

Dhaka Day by Day

CV Scams

by Farah Ghuznavi

The state of graduate unemployment being what it is in Bangladesh, trying to find a job is no joke. But when one considers the extremes that some people are willing to go to, falsifying claims to having various skills, and claiming to be the possessors of new and interesting skills that no-one has ever heard of, you have to either laugh or cry!

Take for example, the man who had some truly unbelievable linguistic skills. He claimed that he knew twelve languages. With those qualifications, I couldn't help wondering why he hadn't applied for a job as a translator at the UN..... highly skilled translators are well known to be among the best paid personnel there. This gentleman had even graded his comparative fluency in these languages, having produced a beautiful diagram of a box, where he listed the languages on the vertical axis, and recorded his degree of fluency in writing, speaking or comprehending each language on the horizontal axis.

THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS, THE TWELVE LANGUAGES HE SPOKE INCLUDED AMERICAN ENGLISH, CANADIAN ENGLISH AND BRITISH ENGLISH, CANADIAN FRENCH, SWISS FRENCH AND (PRESUMABLY) FRENCH FRENCH ETC ETC! Need I say more?

There was also an application from someone who had allegedly been working for a UN agency somewhere in the South Sea region (I didn't even know that the UN operated there!), who stated that he had left his job there because the salary was too low to provide for "Basic essentials like food." Since he gave his previous salary as being US \$ 20,000 a year, I couldn't imagine why he was applying for a job that paid less than the equivalent of US \$ 3,000 a year..... a not inconsiderable difference!

Other favourites included the applicant who listed his favourite hobbies (a very long list, but no one could quite make out why this was relevant to his qualifications for an administrative post!) on his bio-data, and the one who sent a photocopy of a New Year's card his ex-boss had sent him while he was employed at his last job. The card was clearly of the type that companies print every year for the use of their executives, and bore the intimate message (typed!), "Best wishes for a happy new year," and a curt signature! No-one could figure out what the relevance of this was, either, but we finally came to the conclusion that there should definitely be prizes handed out for "the most bizarre item to be included in a CV!"



and (presumably) French French etc etc! Need I say more?



Left Democratic Front (LDF) brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding election under a caretaker government. — Star photo

DCC starts removing ads from walls, bldgs

By Morshed Ali Khan

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has started removing the advertisements put up illegally on the boundary walls of commercial and residential buildings in the metropolis.

The official said the advertisers as well as the owners of the sites would be

prosecuted under the City Corporation Ordinance 1983 (amended in 1990). Under the ordinance putting up advertisements without payment of fees is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Meanwhile, six teams comprising officials of the DCC are now working in ten zones of the city to clean up the advertisements and also to serve notices to the owners of the sites and the advertisers.

"We shall complete the work within a day or two and we shall also keep a vigil against this practice in the future," the DCC official said.

When asked whether the DCC would take any action against the political parties which use the city walls for 'advertising their messages', the DCC official replied that he was not in a position to comment on that.

Pakistani envoy meets DU VC

Karam Elahi, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh called on Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday at the latter's office, says a press release.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest. Pro-VC Professor Shahiduddin Ahmed and Treasurer of the university Professor Shamsul Haque were also present.

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Keats Festival at DU

The English Department of Dhaka University will hold 'Keats Festival' to commemorate the bicentenary of John Keats' birthday tomorrow at the Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities, reports BSS.

Teachers and students of the department as well as former students will attend the programme scheduled to begin at 9:00 am.

Artist awarded

Waklur Rahman, a Bangladeshi artist living in Germany, has been awarded at the tri-annual print exhibition held at the Norwegian city of Fredrik Stak recently, says a press release.

Some 450 works from 68 countries were displayed in the exhibition.

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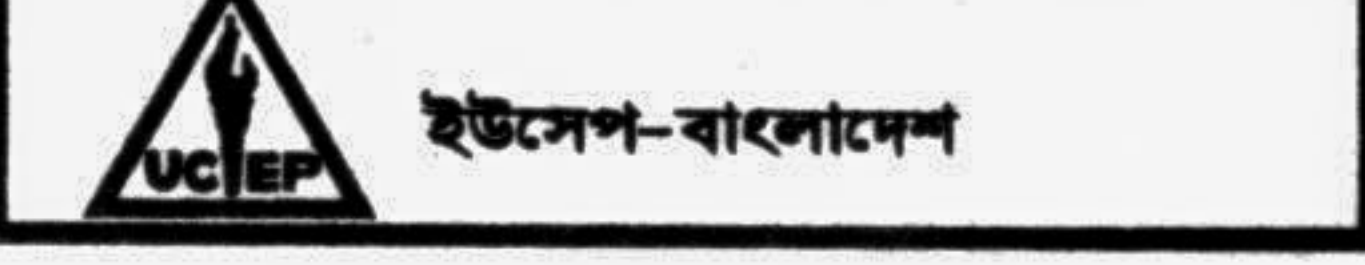
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ইউসেপ-বাংলাদেশ এর অন্য ১৯৯৬ইং সালের জন্য কর্মসূচী ১০০০ (শেট নং ৩) এর অধীনে ৩, নিরপূর্ণ-২, ঢাকা-১১৬ ইং হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (সেফল ১০ ঘটিকা হতে ৪ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) সন্মুখ করা যাবে।

উক্ত মেসার্স ক্যান্টনমেন্ট সুপারভাইজারের অফিসে, ইউসেপ এফান কার্যালয়, প্লট নং ২ এবং ৩, নিরপূর্ণ-২, ঢাকা-১১৬ ইং হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (সেফল ১০ ঘটিকা হতে ৪ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত) সন্মুখ করা যাবে।

ইউসেপ ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন সময় গ্রহণ বা সকল সময় বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে অব্যাহতি পরবর্তী কর্মদিবসে একই সময়ের (৩:০০ ঘটিকা) মধ্যে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে।



Advertisement for 'FIRST EVER TOGETHER PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIES' with contact info for Shaheda: 863493.

3 get Rotary award. Rotary Club of Dilkusha will honour a primary teacher, a nurse and a postman with 'Vocational Service Award '95'.



Jatiyatabadi Garments Sramik Dal staged a demonstration yesterday in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the frequent hartal calls. — Star photo

Tender Notice

- 1. Tender No : 01/1995-96. 2. Name of work : Group No 1: Bank protective work by stone boulders along the right bank of Sangu river (Mara Sangu) from Ch. OM to 150 M at village Keshua of Barma Union in PS Chandanaish Dist. Chittagong during the year 1995-96.



Bibi's show on Nov 2

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel will present a fashion show by leading Bangladeshi fashion designer Bibi Russell on Thursday at 7 pm at the Winter Garden of the hotel.

Obituary

Badrunessa Rahman, wife of Rejaur Rahman, director of Bogra Motors, died of blood cancer in a city clinic on Friday night. She was 44.

Advertisement for Bangladesh National Relief Fund (বাংলাদেশ অভয়াস্তরীণ নৌ-পরিবহন কর্তৃপক্ষ) with details of a relief fund and contact info.

Advertisement for COMPAQ ProLinea PCs, listing specifications and prices for various models like Slimline, Standard, and Minitower.

Large advertisement for 'OUR MENU IS DIFFERENT' featuring 'The Steamboat' restaurant, with a list of food items and contact info.