

# Dhaka Day by Day

## BTV's Chopping Spree

by Aasha Mehreen Amin

BTV has done it again. With great efficiency and enthusiasm it has managed to dis-appoint the decreasing number of its loyal viewers (loyal because they don't have a dish antennae) by fiddling with the few programmes worth watching. While the censors are busily chopping away the English films for a few kissing scenes, forgetting to do the same with the raunchy, lewd numbers in Chaya Chanda, BTV staff are happily editing the remnants. The end result is a one-hour programme reduced to less than thirty minutes and one that barely makes any sense in terms of sequence of scenes.

For many of us who are used to wait with considerable eagerness for Monday and Tuesday for favorite shows such as Benson, Murphy Brown and Northern Exposure nothing could be more traumatic than to witness the total annihilation of these programmes at the hands of the butchering BTV editor. With utter disbelief one witnesses a very critical moment of an episode of Northern Exposure, totally gone, and then someone has the nerve to actually acknowledge this unforgivable crime by showing — edited by so and so of the BTV staff. These 'kitty-ed' editors must be totally oblivious of the degree of hate they generate by such 'editing' to be foolhardy enough to actually use their real names. And by the way, did BTV get permission from the production companies which own the copyrights of these films, to cut out scenes, not because they would be unpalatable for our conservative viewers but because it was necessary to insert a discussion programme on something as exciting as 'World Tobacco Day' or 'World Tree Planting Day.' Or a hackneyed Population Programme that seems to run forever.

Not that such programmes should not be shown. They are no doubt worth some merit, at some other time. Why on earth do they have to be aired just when an English serial is being shown. How come some of those over-

acted, melodramatic dramas or song programmes filled with out of tune singers, are not sliced off to accommodate such 'educational' shows?

It seems as if BTV has a kind of vendetta against the English serials, especially the ones actually worth seeing. If that is the case, why show them at all? It would be better not to watch the show at all, rather than see it after such arbitrary editing.

Sometimes this abuse goes even further. If any of you have been watching Lonesome Dove every Monday, you will notice how abruptly it ended the last time with BTV's favourite 'to be continued' line in the middle of the episode. As before this too because they had to fit in some other boring programme after the ten o'clock news.

Then there are the times when BTV has planned a special surprise, as welcome as a pop quiz in Trigonometry right after the Eid holidays. This is when you have waited the whole week, withstood the pressures of work and social obligations that a Dhakaites must live with and have sat down to relax and watch your favourite TV series, say, Northern Exposure. After patiently putting up with the endless soap, toothpaste and sari commercials you are caught unawares by the announcement of a 'bishesh onushthan' (special programme) on World Environment Day. Now while most of us are keen environmentalists, this does not mean we are ready to sacrifice the only programme we watch the entire week for one that is filled with environmental platitudes and officials droning on about how environment-friendly the government is. Why such programmes are not aired at an earlier time when people are in a better frame of mind to accept mediocrity and unimaginativeness is something only BTV knows.

BTV has announced a restructuring campaign initiated solely to enhance viewers' interest and entertainment. This, one must admit, is the best attempt it has made to make us laugh. Hysterically.

LET'S EDIT THIS SCENE... VIEWERS WILL BE EXCITED TO THINK THERE WAS "SOMETHING" HERE!



BTV EDITING PANEL



## Metropolitan

### Outgoing envoy meets PM

### Bonn urged to help halt repression in Bosnia

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the German government to play an active role in halting the repression on Muslim women and children in Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports UNB.

The incidence of repression and unprecedented violation of human rights in Bosnia is a great shame for humanity, she told German Ambassador Jurgen Gehl who made a farewell call on her at the Prime Minister's office here in the afternoon.

"Women and children are the worst victims in Bosnia, they are being subjected to inhuman torture," she said, adding "Germany is conscious about human rights and as a big country it can play an active role in stopping the inhuman activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina."

The outgoing German Ambassador informed the Prime Minister that that the German parliament had recently decided to extend active cooperation in stopping repression on women and other inhuman activities in Bosnia.

Both Begum Zia and Jurgen Gehl termed the existing ties between

Bangladesh and Germany as 'excellent' and expressed the hope that the relations would be further strengthened in the days ahead.

Referring to the trade relations between the two countries, he said Germany, the second largest importer of Bangladeshi garments, has already invested in garments shoe industries and railway sector in Bangladesh.

"We want the German investors to invest in Bangladesh", said Jurgen Gehl.

Begum Zia said the German people, who are very much conscious about environment, could buy jute and jute goods from Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister laid importance on joint venture projects and urged the ambassador to encourage the German investors to invest in Bangladesh after his return home.

Begum Zia conveyed greetings to the German Chancellor through the envoy.

She thanked the outgoing ambassador for his contribution to strengthening the bilateral relations during his two-year tenure in Bangladesh.

