

Dhaka Day by Day

In Praise of Rickshaw

by Sabrina Shahab

When you — or for that matter anybody else — talk about traffic problems, what do you think of first? Naturally rickshaws. Everyone from a housewife to an intellectual puts the whole basket of blame on the poor rickshaws' defenceless shoulder.



Nobody has anything good to say about it. To hear them you would either conjure up an image of a monster who is out in the streets to get you, a trader of confusion and destruction.

After all, how can you hate something which you have known right from your childhood days. Remember, going to school with your mother, or chattering laughing with your friends during a rickshaw ride or your tentative step toward independence when you first went somewhere in a rickshaw by yourself.

Yes, it is true we like cursing the rickshaws to oblivion when they show a remarkable ability

to get in our way where we don't want them and at the same time disappear or just play deaf and dumb when we need them.

But let's not forget it was rickshaws which saved the day and proved their worth in gold when the whole Dhaka city went under water. What were those cars, buses, whose virtues we extol, closing during those days?

Rickshaws are a mode of transport most used by the youth. Only when we are in a hurry or going to a party, we tend to use cars or baby-taxis. And why not? After all a rickshaw has a lot of qualities.

It is cheap, nearly everyone can afford it. You don't have to be packed like sardines with lots of strangers like in a bus, you can enjoy your privacy. You don't reach your destination fast enough like a car ride, yet for an inter-city travel the rickshaws seem to be very useful. They don't belch out black smoke and

pollute Dhaka's air. Rickshaws can be compared to house-hold pets or siblings. Somebody you love and hate with equal purple passion but whom you can't really do without. So let's give the much maligned and misunderstood rickshaw. Let's wish it a long life.



'Muktir Gaan' released

By Staff Correspondent

Muktir Gaan (Song of Freedom), a 35-millimetre film on the Liberation War of Bangladesh, has finally got the certificate from the Bangladesh Film Censor Board, according to a press release.

The film was produced by Tarek and Catherine Masud on the basis of documents recovered from the USA.

The 20-hour documentary was filmed by Levin Leer during

the Liberation War. The film contains footage from different international news agencies including ITN, Reuters, BBC and the films division of India.

On March 15 of this year, the documentary was submitted for the Bangladesh Film Censor Board clearance certificate, but complications arose as the board refused to certify it for public projection.

All 64 districts to have tourist spots soon

A tourist spot will be set-up in each of the sixty-four districts to attract foreign and local tourists, reports BSS.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan disclosed this at the 38th meeting of the standing committee on the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan in the city yesterday.

The meeting discussed and reviewed the overall development activities of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation. The chairman of the corporation presented a report in the meeting on the works of the corporation.

It was disclosed that 11 tourism development projects had already been undertaken at an estimated cost of Taka 12

crore and 20 lakh. The work on the projects will begin from July.

The meeting also discussed the celebration of the next Parjatan month.

Presided over by the State Minister for Tourism, members of the committee Ataur Rahman Khan, Alam Khan and Saiful Azam attended the meeting.

Noor Uddin Al-Masood, secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, chairman of Parjatan Corporation, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority Air Commodore Shamsheer Ali and other officials of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism were also present.

Weather

Rain likely in Ctg

Heavy rainfall is likely at a number of places over Chittagong division during the 24 hours commencing 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

The Met Office says moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the period.

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Khulna division.

Meanwhile, Sylhet experienced the highest 104 millimetres rain during the 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday. Mymensingh had 60 millimetres, Teknaf 38, Dhaka 33 and Srimangal 31 millimetres, during the period.

Day temperatures are likely to rise by 1-2 degrees Celsius over the southern part of the country and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 35.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishurdi and the lowest was 23.0 degrees at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 6:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in degrees Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows for Dhaka and Chittagong.

