

Dhaka Day by Day

Educated for What?

by Abdul Hannan

Education is preparation for life; it is the process through which the individual enhances his ability to flourish as a compassionate, sensitive and creative personality via a gradual process of social learning, experimentation and query at each new stage. Education develops the elasticity of a person's intellect in a living, learning and playful interaction of the senses.

Well, there's nothing wrong with the occasional sentimental silliness, is there? For in reality, education is preparation for strife. It is difficult to express the massive sense of derangement and abstraction one feels when one sees what our children are asked to go through in order to achieve success. One is constantly reminded that to expect education to encourage inspiration rather than industry is pure folly.

What matters is not creativity but the cold business of nurturing mendacity and cultivating a sly exam-passing deceit based on as much faithful mimicry of convention as possible. In order to succeed in education, and therefore in life, you must suspend your innate creative impulses or, better still, extirpate them altogether. You must learn to cheat, steal, paraphrase, adapt, adopt, at all times maintaining the illusion of originality. To pass exams all one needs is a certain duplicating and cunning wit, or at least a sound grasp of the technique of examination to understand the universal applicability of one's own hopelessly maimed and limited repertoire and how to dress it appropriately for the glib, indifferent or vain examiner.

This is how our education system churns out high-flying graduates. It reflects and feeds a world drawing in its own corrupted juices and moral obloquy. Just look about you if you don't believe me. Those that have succeeded in this system are now the men and women

around us in Dhaka with all the money and power. Our education system, together with our society at large, glorifies cogent and presentable plagiarism, calling it excellence, and receives mindless academic deference as a sign of the disciplined intellect.

Through school, college and university, generations rehearse the forgery and swindling that passes for achievement in the wider world beyond. The education that empowers people to think, to love, to feel, to challenge and change does not exist beyond the flimsy veil of rhetoric of self-regarding social workers.

We are told that our education system is important for inculcating values of decency, valour, patriotism and religion, values that have led us in this wretched century to war, oppression, cruelty and slaughter. We are in fact taught to be ignorant and arrogant, savage and hopeless. We are taught to bow to elders who govern our society and its institutions with palpable selfishness and incompetence. We are taught to pay deference to this.

Many private schools now interview parents over their child's prospective admission. Why? What on earth do parents want for their children? The same half-baked, bigoted trash that litters their own minds? Is this the price we now find acceptable to pay so that little Ronny can grow up to be a shiny and sparkingly successful doctor?

So hideous are the inversions that pass for respectable, normal expectation. The corruptions of this putrid education system are coated in a glass of decency which, if you suspend your sense of humane propriety, can deliver you success beyond the dreams of avarice.



Visitors at a joint art exhibition by Ahmed Nazir, Mostafa Zaman and Bipul Shah at the Zaunul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts in the city yesterday.

Tk 1.5cr Bangla Academy project for budding writers

Tarun Lekhok Prokalpa, a two-year project for providing training to young authors to write books in Bengali, was inaugurated at the Bangla Academy on Thursday, reports UNB.

Some 160 writers aged between 25 and 35 will be imparted training in four batches under the Tk 1.5 crore project sponsored by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Each of the trainees is expected to write a book after the six-month course. The Bangla Academy will publish these books and authors of good ones will be awarded.

Inaugurating the project Thursday morning, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof. Jahan Ara Begum called

upon the young writers to reflect the national heritage in their works.

State Minister for Planning Dr Moyeen Khan and Prof Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University also addressed the inaugural function chaired by Bangla Academy chairman Gazi Shamsur Rahman.

Forty writers of both sexes are taking part in the first batch classes of which will begin July 15.

Prof Jahan Ara urged all concerned, including the trainees and trainers, to keep the project above politics and make it a success.

Director General of the Bangla Academy Prof Mansur Musa and project director poet Nurul Huda were present at the opening ceremony.

