

Dhaka Day by Day

Poor Cow!

by Samia Islam

As it is, there is no dearth of on-the-road menaces in this metropolis. However, these days a new four-legged nuisance has taken the streets quite by storm. They have a swinging, rhythmic motion and are impervious to the presence of the honking cars and ringing rickshaws, queuing up behind them. Any time, anywhere they might decide to cut across busy roads with little or no concern. Actually, they do have a regal charm in the way they walk as if the world is their playground.

By now you must have guessed quite correctly that I am talking about cows. Yes, those animals that have taken over the sidewalks in almost every part of the city. What is with the people of this country? How did they figure that the side walks lying idle could be used as cowsheds? By sheer genius someone somewhere must have dreamt up this scheme of making the city more unbearable by ensuring sufficient quantities of cow excrement everywhere. The stench is worst in the Dhanmandi lakeside, formerly, the most scenic part of the town. After all if you are trying to ruin your city you might as well go all out. One would think, with the rate of dairy efforts reaching such proportions in the big cities, Bangladeshi villages should soon reign supreme in the dairy product industries overtaking Holland or Australia. But reality is far from it. So what else is new, you might inquire. What's new is that you have given up another right in this city, you cannot walk on the side walks any more. Once it was under the Raaj of the motorbike and car mechanics, welders and other entrepreneurs and now, before you could fight to get them back, the dumb, fly-swarming animals have beaten you to it. Poor cow yourself!

I know a cow (my neighbour) who has at least reared three children so far. She is quite good looking, gentle (unlike my other neighbours) and lazy in the way that she doesn't casually walk onto the road without warning

(she actually doesn't move on her own, she is so spoiled!). Her spritely children were all born quite healthy. One can tell by the velocity at which they unexpectedly jump on to the roads (as is natural for a new-born calf) right in front of speeding cars and jet-propulsioned scooters.

The only disturbing thing about this cow is that when you pass by the spot where she stands chewing her cud, you have to hold your breath which isn't a bad exercise for an amateur swimmer, mind you. It would have helped a little more if you could simultaneously close your eyes because the sight of all that muck definitely is no way to start your day if, say, you are going for a job interview or maybe to collect your results from the varsity.

How is it that when you jay-walk the first time in your life or run a signal, someone accosts you immediately but nobody accosts these pseudo dairy owners for setting up shop on public property? Why is it that you have to take driving tests (theoretical and practical) but a cow maneuvers its way on busy roads without a license and gets away with it? Just think about your social standing! The licensing officials should at least integrate a cow-dodging routine in to the test curriculum. That's one way to maintain harmony among various animals in society.

I am not promoting the jaywalking culture in humans but am trying to point out the lunacy of it all. The animal concerned isn't the issue here but what about their owners, generally, the squatter families who are themselves illegally living on the pavements? When a neighbouring country's capital faced a similar problem the government there ordered all stray cows to be picked up off the streets like illegally parked scooters and cars.

If we are to look at the humanitarian aspect of the business then we might as well wash our hands off all law and order and enjoy ourselves to our graves in euphoric anarchy.



A regal charm in their walk.

— Star photo

Dhanmondi Tutorial's science fair

The annual science fair '95 of Dhanmondi Tutorial School was held here yesterday at the senior section building of the school, says a press release.

Some 400 students displayed exclusive projects on different science subjects.

Pintu Ranjan Shaha, one of the judges, said this kind fair should be introduced in every schools and colleges.

Naz Mustafa, principal, said that science fair increases enthusiasm of the students and gives them an

opportunity to exhibit their creations.

So, this might bring a rapid development of science and can have a social impact in future, she observed.

Some best projects will be awarded.



A kid awed by orchids at an exhibition of exotic orchids of Asia in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

Scrapping of press cards condemned

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) condemned 'cancellation' of accreditation cards, saying, without arranging any alternatives such decision would bother the journalists rendering their services.

A DRU statement on Wednesday said, the government in an announcement had cancelled the accreditation cards, but did not clarify as to how the journalists would work before they are issued the new ones.

Without the press cards, the newsmen would not be allowed to enter the secretariat and other government offices to garner information, they regretted.

The DRU leaders criticised the quota system and demanded accreditation cards for all working journalists belonging to the national dailies and news agencies.

They also demanded that the officials responsible for issuing 'fake' accreditation cards be punished.

Viva dates shifted

The viva voce for the enlistment of advocates of the Bangladesh Bar Council scheduled for September 16, 17, 18 and 19 has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

The tests will now be held on September 25, 26, 27 and 28 respectively at the same time at the same venue, added the press release.

Founding day

The 43th founding anniversary of Dr Maleka College was observed at the College campus here yesterday, reports UNB.

Chairman of the college governing body Prof M Innas Ali attended the function as chief guest while its founder Principal Dr Maleka Al-Razee presided.

It was addressed by vice chairman of the college government body IAM Abdul Aziz and local ward commissioner Abul Khair Babla.

The function was followed by a cultural programme.



New Islamic Foundation DG

Noted Islamic scholar Syed Ashraf Ali has been made Director General of the Islamic Foundation, says a press release.

Prior to the appointment he was the Director at Radio Bangladesh.

He has been a comperer for BTV programmes like Ujibon, Jiboner Alo and Mahe Ramadan.

He has authored four research based publications on Islam.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Mohsin Reazi, the former Ishwardi correspondent of Dainik Bangla, will be observed today, reports BSS.

A day-long Qurankhwan, feeding of the destitutes in the afternoon and a milad mahfil after Asr prayers will be arranged at the Ishwardi residence of the deceased. Friends and relatives have been requested to attend.

Ishwardi Press Club has also planned a day-long programme.

Weather

Scattered shower likely

Scattered rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Sylhet division in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office forecast dry weather over Rajshahi division during the period.

No remarkable change in day temperature is expected over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishurdi and the lowest 24.4 degrees at Rangamati yesterday.

Sun sets today at 6:02 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45 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	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.6	27.0	82	86
Chittagong	32.6	25.9	73	86



Damruddin Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of the 72-hour country-wide hartal beginning today.

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ITI condoles death of Bennewitz

The Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) has condoled the death of noted German theatre director Fritz Bennewitz who died of cancer on Wednesday, says a press release.

Bennewitz served as the director of Weimar National Theatre. A board member of Cultural Identity and Development Committee of ITI, he worked USA, India, the Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Rumania, Italy and Bangladesh on many occasions.

He had directed Brecht's *Man Equals Man* in Dhaka in 1993 was awarded Sangeet Natok Academy Award in India.

Rapport course begins today

The fourth batch management training course for the field officers of Delta Life Insurance will begin today, says a press release.

Sponsored by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, the four-day residential training programme will be held at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) at Savar.

Sanskritik Samity team calls on UGC chairman

A delegation of Bangladesh Sangskritik Samity led by its general secretary Prof Niranjana Adhikari met the chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC) Prof Yaz Uddin Ahmed on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The delegation discussed with the UGC chairman various problems relating to the Sangskritik education, research and also the scarcity of the Sangskrit teachers.

Members of the UGC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury and Prof Monirul Haq and office bearers of the Sangskritik Samity Basudev Dhar, Dr Sumangal Barua, Anil Chandra Pal, Bhupendra Nath Chakravarty and Aribinda were present.

BOU accord

The Bangladesh Open University (BOU) recently signed two agreements with two local firms to construct buildings of its School of Studies, reports UNB.

BOU Vice-Chancellor Dr M Shamsheer Ali and the managing directors of the two firms signed the agreements on behalf of their respective organisation, said a press release.

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