

Dhaka Day by Day

What's on BTV Today

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From the title, you are probably wondering, what BTV has done this time? Why pick on our one and only channel? For a good reason, we tell you: In its recent attempt to hold viewers it has proved again (so what's new?) what a pathetic job its doing of promoting itself. In the name of entertainment, BTV is providing us a string of stereotyped dramas, with weak plots and corny dialogues, far too frequently. It's as if the *natak* walls take us for complete morons with low intellect, who have nothing better to do than swallow the local version of soppy soaps. Seriously, why so many dramas? Are they planning to make us theatrical overnight? — exclaims an exasperated man. It's said that, drama is the portrayal of real life. Taking it to be true, who wants to see the amateurish depiction of everyday life, everyday on small screen? With the satellite invasion BTV producers have lost sleep contemplating a way to keep their devoted audience (those handful who still haven't jumped on the bandwagon and opted for a cable connection). Then, suddenly the know-alls had a brainstorm, why not present more entertainment for the masses? And merely assumed that 'drama' tops the most wanted list of the viewers. At least, that's the impression BTV's numerous *nataks*, is giving one. Of course, to be perfectly honest, the dramas are not all poor concoctions of ludicrous, sentimental gibberish or idealistic mumbo jumbo that go over our heads. Some of them definitely deserve praise. Yet, that doesn't mean an overdose of drama is welcome or tolerable.

BTV drama productions on education, environment and social awareness issues. BTV also can't dream of letting a major national event i.e., the Language Movement Day, the Independence or Victory Day pass by without showing an appropriate *natak*. Rabindranath or Nazrul's birth and death anniversaries are never commemorated minus the oh, you know what, by now! That's when the dish antenna comes to the rescue, giving the bored Dhaka dwellers a much-needed alternative. Now we can indulge in channel surfing and enjoy the programme of our choice. Can you honestly blame anyone who prefers to watch the intrepid FBI agents, scully and Maulders' sinister cases on 'X-Files', instead of the 'E shoptager *natak*'. Then again, why does package programmes have to be dramas all the time? Oh, sure, we do get to see the magazine programmes once in a blue moon, but what's the matter with BTV? Has it run out of ideas? They say it's hard to find sponsors or financial support from organisations for making anything but the conventional, popular dramas.

Yet, so many innovative and interesting shows can be made. Why not something like



the entertaining talk shows 'Oprah' or 'Doha-hue'? Or, perhaps a programme giving us a tour of all the historic monuments of Bangladesh, like BTV's old programme *Dekha haynat chakhhu mela*. Maybe, even a purely amusing 30 minutes' broadcast like 'India show' — featuring what's happening in Dhaka. Alright, there's no need to copy, BTV can make use of its own imagination. But, unfortunately it has shamelessly

copied a bad point. BTV has almost mastered the art of showing reruns for a record time, courtesy: Star Plus.

While BTV can be lauded for showing reasonably, latest English TV serials, look at how callously they are treated. The foreign shows are cut, censored in an arbitrary manner and the one hour show is presented as a condensed half an hour. Perfect example — Northern Exposure, but BTV isn't perturbed about it. It's simply happy airing the overacted plays, performed by an over-familiar cast.

No wonder, a Bangla magazine has branded one of the female artistes the 'package kanya'. Good news though, the introduction of package dramas is also presenting us new artistes, (too bad they get only a short time on air!) If you have any similar desire to appear on the tube, -- go for it! By the way, almost forgot, you need money to make your own drama. Talent? Is that necessary?

BTV has an endless list of complaints, the one mentioned here is just one of its more recent trends. If it continues to do what it is doing, it will lose the most ardent of the patriotic -- to the foreign media. Think about it BTV, there is still time.



