

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Miniature Mastaans

by Farah Ghuznavi

The sixties were known as the decade for teenage rebellion in America, and people were treated to a number of images of snarling, lip-curling adolescents looking duly sultry and rebellious (the James Dean look, so to speak, though alas, most of the emulators fell far short of the original!) These days, kids seem to be starting on the road to rebellion quite a bit earlier in the US — in some cases, a good decade earlier, actually. Take, for example, my friend Teri's nephew, Steven. When he was about two, and his babysitter was taking a somewhat disciplinary tone with him, his response was a threatening, "Mommy be back!" (the implication being, "and then she'll sort you out for taking that tone with me!")

Nor are his counterparts in Dhaka lagging behind. Perhaps the increasing lawlessness in the city, and the lack of respect for authority which has gripped the entire country is now affecting our infants as well. Take my colleague's two-year-old nephew, Akash, whose favourite pastime is to wait until his grandfather is in the middle of saying his namaz, and then go and remove his prayer cap and sit down in front of him, thereby ruining his efforts! No amount of cajoling will prevent him from doing this, so an eagle eye has to be kept on him during prayer times.

And they just get more sophisticated in their methods as they get older! My niece tried telling me, some time ago, that I had no business disciplining her, after I had told her not to do something. "Why do I have to listen to you?" "Because I'm a grown-up." "Kids don't have to listen to all grown-ups," just their parents!" I managed to persuade her

otherwise, but I have to admit it was a close shave.

And if you do want to get your way with kids, often the worst thing you can do is bulldoze them into obedience. Saving face can be a very important issue with most children today. My friend's little brother, Anjan, can sometimes be brought under control with a few well-chosen words from his mother, but he makes it clear whenever he gives in that he is doing so because he chooses to, not because he has been ordered to. Thus, whenever he is told to stop doing something or touching something, he will reluctantly obey, while making a point of stating loudly, even as he withdraws his hand, "Bhoy pai na kintu" ("I'm not scared, mind you!")

Then again, there are some children with whom you just don't know what to say. Like my colleague's six-year-old son, who has frequent runs-in with his mother over issues of discipline, and will then turn to his father and say, "Tomar bou-key boleay dao amar shathey obhabeay kotha na bothey" (Tell your wife not to talk to me like that)!!

But in my view, the one who takes the cake is one of my young nephews, who managed to leave even his *maulvi* speechless. He was studying Arabic, and wanted to skip his lesson one day, but his parents insisted that he go and study with the *maulvi*. He had barely sat down to study, when he got up again, dropped his pants, calmly announced, "Amar wazu noshto hoye gachhey" (I am unfit to say my prayers now), and raced off. Is there no respect at all left for authority anymore?



Activists of the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, the student wing of the Jatiya Party, yesterday damaged a number of vehicles in city's Motijheel area demanding release of former president Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

### Democracy Day observed at DU

By DU Correspondent

Different student organisations held rallies on the Dhaka University campus yesterday in observance of the Democracy Day.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of Bangladesh Awami League, held a rally in front of the Aparajee Bangla which was addressed by Enamul Haq Shamim, Mahbulul Haq Shakil, Bahadur Bepari, Abu Sayed Al Mahmud Swapon and Sazzad Hossain.

BCL president Shamim said that Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had failed to realise the dream of the student community for which they had struggled during the autocrat regime.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatadbadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of the ruling BNP, held rally in front of the DUCSU building on the occasion of the day.

The JCD leaders said, in the face of mass agitation led by the All Party Student Unity (APSU), autocrat Ershad had to step down.

The rally was addressed by Muniruzzaman Munir, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney, Shirin Sultana, ABM Mosarraf Hossain and Monir Hossain and Nasiruddin Ashim.

### Painting workshop for children

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka has arranged a three-month children's painting workshop, children aged 7 to 16 are allowed for admission. Admission test will be held on December 8 and 15, says a press release.

Artist Masuma Khan will conduct the workshop. Interested children have been requested to contact over telephone 234638 for further information.

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

**Pairabond Committee:** A meeting of the preparation committee for Pairabond Declaration will be held. Venue: BMDC auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

**BSAE AGM:** The first annual general meeting (AGM) of the Bangladesh Society of Agricultural Engineers (BSAE) will be held. Venue: BARC auditorium. Time: 2pm.

**Bangla Academy:** An emergency meeting of the Begum Rokeya Day celebration committee will be held. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 12 noon.

**Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar, Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House 44, Road 2, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Death anniversary of Ataur Rahman Khan today**  
By Staff Correspondent  
The fourth death anniversary of former Prime Minister Ataur Rahman Khan will be observed today.

The programmes which will be observed tomorrow include a Qurankhwani at the late politician's mazar, laying wreaths at the grave at 8.30 am and "milad mahfil" at the grave side at 9 am.

