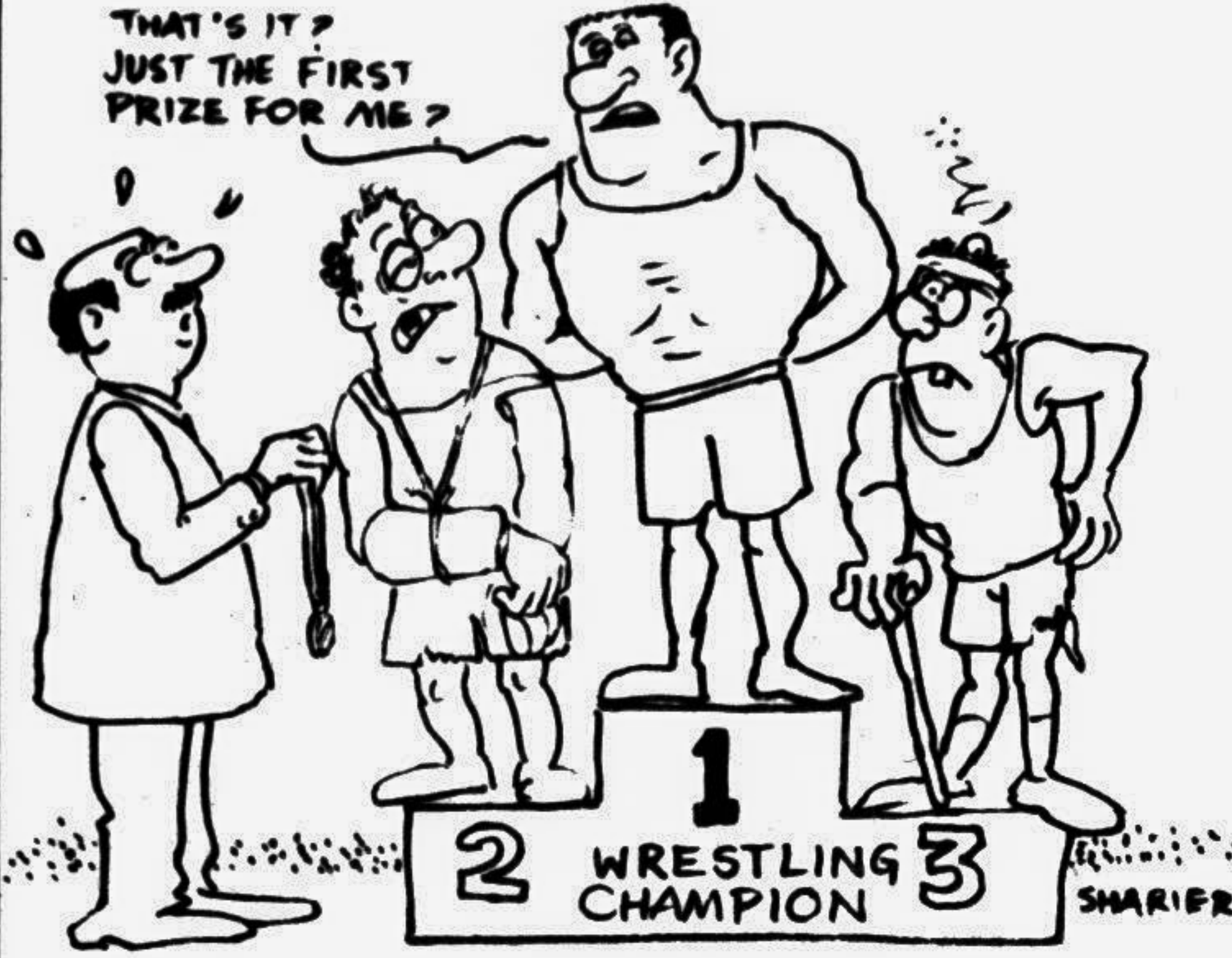


Dhaka Day by Day

The Winter Of Discontent

by Samia Islam



No, it's not yet winter and yes, the title does sound a trifle odd but bear with me and you will presently comprehend why even when the sun shines brightly or the heavens pour onto earth, some people in the city shiver every time the doorbell chimes or the phone rings. This happens around the time the SSC results come out. Not around the time actually, rather these people share the adolescent candidate's apprehensions and misgivings about the exam results and wish religiously for venerable Israfil to blow his horn before the fateful day dawns. One would wonder why some people turn so cynical with age. One would if one has never seen the inside of a school or college teacher's humble abode immediately after the momentous day when all hell breaks loose on account of the stampede that ensues among the SSC qualifiers to grab a seat in the handful of reputed colleges of the city.