DMP activities reviewed

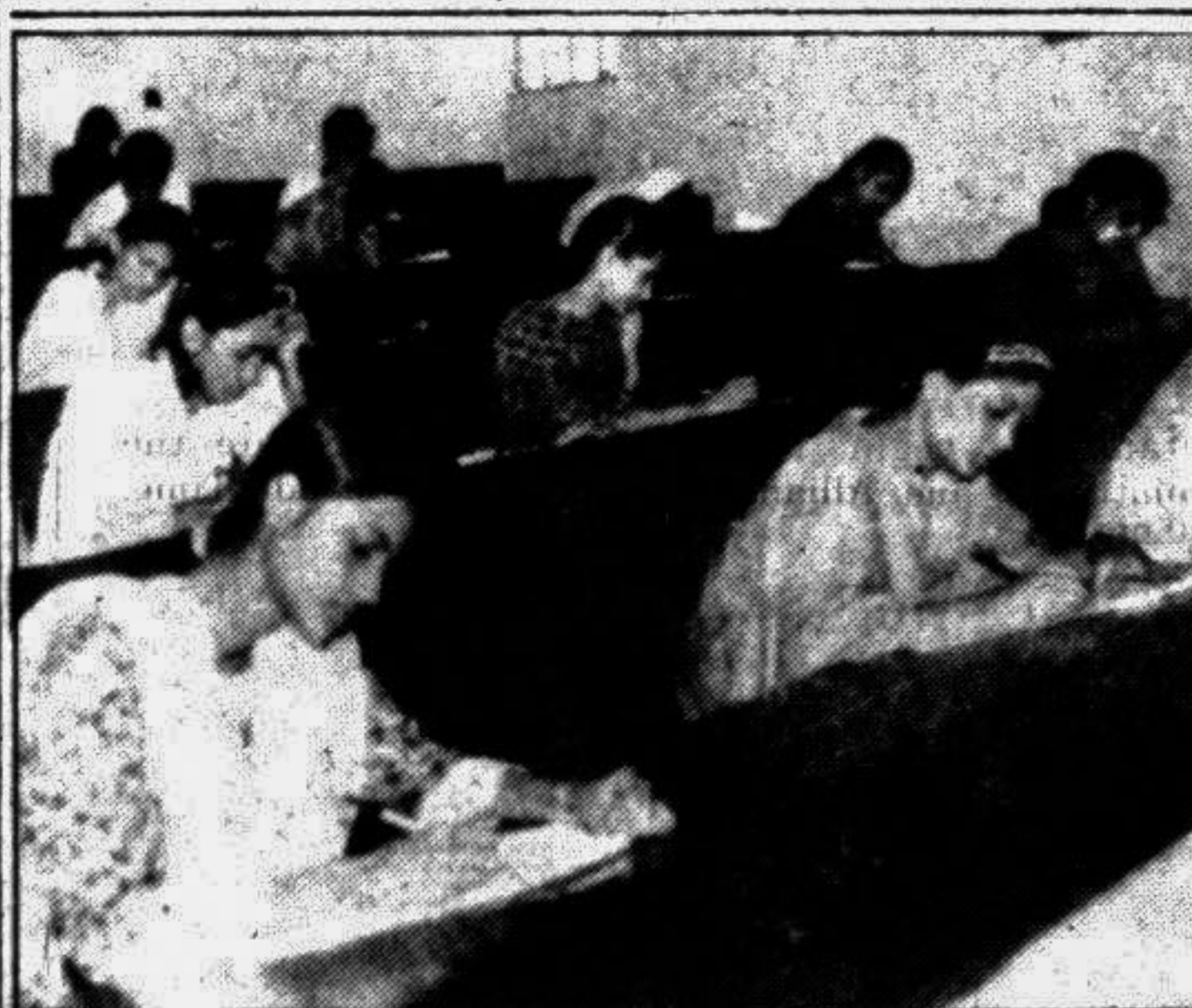
A special meeting of the senior police officials was held at the Dhaka Metropolitan Police headquarters yesterday to review the law and order situation in the capital city, reports BSS.

The meeting, presided over by Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan, held discussions on the overall activities of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), according to a police press release issued yesterday.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Shahjahan expressed his satisfaction over the dedication, patience and professionalism demonstrated by the metropolitan police in facing the law and order situation.

