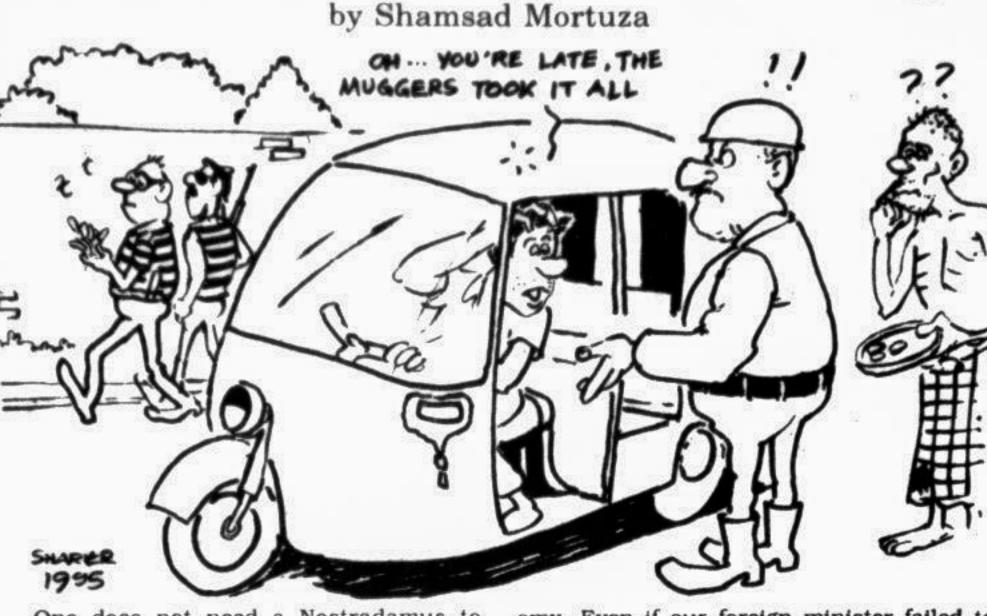
# Dhaka Day by Day

## Ins and Outs of a Business Thought



One does not need a Nostradamus to know that three-wheelers have invaded the streets of Dhaka. But the question is how many of them? And, probably, Birbal, despite his busy schedule on the Zee TV programmes, is the only one with the answer.

"There are 9,99,999 auto-rickshaws and another 9,999,999 paddle-rickshaws presently running on the streets of Dhaka," Birbal informed in a fax message, adding, "don't dare to double-check the figure with the City Corporation because, it is obvious, there are rickshaws without license plates and again with more than one license plates." Birbal also pointed out that there are visiting rickshaws, absentee rickshaws; lying rickshaws, dying rickshaws and so on.

Well, the wit of Birbal could please the Mughal - Akbar - but not the ordinary Dhakaite. Like it or not, they still have to ride rickshaws, drive rickshaws, and some of them even invest in rickshaws, both manual and auto.

"The owner of this scooter had a garments factory, the business failed; he landed up with a cash of 5 or 6 lakhs. And, he thought, he could not go for big business any more. So he bought five auto-rickshaws."

Asked why there are so many auto-rickshaws nowadays, Babul Mia, the driver, flooded me with the volley of reply. Accompanied by the metallic sound of the Bajaj machine, he went on saying, the interest rate of the banks has declined. The government does not want people to save money. So people with little cash are now procuring auto-rickshaws. And the bodymaking business has also mushroomed. The price of the chasis and engine is Tk 87,500 and another 10 to 15 thousand is needed for the body. And there you have it, your money-making machine which will earn about Tk 180 to 200 daily. That means, in 18 months you will have your capital back and then with a little renovation you can sell the auto-rickshaw for about 50 to 60 thou-

Babul Mia gave me the secret of the business without mincing micro or macro econ-

Tender Notice No.

Name of work

Estimated cost

Earnest money

Cost of tender

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The Executive Engineer, Lakshmipur O & M Division, BWDB, Dalal Bazar

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Commercial Area, Dhaka (Tender of A

& B Class Contractors only) during

office hours, 6-12-95 up to 12-00 Noon.

(b) Opening By the respective Heads of the

aforesaid offices in SL 8(a) at 12-30 pm on

'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' Class renewed contractor of

Executive Engineer, Noakhali WD Division,

BWDB, Sonapur, Noakhali. Telephone No

selling of competency fixed for BWDB.

All other information may be obtained from the office of the

BWDB for 1995-96 in accordance with the

Division, BWDB, Sonapur, Noakhali.

