

Dhaka Day by Day

For Whom the Overbridge Stands?

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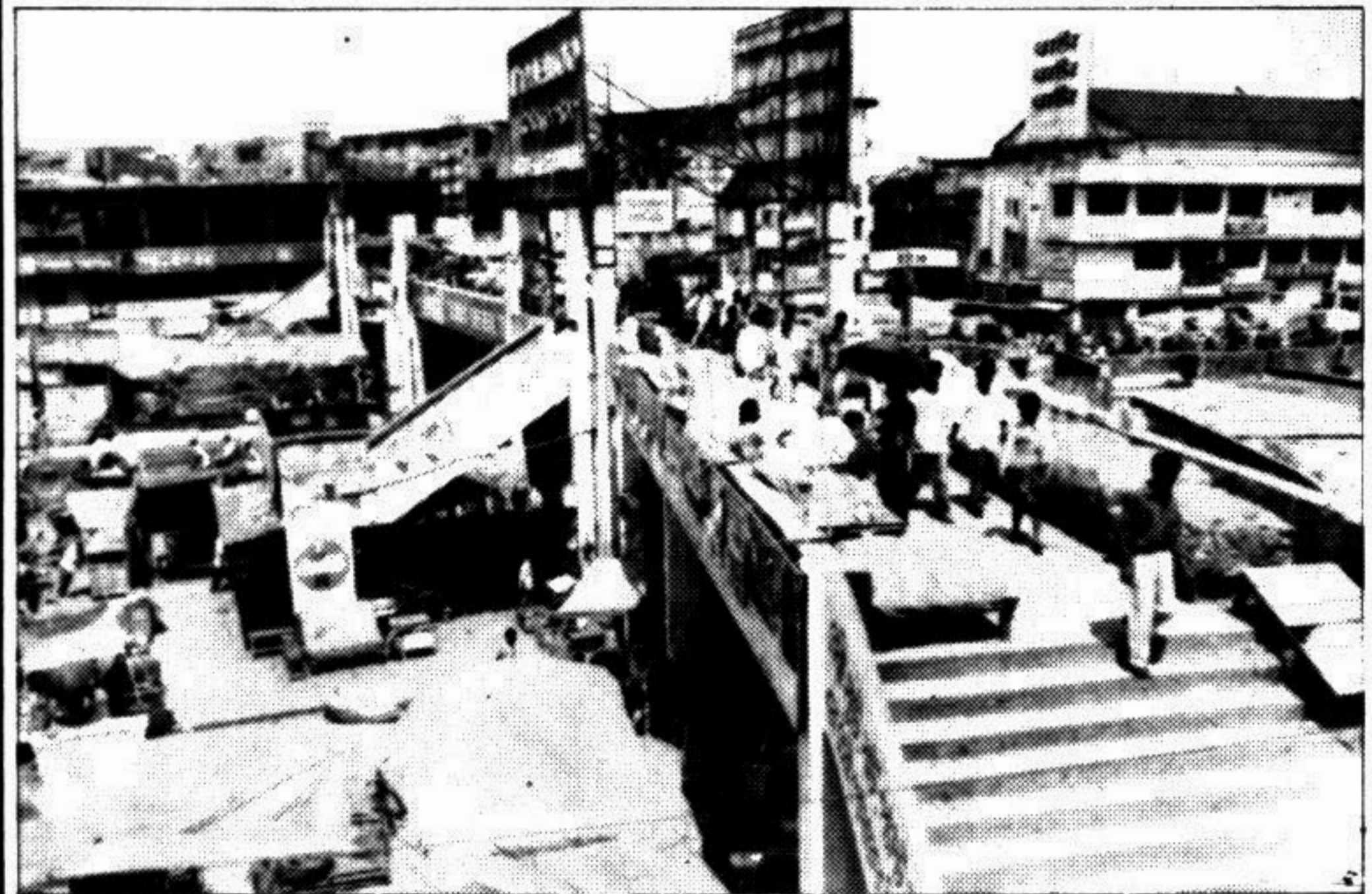
Pedestrian overbridges in a city are built with the good intention of enabling the pedestrians to walk freely and cross roads safely, especially in the busiest parts of the city. In an overcrowded metropolis like Dhaka, these overbridges (situated at Farmgate, in front of the Gausia market, at the New Airport and in front of the DC's office) should have been heaven-sent, but whatever good intentions the authority had in building these overhead facilities have been shattered. With street hawkers and beggars taking over the space so completely, there is hardly any left for the pedestrians.

These overbridges are like mini shopping centres. Starting right from the bottom of the stairs, the entire overbridge is filled with hawkers all doing brisk business. The items being sold are of an amazing variety. For instance, on the Gausia overbridge, one can get anything from glass and plasticware, to bags and slippers, to yards of cotton material to trinkets and costume jewellery to second-hand books and magazines. In fact, the avid shoppers are often lured to these places by the cheap prices and good bar-

gains. Of course, one simply cannot ignore the numerous beggars whining away.