He said the police personnel faced situation with patience and prudence even when they came under bomb attack and firing in the capital recently.

A good number of police personnel were injured and even killed when bombs were thrown on them or shots were fired at them, he added.



Examinees at the Jahangirnagar University first year (honours) admission test yesterday.

ILO governing body Jakarta to support Dhaka's candidature

Indonesia assured Bangladesh of extending sympathetic consideration to the request for supporting Bangladesh's candidature to the governing body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the term 1996-98, reports BSS.

The assurance came when Labour and Manpower Minister Mir Shawkat Ali, currently leading a Bangladesh delegation in the 82nd session of the international labour conference in Geneva, held a meeting with his Indonesian counterpart on last Monday, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The Labour Minister highly appreciated the commendable success of Indonesia in the field of poverty alleviation and involving religious leaders in its family planning campaign. The Indonesian labour minister expressed his government's willingness to share their experience with Bangladesh in this field.

The two ministers also discussed the existing bilateral relations between the two countries and matters of mutual interest.

Restrictions around JS

Carrying of fire arms in and around the Jatiya Sangsad has been restricted from tonight midnight as the budget session begins today, reports UNB.

According to a DMP press release, carrying of fire arms, including explosives and other deadly weapons, and holding rallies in the areas have been restricted for security reasons.

The areas include: From the old airport of the Mymensingh Road to the Bangla Motor crossing, from the west side of Bangla Motor to Foara crossing of the Sonargaon Road, from the eastern part of Panthapath to the Green Road crossing, from the connecting point of the Green Road to Farm Gate, from Shyamoli Cinema Hall to Dhanmondi Road No 16 (old No 27) and the Agargaon Link Road.

The areas also include: From the connecting point of the Agargaon Link Road and Rokeya Sarani to Parjatan Sarani through Bijoy Sarani, from the eastern part of the Indira Road to the western part of Mantik Mia Avenue, the protected area of the Parliament House and its all roads and lanes.



Policemen armed with batons seen on patrol at the Kamalapur Railway Station in the city following the killing of an on duty Ansar recently.

