

Dhaka Day by Day

The 'Polite Man': An Extinct Species

by Samia Islam



Once there were Dinosaurs and dodos on this Earth — animals that are extinct today. In a way our part of the world also paid a price in the evolution process.

Characteristics: The Polite man, apart from being adept at using their eyes, ears, hands and feet in the desired way also had the remarkable capacity to communicate intelligently.

Three principle words in their vocabulary were please, sorry and thank you. They would help one out on the street with directions, which proves that they had not discovered the pleasure of harassing innocent people.

Eating Habits: Our primitive ancestors' diet consisted of the same stuff that we take today. The difference was in the style of eating and not the cuisine.

Cause of extinction: The real cause is still unknown but it is suspected that their affliction was in reality a genetic disorder. The illness weakened their system to growing social pressures and prolonged suffering from the disease left them without defenses to stand up to their modern counterparts.

Time of extinction: The correct timing is not traceable but it is associated with a sound resembling a sigh that was heard at the beginning of the last decade.

Conclusion: Even though what happened was possibly for the best in the best of all possible worlds, some old-timers still reminisce about the good old days of yore and miss their childhood friends but it's consoling to know that this can be primarily attributed to senility.

Family day observed

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Ahsania Mission organised a discussion meeting yesterday in observance of the International Day of Families.

The meeting, held at the mission office, was chaired by M A Sobhan, Director Research Division.

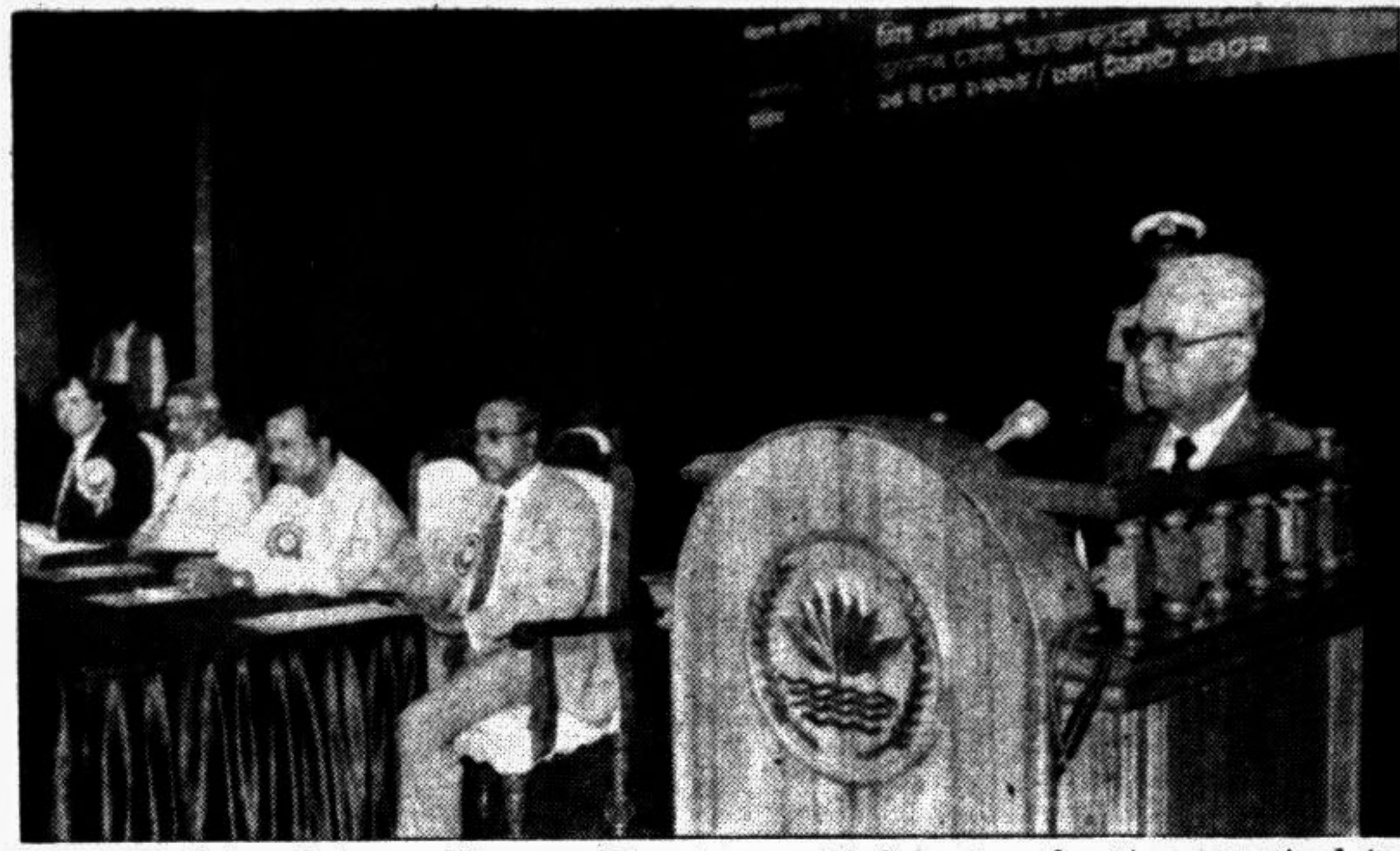
The chairman in his speech emphasised the responsibility of families in the development of a culture of tolerance, peace and cooperation.

