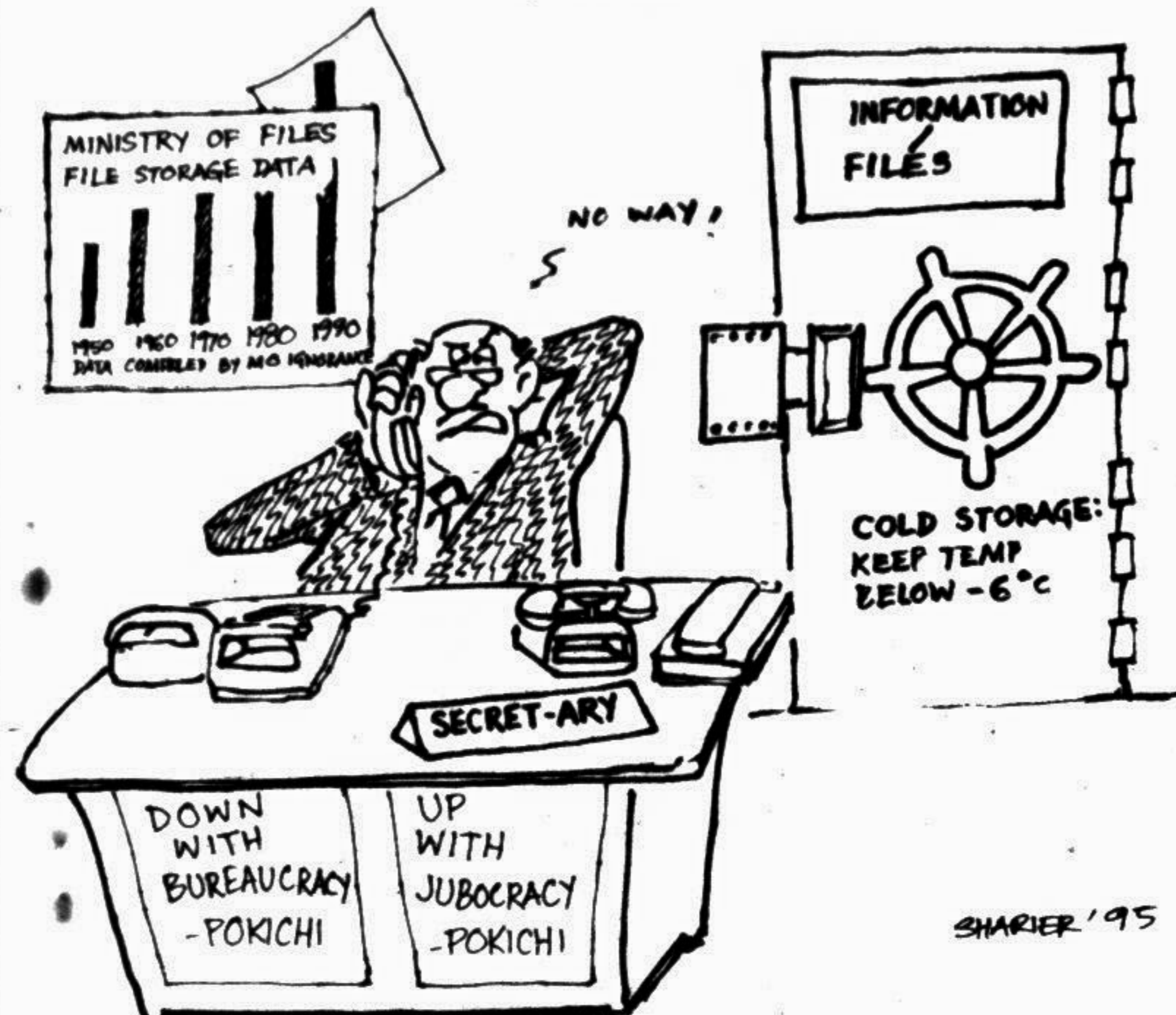


Dhaka Day by Day

Right to Information!