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স্বল্পবর্তীকালের জন্য পদপূর্ত অধিদপ্তর এর বিশেষ প্রথম শ্রেণী এবং ই/এম কাজের জন্য তাগিদকৃত প্রথম শ্রেণী/দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণীর প্রিকারাগণের নিম্নে হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১ এর মাধ্যমে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২৫/৬/৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পদপূর্ত ই/এম বিভাগ-১/২/৩/৪/৫/৬/৭/৮/৯/১০/১১/১২/১৩/১৪/১৫/১৬/১৭/১৮/১৯/২০/২১/২২/২৩/২৪/২৫/২৬/২৭/২৮/২৯/৩০/৩১/৩২/৩৩/৩৪/৩৫/৩৬/৩৭/৩৮/৩৯/৪০/৪১/৪২/৪৩/৪৪/৪৫/৪৬/৪৭/৪৮/৪৯/৫০/৫১/৫২/৫৩/৫৪/৫৫/৫৬/৫৭/৫৮/৫৯/৬০/৬১/৬২/৬৩/৬৪/৬৫/৬৬/৬৭/৬৮/৬৯/৭০/৭১/৭২/৭৩/৭৪/৭৫/৭৬/৭৭/৭৮/৭৯/৮০/৮১/৮২/৮৩/৮৪/৮৫/৮৬/৮৭/৮৮/৮৯/৯০/৯১/৯২/৯৩/৯৪/৯৫/৯৬/৯৭/৯৮/৯৯/১০০/১০১/১০২/১০৩/১০৪/১০৫/১০৬/১০৭/১০৮/১০৯/১১০/১১১/১১২/১১৩/১১৪/১১৫/১১৬/১১৭/১১৮/১১৯/১২০/১২১/১২২/১২৩/১২৪/১২৫/১২৬/১২৭/১২৮/১২৯/১৩০/১৩১/১৩২/১৩৩/১৩৪/১৩৫/১৩৬/১৩৭/১৩৮/১৩৯/১৪০/১৪১/১৪২/১৪৩/১৪৪/১৪৫/১৪৬/১৪৭/১৪৮/১৪৯/১৫০/১৫১/১৫২/১৫৩/১৫৪/১৫৫/১৫৬/১৫৭/১৫৮/১৫৯/১৬০/১৬১/১৬২/১৬৩/১৬৪/১৬৫/১৬৬/১৬৭/১৬৮/১৬৯/১৭০/১৭১/১৭২/১৭৩/১৭৪/১৭৫/১৭৬/১৭৭/১৭৮/১৭৯/১৮০/১৮১/১৮২/১৮৩/১৮৪/১৮৫/১৮৬/১৮৭/১৮৮/১৮৯/১৯০/১৯১/১৯২/১৯৩/১৯৪/১৯৫/১৯৬/১৯৭/১৯৮/১৯৯/২০০/২০১/২০২/২০৩/২০৪/২০৫/২০৬/২০৭/২০৮/২০৯/২১০/২১১/২১২/২১৩/২১৪/২১৫/২১৬/২১৭/২১৮/২১৯/২২০/২২১/২২২/২২৩/২২৪/২২৫/২২৬/২২৭/২২৮/২২৯/২৩০/২৩১/২৩২/২৩৩/২৩৪/২