

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Dental Dilemma

by Farah Ghuznavi

There are few things that are as dreaded by people of all ages, as a visit to the dentist. This dread seems to be one thing that unites Dhaka residents regardless of religion, politics or social class. Sobur Mia of Agargaon hates going to get his tooth removed as much as Chowdhury Shaheb of Gulshan (though perhaps with more cause) does. No promises of anaesthesia or TLC (Tender Loving Care) are enough to overcome this abhorrence for most people. There seems to be little doubt that choosing dentistry as a career, though extremely lucrative, can be the "kiss of death" in social terms! Besides, when someone is being nice to a dentist (surely not a frequent occurrence), how can they be sure that they aren't being charmed up by someone who's simply hoping to get a good deal on a root canal job.

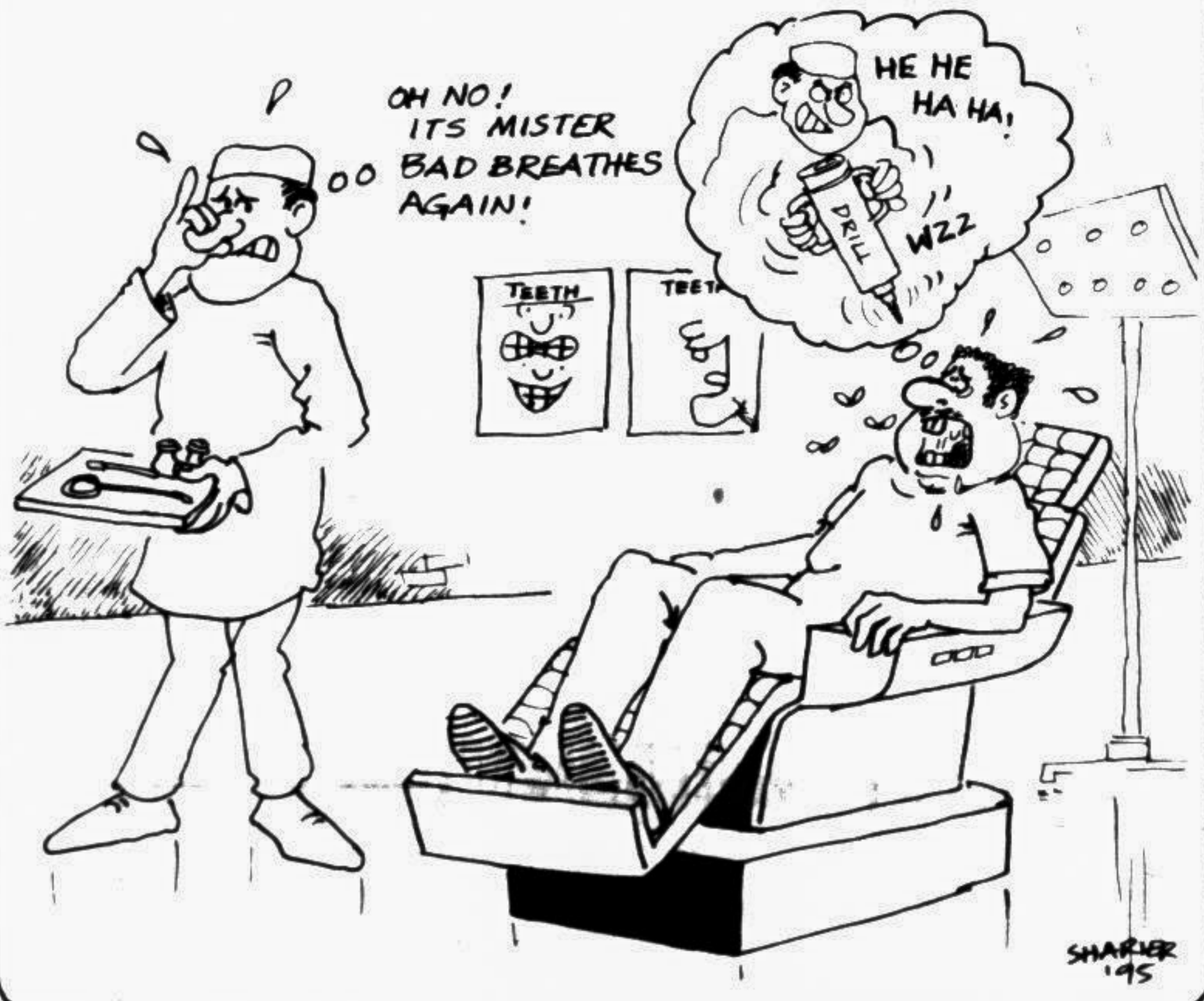
In the more upmarket dental clinics in Dhaka city, all kinds of attempts are made to deal with the average person's primeval hatred of the dentist and his "torture chair". Some clinics have pretty pictures pasted on the ceilings of the room, which the patient can stare at while his mouth is being interfered with. Some even have piped music, in an attempt to soothe the patient's savage breast. And yet the ungrateful patients ignore all these signs of the dentist's consideration. One of the most impressive people I know still has a one and a half years' old notice from her dental clinic (informing her that it is time for her six-monthly check-up) pasted to her desk, but it has not yet succeeded in inspiring her to attend to that long-delayed appointment!

An acquaintance of mine who is notorious for spotting male talent on the Dhaka party scene, recently told us that her new dentist

was very good-looking (it had taken her some time to figure this out, though, thanks to the surgical mask he wore most of the time!). We waited expectantly to find out whether this had reconciled her to having additional fillings. Alas, the answer was no. "It's difficult to indulge in a romantic fantasy when someone's drilling so loudly, that you can't hear yourself think", she sighed.