The executive director of the mission, Kazi Rafiqul Alam stressed the need of organised and stable families for a disciplined nation. He also observed that it was the social responsibility of all to provide familial atmosphere for those unfortunate children who are without families of their own.

Amongst others, Nurul Islam, Sadeque Rahman and Afroza Khatun participated in the discussion.

Meanwhile, Speakers at a discussion organised by Solidarity in observance of the International Day of Families observed that world peace can be ensured through building peaceful families.

With the organisation president Sheikh Farooq Ahmed in the chair, the meeting held at the liaison office of the Solidarity in the city, was addressed by Dr F A Madani, Tahmina Nahar Islam, Sayed Lutfur Rahman, Momtunul Islam and others.



President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing as chief guest a function organised in observance of the International Day of Families at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

Family key to individual, nat'l development: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for making united efforts for peace, stability and prosperity in society by recognising family life as the basic foundation.

President Biswas was inaugurating a function marking the observance of the International Day of Families at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday morning.

State Minister for Planning Dr A Moeen Khan and Country Director of UNFPA Alam P. Mouchiroud attended the function as special guests.

State Minister for Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman chaired the function which was organised by the Ministry of Social Welfare. Additional Secretary in-charge Mohammad Abdul Haman also spoke.

The theme of the day "Tolerance Begins in the Family", focussing the role of family in promoting social harmony, reflects the UN General Assembly's designation of 1995 as the United Nations year of tolerance.

President Biswas said "People of the world want peace today, we all have to put our efforts to make family the abode of peace," he added.

Describing family as the key to individual, collective and national development, he said the holy Quran had called for maintaining good relations among family members. He said the main objective of the observance of the day was to establish equality between men and women in the family, take proper care of the children and to show love and respect to the elderly people.

President Biswas referred to the theme of the day and said the slogan was appropriate.

Bruno Award '94 announced

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University has been selected for the "Bruno Award '94" said a press release of the Bangladesh Astronomical Association (BAA).

Introduced in 1990, the Bruno Award is given every alternate year for outstanding contributions in the field of astronomy and physics.

Dr Islam, a mathematician, will be presented with the award at a function to be held at the National Science and Technology Museum auditorium in the city on May 29 at 5 pm.

Those who have received the award in the past years are: Mohammad Abdul Jabbar of the Mathematics Department, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (1990), Dr A R Khan of the Physics Department, Dhaka University (1992).

Prize bond draw

The 57th draw of 50 taka Bangladesh Prize Bonds was held in the city at the Commissioner Office yesterday with Md Enamul Karim, Additional Commissioner, in the chair.

The results are: First Prize of Tk 2,50,000—0028232; Second Prize of Tk 50,000—0120535; Four Prizes of Taka 5,000/ each—0112483, 0144713, 0230905, 0474784; Four Prizes of Taka 2,500/ each—0000457, 0048623, 0192782, 0434384; Ninety prizes of Taka 500 each—0022819, 0024515, 0027440, 0040297, 0055272, 0063250, 0069788, 0076269, 0092038, 0097443, 0103677, 0105207, 0107867, 0129183, 0131683, 0135094, 0140428, 0156669, 0159753, 0161095, 0163053, 0167328, 0169615, 0171014, 0179449, 0180865, 0181999, 0204313, 0206617, 0207760, 0209584, 0210890, 0213042, 0220892, 0241269, 0243869, 0253741, 0253946, 0254340, 0258712, 0267679, 0269602, 0271882, 0280010, 0280011, 0280720, 0281351, 0282521, 0286234, 0294998, 0296851, 0306168, 0309208, 0321578, 0323822, 0342889, 0343075, 0343219, 0343859, 0354777, 0355917, 0364283, 0367114, 0367338, 0368483, 0373539, 0375444, 0384609, 0397117, 0402175, 0405874, 0407686, 0407723, 0409335, 0409376, 0432363, 0438642, 0446120, 0449261, 0458870, 0464039, 0472287, 0472306, 0474168, 0476798, 0484124, 0485987, 0489615, 0495555, 0495998.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 1 crore seized

RAJSHAHI, May 15: BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized smuggled goods worth about Tk one crore and 13 lakh from different places of the district during the last month reports BSS.