৩৫/২৩৬/২৩৭/২৩৮/২৩৯/২৪০/২৪১/২৪২/২৪৩/২৪৪/২৪৫/২৪৬/২৪৭/২৪৮/২৪৯/২৫০/২৫১/২৫২/২৫৩/২৫৪/২৫৫/২৫৬/২৫৭/২৫৮/২৫৯/২৬০/২৬১/২৬২/২৬৩/২৬৪/২৬৫/২৬৬/২৬৭/২৬৮/২৬৯/২৭০/২৭১/২৭২/২৭৩/২৭৪/২৭৫/২৭৬/২৭৭/২৭৮/২৭৯/২৮০/২৮১/২৮২/২৮৩/২৮৪/২৮৫/২৮৬/২৮৭/২৮৮/২৮৯/২৯০/২৯১/২৯২/২৯৩/২৯৪/২৯৫/২৯৬/২৯৭/২৯৮/২৯৯/৩০০/৩০১/৩০২/৩০৩/৩০৪/৩০৫/৩০৬/৩০৭/৩০৮/৩০৯/৩১০/৩১১/৩১২/৩১৩/৩১৪/৩১৫/৩১৬/৩১৭/৩১৮/৩১৯/৩২০/৩২১/৩২২/৩২৩/৩২৪/৩২৫/৩২৬/৩২৭/৩২৮/৩২৯/৩৩০/৩৩১/৩৩২/৩৩৩/৩৩৪/৩৩৫/৩৩৬/৩৩৭/৩৩৮/৩৩৯/৩৪০/৩৪১/৩৪২/৩৪৩/৩৪৪/৩৪৫/৩৪৬/৩৪৭/৩৪৮/৩৪৯/৩৫০/৩৫১/৩৫২/৩৫৩/৩৫৪/৩৫৫/৩৫৬/৩৫৭/৩৫৮/৩৫৯/৩৬০/৩৬১/৩৬২/৩৬৩/৩৬৪/৩৬৫/৩৬৬/৩৬৭/৩৬৮/৩৬৯/৩৭০/৩৭১/৩৭২/৩৭৩/৩৭৪/৩৭৫/৩৭৬/৩৭৭/৩৭৮/৩৭৯/৩৮০/৩৮১/৩৮২/৩৮৩/৩৮৪/৩৮৫/৩৮৬/৩৮৭/৩৮৮/৩৮৯/৩৯০/৩৯১/৩৯২/৩৯৩/৩৯৪/৩৯৫/৩৯৬/৩৯৭/৩৯৮/৩৯৯/৪০০/৪০১/৪০২/৪০৩/৪০৪/৪০৫/৪০৬/৪০৭/৪০৮/৪০৯/৪১০/৪১১/৪১২/৪১৩/৪১৪/৪১৫/৪১৬/৪১৭/৪১৮/৪১৯/৪২০/৪২১/৪২২/৪২৩/৪২৪/৪২৫/৪২৬/৪২৭/৪২৮/৪২৯/৪৩০/৪৩১/৪৩২/৪৩৩/৪৩৪/৪৩৫/৪৩৬/৪৩৭/৪৩৮/৪৩৯/৪৪০/৪৪১/৪৪২/৪৪৩/৪৪৪/৪৪৫/৪৪৬/৪৪৭/৪৪৮/৪৪৯/৪৫০/৪৫১/৪৫২/৪৫৩/৪৫৪/৪৫৫/৪৫৬/৪৫৭/৪৫৮/৪৫৯/৪৬০/৪৬১/৪৬২/৪৬৩/৪৬৪/৪৬৫/৪৬৬/৪৬৭/৪৬৮/৪৬৯/৪৭০/৪৭১/৪৭২/৪৭৩/৪৭৪/৪৭৫/৪৭৬/৪৭৭/৪৭৮/৪৭৯/৪৮০/৪৮১/৪৮২/৪৮৩/৪৮৪/৪৮৫/৪৮৬/৪৮৭/৪৮৮/৪৮৯/৪৯০/৪৯১/৪৯২/৪৯৩/৪৯৪/৪৯৫/৪৯৬/৪৯৭/৪৯৮/৪৯৯/৫০০/৫০১/৫০২/৫০৩/৫০৪/৫০৫/৫০৬/৫০৭/৫০৮/৫০৯/৫১০/৫১১/৫১২/৫১৩/৫১৪/৫১৫/৫১৬/৫১৭/৫১৮/৫১৯/৫২০/৫২১/৫২২/৫২৩/৫২৪/৫২৫/৫২৬/৫২৭/৫২৮/৫২৯/৫৩০/৫৩১/৫৩২/৫৩৩/৫৩৪/৫৩৫/৫৩৬/৫৩৭/৫৩৮/৫৩৯/৫৪০/৫৪১/৫৪২/৫৪৩/৫৪৪/৫৪৫/৫৪৬/৫৪৭/৫৪৮/৫৪৯/৫