

Dhaka Day by Day

Cuddle Toys

by Aditi Mubin Chowdhury

Playing with toys is something which a child always loves to do. It gives the child pleasure and occupation. Boys especially like to play with cars, planes and guns while a girl's favourite toy is nothing else but a doll. Children usually like to play with toys which do something. Like battery-operated toys such as cars, guns, planes, walkie-talkie dolls, musical toys etc. But there is another kind of toy which gives a child a lot of joy and fun and it is also suitable for both boys and girls of all ages. Sometimes adults even enjoy spending time with these toys!

These toys are known as Cuddle toys or some people call them stuffed toys. They are furry animals in polyester fibre. Filled with polythene beads. The thing that attracts the buyers most are their cute faces. They seem to be so adorable that you can't just pass them without touching them or giving them a sort of a hug. Since these toys are soft and cuddle it is totally safe for the children to play with. They can spend hours of fun playing with these toys without getting hurt.

Cuddle toys usually happen to be various types of animal. The Teddy Bear is a familiar and also a popular character among the children. They are found in white, black, brown, green, yellow and other bright colours. Usually you get to see a red bow tied around the neck of the white teddy bears which makes them look more attractive. Besides, teddy bears, there are pandas, puppies, kittens, monkey, chimpanzees etc. These stuffed toys are found in different sizes also. You will find huge panda's as well as tiny winy elephants. Cuddle toys like these are usually brought from abroad but the good news is that now they are being

made in Bangladesh, well actually they are assembled in Bangladesh.

The materials are brought from abroad — countries such as Korea, China, Taiwan etc and fixed together in our country. So, they are much cheaper than the foreign ones. It is now being possible for the parents to buy their children good quality toys at a reasonable price. Most toys are breakable and parents usually think that it's just a waste of money buying them but since these stuffed toys are unbreakable and longlasting, consumers find it much more convenient to purchase them. They are also easily washable, all you have to do is soak it in soap water and hang it on a hook or something and it dries up in the sun. Stuffed toys can also be very good birthday gifts.

The strange thing about these toys are that most of them have no label stuck on them. The shopkeepers fear that if it bears the stamp, "Made in Bangladesh", then it will not be sold. Because of some people who have this attitude that Bangladeshi things are not good and will not last long. Even in some shops you will see stickers stuck on them which happen to say "Made in Thailand" (Which are actually made in Bangladesh).

On the other hand some shopkeepers do admit that these toys are being made in our country, when asked they say that "It's local" meaning they are being made in our country. These toys are also being exported. They have quite a demand in the international market. The enterprise is still limited among a few but they are doing quite a good business. Let it develop as an industry and earn both fame and money in a manner it has happened in Hong Kong.



'Bring culprits of Dinajpur incident to book'

By DU Correspondent

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), the student wing of Bangladesh Awami League, yesterday demanded punishment to the police personnel involved in the Dinajpur incident.

In Dinajpur, a teenage girl was allegedly raped and then murdered by some policemen.

The BCL also asked the home minister to quit.

The rally held in front of the Arts Faculty building was

attended by Enamul Haq Shammim, Abdul Wadud Khokon and Ajay Kar.

Meanwhile, the Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student front of the ruling BNP, held a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

The speakers at the rally said the Awami League believes in the politics of terrorism.

Our staff correspondent adds

Various socio-cultural and human rights organisations yesterday condemned the incident of violence in Dinajpur.

These organisations also demanded a judicial enquiry into the killings and punishment to those responsible.

The organisations include Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRIC), Association for Legal Aid and Legal Education, and Rights, Jessore



A barbed-wire road block separates the Jatiya Party demonstrators from the riot police and foils their programme to gherao the Bang-ladesh Secretariat in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Biswas, Khaleda greet leaders

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia felicitated their Malaysian counterparts on the occasion of national day of that country today, reports BSS.

In separate messages, Biswas and Khaleda greeted King Twanku Abdul Rahman and Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohammad respectively.

They wished their good health, long life and continued peace for the brotherly people of Malaysia.

Biswas and Khaleda also greeted President Noor Mohammed and Prime Minister Patric Manning of Trinidad and Tobago on the occasion of its national day today.

In their messages, Biswas and Khaleda expressed optimism that the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries would further strengthen in the years to come.

President Biswas and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia also congratulated their counterparts of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan on the occasion of the independence day of these two Central Asian Muslim republics.

Biswas and Khaleda sent separate messages to Tajik President Emomali Pakhmonore and Prime Ministers Jamsheed Karimov and Kyrgyz President Askar A Akayev and Prime Minister Apas DJ Djumagulov.

Media accord

An agreement of cooperation between United News of Bangladesh (UNB) and the South Korean Yonhap News Agency was signed recently, reports UNB.