Climbing on to the overbridge for the first time, anyone will be overwhelmed by the sights that confront him. For, he sees a great rush of people crossing and amidst them another great number of people haggling away with the hawkers over the prices, and beggars about everywhere. Street crimes also occur sometimes amongst the jostling crowds. A lady I know had her bag snatched while crossing the Farmgate overbridge. A young man just grabbed it and ran off. And then of course, there are the eternal loiterers, the ones who have nothing to do but hang around and watch the traffic go by below.

Looking at all these people milling about one tends to wonder about them, where are they going? Do they know what awaits them or are most of these people surviving from moment to moment? As they brush shoulders against one another do they ever think about who they are brushing against? And most importantly, when people have so much time to loiter and do nothing, is it possible for a society to be dynamic?



Shifting side walk shops on overbridge.

— Star Photo

German envoy makes farewell call on Biswas

The ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany, Dr Jurgen Gehl made a farewell call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Talking to the outgoing ambassador President Biswas said, there is excellent bilateral relations between the two countries and it has consolidated over the years. He lauded the role of the envoy during her stay in Bangladesh.

He said, a favourable atmosphere for investment is existing in Bangladesh and the German entrepreneurs are most welcome to enjoy liberal investment opportunity for economic progress of the country.

He hoped that there should be more access of our products to German markets for further expansion of bilateral economic relations.

President Biswas conveyed his regards to Dr Roman Herzog, the president of Germany.

The outgoing ambassador said, our relationship is already excellent and it will be further strengthened in the years to come.

FEMA briefing on poll monitoring

By Staff Correspondent

The recently launched Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) yesterday held a briefing for the employees and volunteers of SEBAC, an affiliate of the alliance.

The meeting focused on responsibilities of a non-partisan election monitor, various techniques and strategies of election monitoring, election laws and other related issues.

FEMA plan for monitoring upcoming parliamentary elections was also discussed.

Injured JU student dies in IPGMR

A student of Jahangirnagar University, who was injured in an accident on the campus, died at PG Hospital yesterday, reports UNB.

Golam Mostafa Masum, a first year student of English department, was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday. He was seriously injured following a fall from the rooftop of a university bus on the campus.

His body was sent on his village home in Muradnagar thana of Comilla district.

Two killed in road accidents

SAVAR, July 26: Two people were killed in two road accidents on Dhaka Aricha and Kaliakoir-Nabinagar highways today, reports UNB.

An unidentified woman, 45, died on the spot when a Kaliakoir bound truck ran over her near Baroipara on Kaliakoir Nabinagar highway at about 9 am, police said.

In another accident, an unknown truck helper, 25, died instantly when a laden truck turned turtle near BPATC on Dhaka Aricha highway this afternoon.

Students' rally for 'question bank'

TONGI, July 26: Several hundred school students held a demonstration near Cherag Ali Market here today to restore the 'Question Bank' system in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations, reports UNB.

Eye witnesses said that more than 400 students of different schools in Tongi assembled near the market at 10 am and put barricades on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway that disrupted road communication for three hours till 12:30 pm.

Some angry students also damaged at least ten buses during the demonstration.



The Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday to commemorate those who died this day last year in Chittagong during a resistance programme against the arrival of Jamaat chief Golam Azam in the port city. — Star photo

What's on today....

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officer's Club, 26 Bailey Road. Time: 5:15 pm.

Lions Club of Dhaka: The installation ceremony of newly-elected office-bearers of the club will be held. Venue: Rajmoni Isa Kha Hotel. Time: 7:15 pm.

BSP meeting: An emergency meeting of Bangladesh Sangbad Patra Parishad (BSP) will be held. Venue: 28, Toyenbi Circular Road, Motijheel. Time: 5 pm.

Lecture on poverty: The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in collaboration with the British Council has organised a public lecture on 'Poverty and Adjustment Options and Choices'. Venue: The conference room of BIDS. Time: 10 am. Dr. Frances Stewart, Director, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, will give the talk. Chief guest: Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Planning.

OCAB meeting: The half-yearly general meeting of the Overseas Correspondents' Association Bangladesh (OCAB) will be held. Venue: The hall of National Press Club. Time: 11 am.

Drama festival: Dhaka Padatik will stage the drama *Fera* as part of the ongoing Theatre Art sponsored drama festival. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 7:15 pm.

Art exhibition: The inaugural ceremony of the solo exhibition by artist Nasrin Sufiyan will be held. Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm. Managing Director, Grameen Bank will inaugurate. The show will run from 10 am to 8 pm everyday till July 31.

Symposium on renewable energy: The Bangladesh association for Scientists and Scientific Professions (BASSP) has organised a symposium on the use of renewable energy sources in Bangladesh. Venue: The auditorium of the BCSIR. Time: 9 am. Chief guest: Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondaker Mosharrar Hossain.

