

Dhaka Day by Day

The Securities Who Makes People Insecure



Say, you are someone who abhors those who want special favours and decline to ask special treatment even for yourself. In such a case you could use a training session to develop a thick skin. Because only that can protect you against the despicable treatment that you will experience in the city if you don't tell people your daddy's or uncle's name with enough conviction and grandeur. If you are of the fairer kind, simply double the odds against you since the conscience-riddled ogres who want under-the-table payments think it below their dignity to accept any from you (of course there are exceptions to this rule... some fiends are willing to take money from man, woman, fish or fowl). In your case the entertainment they get out of harassing you publicly more than makes up for the financial loss. After all it's the entertainment-crazy generation that's obsessed with democracy, women's rights and power struggle.

The most power-crazy in this respect are the ones that are on the last rung of the ladder, the security guards yielding their name tags. These four feet something 35-pounders are not formidable in appearance but make up for their lack of a good physique by being in total control of their tongues as an assault weapon. This chameleon-like instrument of deceit can simultaneously pour sweetness like honey or writhe like that of a snake. Their job description includes insolence, misde-meanour, proficiency at deriving illegal monetary gains, selling their souls to the highest bidders and yes I am generalizing so, shoot me.

Recently someone came to me with another horror story of a security personnel. This time it was the security officer and his accomplice the gate keeper, of a national media office in Rampura. This innocent girl, unarmed for the jungle zone of Dhaka, was taking pictures for a project that her ambitious university had assigned. She was doing a report on the (non-existent) existence and culture of wall paintings in Dhaka. However what happened was that at 9:00 in the morning in broad daylight she took a picture of a wall painting done by a renowned gifted artist of the country who has also been the DG of the said institution. The gate keeper watched while the novice fiddled, with the manual camera. He watched on while she took one picture. He watched her get into the car to leave. Then he came forward and said that it was forbidden to take pictures of that premises. If it was not in the hope of getting illicit gains then why in heavens did he wait that long to accuse her 'criminal behavior'?

The girl committed her first offence by apologizing to the man. Then the man sug-

gested that she go to the security officer to clear the matter officially. She committed her second offence and complied. The security officer exploded like the Vesuvius at the sight of the girl. In this case just the girl talking to a man in his position was reward enough for the brute but her being apologetic was icing on the cake. She was humiliated for her submissiveness at first and when she tried to retaliate she was told to shut up and rebuked for talking too much. He was almost gleeful at his achievement and good fortune. She was threatened with the things the man could do and accused of being a spy (!). Some spy taking pictures of a suspect organization to begin with at 9:00 in the morning and contacting the security officer to clear misunderstandings! She later added in a dejected tone that although she has been around the world, taken pictures at the White House, NASA, and the Louvre among other places in the West, the Taj Mahal and other government buildings in the East, she never dreamed of such an incident on her own soil (!) for taking the picture of a wall. Questioning the credibility of such a ban not worth the effort, energy and time. But what was the gate-keeper doing while she was spying in front of his eyes? Of course once in front of his superior, the epitome-of-truth-and-justice Mr. Security Officer, he lied like any other person in his position. The situation was so out of control that the victim broke down at one point. This the S O took for a further sign of weakness and renewed his onslaught came as a result.

Let's examine what the student of the only recognized engineering university of the city did wrong was not the act itself as she was not warned properly against so doing. But rather i) she stopped to listen to the *darwan* instead of fleeing the scene as is customary, ii) she apologised, iii) she did not use the references of all her relatives in high places, iv) she was naive enough to think that being a citizen gave her the right to take a picture of the artwork on an outer wall of an office building, v) she went inside the premises and talked to the S O without the presence of a lawyer. So next time you go to a government organization pack thousands of dough, your Uzi or AK 47 and a counselor so that you are safe against the assault of the security guards.

What's wrong with the system is that employees of government institutions are aware that their jobs are as dependable as the rock of Gibraltar and if the civil rights violators are not given exemplary penalization the writings of Kipling and Lord Macaulay about the residents of this region will remain true forever.

What's on today...