৫০/৫৫১/৫৫২/৫৫৩/৫৫৪/৫৫৫/৫৫৬/৫৫৭/৫৫৮/৫৫৯/৫৬০/৫৬১/৫৬২/৫৬৩/৫৬৪/৫৬৫/৫৬৬/৫৬৭/৫৬৮/৫৬৯/৫৭০/৫৭১/৫৭২/৫৭৩/৫৭৪/৫৭৫/৫৭৬/৫৭৭/৫৭৮/৫৭৯/৫৮০/৫৮১/৫৮২/৫৮৩/৫৮৪/৫৮৫/৫৮৬/৫৮৭/৫৮৮/৫৮৯/৫৯০/৫৯১/৫৯২/৫৯৩/৫৯৪/৫৯৫/৫৯৬/৫৯৭/৫৯৮/৫৯৯/৬০০/৬০১/৬০২/৬০৩/৬০৪/৬০৫/৬০৬/৬০৭/৬০৮/৬০৯/৬১০/৬১১/৬১২/৬১৩/৬১৪/৬১৫/৬১৬/৬১৭/৬১৮/৬১৯/৬২০/৬২১/৬২২/৬২৩/৬২৪/৬২৫/৬২৬/৬২৭/৬২৮/৬২৯/৬৩০/৬৩১/৬৩২/৬৩৩/৬৩৪/৬৩৫/৬৩৬/৬৩৭/৬৩৮/৬৩৯/৬৪০/৬৪১/৬৪২/৬৪৩/৬৪৪/৬৪৫/৬৪৬/৬৪৭/৬৪৮/৬৪৯/৬৫০/৬৫১/৬৫২/৬৫৩/৬৫৪/৬৫৫/৬৫৬/৬৫৭/৬৫৮/৬৫৯/৬৬০/৬৬১/৬৬২/৬৬৩/৬৬৪/৬৬৫/৬৬৬/৬৬৭/৬৬৮/৬৬৯/৬৭০/৬৭১/৬৭২/৬৭৩/৬৭৪/৬৭৫/৬৭৬/৬৭৭/৬৭৮/৬৭৯/৬৮০/৬৮১/৬৮২/৬৮৩/৬৮৪/৬৮৫/৬৮৬/৬৮৭/৬৮৮/৬৮৯/৬৯০/৬৯১/৬৯২/৬৯৩/৬৯৪/৬৯৫/৬৯৬/৬৯৭/৬৯৮/৬৯৯/৭০০/৭০১/৭০২/৭০৩/৭০৪/৭০৫/৭০৬/৭০৭/৭০৮/৭০৯/৭১০/৭১১/৭১২/৭১৩/৭১৪/৭১৫/৭১৬/৭১৭/৭১৮/৭১৯/৭২০/৭২১/৭২২/৭২৩/৭২৪/৭২৫/৭২৬/৭২৭/৭২৮/৭২৯/৭৩০/৭৩১/৭৩২/৭৩৩/৭৩৪/৭৩৫/৭৩৬/৭৩৭/৭৩৮/৭৩৯/৭৪০/৭৪১/৭৪২/৭৪৩/৭৪৪/৭৪৫/৭৪৬/৭৪৭/৭৪৮/৭৪৯/৭৫০/৭৫১/৭৫২/৭৫৩/৭৫৪/৭৫৫/৭৫৬/৭৫৭/৭৫৮/৭৫৯/৭৬০/৭৬১/৭৬২/৭৬৩/৭৬৪/৭৬৫/৭৬৬/৭৬৭/৭৬৮/৭৬৯/৭৭০/৭৭১/৭৭২/৭৭৩/৭৭৪/৭৭৫/৭৭৬/৭৭৭/৭৭৮/৭৭৯/৭৮০/৭৮১/৭৮২/৭৮৩/৭৮৪/৭৮৫/৭৮৬/৭৮৭/৭৮৮/৭৮৯/৭৯০/৭৯১/৭৯২/৭৯৩/৭৯৪/৭৯৫/৭৯৬/৭৯৭/৭৯৮/৭৯৯/৮০০/৮০১/৮০২/৮০৩/৮০৪/৮০৫/৮০৬/৮০৭/৮০৮/৮০৯/৮১০/৮১১/৮১২/৮১৩/৮১৪/৮১৫/৮১৬/৮১৭/৮১৮/৮১৯/৮২০/৮২১/৮২২/৮২৩/৮২৪/৮২৫/৮২৬/৮২৭/৮২৮/৮২৯/৮৩০/৮৩১/৮৩২/৮৩৩/৮৩৪/৮৩৫/৮৩৬/৮৩৭/৮৩৮/৮৩৯/৮৪০/৮৪১/৮৪২/৮৪৩/৮৪৪/৮৪৫/৮৪৬/৮৪৭/৮৪৮/৮৪৯/৮৫০/৮৫১/৮৫২/৮৫৩/৮৫৪/৮৫৫/৮৫৬/৮৫৭/৮৫৮/৮৫৯/৮৬০/৮৬১/৮৬২/৮৬৩/৮৬৪/৮