Smuggled clothes worth Tk 6 lakh seized: 6 held

By Staff Correspondent

The detective police seized smuggled Indian clothes worth Tk six lakh and arrested five persons during a raid at Mazar Road, Mirpur yesterday morning.

The arrested were identified as Ashok alias Shwapna, 42, Abdul Mannan, 40, Shafi, 35, Akib, 22 and Md Ali, 40 in this connection.

The seized contraband items include cotton, silk, georgette and ready made clothing.

Police alleged that the arrested persons are the active members of an international smugglers' ring.

Justice Ansar's qul today

The qulhwant of Justice Mohammad Ansar Ali will be held today after Asr prayers at his Supreme Court Judges' Complex residence (House No 10) at Kakrail in the city.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qul.

Int'l geoscience, urban dev workshop in Dec

An international workshop on Geoscience and Urban Development will be held in the city in December to address geological hazards and environmental problems of mega cities in future, reports UNB.

Organised jointly by Bangladesh chapter of Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID) and Bangladesh Geological Society (BGS), the three-day workshop will be held on December 5.

Noted geoscientists of the country and also from all over the world are expected to participate in the workshop for mapping techniques for surface and subsurface geology for urban areas.

During the 20th century, the cities of the world have been growing to sizes unprecedented in the human history, and by the year 2000, another 14 new cities, including capital Dhaka, will enter the list of mega cities.

These mega cities, many of them located in the geologically hazardous areas, are expanding in such a way that it is hardly possible to keep track for proper planning.

Consequently, many cities of the developing world are experiencing geological hazards and environmental problems, and studies on the issues have become essential.

Urban centres keep high numbers of people at risk from the natural hazards like flood, earthquake, landslide, water logging and foundation failure. Waste disposal, water and air pollution are the other major urban environmental issues.

The workshop will identify and assess the geological hazards and risk in city areas, and develop communication among geoscientists, urban planners, developers, city dwellers and policy makers.

Anthropological sites and their relation to geology, case history of related subject and other topics on geoscience related to urban development will also get focus in the workshop.

Investors seminar tomorrow

Bangladesh Share Investors Forum (BSIF) has arranged a conference and seminar on the capital market on Sunday to focus on the issues concerning the interest of small investors, reports UNB.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will be the chief guest at the function to be held at National Press Club at 4 pm. The theme talk will be presented by Prof Abu Ahmed, President of the Forum.

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Sultanuz-Zaman Khan, Chittagong Stock Exchange Chairman Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Bangladesh Bank Deputy Governor Shah Abdul Hannan, industrialist Syed Manzur Elahi and economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud will be present as special guests.

ALL I DID WAS ASK HIM TO SPELL "EDUCATION" & HE FAINTED!



DCC rounds up 31 more rickshaws

Dhaka City Corporation has been continuing its seizure drive of illegal rickshaws in the metropolis area, reports UNB.

Corporation officials with the help of Metropolitan police Thursday seized 31 more illegal rickshaws from Gulshan Circle-1 area and collected a fine of Tk 280 from those rickshaw-pullers for not having licences.

Dhaka City Corporation and DMP were jointly conducting the drive to reduce the unbearable traffic pressure and curb accidents.

Mannan, Harun visit flood-hit Feni thanas

State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan and State Minister for Disaster Management Harun-Al Rashid visited the flood affected areas in three thanas of Feni district on Thursday, reports UNB.

They distributed relief materials, including *sarees, langees, chira, molasses, murti* and biscuits among the affected people.

Biswas asks Leos to serve mankind

President Abdul Rahman Biswas advised the Leos of the country to devote to humanitarian activities and set examples of service to mankind, reports BSS.

The President was talking to the members of the Habiganj Leo Club who called on him at Bangabhaban Friday. Founder president of the club Leo Mohd. Jamaluddin led the delegation.

Termining the youth as the most driving and effective force in organising and undertaking various human welfare activities the President said the people expect their dedicated service.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation presented him a blood group directory.