DU English Deptt convocation: The convocation ceremony of the 1991-92 honours batches of the department will be held. Venue: DU TSC auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

ACOC blood donation programme: A blood donation programme organised by the Association of Comilla Old Cadets (ACOC) will be held. Venue: Red Crescent Blood Centre, Aurangzeb Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Haque.

Theatre Centre: The concluding ceremony of the week-long programme organised to observe the death anniversary of celebrated film actor Utpal Dutt will be held. Venue: Indian High Commission Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm. The drama *Ebar Rajar Pala* by Utpal Dutt will be staged at 7 pm.

Photo show: A photography exhibition titled 'Pangshar Saleha Khatun' by Shahidul Alam will open. Venue: Drk Photo Library, House 58, Road 15 A (new), Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

Nazrul Institute: The three-day programme to observe the death anniversary of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will begin. Venue: Kabi Bhaban, House 330 B, Road 28 (old), Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

Leo Club of Dhaka Golden: The club has arranged a study tour. Venue: Bangabandhu Museum. Time: 4:30 pm.

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

Rotaract Club of Dhaka: The monthly board meeting will be held. Venue: Near the Fire Service office, Tejgaon. Time: 11 am.

Asiatic Society talk: A talk on Mahatma and the 'Rebel Poet' Kazi Nazrul Islam's Critique of Gandhi's Political Philosophy will be held. Venue: The seminar room of the society. Time: 5 pm.

Lions Club of Dhaka Lalbagh: The 15th installation ceremony of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5 pm.

Art exhibition: A week-long group exhibition of 'Reflection' by Firoz Mahmud, Mohammad Anisuzzaman Anis, Mahbubur Rahman and Tabea Begum Lipi will begin. Venue: Gallery Tone, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm. Director of Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University Professor Rafiqun Nabi will inaugurate the exhibition. The show will remain open from 10 am to 8 pm till August 31.

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Symposium on English medium edn: The Teenage Awareness Group (TAG) has organised a symposium on 'Knowing about Bangladesh: Role of English Medium Schools'. Co-sponsor: The Daily Star. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 10 am.

Bangladesh Lekhak Sangsad: The Sangsad has organised the prize-distribution ceremony for 1995. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 6:30 pm. Chief guest: Minister for Commerce and Information M Shamsul Islam.

Rotary Club of Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Major General Ejaj Ahmed Chowdhury, Director General, Bangladesh Rifles, would speak on Bangladesh Rifles.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Prof Salar Khan, honorary advisor, Bangladesh National Herbarium, will speak on 'narcotic plants'.

Painting exhibition on ruined city of Pompeii

By Staff Correspondent

Pompeii — the Italian city completely destroyed by the mighty volcano Vesuvius one hot summer's day nearly two thousand years ago — continues to fascinate and haunt mankind even today.

Perhaps, no one is more awed by the lost city than children the world over — even here in Bangladesh.

An exhibition of paintings on Pompeii that opened yesterday, at the Institute of Fine Arts in the city, is clearly a manifestation of that endless fascination.

With an imagination, curiosity and enthusiasm that only children possess, the child artists of Fulki, through their paintings have brought back to life the city that was entirely buried under tons of volcanic ash on August 24 in 79 AD.

The outcome of a workshop held about two years ago by Fulki, a Chittagong based children's cultural organisation, some of the paintings depict life in the prosperous city that once stood in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius on the Mediterranean coast of Italy.

But the majority are dedicated to that fatal August day when death descended unawares on the 25,000 or so inhabitants of Pompeii, just as they were sitting down to lunch.

A couple of life-like clay models of the city are also on display at the exhibition, which ends today at the institute's Zainul Gallery.

The show was inaugurated by the writer Abdullah Al Muti at a simple ceremony, held in the garden of the institute. It was also attended by the cultural attache of the Italian embassy, Rossana Masari, artists Mostafa Manowar and Rafiqun Nabi, and the president of Fulki, Prof J Nazrul Islam.

Discussion on TV health commercial

Television commercial on health care will play a vital role in motivating rural people to take the advantages offered by the government.

Anwar Hossain, a celebrated film actor of the country, said this at a function arranged by Adstream in the city on the eve of the Health TV commercial release on Tuesday.