Of course, to some extent, how you view your dentist is coloured by his attitude to you and your teeth, gums etc. I have come across several "Dentist Personalities" in my encounters with the species, which range from the "schoolmaster" type who berates you for not taking care of your teeth properly (thereby making you feel about five years old, and about as cooperative), to the jovial socialite (who is, in fact, a sadist in disguise, and laughs his way through an hour of what is excruciating pain for you), to the strong, silent type (who wastes no time on pleasantries, but gets on with the job at hand!) I have to say, my personal preference is for the latter. After all, there's no point in fooling myself that I've come there for a social visit, so the sooner we get things over with, the better!

And surely no one could have failed to notice how agonisingly slowly time passes on the carefully placed clock which you can stare at while you ponder the past sins (for example, not flossing regularly ... or not flossing at all!) which have led to your current predicament. Finally, perhaps the worst thing about visiting the dentist, no matter how determined you are to be adult about the whole thing, is that it's virtually impossible to grit your teeth and bear it, when someone is prising your jaws apart.



Begum Raushan Ershad, wife of former president H M Ershad, along with three other members of her family, began a fast unto death at the JP central office at Banani in the city yesterday, demanding immediate shifting of ailing Ershad from the Dhaka Central Jail to a hospital. — Star photo

### What's on today . . . .

**Opening of Monsoon Rain:** The inauguration of the specialised shop of exclusive menswear will be held. Venue: 54, New Elephant Road. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Drama festival:** The three-day drama festival on '25 Years of Freedom Fight' sponsored by the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation will begin. Venue: Kanchi Kancha auditorium, Segunbagicha. Time: 6:00 pm. Poet Sham-sur Rahman will inaugurate the festival.

**Biswa Sahitya Kendra:** A study on painting has been arranged. Venue: Biswa Sahitya Kendra. Time: 9:00 am.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Central:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Municipal Community Centre, Wari. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Dhaka Jubo Foundation:** The installation ceremony of the office bearers will be held. A award-ceremony for the meritorious students of this year's SSC examinations and a cultural programme will follow. Venue: Central Public Library auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm.

### Int'l refugee law course at DU

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka University (DU) has introduced a training course on international refugee law.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR) will provide resource persons, books and other inputs for holding the course, said a press release of the DU on Thursday, says a DU press release.

Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the DU and Canh Nguyen-Tang, UNHCR Representative in Bangladesh have signed an agreement in this regard.

Last month 30 students of the Department of International Relations participated in the first refugee law course that was conducted by Saad Al Attar, Deputy Representative of the UNHCR.

### CDC offers course on TV programmes

By Staff Correspondent

The Centre for Development Communication (CDC) has arranged a training course for those interested in TV newscasting, programme presentation and others on the occasion of the installation of TV centre in Chittagong.

The course will remain open to those residing in Chittagong, said a CDC press release.

Interested persons have been requested to send their applications to the executive director, CDC, 345 Segun Bagicha (3rd floor), Dhaka 1000, or AdCell, 3 CDA C/A, Momin Road, Chittagong-4000 by November 30.

### Concern at growth of unplanned business centres

Uttara Association, an organisation of the residents of Uttara Model Town, has expressed concern at the mushroom growth of shops and business establishments in the residential area, reports UNB.

The association observed that unabated growth of commercial establishments like shops, restaurants, laundry, garments factories, and poultry and dairy firms had been polluting the environment and damaging the residential character of Uttara.

### Obituary

Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman, Principal, Haider Ali School and College, Manda, Dhaka, died of cancer on Tuesday. He was 43, reports BSS.

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### Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the enlisted contractors of Dhaka City Corporation for the following works financed by Asian Development Bank under Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project (Part-C). Tenders 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 23/11/95 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 pm in presence of the tenderers or their representative (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 set of tender documents may be obtained from the office of all Zonal Executive Officers/Executive Engineers and Cashier of Accounts Section of Dhaka City Corporation on payment of requisite amount by Bank Challans (Non-refundable). Detained information may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-6 during office hours. The rate is to be quoted both in and figures on the basis of percentage above or below the estimated rate of the schedule item of works. If the rate is quoted below or above 5% of the estimated cost analysis must be submitted along with the tender. If the decision has been taken to issue work order in a rate more than 5% less the tenderer concerned should deposit an Earnest Money double of the requisite amount.

No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

SL No	Name of Work	Estimated amount	Earnest Money	Time for completion
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2	Cleaning of open drain both side of Asad Avenue.	Tk 23, 990/-	Tk 720/-	"
3	Cleaning of open drain at different places of Mohammadpur ward No. 42 Group "A".	Tk 56,142/-	Tk 1,685/-	"
4	Cleaning of under ground pipe line at different places at ward No 44	Tk 19, 241/-	Tk 578/-	"
5	Cleaning of under ground pipe line at Sher-Sha-Shuri Road ward No. 44	Tk 8,602/-	Tk 260/-	"
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- The winners of Yo-Yo, Frisbee and Football prizes are requested to deposit the complete set of crowns and collect the prizes along with winner crowns by 22nd November '95 from their nearest Coca-Cola distributors. No claims for Yo-Yo, Frisbee and Football prizes be entertained after 3 P.M. of 22nd Nov '95.
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**The centres for depositing the winner crowns of Tabani Beverage Company areas in Dhaka & Rajshahi Division.**

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