

Dhaka Day by Day

Enemy of Wild Birds

by Tulip Chowdhuri



Birds on sale.

— Photo by the writer

At a corner of the New Elephant road a few young men were swinging some birds upside down in their hands and shouting, 'hash nibenni hash, Siberian hash!' (Ducks, do you want ducks from Siberia?).

The ducks were caught from the huge flocks of guest birds which have migrated from extreme cold winters of the North. Every year they come to Bangladesh in search of warm climates. As soon as winter sets in, and snow covers everything under its white layers, the birds start migrating to the warmer regions in the South. They fly across continents, coming from as far as Siberia and the cold regions of the Himalayas. Different types of ducks, swallows and some other birds can be found among these guest birds.

These days one can suddenly hear the chorus of loud quacks coming from the vast sky. Looking up you would see flocks of migrating birds flying in various formations. They look very beautiful as they fly and their flight patterns continue to change and regroup in the sky. Indeed how these migratory birds fly across the continents and then return back to their homes on the onset of the warm days is a wonder.

Environmentalists the world over are crying out to save the nature and wild life. The guest birds come to our land and get killed in thousands. In fact, many people relish the prospect of having tasty dishes of these ducks on their dinner tables. And then there are some who feel pain and so protest when these birds are hunted down in large number every year. Perhaps the birds will stop their regular visits to the relatively warm winters of Bangladesh.

The boys who were selling the wild ducks claimed to have brought them from the 'hoars' of Sylhet. They sell them for Taka 300 or 400 for each pair. 'We have some regular customers, some rich 'shahibs'. They ask us to supply these delicious birds as frequently as possible', claimed one of the young men.

If we want to save nature we have to make people aware of the necessity to save these birds. When we kill these beautiful birds, we destroy nature and hamper the ecological balance also. If we destroy nature, where will the future generations live in? If every year the killings continue, the prices we may have to pay is likely to be very high.

What's on today . . .

Zahir Raihan Film Society: The body will screen the films 'The Shadow Warrior' at 4:30 pm and 'The Scent of Green Papaya' at 6:30 pm. Venue: Goethe Institut.

Drama festival: The drama 'Chithi' by Munier Chowdhury will be staged. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

National Sanitation Week '95: The inaugural function will be held. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 11 am. Chief guest: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Salam Talukder.

Conference on FAP: The two-day fourth conference on Flood Action Plan (FAP) will begin. International Conference Centre. Time: 9:30 am. Chief guest: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

BMDC seminar: The Bangladesh Management Development Centre (BMDC) will organise a seminar on 'Information Super Highway and Bangladesh.' Venue: BMDC auditorium. Time: 6:00 pm.

Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha: The Sangha will organise a workshop on 'Women Abuse and Role of Administration'. Venue: House 255, Road 19 (Old), West Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00 am.

Launching of Windows '95: The ceremony is organised by IBCS-PRIMAX. Venue: IBA auditorium, DU. Time: 3:00 pm.

Bose Society Bangladesh: The body will observe the 137th birth anniversary of Jagadish Chandra Bose. Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra. Time: 4:00 pm. Chief guest: Poet Shamsur Rahman.

Nari Samaj programme

By Staff Correspondent

The Sammito Nari Samaj, a combine of women's organisations Tuesday announced its programme to observe the Independence Day projecting the role of women in various historic events of the country, says a press release.

A committee has been formed in this connection with Dr Nayla Khan as its convener. The programme that starts from December 13 will include photographs and painting exhibitions and cultural function.

Begum Rokeya Day Dec 9

Dhaka University authority has arranged an elaborate programme to observe the Begum Rokeya Day on December 9, reports UNB.

The programmes, including discussion meeting, distribution of awards and blood donation, will be held at Rokeya Hall of the university.

IN MEMORIAM



Today is the seventh death anniversary of our illustrious mother, Anwara Khatoun, former elected member of Bengal, East Bengal and East Pakistan Legislative Assembly between 1946 and 1958. Trusted colleague of, and held in high esteem by Sher-e-Bangla Fazlul Huq, Shaheed Suhrawardy, Moulana Bhasani and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Mother you are the soul of our moral being and the nurse of our intellect. Looking forward to our reunion.