Even those who have the academic requirements fail to display the confidence that should come with the credit of being a good student. Alas! these days the term 'good' itself has become relative and a cliché. But that is whole different saga deserving its own moment in the lime light. At the moment we concentrate on the events that follow right after the rows of exuberant faces smile at you from the newsprint hall of fame at breakfast. Just when you are reeling with the flood of information about 16-year-old glorifying their 14-hour-study schedules, 3 shifts of tutorials per day, no TV, no sports, no time out and no life gruelling routines (is that a day-in-the-life-of-an-honour student or is it a detailed description of Auschwitz?), your door bell starts ringing incessantly and the phone almost keeps time. You measure a day by the number of incoming calls. And most appalling of circumstances is when you can hardly keep your head while the woman in the black yashmak chats on right through Beverly Hills 90210 or worse, Picket Fences. Thank

God Remington Steele is off the air or there'd be another serial killer on the loose! Phone rings redefining ungodly hours. People who are as blurred in one's memory as Mughal-E-Azam or The Gold Rush start coming regularly. And yes with lots of goodies, causing no end of embarrassment as one vigilantly tries to persuade them to take the parcels back. I remember one teacher's anecdote. He would insist to pay for the stuff if the people refused to take them back. This is gridlock, mate, to what you thought it was for so long.

One woman not only brought her daughter along but also the child's friend and her mother. The friend's mother stated with gusto that whatever happens the girls have to get admitted together because they cannot survive without each other. The flamboyant mother worries for her daughter but her son gives her no anxiety. They have chosen a wife for the son. You venture out to ask what the son does for a living, no reasons just small talk (you are starting to excel at it these days in your new job as PRO). Well, no living yet as he is currently studying in class 6 but the bride-to-be who is 7-year-old is a terrific looker. A harangue follows allegorizing her Hellenic beauty which gives you time to recuperate.

There are two women now waiting in our living room because their victim my mom — the poor, exhausted member of the noble teaching profession is not at home. The generous ladies ask everybody in the house to go on doing their thing, promising that they would not get in anybody's hair but on no account would they leave. They are prepared to wait till 10.30 at night or maybe 11.00 because tomorrow is form day (and you thought parents are not sympathetic towards their kids anymore). I listlessly look at my watch which reads in its digital coldhearted splendour 6.30. No worries, just 4 hours with total strangers in our living room, that's all. It could be worse, I suppose. They could invade from Mars.

Memorial scholarship

A scholarship in memory of Taimur Hossain, young director of Kallol Electronics Ltd. who died last year, has been announced, said a press release yesterday.

The student securing the highest position in the SSC examinations from Taimur's village school — Durgapur High School at Jhenidah will be awarded the scholarship.

This was disclosed at his first death anniversary programme held in the city.

Death anniversary

The sixth death anniversary of Abul Kashem, founder of Bangladesh Timber Merchants' Association will be observed today, says a press release.

The Abul Kashem Smriti Sangsad and Bangladesh Timber Merchants' Association will jointly hold a discussion, quarkhwani, feeding of the destitutes at 4:00 pm today at the office of the association at 97, Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam Road, Firingi Bazar, Chittagong.

Hasina for ensuring women edn

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the United Nations and the participating countries of the international women conference to take effective measures to ensure education for the women in third world countries by alleviating their poverty, reports UNB.

In a message on the eve of the conference, beginning today in Beijing, she said the

nature of problems of women in developed and third world countries are different.

Most of the women in the third world countries are illiterate, they suffer from malnutrition, social insecurity and live below poverty level, the Awami League President said.

"Overall development, economic emancipation as well as the political empow-

ernment of women are essential. I hope the Beijing conference will be able to play a vital role to empower them," she said.

Hasina said the participants of the conference will be benefited by exchanging views to build up a prosperous future for women.

She wished a great success of the conference.

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Lunchtime BBC Bengali service begins today

The Bengali Service of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) will launch a new 30-minute lunchtime programme from today, reports UNB.

The new transmission is being launched with a phone-in programme with Aparna Sen, the renowned Indian film director, actress and editor of the Bengali women's magazine, "Sanandya".

The 30-minute transmission, which will start with a four-minute news bulletin, aims to improve the Bengali Service's coverage of social and cultural issues.

It includes a series of new programmes, with short story readings (Tuesday), coverage of the Bengali community in Britain (Friday), and a personal view of developments in Bangladesh by former BBC World Service Correspondent Ataus Samad, and from West Bengal by a leading Calcutta-based journalist on Saturday.

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Chief Guest: Dr A MOYEEN KHAN Hon'ble State Minister for Planning, Govt of Bangladesh

Venue: Hotel Purbani Int'l Dilkusha CA, Dhaka

Date: Monday, 4 September 1995

Time: 4.30 PM to 8.00 PM

All the alumni are cordially invited to attend the seminar.

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Death anniversary

The 24th death anniversary of Shaheed Khwja Nizamuddin Bhuiyan, Bir Uttam, will be observed today, says a press release.

Deputy Commander at Sector 4, he was martyred this day in Sylhet.

Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at 97/A, West Dhanmondi after Asr prayers today.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend.

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