5-12-95 during Bank transaction hours/office

(a) Receiving 4-12-95, 5-12-95, 6-12-95 in the

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Not less than Tk 2 % of the estimated

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Tk 1% (one per cent) of the estimated

cost for each group of work only for

96 in Thana Hatiya, Dist. Noakhali.

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Noakhali WD Division, BWDB

Sonapur, Noakhali, Phone: 5143

**Notice Inviting Tenders** 

omy. Even if our foreign minister failed to attract the investors abroad, this man behind the wheels has certainly managed to uphold a potential sector, at least before

"But," Babul Mia put a pause to my thoughts. "People like you cannot run this business. One needs to be a driver to drive the drivers." The tanned man in his midthirties must have read my thoughts through his rear view-mirror.

"The drivers will keep on complaining about this and that. They will make your life a hell if you don't understand the machine After all, the owners have to pay for the repairs." Babul Mia has slowed the vehicle to further inform, there are huge competitions. Every day, new autos are joining the fleet making the business more competitive and more challenging. The latter point is due to the toll collectors, both authorised and unauthorised.

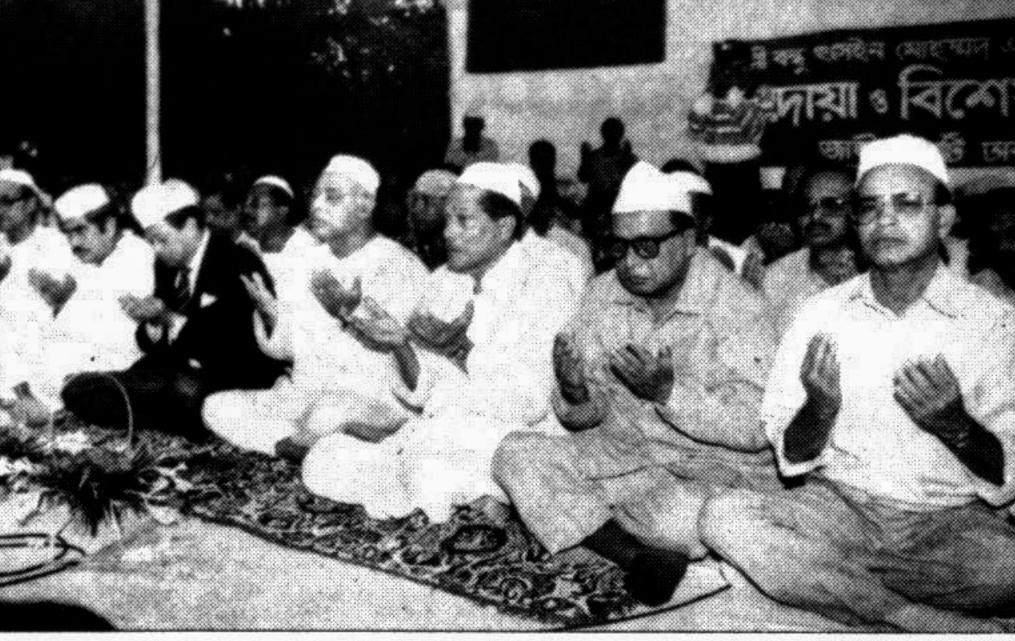
"You don't know the authorised toll collectors?" Babul Mia gave me a come-on look to remind me of the heroes of Dinajpur carnage and their disciples in Dhaka.

"Well, what about them?" Nothing, every audience costs you two taka or a free-ride on the driver seat, which incidentally is illegal when a fourth passenger attempts to replicate the men in khakis. And last, but not the least, there are the

muggers with daggers and crackers. No less than the wireless and cane bear

Good thoughts, like any good deeds, surge up only to ebb away. And that was the end of my thought of starting a small transport business which might have led me to an air-conditioned fleet of inter-city coaches, giving me the power - like the purse string - to ignore traffic laws and park wherever or whenever I like.

"Sir, where will you get down?" Babul Mia ended the day dream. I recalled the inscription on the rear of a bus: Motor Linee Shukh Nai-re Pagole. (There is no happiness in transport business, my dear crazy



Jatiya Party (JP) leaders offering munajat at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday for the early recovery of JP chief ex-President Ershad. - Star photo

#### Discussion on Safiyyullah

By Staff Correspondent

A discussion and milad mahfil was held to commemorate the death of AFM Safiyyullah at the auditorium of the Central Law College in the city yesterday.

Safiyyullah, the eldest son of Dr Md Shahidullah, and the vice president of the Sayed AB Mahmud Hussain Smriti Sangsad, passed away recently.