The Left Democratic Front brought out a procession in the city yesterday calling for the arrest of black marketeers and confiscation of their property. — Star photo

RU degree exam results uncertain

RAJSHAHI, Sep 5: The results of degree examinations of 1994 under Rajshahi University became uncertain in the wake of RUTA decision to abstain from all official activities of the university, according to campus sources, reports UNB.

The Rajshahi University remained closed from July 22 following a series of clashes between rival student groups on the campus.

Since then the Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) has been demanding resignation of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor Prof M Yousuf Ali.

The RUTA has also blamed the VC for maintaining special 'bias' towards a student organisation and held him responsible for campus violence.

Earlier, the university was closed in last February sine die following the killing of three students in a bloody clash between the Chhatra

Shibir and JCD. After 106 days of deadlock the university was opened on last May 30 without resolving the crisis. The university was closed again for another 53 days.

More than 19,000 examinees, and also their guardians are passing their days amid anxiety and tension as there is no sign to publish the results even after eight months of holding the examinations.

While talking to UNB, an official of the Controller of Examinations' office said it is not possible to publish the results of the Degree examinations until the teachers end their work stoppage.

Meanwhile, authorities fixed the date of admission test in 1st year Honours classes of 1994-95 session on September 13-16 which was earlier postponed for alleged leakage of question papers.

The VC under his executive power decided to open the university on September 20.

NGO literacy rally Sept 8

Different Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for literacy will hold a joint rally on September 8 under the banner "Sammilita Sakshharata Avijan" on the occasion of World Literacy Day, reports BSS.

Announcing this at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday convener of the campaign Dr A M Sharafuddin said that over 30 members of NGOs working for literacy would participate in the rally. The rally is scheduled to start at 8 am from the National Museum and end at the Central Shaheed Minar.

The aim of the rally and the *Sammilita Avijan* was to create public awareness about literacy, Sharafuddin said.

Dr Sharafuddin, director of an NGO 'Gano Sakshharata Avijan', called for improvement of the standard of the primary education in the country.

Swaziland leaders greeted

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia have separately felicitated King and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland respectively on the occasion of its national day, reports BSS.

In a message to King Mswati III President Biswas hoped that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and Swaziland will be further strengthened in the years ahead.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in a separate message to Prince Mbilini Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland expressed her confidence that the existing bonds of friendship between the two nations, would further be strengthened in the years to come.

She wished good health, happiness and long life of Prince Mbilini.



The Jamaat-e-Islami brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding dissolution of Parliament and holding of fair polls under a caretaker government. — Star photo

Weather

Heavy rainfall likely

Heavy rainfall is likely to occur over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said most places of Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions may experience moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower with seasonal gusty wind. It said moderate rain or thundershower is likely at many places over Dhaka, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy rainfall at places over Dhaka division during the period.

Rainfall activity is likely to continue in the next two days while giving an extended outlook for another five days. Weathermen predicted a little change.

Meanwhile, Cox's Bazar experienced highest rainfall of 27 mm followed by Barisal with 10 mm yesterday. Country's highest temperature was recorded 34 degrees Celsius at Sylhet and the lowest 23.3 degrees at Kutubdia.

Sun sets today at 6:12 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Mor	Eve
Dhaka	29.0	26.0	92	86
Chittagong	28.2	25.5	95	86
Rajshahi	30.5	26.1	92	97
Khulna	28.4	24.5	100	92
Barisal	28.0	24.7	100	92
Sylhet	34.0	25.8	80	98
Cox's Bazar	27.0	24.5	100	98

What's on today . . .

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City: The charter presentation and installation ceremony of the club will be held. Chief guest: DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif. Venue: Kurmitola Golf Club. Time: 6:30 pm.

IA flights rescheduled

The Indian Airlines has rescheduled its Dhaka-Calcutta flights today because of a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city, reports BSS.

The flight IC-723 will leave from Calcutta at 1810 hrs local time and will arrive here at 1930 hrs the Bangladesh time. The return flight (IC-724) will leave the city at 2020 hrs reaching Calcutta at 20:40 local time.