Dr Shirin Alam
Anwar Ansari Khan

Surgical Congress now Dec 15

Four-day International Surgical Congress of Society of Surgeons of Bangladesh will now begin on December 15, says a press release.

Earlier the congress was scheduled to begin on December 8. The change has been made due to unavoidable circumstances, added the release.

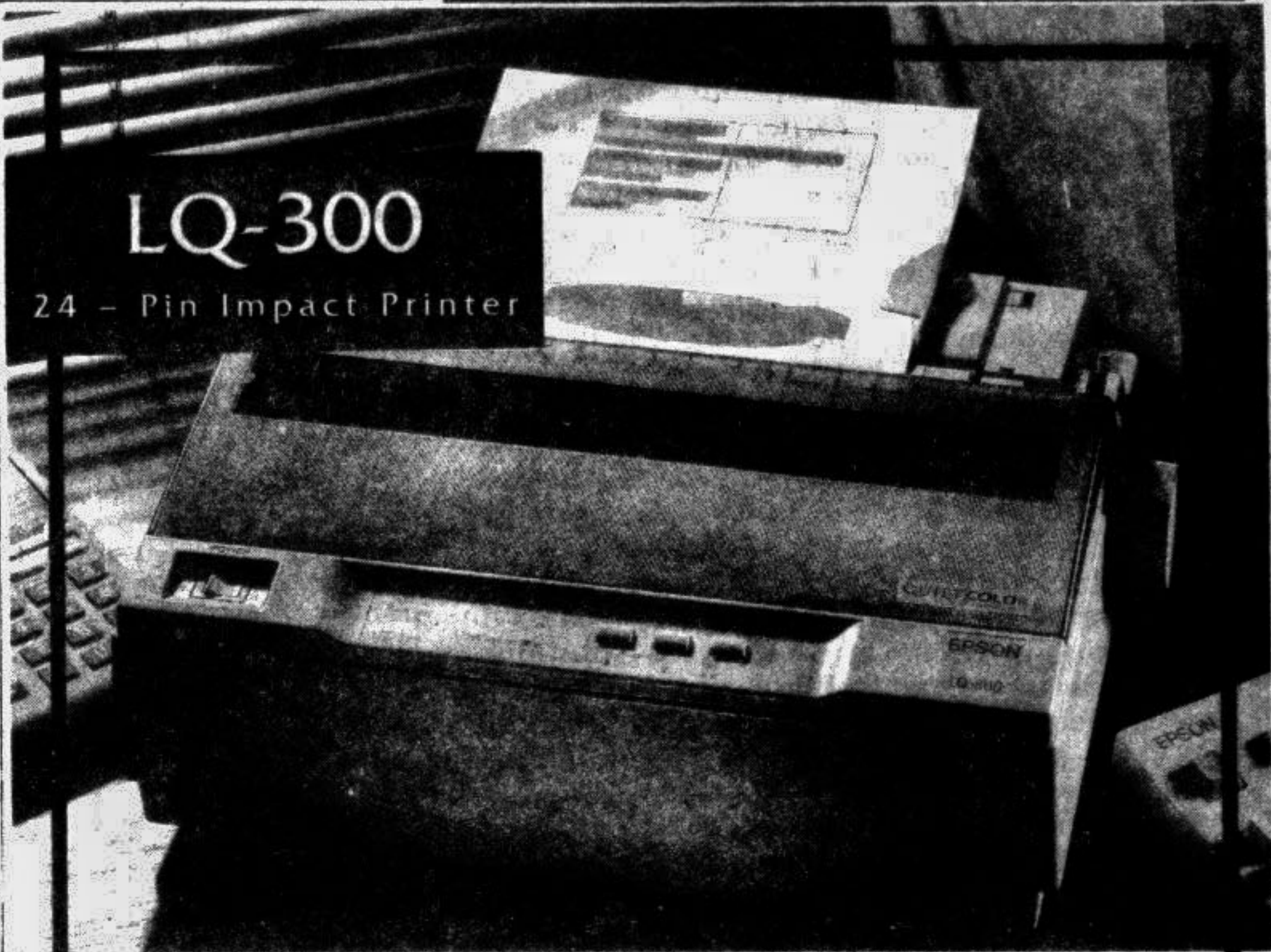


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