## Dhaka Day by Day

## In Search of a Home

By Nadia Kabir Barb

TOLET

2nd Floor

One room (pipe) for family

rent: TK 2000

made my husband a "ghar jamai."

Dhaka is as follows (especially if one is not one security guard-actually said, "Ap er porer altogether organ-

ised): First of all. you drive around Dhaka looking for "TO LET" signs. Once you spot these you have to take down the addresses at lighting speed, the reason being that you get hooted at if you dare slow down. Usually the signs are obscured by rickshaws, pedestrians and, maybe, a tree or two so that if you do not possess 20/20 vision it is virtually

impossible to read. The next step is to actually find some of the ad-

dresses that have so painstakingly been cop- to hyperventilate).

ing down addresses from obscure little "TO to rent that flat, in case you were wonder-LET" signs and just targeting one area and ing. driving around until you find a sign on the roads to drive around in !

gate whether you can inspect the flat/house together a different story.

Having moved to Dhaka after nine years of in question. Luckily the response is usually living abroad. I found myself with the de- very positive. I was looking for a flat and not lightful task of finding somewhere to live. a house so drove around trying to see as Now I must admit I had no idea of what I many flats as I could. I must confess here was letting myself in for. Had I known. I that both my driver and I have a totally usewould probably moved back to Germany or less sense of direction, the result being that I got thoroughly confused and ended up ask-The way one finds accommodation in ing to see the same flat 2-3 times. In fact,

> bar ashley charge korbo! (Next time I'll charge you)". Needless to oclasiv that I was mortified.

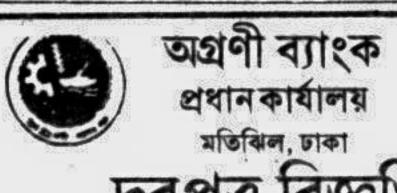
Once you make it inside the flat you will find so many things that are not quite what you wanted. For example, one of the flats I visited had a lift which was not only psychedelically coloured but Salso built for one person. I would go as far as calling it a claustrophobic's nightmare. (I found myself trying very hard not

ied of the "TO LET" signs. From personal ex- Another example was the servant's quarperience, I found that road numbers are ter. While I was visiting one of the flats I almost randomly given (or so I thought at asked to see the servant's quarter. The the time) or never where they are logically gentleman informed us that we were standsupposed to be. The result being that one ing in it. I was until then under the false imcan never find the house/flat one is looking pression that we were standing in a wardrobe. You would have o be extremely tiny or The third step is to forget the idea of tak- be able to sleep standing up! I decided not

The last stage is to actually take the gate. Bu this stage I had decided to target plunge and say you like somewhere enough Baridhara as it seemed to have the fewest to want to rent it. Once that major decision has been taken, one must of course get in You then have to ask the darwan at the touch with the landlord/lady, but that is al-



Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikkya (GCO) brought out a procession in the city yesterday calling for resisting today's hartal called by the Shibir. - Star photo



দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি তারিখঃ ১২-১২-৯৫ইং নং-বাসবি/প্রকৌশল/১০৩৭/৯৫ এতদ্বারা প্রকৃত, অভিজ্ঞ ও খ্যাতনামা জেনাবেটরের সোল ডিষ্টিবিউটর, এজেন্ট ও আমদানিকারকদের নিকট

হইতে অর্থণী ব্যাৎকের ঢাকা শহরস্থ এবং ঢাকার বাহিরের জেলার শাখাসমূহের কম্পিউটার কক্ষে ২.০ কেভি এ ক্ষমতাসম্পন্ন ১৫টি পোর্টেবল জেনারেটর সরবরাহ ও সংস্থাপনের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত থামে দরপত আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

দরপত্রসূর্মহ আগামী ২৭-১২-৯৫ইং তারিখে বেলা ৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বাস্তব সম্পদ ও সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ, অপ্রণী ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ভবন নং-১ এর ৭ম তলায় রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজে পহীত হইবে এবং দরপত্রসমূহ ঐদিনই বেলা ৩-১৫ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাগণের সমূখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র কমিটি কর্তক খোলা হইবে।

দরপতের সিডিউল সকল কার্যদিবসে অত বিভাগের হিসাব শাখা হইতে অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের অনুকৃলে টাকা ১০০/- (একশত) টাকার অফেরৎযোগ্য পে-অর্ডার জমা দিয়া অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ২৬-১২-৯৫ইং তারিখের মধ্যে সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে।

দরপত্তের সহিত অহাণী ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের অনুকলে যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হইতে গৃহীত ব্যাংক ভাষ্ট বা পে-অর্ভার এর মাধ্যমে উদ্বৃত মূল্যের ২.৫% (শতকরা আড়াই ভাগ) হারে বায়নার টাকা জমা দিতে

অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র এবং নির্ধারিত আর্নেষ্টমানি ব্যতীত জমাকৃত দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে এবং কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যক্তিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের অথবা পুনঃ দরপত্র