Shumon's collection of poems published

By Staff Correspondent

The publication ceremony of a book of poems by Sharafat Ibne Momen alias Shumon, a budding young poet who died at the age of twelve, was held Tuesday at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

"Shumon Momen" — a collection of twenty-five poems by the London-based Bangladeshi schoolboy, who died of cancer in 1992, was formally launched by Rokonzaman Khan (Dada Bhai).

Although I never met Shumon, I have come to know him well through his poetry. His poems — on a wide range of subjects — are indeed exceptional," the renowned children's author and director of Kookhikachar Mela said of the child poet.

Shumon, who began writing poetry in English at the age of six, has left behind a "treasure house" of seventy odd poems, dealing in topics as diverse as war, nature, patriotism and family.

The poems in this book — Shumon's first publication — were compiled by his mother, Nilufer, a schoolteacher in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

"Works of literature by

children should be included in school textbooks, so they may inspire other youngsters to write — like my Shumon," she said paying tribute to her youngest son.

The book, edited by Stephen Watts, a poet from Tower Hamlets, has Bengali versions of Shumon's poems side by side his originals in English.

They were translated by leading Bangladeshi poets including Asad Chowdhury, Subroto Borua, Momin Chowdhury, Ashraf Siddique, Abul Hussain, Taslima Nasrin, Ataur Rahman, and by the East End poet Andrew Wareham in collaboration with Nilufer Momen.

The poems in the book are accompanied by brilliant illustrations by Shumon's former classmates at the Iford Grammar School, London and by cousins in his motherland. Printed by Dialogue Publications Ltd, proceedings from the book's sale will go towards setting up a trustfund in aid of cancer research and children's literature in this country.

20 hurt in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 30: Some 20 persons were reportedly injured in a clash between two rival student groups in Anbagan Tuesday.

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wish you a very happy birthday
amma & baba

GARMENT STOCKS WANTED

SHIRTS/T-SHIRTS/BLouses/DRESS/TROUSERS/ JEANS/SHORTS/SKIRTS/TRACKSUIT/SWEATERS/ ETC. PLS FAX DETAILS TO HK (852)27635798/ TEL: 23891893 MR LEE/TSANG

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify all concerned that my client, Mrs Khurshid Jahan W/o Late S M Shahjahan of House No NW(J)10, Road No 50, Gulshan, Dhaka is going to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Mrs Rashna Hossain Rahman W/o Ashfaq Rahman of House No 7, Road No 7, Baridhara Model Town, Dhaka, for the purchase of the property mentioned in schedule below. If any person has any claim or demand or objection over the property mentioned below, kindly contact the undersigned with relevant papers within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the date no objection will be entertained in any court of law.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

- 200 shares of Tk 100.00 each in BTI Bahumukhy Samabay Limited.
- Flats numbering S-2 and N-2 combined NS-2 of 2nd floor of Park Plaza, 31, Banani Commercial Area, Dhaka, along with a car parking place.

Nur Amin
Advocate

77, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka

Employment Opportunity

An International Development Agency is looking for:
Program Officer (small enterprise promotion)

At least 5 years of practical experience at management level in small enterprise promotion (eg, in fields such as credit, management training, transfer of technology), with intimate knowledge about the related development context of Bangladesh. The experience should have been acquired through working in or in close connection with the private sector having Master Degree in Social Science.

Challenging, communicative personality (independent and critical mind, initiative, curious, able to interact in an intercultural/interdisciplinary environment and work in a team, etc.)

Interest and good capacity to conceptualize project approaches and to participate in policy discussions with various partners (Government, donors, NGOs, local communities.)

Very good command (written and spoken) in both English and Bengali. Female applicants are most welcome.

Program Officer (adult education)

At least 5 years of practical experience at high management level in adult education (preferably in fields such as functional literacy or vocational training), with good knowledge about the related development context of Bangladesh having Master Degree in Social Science.

Challenging, communicative personality (independent and critical mind, initiative, curious, able to interact in an intercultural/interdisciplinary environment and work in a team, etc.)

Interest and good capacity to conceptualize project approaches and to participate in policy discussions with various partners (government, donors, NGOs, local communities.)

Very good command (written and spoken) in both English and Bengali. Female applicants are most welcome. Citizenship of Bangladesh.

Candidates drawing salaries of less than Tk. 30,000 per month need not apply (for both positions).

Please apply in full confidence with detailed CV by 10 September 1995 to the address below with indication about expected salary and copy of passport size photograph. Female applicants are most welcome.