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THE CONTAINERISED CARGO EX GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE VOY-88W FROM HONGKON, EX. OOCL FRIENDSHIP VOY-52W KAOHSIUNG HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO FEEDER VESSEL M.V. DAE JIN VOY-9511 IMPORT ROTATION NO. 788/95 IS DUE TO ARRIVE CHITTAGONG ON OR ABOUT 05-09-95.

CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THEIR CARGO FROM FCL CONTAINERS WITHIN 5 (FIVE) DAYS FREE TIME FROM THE DATE OF LANDING. IF THE CARGO IS NOT CLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM LANDING THEN THE CARGO WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE RELEVANT CUSTOMS ACT.

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NOTICE

Notice is given to public and all concerned that on the application of Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd. Sylhet, the learned Subordinate Judge, Artha Rin Adalat, Sylhet vide order dated 28.06.1993 passed in Artha-Rin Suit No. 20 of 1992 filed against Surma Food Products Limited and others has been pleased to pass an order of attachment of the scheduled property of the defendant No. 6 i.e. Mrs. Geeteara Shafia Chowdhury wife of Mr. Nazim Kamran Chowdhury having permanent address at C/o. Mr. Nazim Kamran Chowdhury, Vill. Nazim Garh, P.O. Khadim Nagar, Dist: Sylhet and now residing at 11/A, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka.

Further, the subsequent petition of 11.6.94 under Misc Case: 13/94 filed in Artha Rin Adalat, Sylhet by the son and daughter of Mrs. Geeteara Shafia Chowdhury, praying for releasing of the attachment has also been dismissed by the learned court vide its judgement/order dated 13.8.95.

So the public and all concerned are requested not to deal with the said property in any manner. If any body deals with the said property he may be doing so at his own risk and responsibility.

The schedule of the property attached by the Court is given below:

Schedule of Property Attached

Plot No. 8, Road No. 137, Gulshan (behind shooting range), Dhaka. Plot consists of vacant land measuring 7 katha 5 chattak and 19 square feet. The plot stands in the name of Mrs. Geeteara Shafia Chowdhury.

For Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd.

(Signature)
(Sharif-ul Huq)
Incharge
Legal Affairs Cell

Dated, Dhaka
the 3rd September, 1995

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Invitation for bids (IFB) for Procurement of Gas Pipeline Materials & Equipment under Cash Foreign Exchange

Date of Issuance of I.F.B.: 4th September, 1995.

1. Sealed Bids are invited from the bonafide manufacturers or their authorised agents for supply of Gas Pipeline Materials & Equipment as listed below under Cash Foreign Exchange:

Sl. No.	I.F.B. No.	Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Document	Bid Closing Date
1.	PD. 2312/366-CP.	Equipment & Materials for Cathodic Protection System: Transformer Rectifier Sets, Explosion Proof Spark Gap, Zinc Earthing Electrode, Insulating Joint, Copper/Copper Sulphate Half Cell and Insulating Flange Tester.	Tk 1,500.00 or US\$ 36.00	25 Oct '95.
2.	PD. 2312/366-PV.	Plug Valves	Tk 1,500.00 or US\$ 36.00	25 Oct '95
3.	PD. 2312/366-BV.	Ball Valves	Tk 2,000.00 or US\$ 48.00	26 Oct '95
4.	PD. 2312/366-FIT(BW).	Buttwelding Fittings	Tk 1,500.00 or US\$ 36.00	26 Oct '95
5.	PD.2312/366-Clamp	Leak Repair Clamp	Tk 1,500.00 or US\$ 36.00	28 Oct '95
6.	PD. 2312/366-TEE.	Flanged Tee and Valve Tee	Tk 2,000.00 or US\$ 48.00	28 Oct '95
7.	PD. 2312/366-TELE	Telecommunication Equipment and Materials	Tk 1,500.00 or US\$ 36.00	29 Oct '95
8.	PD. 2312/366-FIT(SCR)	Compression Tubing Fittings and Stud Bolts & Nuts	Tk 500.00 or US\$ 12.00	29 Oct '95

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Deputy General Manager (Purchase) at the above address.

