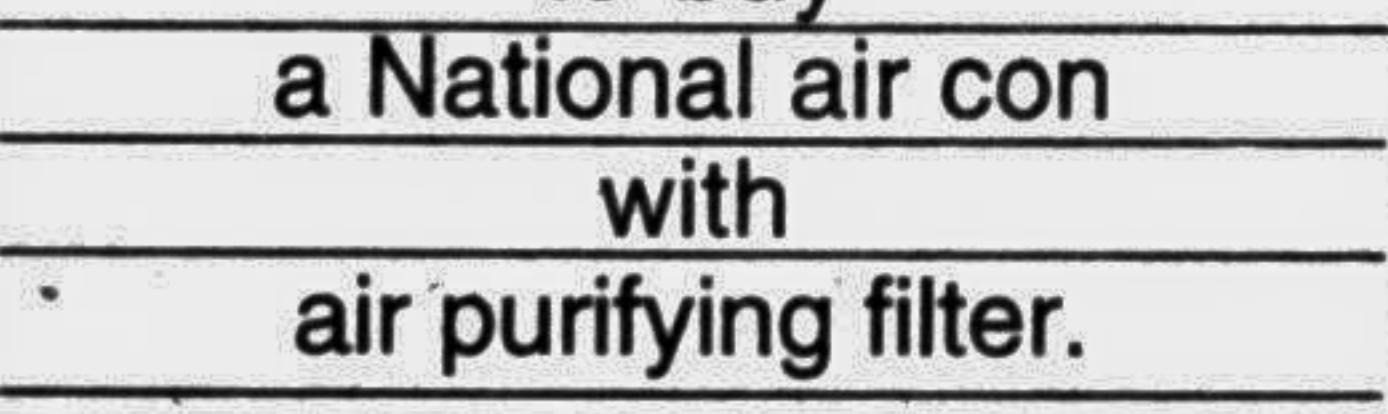
SAARC rural electrification experts ended a two-day meeting in the city Monday call for developing an institutional concept that rural electricity utility would be a cooperative of beneficiaries, reports UNB. Financial management of rural electrification is to be more in line with the principle of a community utility than with that of a commercial venture, the experts said.

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 Huq. 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.

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 capacities, also served as an editor of the weekly Markin Pankrama.

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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 Strasser on the occasion of the National Day of Sierra Leone today, reports BSS.

JCD demands arrest of terrorists

BNP's student front Jatya-atabadi 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 'Tangali group' and 'Anti-Tangali group'. None was, however, injured.

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 papers. 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.

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

Chehlum

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

Shakespeare's birthday

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.

1st Death Anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Prof T H Khan, retired Prof of Ophthalmology. ON THIS OCCASION, 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. S-218

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Khan Saheb Abdul Aziz Khan Nov 1, 1890 April 26, 1972

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

Table with 2 columns: Ingredients and Quantity. Includes Potatoes (500 gm), Soybean/Sunflower Oil (250 gm), Salt (To taste), Black Pepper/Red Chilies Powder (To taste).

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 temperature 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

Nutritive Value Kilo Calories-264/100 grms Protein-4.1 gm/100 grms Low cost, easy to prepare nutritious snacks. Crop Diversification Programme Department of Agricultural Marketing

Tk 1.2 cr Dutch grant to UNHCR

The Netherlands government will provide an additional 5 lakh NLG approximately Tk 1.2 crore in aid to UNHCR, reports UNB. The amount was sanctioned in response to the joint UNHCR/WFP appeal.

Solar eclipse

An annual eclipse of the sun will take place on April 29 and 30, reports BSS. It will begin at 8.33 pm on April 29, will end at 2.32 am on April 30, says the Bangladesh Meteorological Department. This eclipse will not be visible anywhere in Bangladesh.

Newspaper holiday

All newspaper offices and news agencies will remain closed on May 1 (Monday) on the occasion of great May Day, reports UNB. No newspaper will be published on May 2 (Tuesday), said a BSP press release.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Facilities Department Ministry of Education Faridpur Zone, Faridpur Tender Notice Tender Notice No. 32/FD/FZ/94-95 Dated: 16-4-95 Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911, subject to the terms & conditions stated below, are invited for re-construction & major repair of the undermentioned Govt. Primary schools under this zone underhead 137-Education-5(10) operation & maintenance. Table with columns: S.No., Group, Name of District, Name of Thana, Name of Govt. Primary School, Type of work, Time for completion of work.

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