Box No D-852, C/o The Daily Star, House No-11, Road No-3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205

“বিদ্যাতের আলোর ছটায় বিদ্যাশিক্ষার বিস্তার ঘটায়”

SECTION I - INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : 15.8.95
Credit No. : 2129-BD
Bid Package No : REB/SE/HO-28/95/922

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies towards the cost of the Third Rural Electrification Project, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Credit will be applied, through the Rural Electrification Board, to eligible payments under the Contract for supply & installation of fire lighting and water supply system for the 10-storied Rural Electrification Board's (REB) Head Office Building at Joarshahara, Dhaka.
- The Superintending Engineer, Dhaka Zone, Rural Electrification Board now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the "supply and installation of which includes supply, installation, testing, commissioning, and maintenance of the same.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding Documents at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka Zone, Rural Electrification Board, House No 828, Road No. 19 (old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh
- A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on being determined qualified for the purchase on submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Tk. 2000/- (Taka two thousand) or US\$ 55 (United States Dollar fifty five) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of REB, Dhaka. For each set of Bidding Documents purchased, only one Bidder is eligible to bid.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two point five zero percent (2.50%) of Bid Amount and must be delivered to the above office on or before 12:00 hours on 04 October, 1995.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:30 hours on 04 October, 1995 at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka Zone, Rural Electrification Board, House No 828, Road No. 19 (old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh



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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত "বেগম রোকেয়া প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র" চত্বরে, ময়মনসিংহ প্রকল্পের আওতাধীন নিম্নবর্ণিত পদসমূহ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে পূরণের জন্য প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে:

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম ও বেতনস্কেল	পদের সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	বয়স
১।	প্রকল্প পরিচালক ৪৮০০-৭২৫০/-	১টি	এমএসসি (এডি/এএইচ পোস্ট) অথবা অনা কোন অনূর্ধ্ব ৩৫ বয়সের সমমানের ডিগ্রী। সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ক্ষেত্রে ৪ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্নদের অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে।	৩৫ বৎসর
২।	নিম্নমান সহকারী-কাম-মুদ্রাক্ষরিক/ কম্পিউটার অপারেটর ১২০০-২৩০৫/-	১টি	এইচএসসি পাস। ইংরেজীতে ২৮ এবং বাংলায় ২০ শব্দ পঠিতসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।	৩৫ বৎসর
৩।	এমএলএস ১০০-১৫০০/-	১টি	৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	-৫-
৪।	নিরাপত্তা প্রহরী ৯০০-১৫০০/-	৩টি	৮ম শ্রেণী পাস।	-৫-

- আবেদনের শর্তাবলী:**
- আবেদনকারীর নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, ধর্ম, জাতীয়তা, সাম্প্রতিক তেলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র ও চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র, ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ কিংবা পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান পদত জাতীয়তা সনদপত্র আবেদনপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা সরকারী বিধি অনুযায়ী শিথিলযোগ্য হইবে। সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকরির প্রার্থীদের বয়সসীমা প্রচলিত বিধি মোতাবেক শিথিলযোগ্য। চাকরির প্রার্থীদের স্ব-স্ব কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।
 - দরখাস্ত বাছাইয়ের পর বাছাইয়ের দরখাস্ত বিবেচিত হইবে তাহাদেরকে কেবলমাত্র ইন্টারভিউ-এর জন্য আহ্বান করা হইবে। ইন্টারভিউ নেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময় ডাকযোগে জানানো হইবে। ইন্টারভিউ গ্রহণের জন্য কোন টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হইবে না।
 - পদের নাম বামের উপর উল্লিখ করিতে হইবে।
 - ক্রমিক নং ১-এর প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে-সচিব, মহিলা বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা বরাবরে এবং ক্রমিক নং ২ হইতে ৪ পর্যন্ত প্রার্থীদের প্রকল্প পরিচালক, বেগম রোকেয়া প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ৩৭/৩, ইন্ডাস্ট্রি পার্টেন রোড, ঢাকা-এর বরাবরে দরখাস্ত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। দরখাস্তসমূহ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
 - স্ব-স্ব উপস্থিত সরকারী কর্মকর্তা এবং মহিলা প্রার্থীদের এই সকল নিয়োগে অগ্রাধিকার পাইবে।
 - অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

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What's on today

In memory of Altaf Mahmud: The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised a discussion meeting and cultural function in memory of Shaheed Altaf Mahmud, a celebrated music composer. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm. Chief guest: Prof Anisuzzaman.

Print exhibition: A five-day print exhibition will begin. Venue: Shilpakala Academy conference room. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

..... and tomorrow

Seminar on JS business: The Centre for Analysis and Choice has organised a day-long seminar on "Making Parliament Effective." Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:45 am. Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni will inaugurate. Former UK Speaker Lord Weatherill will speak.

Photo exhibition: A month-long solo photo exhibition by Tapash Saha will begin. Chief guest: Syed Hasan Imam. Venue: BPS national photo gallery, 87 Science Laboratory Road. Time: 10 am. The show will run till September 30 from 12 noon to 8 pm everyday.



Recipients of Bangladesh Lekkhok Sangsad Award '95 are seen with Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam and Jatiya Press Club President Reazuddin Ahmed at a ceremony held in the city recently.