

Dhaka Day by Day

Mending Big Things with Small Hands

by Aditi Mubin Chowdhury

The DU Market (Dhaka University Market), usually known as Katabon Market, is a place where you will find various types of shops. Starting from beautiful flower shops (where fresh flowers are found all the time) to automobile workshops. The automobile workshops are found at the end of the market. Here small boys aged between eight and 12 are seen mending motorcycles, cars, buses etc. These young boys start working from 8 am until 10 pm. Most of them can repair almost any type of vehicle while others can only repair motorcycles. It was learnt that these young mechanics enjoy working here. They learn a lot of things from their *baro bhais* and *ustads*, while on the other hand, a boy named Sultan doesn't like to work here all day. He wants to go out and play with his friends, he is



Skilled small hands.

clothes and other things. He is also given a meal a day. Another boy named Rana enjoys working with tools and equipment. He can repair anything that is related with the engine. He works hard. Yet he earns not even a single paisa. He doesn't even get any sort of meal, most of the time he remains hungry. Then why is he working? Because he is eagerly waiting for that golden day when he will get paid. Until then he continues to work. These young mechanics more or less have the same tragic stories. They don't receive any kind of salary but at least they are doing something. This is far better than begging. They are supposed to be at school at this age but unfortunately attending classes remains a dream for them. Instead of holding a pencil in their hands they hold screwdrivers, pincers etc. They don't

know what their future is. Living a decent life is beyond their expectations. It is hard to believe that an eight-year old child is doing an adult's work and is quite good at it as well.

After all they have proven to us that small hands can mend big things.

Rafsanjani lays foundation of Persian language centre at DU

By DU Correspondent

Visiting Iranian President, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani laid the foundation stone of a building for Persian Language and Research Centre on the campus of Dhaka University yesterday.

The Iranian government will provide the fund for construction of the proposed 600 square metre building as a symbol of the religious, cultural and linguistic bonds between the two countries.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-President of DUCSU Amanullah Aman, MP and Dean of the Arts Faculty Prof Aminul Islam also spoke at the function.

Speaking at the function the Iranian President said that the Persian language department of the Dhaka University would serve as a centre of Islamic culture in Bangladesh.

Referring to the role of a university in modern times, he said that the independence, and freedom of a country largely depends on the condition of the universities in a country.

The teachers, scholars and ulema can contribute greatly to the development of a society in keeping with its own tradition and cultural heritage, he added.

The Iranian President recalled that Persi was once the state language of this sub-continent but the then British government had prohibited the use of Persian language in 1837.

The President expressed his happiness to learn that some Persian words had been incorporated in the Bengali language.

Earlier, welcoming the Iranian President, Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said the Persian language department of the DU would ensure enhanced facilities for learning the language and thereby come in closer contact with the Persian culture in the context of international brotherhood.

President, PM greet Spanish leaders

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has greeted King Don Juan Carlos-I of Spain on the occasion of the National day of Spain today, reports BSS.

In a message President Biswas said: "I am confident that the existing bonds of co-operation and friendship between our two countries will be further enhanced in the years to come."

In a separate message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez Marquz on the occasion of his country's national day.

She wished Marquez's good health, happiness and long life and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Kingdom of Spain.

T&T monopoly on cellular phones demanded

Trade union leaders of the state owned T&T Board yesterday demanded the Board be authorised for marketing cellular telephone in the country, reports UNB.

The demand came from a joint meeting of all trade unions of the T&T Board in front of Telephone Bhaban with central vice president of the federal union Md. Nayeb Ali presiding.

They also demanded to bring the Hutchison-Bangladesh Telecom Ltd and Bangladesh Rural Telecom Authority, two private sector companies, under T&T Board.

They said the Amendment Act-1995 of the BTB Ordinance-1979 should be repealed. They urged the government to bring the telecommunications sector under state control.



Gono Forum chief Dr Kamal Hossain addressing a public meeting at Purana Palatan in the city yesterday.

EC must have power to accept or cancel poll results

Justice Sultan Hussain Khan, former chief election commissioner, said in Dhaka Tuesday that there is no alternative to a powerful Election Commission for holding free and fair polls, reports BSS.

Presenting the key-note paper in a workshop titled "Code of Conduct for Elections," Justice Khan said there is no guarantee that a neutral caretaker government as propagated by some quarters can ensure fair elections.

He said strengthening the Election Commission and curbing money and muscle power could help in holding free and fair elections in the country.

Arrangements should be made for strict monitoring of application of laws framed to ensure fair polls.

Justice Sultan Hussain Khan said the commission must have power so that it can either accept or cancel an election result and, if necessary, can hold fresh polls in a given constituency.

He said to achieve this objective, the Election Commission must be vested with power and authority, as in India, so that the commission can go for instant action if the situation so warranted.