by Darshan



Day One
— Hello. My name is Manshi. I am speaking from the Daily Guitar. May I talk to the Secretary please.
— Oh, hello, the secretary is in a meeting now. Can you ring back in an hour.
An hour later
— Hello. My name is Manshi.....
— Oh, for the Daily Guitar, eh? Sir is still in the meeting. I think you better ring back tomorrow in the first hour.
— You see, I want to have some information. This is quite important that I talk to him.
— I understand, but he is in a meeting. I told you.
First hour next morning
— Hello. My name.....
— Oh, Mr Manshi, from the Daily Guitar, eh? Sir has not arrived in the office yet. But I am sure he will be here in no time. Please ring back after half an hour.
Thirtyfive minutes later
— Hello.....
— Oh, Mr. Manshi. I told you to ring back in half an hour.....
— But, I did.
— You see, he is now in a conference. He won't be free all day today.
— But..... did you tell him about me?
— Yes, I did. But he is a busy man.

Next day sometime at noon
— Hello..... this is Manshi from..... the Daily Guitar. How are you Mr Manshi?
— Oh, I am fine, thanks and you?
— Pulling on, you see, we have so much to do. The good days are with the boss always.....
— I understand.....but..... is the boss still in the conference?
— That is what I was trying to tell you, Mr. Manshi.
— What?
— He left for Ulan Bator this morning..... to attend a week-long international conference on "Civilian Administration."
A week later
— This is Manshi from the Daily Guitar. May I please talk to the secretary.
— Mr. Manshi? Oh yes, yes, yes. I remember now. Hold on I will pass you on to sir.
— Hello, assalamualaikum, Shovva Amla speaking.
— Hello, I actually wanted to know exactly how much foreign currency is spent annually to import liquor from abroad.
— eh..... let me look at the file.....
— eh..... about US \$ 400 million annually.
— US \$ 400 million, is that right?
— Yes. But one more thing. Please do not quote me.....



Minister for Commerce and Information M Shamsul Islam speaking at a discussion organised to celebrate the 96th birth anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the poet's Dhanmondi residence in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Third Fisheries Project
Department of Fisheries, Khulna Division, Khulna
Memo No: TFP (Pro) 307 Dated: 3/5/95

Invitation for Local Tenders for Civil Works EOT No 27A: Stocking facilities 1995 for Third Fisheries Project

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Fisheries Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract(s) for which this invitation for local Tenders is issued.

- Sealed tenders are hereby invited from eligible Tenderers in Bangladesh for the supply of materials and the construction of Fingerling Stocking platform (floating & fixed) for 1995 in undermentioned Beels in Khulna Division of the Department of Fisheries.
- Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information in detail from and inspect the Tender Documents at the Divisional office of the Department of Fisheries at Khulna.
- A complete set of Tender Documents can be obtained by any interested eligible Tenderer on the submission of a written application to the undersigned for a non-refundable cash payment of Tk 250/- (Taka two hundred and fifty). The Tender Document will be sold from the Divisional offices mentioned above during normal working hours up to 31-5-1995.
- Completed tenders must be accompanied by a tender security of not less than 2-5% (two and half per cent) of total tender price in the form of a Bank Draft or Pay Order and must be delivered to the above mentioned office on or before 12.00 hours on 1-6-1995.

Lot No	Work No	Beel	Place of purchase/submitting of documents/tender
27A.1	Floating platform	04 BSKB, Khulna	Office of the Deputy Director, Khulna Division, Department of Fisheries, Khulna
27A.2	Fixed Floating	01 Ichamoti	The above office
		02 Narail	
27A.3	Fixed	02 Garalia & Panjia	The above office
		Pathra, Jessore	
27A.4	Fixed	02 Kojia Sitabita	The above office
		Jhenidah	
27A.5	Floating	02 Chapaigachi & Jagannathpur Kol, Kushua	The above office

5. Tenders will be opened immediately after the deadline for closing in the presence of Tenderer's representatives who choose to attend at the Divisional Office.

6. The Department of Fisheries does not bind itself to accepting the lowest tender or any tender submitted in response to this Invitation for local Tenders.