President of the Smriti Sangsad and principal of the Central Law College Saved Md Dastagir Hussain and other participants discussed life and works of the deceased.

Teachers and students of the college attended the programme organised by the Smriti Sangsad.

#### Concern at move to deport Pak Bengali nationals

By Staff Correspondent

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee leaders expressed their concern at the "ill treatment". of Bengali speaking people in educational institutions un-Pakistan by the authorities

"We are deeply concerned at the deportation of Bengali speaking Pakistanis to Bangladesh," Shawkat Osman and Shahriar Kabir acting president and acting convener of the Committee said in a joint statement.

"This is an anti-Bangladesh move by the Pakistan government, they said. On the other hand, Pakistan's Home Minister in a recent statement clearly said that they would not take back any stranded Pakistani from Bangladesh," the Nirmul leaders said.

#### Govt backing Shibir: Menon By Staff Correspondent

Workers Party general secretary Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said the Jamaat-Shibir axis has let loose a reign of terror in the

der government patronisa-He said this while inaugurating the conference of

party's Jessore unit.

The conference, held at the Jessore Public Library premises with Iqbal Kabir Jahid in the chair, was organised in connection with party's fifth congress to be held in the first week of December in the capital.

Menon said the next general elections would not be free and fair unless illegal arms were recovered from the possession of Jamaat-Shibir.

-Star photo

## 3rd Nafia Gazi debate contest at DU today

By Staff Correspondent

The final round and the prize giving ceremony of 'Third Nafla Gazi Memorial Inter-department Debate Competition '95' organised by the Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS) will be held today.

DUDS has taken up a daylong programme in this connection. It includes an exhibition of debate-related publications at Aparajeo Bangla at 10 am, a colourful rally from TSC to Press Club at 10:30 am, the final round of debate competition at TSC auditorium at 4 pm, prize distribution ceremony at 5 pm and a

cultural function at 6 pm. DU Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed will attend the function as chief guest while Vice Chancellor of Uganda Islamic University. Safdarul Islam and Amanullah Aman, MP and Khairul Kabir

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Requirements: Documented translation ability. Used to Microsoft programs, especially Word. Computer typing skills in English and Bengali. Lay-out experience is an asset. Applications: Deserving candidates may please apply with CV, expected salary and a recent photography, within 3rd of December 1995, to: Box No-S-564, C/o The Daily Star, House 11, Road 3, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

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### Notice of the **Pre-Qualification of** Contractors/Firms

Name of project

Marichar Danra Sub-Project under

Name of work

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i) Superintending Engineer, Rajshahi WD Circle, BWDB, Sopura, Rajshahi.

ii) Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O & M Circle, 156-157, Motijheel C/A, (3rd Floor), Dhaka-1000.

Shafiur Rahman, Superintending

Engineer, Rajshahi WD Circle,

BWDB, Sopura, Rajshahi.

#### Newsmen observe 2-hr token strike

A joint rally of journalists, press workers and general employees was held in front of the

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Jatiya Press Club yesterday, in support of their demands. -

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Journalists allover the country yesterday observed a two-hour work stoppage from 12 noon as part of their 'demand day' to realise seven-point demand including immediate constitution of the full-fledged committee of the Fifth Wage Board and announcement of 50 per cent Dearness Allowance (DA).

During the work stoppage. called by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), meetings were held at different newspaper and news agency offices.

Journalist leaders at the meetings urged the government to fulfil their demands immediately for the betterment of the newspaper industry. The seven-point demand

includes formation of the fullfledged committee of the Fifth Wage Board.

## Career opportunity



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### **PWD Tender Notice** No 11/1995-96 Eng

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted and approved building contractors/firms of PWD as per his/their financial limit of work for the undermentioned work. The tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by all the office of the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Rangpur up to 12-00 Noon on 4-12-95 Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractors who may

like to remain present. SINo Name of work Contractor eligibility for submission of Estimated Earnest Time allowed money From enlisted and approved Providing & fixing environmental fencing grill Tk Tk 2 (two) building contractors/firms of work above 4'-0" height segregation wall 8,50,251/- 17,005/months PWD as per his/their around the open yard at Dist Jail

financial limit. Lalmonirhat, under PWD Division, Lalmonirhat during the year 1995-96 Eng. Tender documents consisting Bangladesh Form No 2911 can be seen and obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as from all the office of the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Rangpur up to 3-12-95 Eng during office hours only.

**Md Ismail Hossain Executive Engineer PWD Division** 

Lalmonirhat.

Sonapur, Noakhali.

Executive Engineer Noakhali W&D Division, BWDB

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Name of the

Advertiser

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BWDB, Rajshahi.

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