The Indian items included spare parts of radio, buffaloes, cows, sarees, sugar, country boats, imitation jewellery, phensidyl syrup, insecticide powder, carbon films etc. The seized articles were deposited with the local Customs authorities.

Chinese envoy meets Lufor

By Staff Correspondent

Chinese Ambassador Zhang Xujiang called on State Minister for Industries Lufor Rahman at his office in the city yesterday and discussed different aspects of setting up Shahjalal Fertilizer Project in Sylhet, reports UNB.

They also discussed setting up of joint-venture projects on the basis of mutual interest.

During the meeting, said an official handout, the envoy and the minister discussed various ways and means of strengthening existing relationship between the two friendly countries, particularly in the field of trade and industry.

Housewife killed

By Staff Correspondent

A housewife was allegedly killed by her husband in the old city under Surapur thana yesterday, police said.

Firoza Begum, 26, died on the spot when her husband allegedly attacked her with a sharp kitchen knife at their residence of 12/1 Begunganj Lane at 4:30 am.

Local people, hearing the hue and cry following the assault, caught the husband Mohammad Babul and handed him over to police.

Police later in the morning sent the body of Firoza to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.



Parveen Rahman rendering Tagore songs at a function held on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary, organised by Bangladesh Lekhika Sangha recently in the city.

Book on Language Movement

By Staff Correspondent

A revised and updated version of Badruddin Omar's "Language Movement: Some Documents" has been published by the Bangla Academy recently, a press release said.

The book contains detailed information of booklets and bulletins used during the Language Movement documents of the Communist Party and Tajuddin Ahmed's diary.

The Bangla Academy also announces the publication of a new book called "United States and American Studies" written by Professor Hasina Matin.

The book looks at different states of the United States and their functions. It costs Tk 110 and can be bought at the Bangla Academy book stall.

Two crushed under wheels

By Staff Correspondent

Two unidentified youths were crushed under the wheels of trains in the city yesterday.

Railway police sources said one was killed at Uttara at 8:20 am, while the other dead at Teigan around 9:20 am.

The bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

Advertisement for 'Dhaka Gas Distribution and Distribution Commission' with details of gas supply and contact information.

Weather

Heavy rain likely

Moderate to heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at many places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions with heavy falls at places over coastal regions of the country, the Met office said reports UNB.

Day temperature may fall by 1-2 degrees Celsius over Barisal and Khulna divisions and regions of Noakhali, Chittagong, Faridpur and Dhaka and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The country's highest temperature, 34 degrees Celsius, was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest, 24.5 at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 6:34 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:15 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening), Rainfall in mm.

Myanmar becomes 12th CIRDPAP member

Myanmar has become the twelfth member of the Centre for Integrated Rural Development in Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), the inter-governmental organisation with its headquarters in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Hla Myint Oo, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to Bangladesh, called on Abdus Salam Talukdar, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, and the Chairperson of the CIRDAP governing council at the latter's office here recently.

The present members of the CIRDAP are Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Iran had earlier indicated its intention to join CIRDAP. Cambodia and Afghanistan have also expressed their willingness to join the organisation in the near future.

CIRDAP, established on July 6, 1979, had been undertaking programmes and projects in the member countries with the aim of reducing poverty.

Right from its inception, CIRDAP has conducted a total of 162 projects for the benefits of its members and non-member countries.

Obituary

Tahmina Yusuf (Moni), wife of Ziauddin Yusuf, former chief engineer, WAPDA and third daughter of late Sayed Nawab Ali of Bogra expired in Houston, Texas, in USA on May 14, reports BSS.

A milad mahfil will be held on May 17, after Asr prayers at House No 34, Road No 3, Dhanmandi residential area in the city.

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The Shareholders who have not yet collected their Dividend Warrants are requested to collect their Dividend Warrants from the Share Department of the Company either personally or through their duly authorised representative on all working days upto 18th May, 1995. Thereafter all the uncollected Dividend Warrants will be despatched by registered post to the Shareholders at their registered addresses.

Sd/- Momshad Hashem Company Secretary Dated May 15, 1995

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