BAU VC opens vaccination programme

The Vice Chancellor of the Bangladesh Agriculture University Dr Shah Mohammed Farooq yesterday stressed the need for taking vaccine against the deadly hepatitis B, reports BSS.

The Vice Chancellor inaugurated a hepatitis B vaccination programme organised by Mymensingh District Association in cooperation with Hycimpex International at the University Club auditorium.

Presided over by the president of the district association Dr M A Mazid, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Dr Azizul Haq, Mahfuzul Haq and Abdul Rouf.

SPGRC to continue struggle for repatriation

Leader of the Stranded Pakistanis Alhaj Mohammad Nasim Khan Friday reiterated his vow to continue their non-violent struggle to resolve the repatriation issue, reports UNB.

He lauded sahabzada Shabbir Hassan Ansari, member of Pakistan Assembly, who toured various camps during his visit to the city in June and assured to solve the problem of repatriation.

Ansari, along with some other MPs, is expected to visit Bangladesh next month to prepare a report on repatriation to be submitted in Pakistani parliament.

The SPGRC leader, however, condemned the death of one Shamim, killed in D Block in Mirpur by unidentified miscreants last week, and demanded arrest and punishment of the persons responsible for the incident.

Obituary

Noted Freedom Fighter and vice president of Jatiyatabadi Mukti-joddha Dal Abu Syed died in the city yesterday morning. He was 52, reports UNB.

Syed, who had been suffering from severe cardiac ailment, breathed his last while he was on the way to Subzwary hospital.

What's on today . . .

- Shyama:** Greetanjali Sangkritik Gosthi, a cultural troupe from India will stage the dance drama of Tagore. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7:30 pm.
- Textbook writers workshop:** National Curriculum and Textbook Board has organised a two-day orientation workshop for secondary and higher secondary textbook writers. Venue: NAEM. Time: 9 am.
- Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc:** A meeting of the executive committee of the Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association will be held. Venue: The office of the association at 18, Purana Paltan.
- Rotary Club of Shyamoli-Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Panda Garden. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather

Rain likely to decrease

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Rajshahi division, at a number of places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions, and at a few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office says moderately heavy rainfall may occur at places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Comilla and Sylhet.

Day temperatures are likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

In its outlook for today and tomorrow, the Met Office forecast that rainfall may decrease. Giving extended outlook for another five days, the weathermen predicted that rainfall is likely to increase gradually at the end period.

Meanwhile, Rangpur experienced the highest 145 millimetres of rain during the 36 hours ending 6pm yesterday. Bogra had 99 millimetres, Mymensingh 56, Ishardi 50, Patuakhali 44, Sylhet and Sunamganj 36 each, Dhaka 15, Tangail 12, Khulna 7, Rangamati 6, Dinajpur 5 and Rajshahi 3 millimetres.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 34.0 degrees Celsius recorded at Sathkha and the lowest was 22.4 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:17 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.1	25.0	85	81
Chittagong	31.5	25.7	82	78
Rajshahi	31.8	25.6	90	88
Khulna	33.2	27.1	86	78
Barisal	32.3	25.6	81	79
Sylhet	30.2	23.8	92	82
Con's Bazaar	31.0	25.5	77	85

Country's prosperity depends on women's literacy: Shamsul

Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday said that the country could lead to progress and prosperity only when the women become literate in greater numbers, reports BSS.

Addressing as the chief guest the tenth assembly, '95 of Inner Wheel district 328 as Hotel Sonargon in the city yesterday, Islam said without educating the women we cannot obtain the desired results.

Hosted by Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka South, the function was addressed by Lutfa Islam, district chairman, Dilruba Ahmed, national representative and board director of International Inner Wheel, Farhat Rahim, International Inner Wheel board member, Zeenat Akhand, incoming district chairman, Lutfa Kamal, newly-elected national representative, Shamim Siddiqui, assembly chairman and Khaleda Rahman, vice-chairman.