Statistical Yr Book 1994 published

The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics has published the 1994 edition of 'Statistical Year Book of Bangladesh' reports UNB.

This is the 15th edition of the book that contains comprehensive statistical data on social, economic and demographic fields, and other information pertaining to the country's economy.



Adstream, an advertising agency organised a function on the eve of the release of a TV Health commercial in the city recently.

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- * Analytical Skills and Solution Oriented
- * High Ethical Standard
- * Interpersonal Skills

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The candidate must have the following capabilities in order to be considered for this position:

- * Fresh University Graduate with Masters in Marketing
- * Fluency in English (Spoken & Written)
- * People oriented with high interpersonal skills
- * Computer Literate (Windows based Software applications)
- * Drive and Desire to succeed
- * High Ethical Standard

If you meet the above criteria and have the dedication & commitment to succeed, **ONLY THEN** please forward your detailed CV with a picture including personal references to **Box No. S-418, C/o The Daily Star, House No 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205** for further consideration before **9th September, 1995**.

RAJUK UTTARA MODEL SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Sector-6, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230, Tel: 892780

ADMISSION INTO CLASS XI (SCIENCE, ARTS & COMMERCE)

- APPLICATION FORM** : Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of this college are invited from the intending candidates seeking admission into Class XI (Science, Arts & Commerce). Application form duly filled in should reach the college latest by 06/9/95. Application form can be obtained from the college on all working days (except Fridays & Holidays).
- QUALIFICATIONS**
 - Admission is open for both boys and girls.
 - For admission in Science, Arts & Commerce groups candidates must have passed the S.S.C Examination with 750 & 600 marks respectively.
 - Age :- Minimum 14 years & maximum 17 years as on 31 July 1995.
 - Nationality :- Bangladeshi by birth or domiciled.
- DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH THE APPLICATION**
 - True copies of the marks-sheet of the S.S.C/equivalent examination or a certificate from the Head of the Institution that the candidate passed the S.S.C. Exam. with star marks/first division.
 - Three passport size recent photographs duly attested by a Gazetted Officer.
- SELECTION TEST** : Candidates will have to sit for written test on the following subjects at the college premises. Date and time for the written test will be intimated by post/while submitting the application form.
 - For all groups :- Bengali, English & Mathematics.
 - Questions will be set from the S.S.C. Syllabus of 1995.
 - Candidates qualified in the written test will be called for viva voce and medical tests.
- Candidates will be finally selected in order of merit and on the basis of written, viva and health examinations. As regards admission, the decision of the selection committee will be final.
- Poor but meritorious candidates from the rural areas of Bangladesh may be provided financial assistance from the college.
- A PEN PICTURE OF THE COLLEGE**

The college has started functioning from the academic year 1994-95. It is located at Sector-6 of Uttara Model Town near Azampur bus-stand, covering an area of four acres of land. The college is governed by a high powered Board of Governors under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh.

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BCIC Re-Tender Notice

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Scaled tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide contractor by the Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur for loading of bagged Urea Fertilizer from stack to truck for the financial year 1995-96. Tender No. JFCL/MKTG-695/101 dated 12-8-95 will be received up to 11.00 AM on 3-9-95 by the General Manager (Comm.), JFCL, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur and Sr. General Manager (Purchase), Purchase Division, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (16th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. Tender will be opened just after closing the tender in presence of tenderer (if any). No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening. Tender schedule with detailed terms and conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 100/- (One hundred) (Non-refundable) on all working days from the controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th Floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka & Additional Chief Accountant, Jamuna Fertilizer Co. Ltd, Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur.

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Manager (Sales)
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UK professor due today

Professor Charles Normand of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, will arrive in the city today, says a press release.

He will attend a seminar on health economics as chief presenter beginning at the Sonargaon Hotel in city tomorrow.

Islamic Foundation slates beauty contest

Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh has condemned the holding of Miss Bangladesh Beauty Contest and urged all to shun it in future, reports BSS.

The condemnation was made at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Foundation held in the city yesterday. Religious Affairs Minister Muhammad Keramat Ali presided over the meeting held at the foundation's conference room.

The members unanimously condemned the holding of the beauty contest at a hotel recently and said this goes "against our tradition and Islamic culture."