আহ্বানের এথতিয়ার ব্যাংক কর্তপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন ন্র - উদ - দাহার উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক D-1266

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Tender Invitation

Sealed tenders in prescribed schedule as per the following terms & conditions are invited from bonafide & experienced manufacturers, traders & suppliers for supply of the undermentioned goods to the Electoral Training Institute under Election Commission Secretariat

Serial	Name of goods	Estimated	Price of ten-	Date of selling	Date & time of
No		Cost	der Schedule	tender Schedule	Submitting tender
9.77		3,53,500.00 1,46,500.00	400.00 400.00	from 23-12-95 upto 27-12-95	28-12-95 upto 12-00 Noon

Terms & conditions: Attested copies of up to date Trade licence. Bank solvency certificate, Income Tax Clearance

Certificate and the Schedule purchase receipt should be submitted with the tender

2.5% of the quoted amount as Earnest Money should be deposited with the tender through Pay-Order/Bank-Draft from any approved scheduled bank in favour of Director, Electoral Training Institute, Dhaka.

In case of furniture, attested copy of past experience certificate of supplying furniture worth minimum Tk 350,000.00 (three lakh fifty thousand) under a single work order to Govt. Semi-govt. autonomous or an established private organisation, shall have to be attached.

Separate schedules with terms & conditions and detailed description for furniture & photocopier supply can be procured at Tk 400.00 (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned up to 27-12-95 during office hours. No Schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender.

Tender for Photocopier/Furniture (whichever is applicable) should be superscribed on the

Tenders can be deposited in the tender box kept at the Election Commission Secretariat, Block-6, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 up to 12-00 Noon of 28-12-95 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Md. Mokhlesur Rahman



An exposition of local musical instruments began at the Sonargaon hotel yesterday in observance of the Tourism Month. - Star photo

British grant for

Rohingya

repatriation

one million pound equivalent

to Tk 6.2 crore to help repa-

triate Rohingya refugees from

Bangladesh to Myanmar, re-

The grant was sanctioned

under the Overseas Develop-

ment Agency (ODA) in re-

sponse to the recent appeal

by the UN High Commis-

sioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

and World Food Programme.

provided a number of grants

to UNHCR and other organi-

sations for the relief and

repatriation of the Rohingyas.

total ODA contribution to the

"Rohingya operation" to 3.4

million pound equivalent to

Chair coach service

in Upaban,

Parabat trains

duced luxurious reclaining

chair coach in its Dhaka-Syl-

het route Upaban and Parabat

inter-city trains, reports BSS.

Oli Ahmad inaugurated the

chair coach service in two

shovan class coaches at a

simple function at Kamalapur

Railway Station last morning.

Waliul Islam, Director Gen-

eral of Bangladesh Railway M

A Munaf attended the func-

Under the programme,

chair-coach service had al-

ready been introduced in

Mahanagar inter-city train on

Dhaka-Chittagong route and

Joyantika inter-city train on

Dhaka-Sylhet route. The

same facility will be intro-

duced in Tista and Ekata in-

ter-city trains on Dhaka-Dina-

pur route and Simanta Ex-

press' on Khulna-Nilfamari

route by January next. The

service will be, extended in

all the inter city trains in the

country by the end of next

The luxurious chair

coaches were being assem-

bled in railway's own work-

shops using local expertise.

Communications Secretary

Communications Minister

Bangladesh Railway intro-

Tk 21.41 crore.

The latest grant brings the

Since 1992 Britain has

ports UNB.

Britain will provide a grant

#### Need for adopting new act stressed

## 84 lakh mental patients in country

The country has only 54 specialists in psychiatry against 84 lakh mental patients at present, former deputy leader in parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said in the city yesterday. reports BSS.

"Efforts thus should be made to raise the numbers of psychiatrists as the ratio of psychiatrist and patient is now one to 1.60 lakh." Prof Chowdhury told the opening session of the National Scientific Conference on Women's Mental Health organised by Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists (BAP) at a city hotel.

Prof Chowdhury also underlined the need for adopting the new mental health act which has already been proposed by the BAP to revise the existing "Indian Luncancy Act" enacted by the British rulers in 1912.

Presided over by BAP president Prof AA Munib, the session was also addressed by former MP Dr AQM Quamruzzaman, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed, leading psychiatrists Prof AKM Nazimuddewla Chowdhury, Prof Hedayetul Islam and BAP general secretary Prof Anwara Begum.

BAP also awarded fellowships to Prof Nazimuddowla Chowdhury and Prof Hedayetul Islam for their contributions to the field of psychiatry.

Prof. Chowdhury said integrated policy should be taken

to impart education to women and uplift their social status to check mental disease among females.

He said the government has decided to help set up a national mental health instituted in the capital.

Different specialists presented technical papers in the scientific session of the national conference on issues including women's mental health, job stress and mental health of working mothers and comparison of psychiatric morbidity in different natures of job among garment factory workers.