Lauding the efforts of the Inner Wheel Club in mitigating sufferings of the down-trodden, the Minister said government alone could not solve all the problems with resource constraint.

He said there was dearth of voluntary workers in society as it was confronted with various problems. He hoped the Inner Wheel clubs would devote their energy for the welfare of the greater section of the people who are suffering from poverty, malnutrition and other diseases.

The information Minister referred to the environment problem and said, "We have to protect our environment." He said a time might come when Dhaka city would not be able to cope with the growing population.

He urged the members of the club to continue their humanitarian activities involving women and children. He said unless supplemented by NGOs, it was very difficult for the government to cater to all needs.

Islam said the slogan of the club "Open Our Hearts and Our Homes" was very timely in the present context.

Later during the business session, the newly-elected district chairman, Zeenat Akhand and her team for 1995-96 was installed along with the newly-elected national representative Lutfa Kamal.

UNB adds: The Inner Wheel Club of Metropolitan Dhaka yesterday received six prizes for its outstanding social services from the Inner Wheel District.

Nazma Khan, who was also adjudged the best club president of the district, received the prizes at the Inner Wheel District Assembly.

QUL KHWANI

MRS FARIDA HAQ (BELA), wife of the late Mr Md Enamul Haq, retired Dy Chief Conservator of Forests, died of cancer on Wednesday, 5th July 1995.

Inna lillaha wa inna illaha rajeyun.

Her Qul Khwani will be held after Asr prayers on Sunday, 9th July at House No 2, Road No 5, Section 6, Block A, Mirpur (near Utsab Community Centre). (Phone : 802180)

Friends, relatives and well-wishers of the deceased are requested to attend and pray for her departed soul.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Office of the Director
CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

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Notice Inviting Re-Tender No. CEMSU-05(3)/94-95

Sealed re-tenders under Two-Envelope System are hereby invited from the CEMSU enlisted contractors and bonafide suppliers for the undermentioned work which will be received up to 12.00 hrs. on **27-8-95** and the **Technical offers** will be opened on the same day at 12.15 hrs. in presence of the tenderers or their authorised representatives (if any). The date and time for opening of the **Financial offers** shall be notified later on.

Name of work: Supply, installation, testing and commissioning work of Central PABX on turn-key basis at Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