৬৫/৮৬৬/৮৬৭/৮৬৮/৮৬৯/৮৭০/৮৭১/৮৭২/৮৭৩/৮৭৪/৮৭৫/৮৭৬/৮৭৭/৮৭৮/৮৭৯/৮৮০/৮৮১/৮৮২/৮৮৩/৮৮৪/৮৮৫/৮৮৬/৮৮৭/৮৮৮/৮৮৯/৮৯০/৮৯১/৮৯২/৮৯৩/৮৯৪/৮৯৫/৮৯৬/৮৯৭/৮৯৮/৮৯৯/৯০০/৯০১/৯০২/৯০৩/৯০৪/৯০৫/৯০৬/৯০৭/৯০৮/৯০৯/৯১০/৯১১/৯১২/৯১৩/৯১৪/৯১৫/৯১৬/৯১৭/৯১৮/৯১৯/৯২০/৯২১/৯২২/৯২৩/৯২৪/৯২৫/৯২৬/৯২৭/৯২৮/৯২৯/৯৩০/৯৩১/৯৩২/৯৩৩/৯৩৪/৯৩৫/৯৩৬/৯৩৭/৯৩৮/৯৩৯/৯৪০/৯৪১/৯৪২/৯৪৩/৯৪৪/৯৪৫/৯৪৬/৯৪৭/৯৪৮/৯৪৯/৯৫০/৯৫১/৯৫২/৯৫৩/৯৫৪/৯৫৫/৯৫৬/৯৫৭/৯৫৮/৯৫৯/৯৬০/৯৬১/৯৬২/৯৬৩/৯৬৪/৯৬৫/৯৬৬/৯৬৭/৯৬৮/৯৬৯/৯৭০/৯৭১/৯৭২/৯৭৩/৯৭৪/৯৭৫/৯৭৬/৯৭৭/৯৭৮/৯৭৯/৯৮০/৯৮১/৯৮২/৯৮৩/৯৮৪/৯৮৫/৯৮৬/৯৮৭/৯৮৮/৯৮৯/৯৯০/৯৯১/৯৯২/৯৯৩/৯৯৪/৯৯৫/৯৯৬/৯৯৭/৯৯৮/৯৯৯/১০০০/১০০১/১০০২/১০০৩/১০০৪/১০০৫/১০০৬/১০০৭/১০০৮/১০০৯/১০১০/১০১১/১০১২/১০১৩/১০১৪/১০১৫/১০১৬/১০১৭/১০১৮/১০১৯/১০২০/১০২১/১০২২/১০২৩/১০২৪/১০২৫/১০২৬/১০২৭/১০২৮/১০২৯/১০৩০/১০৩১/১০৩২/১০৩৩/১০৩৪/১০৩৫/১০৩৬/১০৩৭/১০৩৮/১০৩৯/১০৪০/১০৪১/১০৪২/১০৪৩/১০৪৪/১০৪৫/১০৪৬/১০৪৭/১০৪৮/১০৪৯/১০৫০/১০৫১/১০৫২/১০৫৩/১০৫৪/১০৫৫/১০৫৬/১০৫৭/১০৫৮/১০৫৯/১০৬০/১০৬১/১০৬২/১০৬৩/১০৬৪/১০৬৫/১০৬৬/১০৬৭/১০৬৮/১০৬৯/১০৭০/১০৭১/১০৭২/১০৭৩/১০৭৪/১০৭৫/১০৭৬/১০৭৭/১০৭৮/১০৭৯/১০৮০/১০৮১/১০৮২/১০৮৩/১০৮৪/১০৮৫/১০৮৬/১০৮৭/১০৮৮/১০৮৯/১০৯০/১০৯১/১০৯২/১০৯৩/১০৯৪/১০৯৫/১০৯৬/১০৯৭/১০৯৮/১০৯৯/১১০০/১১০১/১১০২/১১০৩/১১০৪/১১০৫/১১০৬/১১০৭/১১০৮/১১০৯/১১১০/১১১১/১১১২/১১১৩/১১১৪/১১১৫/১১১৬/১১১৭/১১১৮/১১১৯/১১২০/১১২১/১১২২/১১২৩/১১২৪/১১২৫/১১২৬/১১২৭/১১২৮/১১২৯/১১৩০/১১৩১/১১৩২/১১৩৩/১১৩৪/১১৩৫/১১৩৬/১১৩৭/১১৩৮/১১৩৯/১১৪০/১১৪১/১১৪২/১১৪৩/১