

Dhaka Day by Day

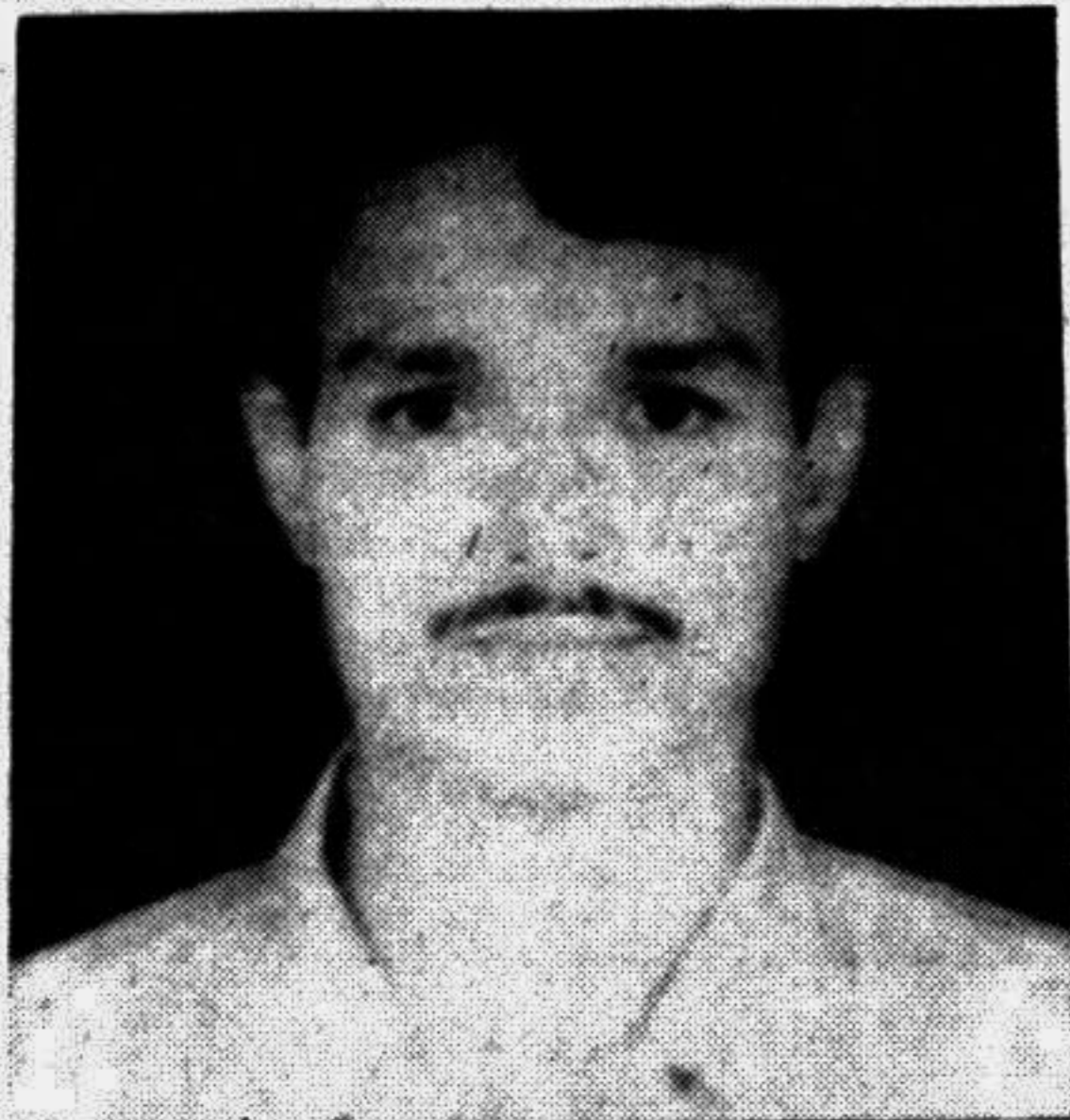
Dream that Never Dies

by Samia Islam

Md Jamaluddin came to Dhaka from Debidwar, Comilla to seek his fortune on 25th August 1992. He came to the city where dreams are made and sometimes shattered. But he has been a favourite disciple of lady luck. He got a job of servant at a house right next to the Willes Little Flower School. It was the residence of a teacher of the said school, Jamal, as he is commonly known, worked as a cook and simultaneously, pursued his secret dream that seemed like an impossibility. Nevertheless he kept hanging in there in the improbable hope of getting his wishes answered.

What was this dream? Nothing spectacular. He just wanted to get a decent education, sit for the SSC exam and if he passed, then possibly hoping against hope to appear for the HSC. A taken-for-granted option for so many but an extravagant in indulgence for him.