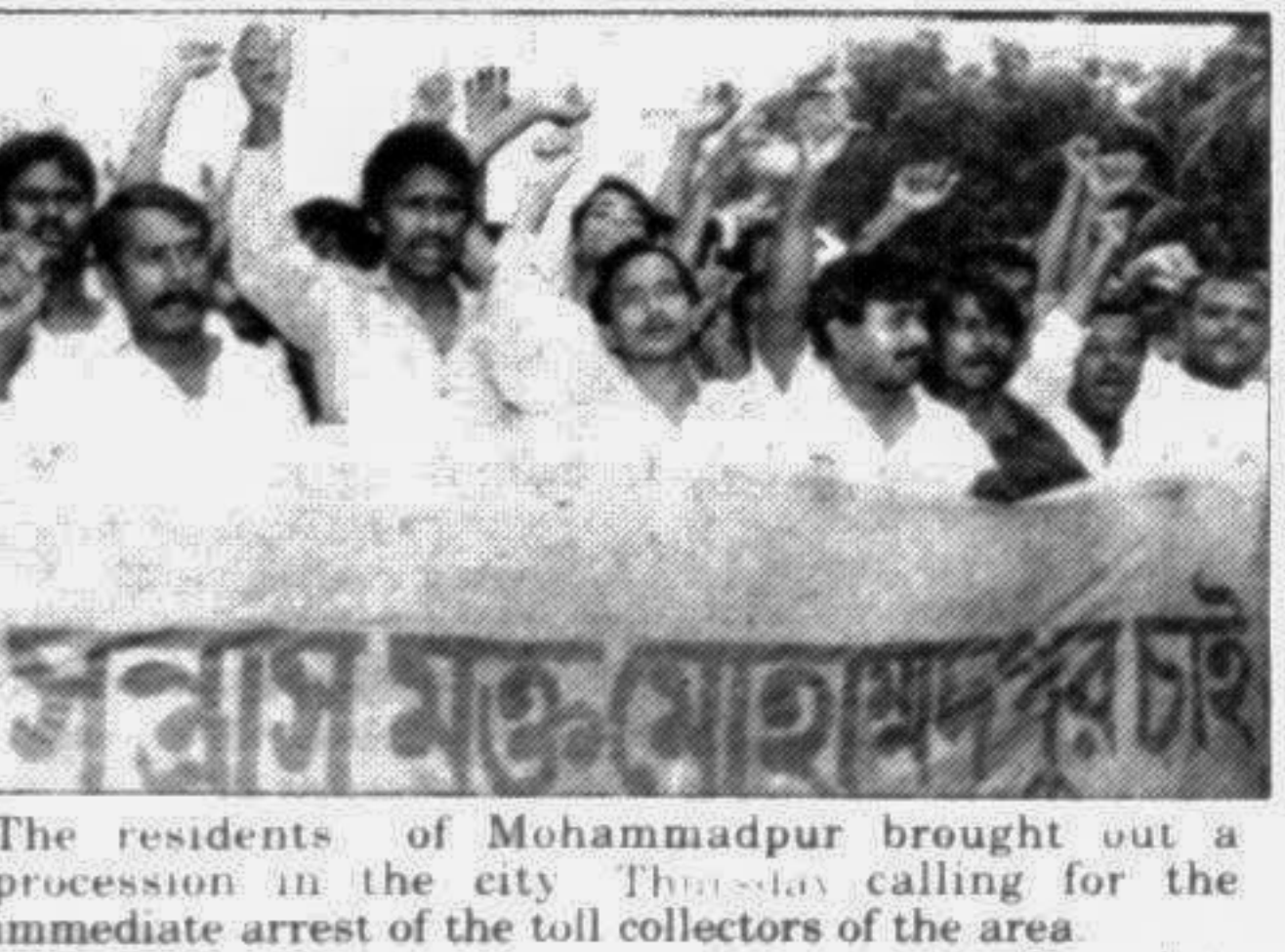
Fixed earnest money amounting to Tk 4,00,000/- (Taka four lacs) only (refundable) must be submitted along with the **Technical offer** in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn on any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Tender papers and schedule of items of work may be had from P.S's to Chairman, P.A. to Member (Ops. & Plans.), Member (Finance), Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineers (E/M), Director (ZIA) and Cash Section of the office of the Director (Finance) of CAAB HQ. and Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka during office hours on payment of Tk 2,000/- (Taka two thousand) only (non-refundable). The intending tenderers may apply in their letter heads for purchase of tender documents. No tender paper will be sold on the date fixed for opening of tender. Other terms and conditions can be seen in the office of the Director, CEMSU.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or part thereof or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Director, CEMSU
CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka



The residents of Mohammadpur brought out a procession in the city Thursday calling for the immediate arrest of the toll collectors of the area.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)
MATTER NO. 34 OF 1995
IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:
Bengal Steel Works Ltd, Amin Court (6th Floor), 62-63, Motiheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:
Aziz Mohammad Bhai,
Managing Director, Bengal Steel Works Ltd.
Petitioner.

-Versus-

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, Sadharan Bima Sadhan Building (7th Floor), Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka.

Respondent.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting for the year 1993 of the "Bengal Steel Works Ltd." and extension of time for holding the said meeting was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the application the Hon'ble Court has been pleased to admit the same on 22.6.95 and fixed it for hearing on 9.8.95.

Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Court by himself or through an authorised Advocate on the date fixed.

Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

S. A. M. Mahbub Elahi
Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh,
Chancery Chambers, (7th Floor),
Amin Court, 62-63, Motiheel C/A,
Dhaka.

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