#### Attack on DU teacher condemned

By DU Correspondent

The students of the Department of Economics of the Dhaka University yesterday in a statement condemned the brutal attack on Nuban Ahmed, a teacher of the department.

Nuban Ahmed was attacked by some unidentified miscreants in front of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban on Sunday evening. The students in the

statement said the attack on Nuban Ahmed is a sign of deterioration of the law and order situation of the country. They demanded punishment of the culprits and urged all to be united against these terrorists.

#### Tributes paid to Mir Mosharraf Hossain

Eminent litterateurs yesterday stressed the need for more evaluation of the life and literary works of Mir Mosharraf Hossain, reports

They said Mir Mosharraf Hossain was one of the pioneers of Muslim litterateurs in Bengali literature who with his pen had helped the people of this part to rise against the colonial rule.

They were talking in a discussion on "Mir Mosharraf Hossain: In the Light of New Information" at Bangla Academy in the city in observance of his 84th death anniversary.

With Prof Moniruzzaman in the chair, the discussion was participated by Bashir al-Helal. Sved Abul Moksud and Prof Rajib Humayun.

Director General of Bangla Academy Prof Mansur Musa gave the welcome address while Shamsuzzaman Khan presented a paper on the theme.

UNB adds: Mosharraf Hossain Smriti Sangsad organised a day-long programme at the mazar of the great litterateur at Badamdi village in Baliakandi thana of Rajbart

The programme also include Qurankhwani, milad mahfil, placing wreaths and discussion meeting

Meanwhile, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jaha nara Begum yesterday said that the government would set up a cultural and research centre after the name of Mir Mosharraf beside his mazar at a cost of Tk two crore.

at Srimangal.

### DAEWOO team meets Tariqul

A three-member delegation of DAEWOO group of South Korea headed by its executive vice-president Young-Sang Choe called on Post and Telecommunications Minister Tarigul Islam at his secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

The delegation discussed private investment in telecommunications sector of Bangladesh.

#### Death anniversary



leath anniversary of pre-eminent vocalist, lyricist and music compositor Mahmudunnabi will be observed today says a press release.

he fifth

Mahmudunnabi 'Smriti' Parishad has organised a milad mahfil, feeding of destitutes on this occasion after Asr prayers at House 55, Road 9-A, West Dhanmondi.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the function.

### NCC bird watch programme

A bird observation programme will be held on December 22 morning at the Mirpur Zoo lake under the auspices of Nature Conservation Committee (NCC) of Bangladesh, says a press re-

The programme will remain open for all from 8 am to 10 am. Interested persons are requested to report at the Mirpur Zoo gate by 7:30 am added the release.

## Weather

#### Dry weather to continue Dry weather may continue over the country in the next

12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office said night temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country

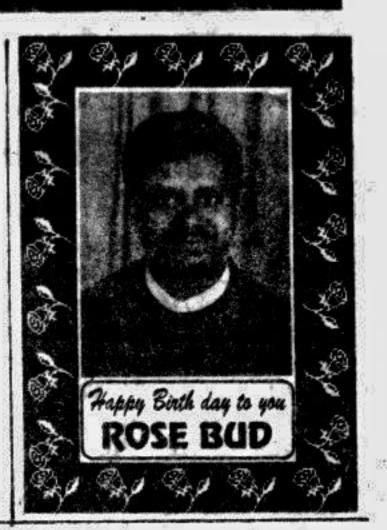
The sun sets today at 5:16 pm and rises tomorrow at 6 37am Country's highest temperature was recorded 27.5 degree Ceisius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 10.8 degrees

#### MBA admission test on Friday The MBA admission test

for the session 1995-96 of Dhaka University will be held on Friday at 10 am, reports

The seat plan is as follows: Admit No-6001 to 6880, IBA Bhaban, 6881 to 7665. Arts Building examination halls, 7666 to 8405. Arts Building class rooms and 8406 to 8655. Commerce Building.

Details of the seat plan will be displayed in front of the respective centres.

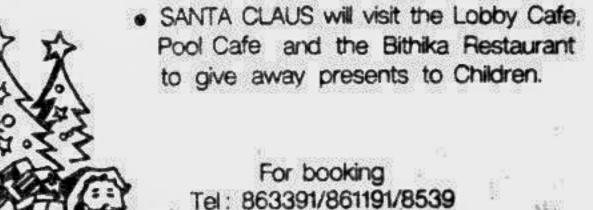


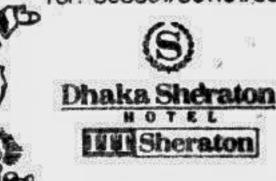
## CHRISTMAS AT THE DHAKA SHERATON

 CHRISTMAS GOODIES: Christmas Logs and Bakeries on sale at the Lobby Cafe from December 20

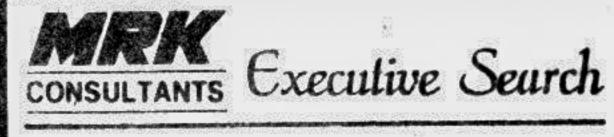
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