Worldnet Dialogue on "Women in Politics"

By Staff Correspondent

The problems facing women seeking political office were highlighted yesterday at a Worldnet Dialogue on "Women in Politics."

The programme, organised by the United States Information Service (USIS) linked panelists in Dhaka, Calcutta and Kathmandu with Washington, via satellite.

In Washington, Harriet Woods, President of the National Women's Political Caucus stressed the need for women to participate more in policy-making at the local level.

"We should start by working to improve our own communities," said Woods, a former lieutenant governor of Missouri.

In answer to a question from Dhaka, Wood pointed out that the significant number of women holding high office in the South Asia region had more to do with dynastic politics than acumen.

Belarus leaders felicitated

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday heartily felicitated Alexander G Lukasenko, President of Belarus, on the occasion of independence day of his country, reports BSS.

In his message President Biswas wished President Lukasenko good health, happiness and long life and the people of Belarus continued peace, progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in a separate message warmly greeted Mikhail N Chigir, Prime Minister of Belarus, on the occasion.

In her message Begum Zia expressed the hope that the friendly relations between the two countries will be further developed in the years ahead.

GCO rally at DU today

By Staff Correspondent

The Ganatrantik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a combine of eight left-leaning student organisations will hold a rally at the Aparajeyo Bangla of Dhaka University today to press for repealing the rule regarding special admission of the wards of the university staff.

The GCO will announce its next programme from today's rally. A student strike was observed on Tuesday at the Dhaka University on the same issue.

The GCO leaders met yesterday at Tophkhana office of Chhatra Federation to discuss the programme. The meeting was on till filing of this report at 9:30 pm.

119 held in city

Police arrested 119 people on different charges from Dhaka City yesterday, reports UNB.

Of the arrested persons, 12 were already wanted by police on different charges, three were arrested in connection with murder cases.

We Remember

We remember with fond memories our mother Mrs. Zahida Khanam on her 7th death anniversary.

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The 3rd anniversary of death of the Managing Director of Modhumita Group late Md. Salahuddin Farooque, eldest son of late Md. Sirajuddin, Founder of Modhumita Group will be observed today, the 27th July '95 after sohar prayer at his Dhanmondi Residence.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the anniversary and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Begum Salahuddin Farooque, his daughters, brothers & sisters.

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নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল শ্রেণীর টিকাদারগণের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২৯১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে টেডার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। আপামী ২৯-৭-১৯৯৫ইং, ১৪/৪/১৪০২ বাংলা, তারিখ ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা জেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এক সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল অঞ্চলের প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক টেডার গ্রহণ করা হইবে। ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত টেডার দাতা অথবা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অঙ্ক এবং কথায় উভয়ই লিখিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন সিভিলিয়ান ব্যাকের ব্যাংক ডাকট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা হিসাবে টেডারের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়ের প্রকৌশল বিভাগে এবং হিসাব বিভাগের হিসাব রক্ষণ (পোদার) এর নিকটে প্রতিস্টে নির্ধারিত মূল্যের বিনিময়ে করপোরেশনের চালান মারফত (অফেরতযোগ্য) টেডারের শর্তাবলী, আর্থিক সিভিলিয়ান ইত্যাদি জমা করা যাইবে। দরপত্র শর্তাবলী এবং সিভিলিয়ান জর এর প্রাকালে প্রত্যেক টিকাদার বর্তমান আর্থিক কবের পর্যন্ত তাহাদের স্ব-স্ব টিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত মূল কাগজপত্রাদির সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি জমা দিতে হইবে। যে সকল টিকাদার চলতি আর্থিক কবের পর্যন্ত টিকাদারী তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন করেন নাই তাহারা কোন দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন না। টিকাদার কর্তৃক নিজ দায়িত্বে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কাজের প্রয়োজনীয় সকল মালামাল, যন্ত্রপাতি যেমন বিটুমিন, রোডরোলার ইত্যাদি সমন্বিত সস্ত্রা ও ব্যবহার নিশ্চিত করিতে হইবে। এতদসম্বন্ধে বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৪ এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তরে (বিলপীও তিলাপাড়া, ঢাকা) জানা যাইবে।

কোন টেডারদাতা দরপত্রে ৫% এর অধিক উর্ধ বা নিম্ন দর প্রদান করিলে উক্ত দরের সপক্ষে দর বিশেষণ সন্মুক্ত করিতে হইবে। ৫% এর অধিক নিম্ন দর প্রদানকারী দরপত্রদাতাকে কার্যসময় প্রদানের সিদ্ধান্ত প্রদান করা হইলে নির্ধারিত বায়নার টাকার ঊর্ধ্ব পরিমাণ জমা দিতে হইবে।

টেডার খোলার তারিখে টেডারের দলিল পর বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমুদয় টেডার কোন কারণ দর্শনে বাতিরেকেই গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃক সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ থাকিবে।

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Weather

Heavy rainfall likely

Moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Rajshahi division during the same period.

Sun sets today at 6:44 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26 am.