3. Tender Documents may be purchased by any interested bidder or their authorised representative upon payment of the cost of respective documents from Accounts Department of this Company at the above address from 09.00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs. on all working days with effect from 10 September, 95. Copy of Money Receipt evidencing purchase of Tender Documents is to be furnished with the bid. No document will be sold on the bid closing date.

4. All bids accompanied by a bid security for 2.5% of bid amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank located in Bangladesh or Bank Guarantee issued by a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh or from any reputable foreign bank, duly endorsed by a Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh must be delivered to Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd. at the above address on or before 11:00 hrs. of the closing date of the respective I.F.B. The bids will be opened on the same day at 11:15 hrs in presence of bidders, if any. Should this day happens to fall on any holiday, bids shall be opened at the same hours on the first subsequent working day.

5. The Company reserves the right to accept any bid or reject all the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Deputy General Manager (Purchase)

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

BID PACKAGE NO. 16, 17, 19 & 21 UNDER IDA CREDIT NO. 2129-BD.

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by Rural Electrification Board (REB) from interested suppliers in the following descriptions:-

Bid Package No.	Description of Materials/Equipment
16	Hardware.
17	Conductor (ACSR), Conductor (Bare), Conductor (Insulated), Conductor (Quadruplex) Conductor (AAAC), Insulators, Conductor & Guy Accessories, Guy & Grounding Wire and Connectors.
19	Line Tools, Testing Instruments, Fork Lift, Crane (10 Metric ton), Communication Equipment, Oil Filter Machine and Street Lighting Equipment.
21	Conductor (ACSR) & Conductor (AAAC).

2. Schedule of Selling of Tender Document & Receiving/Opening of Tender:

Bid Package No.	Tender Document Sale		Tender Receiving		Tender Opening	
	From	To	Date	Time	Date	Time
16 & 19	07-09-95	06-11-95	08-11-95	Upto 11:00 AM	08-11-95	11-15 AM
17 & 21	07-09-95	08-11-95	09-11-95	Upto 11:00 AM	09-11-95	11-15 AM

(Sale will be on and during working days and office hours only; time mentioned will be Bangladesh Standard Time Indicated by time signals on Radio Bangladesh).

3. Availability of Tender Document and place of receiving and opening of tender: Directorate of Procurement Rural Electrification Board House No. 823, Road No. 19 (old) Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh. Tender will be opened in presence of bidder or their representative (if any).

4. Price of Tender: Tender document will be available for sale at the address mentioned in Para-3 above through an application and on payment of appropriate price as detailed below in the form of Pay Order/ Demand Draft in favour of Rural Electrification Board:

a) Bid package No. 16: Tk. 2000.00 for each copy.
b) Bid Package No. 17: Tk. 2500.00 for each copy.
c) Bid package No. 19: Tk. 2000.00 for each copy.
d) Bid package No. 21: Tk. 2500.00 for each copy.

5. One Bid Package cannot be used for submission of Bid Proposal (s) by more than ONE BIDDER. One bidder may, however, submit any number of bids included in the bid package by purchasing only one copy of the concerned bid package.

6. Bid bond: At least equal to 5% (Five Percent) of the quoted price.

7. Mode of payment: Through Letter of Credit

8. Source & Origin of Materials/Equipment: Materials & Equipment to be furnished under tender must have their "Source" and "Origin" in the member countries of World Bank and in Switzerland, Taiwan and China.

9. No Document will be sent by REB to any purchaser by post or courier service.

10. Offer must be submitted as per terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Document (s). Enquires, if any must reach the undersigned at least one month prior to the opening date of tenders as mentioned in Para-2.

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