### Mannan takes over as chairman of Sonargaon, Sheraton

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday took over as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hotel Sonargaon and Dhaka Sheraton Hotel reports UNB.

After taking over the charge, he exchanged views with the officers, employees and workers of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

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**জরুরী ভিত্তিতে আবশ্যিক**  
সকাল ৮টা থেকে রাত ১০টা পর্যন্ত আউটডোর ও রোগ নির্ণয়ের সকল সুবিধা এবং সার্বজনিক ইমার্জেন্সী ব্যবস্থা, ৪টি আধুনিক অপারেশন থিয়েটার ও ত্রাত ট্রান্সফিউশনের সুবিধা ব্যবস্থা সম্বলিত ২০০ বেডের গণবাহ্য হাসপাতালের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত পদে অনুপ্রার্থী কর্মী আবশ্যিক।  
সকল কর্মীদেরকে পর্যায়ক্রমে রাডির সিক্টে সরাসরি কাজ করতে হবে অথবা Second on call হিসাবে থাকতে হবে। কমিউনিটি পর্যায়ে চিকিৎসককে সকালে ও সন্ধ্যায় ক্লিনিক পরিচালনা করতে হবে। মোটর সাইকেল চালানো জানা না থাকলে শিখে নিতে হবে। হাসপাতালটি বাহায়া ব্যবহার মাধ্যমে পরিচালিত হবে।

পদ ও সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাপত্র বোধ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	সর্বমাকুল্যে বেতন
* চিকিৎসক (৩০)	এম বি বি এল	৬০০০-২০০/৩০০-১০০০০
* কার্ভালিট (১)	এম কার্ভ	৫০০০-২০০/৩০০-১০০০০
* নর্সারী কার্ভালিট (২)	কার্ভালিটে ডিপ্লোমা	২৫০০-১০০/২০০-৬০০০
* মেডিও প্রাক্টর (১)	রেডিওগ্রাফীতে ডিপ্লোমা	৪০০০-১০০/২০০-৬০০০
* শিক্ষাবিদী মহিলা বাহায়া কর্মী (১৫)	এসএসসি	প্রশিক্ষণকালীন তাজা ৭০০/-

যোগাযোগের উচ্চতর বেতন দেওয়া যেতে পারে। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদেরকে হয় মাস গণবাহ্য কেন্দ্রে অবস্থান করে প্রশিক্ষণ নিতে হবে। সেসে দুর্বোধ্য হলে প্রয়োজনে বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন স্থানে কয়েক সপ্তাহ থেকে স্থায়ী জনসাধারণকে বাহ্যসেবা প্রদান করতে হবে। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের মূল কর্মস্থল হবে ঢাকা শহরে। চিকিৎসকদের সেসে ও বিদেশে উচ্চতর প্রশিক্ষণ এর সুযোগ আছে। সকল পদে মহিলারা অগ্রাধিকারের ভিত্তিতে বিবেচিত হবেন। যারা নুনতম দুই বৎসর গণবাহ্য হাসপাতালে কাজ করার নিত্যতা দিতে পারবেন না, তাদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই। ২ কপি কটৌসাহ বহুতে লিখিত আবেদন পর ৩০শে জুলাই, ১৯৯৫ইং (১৫ই প্রাক, ১৪০২৫ইং) এর মধ্যে পাঠাতে অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। (চিকিৎসকরা সরাসরি যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন)।

### Post-flood rehabilitation soon, says minister

The government has taken a massive rehabilitation programme, attaching top priority to agriculture to recover the losses caused by the current flood which so far claimed 98 lives, State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Harun al-Rashid said in city yesterday.

"We will make all efforts to rehabilitate the flood-affected people in every possible way," Rashid told BSS in an exclusive interview at his Secretariat office.

The minister said the rehabilitation programme would start soon after the flood waters recede from the affected areas. Under the programme, he said health, sanitation and communications will also be given due

attention. The farmers will be given soft loans and necessary agricultural inputs to cope with the post-flood situation, he added.

He said the current flood, has caused tremendous destruction and damage to our standing crops. "Unlike the flood of 1988, the flood this year destroyed crops on 10 lakh 89 thousand acres of land and damaged those on 8 lakh 64 thousand acres," he said adding "we are still assessing the losses."

Rashid said "our prime concern is to reduce the suffering of the flood-hit people in the 38 affected districts." He said one crore 46 lakh 42 thousand people belonging to 26 lakh 12 thousand families have been affected by the flood.

### Wanted by a NGOs Network

A Dhaka-based national organization networking with NGOs working for poor children needs the following staff. The persons must have thorough familiarity with the issues and problems affecting the children of Bangladesh, national policy and goals, programs for poor children and rights of the child. Female are encouraged to apply.