Life hasn't exactly been a cakewalk for Jamal. The second of two siblings, he lost both his parents tragically when he was 4 months old. His paternal grandmother took care of him and his brother until he was eight years old. Then as fate would have it, his grandmother died leaving him and his brother to fend for themselves. He isn't sure how long it's been since. He is also confused about his age but remembers that he was around during the war of independence. How the two brothers managed to survive on their own is a wonder. Things in his past



Jalauddin

are hard to put down chronologically since he himself is not too sure about them. Prior to arriving in Dhaka, a further obstacle developed in the already rough road if his life when he started to lose his hearing in one ear. It became quite acute and he figured out the capital could provide him with a steady job, treatment for his bad ear and just maybe, a chance to further his education. Until then two school teachers of his former primary school had helped him somewhat with his studies although he was not a regular student of their institution.

Once he started working in Dhaka, his employers found out about his determination to learn. As Jamal tried to squeeze his studies into his busy work schedule, they helped out with his tuition, notes and suggestions. Fortunately, the teenage daughter of the house had affiliations with a local coaching center. She brought home sugges-

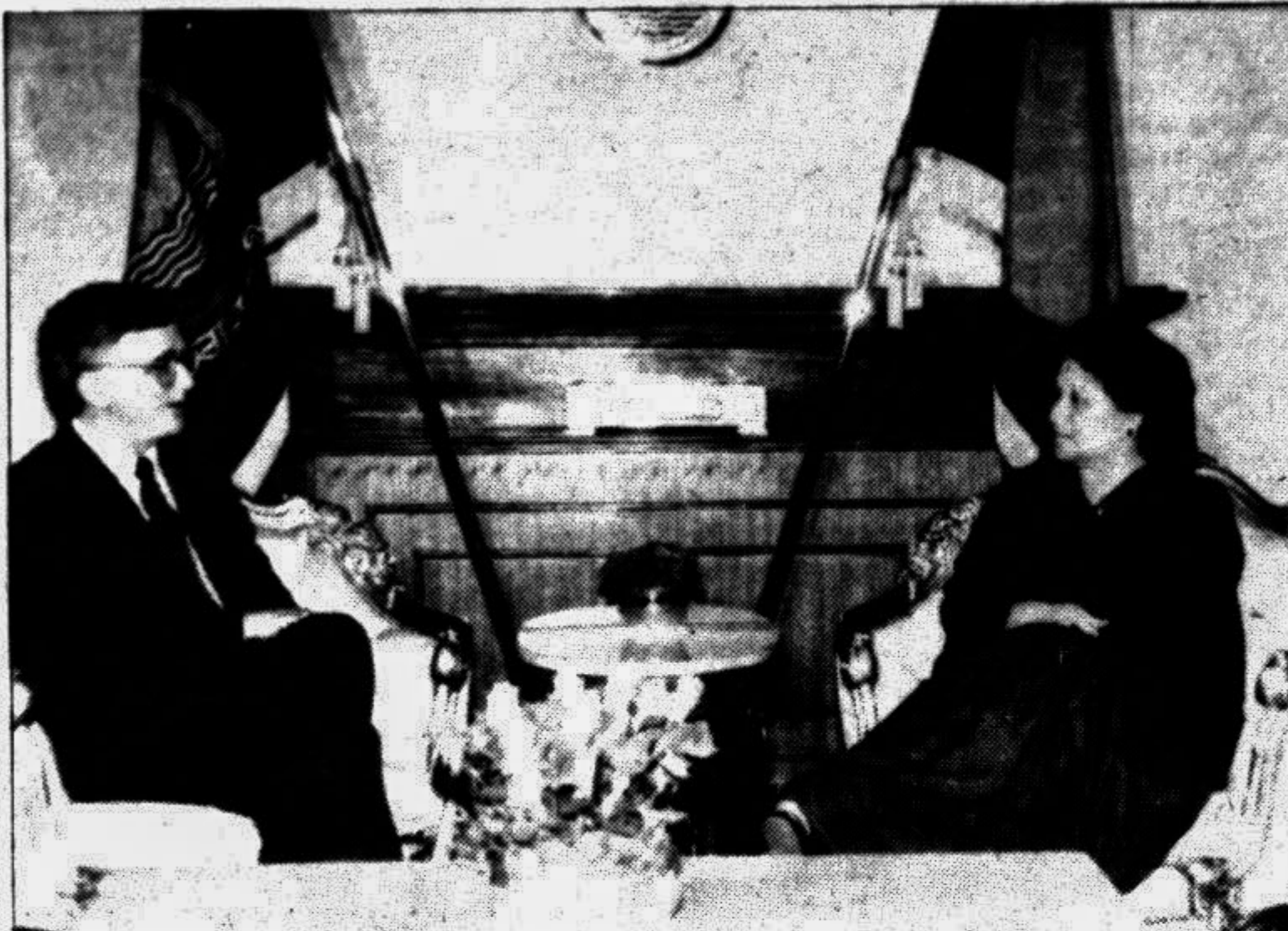
tions of possible questions for the SSC finals and in her spare time prepared English notes for him. She recalls Jamal was weakest in English but that he had been extraordinarily good at math. He could do long calculations flawlessly albeit in complex methods. As he puts it, "with faith in God and my employers, I studied day and night to sit for the SSC examinations. I was confident that I would succeed given favourable circumstances. Working for these compassionate people has given me the chance of a life time."