**DUCSU D-Day programme begins**  
By DU Correspondent  
The Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Ema-juddin Ahmed yesterday inaugurated the 11-day Democracy Day programme organised by the DUCSU.

The inaugural programme was also addressed by DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, AGS Nazimuddin Alam and GS, Khairul Kabir Khan.  
A number of posters and photographs from DUCSU Collection Centre were displayed in the show.

**PDB officers protest pay anomaly**  
The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) Officers Association has demanded immediate removal of anomalies in the pay scales of deputy directors and senior scale assistant directors with those of executive engineers and sub-divisional engineers, says a press release.

The members of the association are observing different action programmes

### Weather

#### Light rain in Ctg likely

Light rain is likely over the region of Chittagong during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.  
Met Office says, weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country with partly cloudy sky over the regions of Noakhali, Comilla, Barisal, Patuakhali and Faridpur.  
Night temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Comilla, Barisal and Patuakhali and slight rise in night temperature is expected elsewhere over the country.  
Country's lowest temperature 11.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the highest 29.0 degrees at Teknaf.

#### DSCSC seminar concludes

The two-day seminar on the "Nature of Future Conflicts" arranged by the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) was concluded at the college auditorium at the Mirpur Cantonment here yesterday, says an ISPR release.  
The first session of the day's programme was chaired by Barrister AKH Morshed, Chairman, Board of Governors, BISS.  
Dr. A Rob Khan, Research Director of BISS, presented a paper titled "An Analysis of Current Hypotheses on the Nature of Future Conflicts." Dr Dilara Chowdhury of the Department of Political Science, Jahangirnagar University, took part in the discussion which followed.  
Former Deputy Leader in Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury inaugurated the seminar as chief guest on Tuesday.

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Survey Title	Survey Description (Sample sizes are given to indicate the scope of work and may be changed)
National Minor Irrigation Census Validation Survey	Pump counts and details in 114 DAE Blocks located throughout Bangladesh
Irrigated Area Survey	Physical area survey of 116 Deep Tubewells 204 Shallow tubewells and 204 Low Lift Pumps located throughout Bangladesh
Knowledge Attitudes and Practices Survey	Recall data from 80 village group surveys, 100 irrigation investors, 40 irrigation equipment dealers, 40 well drillers and project staff in NMIDP Promotions areas
Surface Water Scheme Irrigation Survey	Recall data from 200 irrigators on 5 NMIDP schemes
Groundwater Irrigation Survey	Recall data for 150 irrigators using minor irrigation

Consultants will be required to undertake field data collection, data entry and data verification. Detailed terms of reference, survey designs and sample designs have been prepared by NMIDP and may be reviewed at the NMIDP office. The contracts will be undertaken in February to June 1996.

Consultants who wish to be pre-qualified to be invited to bid for these contracts should submit a Letter of Interest attaching information on the experience of the company, capability, staffing, computer resources and details of previous experience in similar survey work. The Letter of Interest should indicate which of the above surveys the Consultant intends to bid for and the maximum number of surveys that the Consultant would be capable of undertaking simultaneously.

Letters of Interest should be submitted by 15 December 1995. Following a technical evaluation of the Letters of Interest selected Consultants will be invited to prepare bids for individual surveys. Letters of Interest should be submitted to:  
The Head of Administration,  
National Minor Irrigation Development Project,  
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**NOTICE OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 6th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of MITA TEXTILES LIMITED will be held at the Auditorium of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation [BCIC] at 30-31, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka on **Thursday, the 28th December, 1995 at 3-00 P.M.** to transact the following business:

**AGENDA:**

- To confirm the proceedings of the 5th Annual General Meeting held on 12th December, 1994.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1995 i.e. Financial Year [FY] 1994-95, together with auditors' report thereon.
- To declare a dividend.
- To elect Directors in place of those who retire as per Article 131 and being eligible offer themselves for re-election under Article 133 of the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To appoint Auditors of the Company for the Financial Year 1995-96 and to fix their remuneration.
- To insert a new sub-clause under clause 73 as sub-clause 73.03 in the Articles of Association of the Company and for that purpose to propose and if deemed fit to pass the following resolution as a special resolution.

**RESOLVED**  
"that after sub-clause 73.02 the following new sub-clause as 73.03 be and is hereby inserted:  
"Bangladesh Shilpa Bank [BSB] shall have the option to convert its loan into equity of the company, at any time during the currency of the BSB Loan".

- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
**(M. L. HAQ)**  
COMPANY SECRETARY

Dated : Dhaka  
the 6th December, 1995

**NOTES :**

- The register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 20th December, 1995 to 28th December, 1995 (both the days inclusive) and during that period no transfer of shares will be effected.
- A member eligible to attend that General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf.
- Forms of Proxy, duly completed and stamped with Tk 4.00 revenue stamp be deposited at Company's Registered Office at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting and in default it will not be treated as valid.
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