**Advocacy Consultant:** The person will be responsible to Develop Advocacy Strategies for BSAF to take practical steps for people's awareness on Child Rights as well as for lobbying with the relevant target groups with proper method. The candidate must have Master's in Social Science and have relevant practical experience for at least 8 years. Duration of the job is for 3-4 months. Age should be above 40 years. Competence in spoken and written English and Bangla. Computer literate. Salary Tk. 25,000-30,000.

**Advocacy Officer:** The person will be responsible for coordinating with 60 National and International NGOs to promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh. Should have practical experience in Planning and conducting Training, Seminar, Workshop, organize motivational campaign for a minimum of 5 years; experience in a networking and coordinating agency is preferable. Must have dynamic leadership qualities for social mobilization, public relation abilities, be able to plan and implement activities in cooperation with member organizations. Competence in spoken and written English & Bangla; Computer literate. Age preferable 30-35 years.

Candidates must have Master's in Social Science. Salary: Taka 8,000 per month (Consolidated).  
**Interested candidates are requested to apply with C.V. by 7 August, 1995 to Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum, House No. 57A, Road No. 15A (New), Dhanmondi R.A, Dhaka.**

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Gonoshahajjo Sangstha (GSS), a fast growing national NGO working with the rural and urban poor, invites applications for the following positions;

**Programme Coordinator (Training):**  
Candidate must have a Masters degree. At least 5 years experience in managing a training programme independently. Planning, monitoring, budgeting & cost effective management of training programmes, conducting and developing training courses and background in participatory training techniques such as PRA is needed. Excellent verbal & written communication in Bangla & English is essential and computer skills will be considered as an added advantage. Age between 35-40 years. Salary is negotiable but those who are drawing monthly salary less than Tk 10,000 need not apply.

**Trainer 4:**  
Candidates must have a masters degree with minimum 3 years experience as trainer in a leading national or international organisation. Experience is necessary in training needs assessment, training module/manual design and conducting training. Posting is in a regional training centre. Age between 28-34 years and salary minimum Tk 5154.

The suitable candidate should apply to the above address enclosing CV and two passport size photographs along with a self addressed return envelope. Closing date of application for the post is 31.07.95.

Females are encouraged to apply for the same.



The Colonel Taher Sangsard yesterday brought out a procession on the eve of the 19th death anniversary of the valiant freedom fighter in the city yesterday demanding fresh probe and retrial of the killing of Taher. — Star photo

**Another notice served on DCC**  
By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation was served with a legal notice to remove all intrusions, encroachments and unauthorised occupants from roads and footpaths for smooth movement of traffic and pedestrians.

The notice was served Monday last by Advocate A K Fazul Haq, on behalf of Joint General Secretary of Citizens Vigilance Council (CIVIC) S M Obaidullah for immediate and positive measures, failing which legal proceedings may be initiated in the appropriate court of law.

The notice cited various examples of encroachments in the Gulistan area, Dholakhal—starting from Narinda, Nayabazar, Armanitola and Chankharpool up to Fulbaria etc. said a press release.

The notice mentioned some sort of collusive arrangements between the concerned authorities and the intruders, unauthorised occupants of roads, footpaths

**DU Journalism dept viva**  
The viva-voce of MA First Part Examinees of Mass Communication and Journalism department of Dhaka University will be held on Saturday, reports UNB.

The examinees have been asked to be present at the department office at 10 am, said a press release yesterday.

**What's on today . . . .**

**Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5 pm.

**Drama festival:** A week-long drama festival will begin on the occasion of the founding anniversary of the drama group, Theatre Art. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 10:30 am. DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif will inaugurate .Dhaka Theatre will present the drama 'Ekattorer Pala' on the opening day today.

**..... and tomorrow**

**Seminar on service:** Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) has organised a seminar on 'Issues in service quality'. Venue: BCAS library. Time: 3 pm. Dr Saad Andaleeb, Associate Professor of Marketing, School of Business Penn State University, Pennsylvania will present the keynote paper.

**WEA AGM:** The annual general meeting of the Women Entrepreneurs' Association (WEA) will be held. Venue: the MCCI conference hall, Chamber Building, Motijheel. Time: 10am. A workshop on 'legal aspects of business' and 'how to start a small business' will be held in the afternoon session.

**Mostafiz greets Thai FM**  
Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman yesterday felicitated Kasem S Kasemri on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of Thailand, reports UNB.

Mostafiz expressed his hope to work with Kasemri in further strengthening and widening the bonds of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation which prevail in the relations of the two countries.

**Kyodo-UNB accord**  
A news exchange and co-operation agreement was signed between Kyodo News Service of Japan and United News of Bangladesh (UNB), reports UNB.

Yasuhiko Inukai, President Kyodo News Service and Amanullah Khan, Chairman, United News of Bangladesh (UNB), signed the agreement, on behalf of their respective news agencies last week.

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