Jamal took two years prepare for the exam. Then at registration time he was frantic for the fees and couldn't fathom how he could possibly meet the expenses of getting himself admitted in a school in Comilla as he didn't want to appear privately. This entailed lots of extra expenditure. In the end seeing his despondency, his employers pitched in the five thousand he needed. Finally, he took leave of his employers two months prior to the final exam.

Coming back to work after the exams he told his mentors that he would definitely pass. A statement that displays tremendous self-confidence. He had passed the SSC in the second division. He was overjoyed and somewhat incoherent. He profusely thanks all who helped him achieve his success. In his own words, "I never knew such greatness still exists in the world today. This wouldn't have been possible without my

employers and their relatives who also helped out in every way. Now I am getting myself enrolled in a local college. After passing my HSC, I want to go abroad to work. Please mention the great generosity of my employers in your article. People need to know that kindness is not dead."

He is an epitome of diligence, perseverance and optimism — one who goes on fighting despite all odds. Do not bow down to the challenges that life has in store but rise above every impediment and come out with flying colours. Many children with silver spoons in their mouths, starched school uniforms, Nikes, and mummy dearest following them with their schoolbags to school and coaching classes need to take a lesson from Md Jamaluddin. They could do with a little of his appreciation, his thankfulness and his clear conception about the really important things in life.



World Bank Vice President Joseph Wood called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

WB aid for agri project assured

The World Bank Vice President Dr Joseph Wood assured assistance for agricultural research management project with an estimated cost of 54 million US dollar in the future, reports BSS.

The negotiation for credit agreement is likely to be completed by October this year.

Dr Wood was talking to the Food and Agriculture Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his office in the city yesterday.

Weatherill meets Biswas

Lord Weatherill, former speaker of the British House of Commons, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangababai in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Welcoming Lord Weatherill, President Biswas said that Bangladesh enjoys excellent bilateral relation with Great Britain.

Visits BRAC projects

Our staff correspondent adds: Lord Weatherill has appreciated the poverty alleviation programmes of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) saying that it has made a real impact on Bangladesh and has become a role model for other nations.

Giving his impressions after a day-long visit to various income-generating programmes of BRAC in a number of villages near Manikgonj on Wednesday he said that BRAC programmes had given self-employment and hope to the poorest of the poor.

EC favouring computer firms, allege letter press owners

By Staff Correspondent

The letter press and type foundry owners yesterday alleged the Election Commission (EC) was favouring a 'certain quarter' in awarding printing contract for voters' list and identity cards in the name of using computer technology.

Ruhul Qudus Makhani, President of the Letter Press Owners' Association addressing a press conference in the city, alleged that the commitment with the local press owners regarding printing of EC materials worth millions of taka was violated.

He further alleged that the EC was giving the contract to some high profile group that was taking advantage of some latest innovation in printing technology which does not even exist in this country.

He alleged that the EC, at a meeting with them on July 23 had agreed to allow them to print both electoral roll and identity cards. And the press owners had invested huge funds so that the work could be done timely, he said.

He urged the EC to revise its decision in this regard. The press conference was also attended by Type Foundry Owners' Association president Mujibul Haq, Mohammad Ali Shaheen, Abdul Qudus, Ali Haider and Alamgir.

Obituary



Staff Correspondent

Brother Marcel Duchesne CSC, headmaster of St Gregory's High School, Dhaka, and former headmaster of St Placid's High School, Chittagong died of liver cancer on Sunday in Montreal, Canada, said a press release.

Well-versed in Bangla, English and French Brother Marcel spent 25 years of his life in Bangladesh, dedicating his services to the cause of high quality education in this country.

OPA held a condolence meeting yesterday at Agrabad, Chittagong.

The meeting was attended by president commodore A Z Nizamirridi, Opn Fazle Allen, Raffi Ahmed, Asif A Khan, Nikhil Pal, Mashfiq A Chowdhury, John D'Silva and other old Placidians.

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Death News



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Bro. Marcel was only 60 years of age. He came to Bangladesh in 1960 to work in the field of education. He worked at different missionary schools in various capacities.

We, the members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, thank each and everyone of you and your institutions for your many hours of continued prayers for the recovery of his health. May his soul be granted eternal peace.

Bro. Bijoy Rodrigues, CSC
Vice Provincial S-435

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