Rofiqui Islam Chowdhury
Deputy Director, Khulna Division
Department of Fisheries, Khulna.

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What's on today....

Discussion on Nazrul: The Nazrul Institute, under the auspices of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, has organised a two-day programme to mark poet Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary. Venue: Nazrul Institute, "Kabi Bhaban, House-330 B, Rd-28 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm to 5:15 pm and 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm.

Documentary on war crimes: The Nirmul Committee has organised a special screening of the documentary film 'War Crimes File', produced by Twenty-Two Television of the UK. Venue: 1/13 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 5:30 pm.

Seminar on neonate: The Bangladesh Pediatric Association has organised a seminar on high risk neonate and its care. Venue: IPGMR. Time: 12:00 Noon.

BCSIR: The installation ceremony of the executive committee of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Scientists' Association will be held. Chief guest: MA Mannan, State Minister for Science and Technology. Venue: BCSIR auditorium, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 12:45 pm.

Publication ceremony: The National Association for Resource Improvement (NARI) will launch the book 'Women for Water Sharing', published by Academic Publishers. Chief guest: Kuldeep Nayar. Venue: Surma, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

Workshop on women and the environment: NARI has organised a workshop on 'Women and the Environment: From Rio to Beijing '95'. Venue: Surma, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 2:00 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka South: The weekly meeting and club assembly will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc: A meeting of the executive committee of the association will be held. Venue: 18 Purana Palatan. Time: 5:00 pm.

Central Khelaghar Asar: A three-day workshop will be inaugurated. Venue: 278/3, Elephant Road. Time: 9:30 am.

Weather

Rain, squall likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the 12 hours ending 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The met Office said day temperatures over the country may remain nearly unchanged.

In their outlook for today and tomorrow the weathermen predicted little change. In another outlook for five days, they said the rainfall is likely to increase.

The country's maximum temperatures yesterday was 39.1 degrees Celsius recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest was 21.4 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 6:38 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12 am.

Dispose cases quickly : Hafiz

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz has said the government pleader (GP) can play an important role in the speedy disposal of cases, reports BSS.

The minister was holding a meeting with the government pleaders of Dhaka courts in his office yesterday, a PID handout said.

Thirteen government pleaders and assistant pleaders of Dhaka courts attended the discussion. The minister urged the government pleaders to contribute their mite in removing sufferings of the people by helping the judges for quick disposal of cases. Quick disposal of cases will help the people to get benefit of rule of law in the society, he added.

Call to observe World Tobacco Day

Dhaka University unit of Life, an anti-drug association, yesterday held a meeting with a call to build up a tobacco free society, reports UNB.

Addressing the meeting the organisers urged the student community to observe the World Tobacco Day on May 31 in a befitting manner.

Presided over by Saleh Shibly the meeting was also attended by Life Chairman Qumrul Islam, Sony, Farook Ahmed, Selim Hossain and Elias Khan.

Postponement

By Staff Correspondent

The free eye clinic at the Bangbandhu Medical Centre scheduled for May 24 to 30 has been postponed.

The clinic will now be held from June 7 to 13, at 5/D, Siddheswar Lane, Shantinagar in the city.

Noted eye specialists will attend to the patients. The treatment, including the distribution of corrective eyewear will be free of charge.

Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Harif is expected to inaugurate the clinic meant for the freedom fighters and the destitutes of the city.

The second national club programme workshop and the twelfth national training workshop of the Bangladesh Scouts scheduled to begin on May 25 and May 27 respectively have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Indian envoy meets Jahan Ara
The Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukharjee called on State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum at her office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters of mutual interests and agreed that a unique relation is now prevailing in the cultural field between the two countries.

Sonali Jute mills closed
KHULNA, May 23: Khulna Sonali Jute Mills has been closed down by the management for an indefinite period due to "staggering losses" following continuous agitation by the workers and employees, reports UNB.

The closure came into effect at 11:30 pm on Monday.

Paltu undergoes surgery
By Staff Correspondent

Muzzafar Hussain Paltu, publicity and publication secretary of the Awami League underwent a successful bypass surgery at Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

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