Organised by the centre for Analysis and Choice (CAC), the workshop held in the office of CAC, was participated by Ziaur Rahman, Begum Shamsunnahar Ahsanullah and Ansar Ali Siddique, parliament members belonging to BNP. Abu Lais Mobin Chowdhury, re-

signed member of parliament belonging to the Jatiya Party, renowned jurist Gazi Shamsur Rahman, Reazuddin Ahmed, Chief Editor, The Financial Express and Nazim Kamran Chowdhury, director of CAC.

National Professor and former minister Muhammad Shamsul Huq acted as the moderator.

Madame Rafsanjani visits Imambara

Iran's first lady, Madame Rafsanjani visited the Imambara at Hosni Dalan, a religious complex for the Shi'ite Muslims in older part of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

On her arrival, she was welcomed by Sadri Isphahani, chairman of the Imambara Committee.

Madame Rafsanjani, accompanied by some members of the Iranian delegation, attended a religious function at the Imambara.

Shi'ite Muslims, mostly women, greeted the wife of the Iranian President and escorted her to the prayer place where she listened to recitation from the holy Quran and Hamd and Nath.

The distinguished guest later visited the library and the computer centre of the Imambara and donated a cheque for Taka two lakh.

In a separate programme earlier in the day, the Iranian first lady visited Rafakat Garments at Sonargaon Road. She was received by Chairman of the garment factory Fakhru'l Islam Munsil and Managing Director Rakiba Fakrul.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Light rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

Day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country.

South-west monsoon may withdraw from Bangladesh within next 12 hours.

Country's highest temperature, 34.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 23.5 degrees at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 5:35 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:55 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.7	25.6	70	86
Chittagong	33.0	24.5	73	76
Rajshahi	33.9	26.6	71	77
Khulna	34.0	24.0	89	---
Barisal	32.7	25.4	78	92
Sylhet	---	24.3	78	---
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.0	68	78

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১) এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজ এর জন্য গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের অনুমোদিত কাজের পার্শ্ব বর্ণিত টিকাদারগণের (যাহারা মূল্য সম্বোধন কর আইন ১৯৯১ইং এর ধারা অনুযায়ী নিবন্ধনকৃত) নিকট হইতে ২৯১১ নং বাংলাদেশ করসে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সিএল/ মৌলভীবাজার/হবিগঞ্জ গণপূর্ত বিভাগ এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত নির্দিষ্ট দরপত্র বাবে ১৮/১০/৯৫ ইং তারিখ পূর্বে ১২-৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দাখিল করা যাইবে এবং একই দিন কোটা ১২-৪৫ মিনিটে ইচ্ছুক দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেনা দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। প্রত্যেক দরপত্র সীলমোহরকৃত একটি বামে কাজের নাম/শ্রম উল্লেখপূর্বক জমা দিতে হইবে।

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১।	১৯৯৫-৯৬ ইং অর্থ বৎসরে ৩৫৬ টি বাস্তব প্রকল্প নির্মাণের অধীন সুনামগঞ্জ জেলাধীন কর্তৃক বাস্তব কেন্দ্রে নির্মাণ কাজ। (নির্মাণাধীন তুমিতলার পশ্চিম ও ১ম জলার সম্মুখ রাস্তার পশ্চিমপাশের স্যানিটোরী এবং পানি সরবরাহ ব্যবস্থার কাজ)।	২,৫৭,৫১৮/-	১,৫১,৫১/-	৪৫	(পঁয়তাল) ১৫ দিন	গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের বিশেষ প্রথম, ১ম ও ২য় শ্রেণীর স্যানিটোরী টিকাদার।

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Sealed Tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from bonafide all classes enlisted contractors of Dhaka City Corporation for the following work financed by Asian Development Bank under Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (Part-C). Tender will be received by Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and all the zonal officers/Executive Engineers of Dhaka City Corporation up to 12.00 Noon on 24/10/95 and will be opened on the same day at 12.00 Noon in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any present).

Earnest Money shall have to be furnished along with each Tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Mayor, Dhaka City Corporation.

Each tender documents will be obtained from the office of all Zonal Executive Officers/ Executive Engineers and Cashier of Accounts Section of Dhaka City Corporation by Challan payment of requisite amount (Non-refundable). Details in formation may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-5 during the office hours.

The rate should be quoted both in ward and on figures in the basis of percentage above or below the estimated amount of the schedule of item of works. If the rate is quoted below or above 5% of the estimated cost analysis must be submitted alongwith the tender. If the decision has taken to issue work order in a rate more than 5% less the tenderer concerned should deposit on Earnest Money double of the requisite amount.

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Sl No	Name of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Time of completion
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Executive Engineer
Zone-5
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