

Dhaka Day by Day

Truth is a Rare Commodity

by Farah Ghuznavi

The society we live in has inculcated in most of us a tendency to hang on to outdated proverbs and ideas, most of which have little relevance in our day to day lives. Among the most abused of these sayings have got to be those related to truth-telling i.e. "Truth is beauty," "Truth will always win out" etc. Anyone who wants to argue other-

around the edges of each page, with different shaped white splotches in the middle. She assumed (perhaps naturally) that it was a book about flowers, and was puzzled by it, since her interest in gardening has always been non-existent. "I work with these people for that long, and then they give me a book about flowers!"

Luckily, before she had thanked them for the "lovely book" and its "beautiful pictures of flowers", her husband guessed from her hesitant reaction that she had not yet figured out what the present was. He leaned over and whispered, "It's a hideous photo album, with flowers around the edges of the pages" (the different-shaped splotches were for placing the photos in!). With that crucial piece of information, Naila was able to be suitably gushy and appreciative about her ghostly present. However, as she subsequently pointed out, it was really lucky that she'd been forgotten her glasses on that occasion, since she could never have looked any of them in the eye and told such terrible lies!

Most of us have been in that kind of situation at one time or another, and acquitted ourselves either well or ignobly, as the case may be. However, for on the spot creative thinking (as many practiced liars refer to the practice of lying), the best example I know of is a Dhakite who went abroad to study, and took a wine-tasting course at her college. When her grades were sent home, it took a real flash of brilliance to convince her (extremely) conservative father that the course "WINES" actually stood for "Women in Near Eastern Studies."



Nor has this escaped the younger generation! When a five-year-old cousin of mine asks why she has to tell the truth when her father and mother "tell lies all the time," one hardly knows what to say, except perhaps, "Wait till you grow up, and then you can lie, too!"

Of course, most of us, no matter how righteous, would probably agree that there are times when a white lie can come in very useful, and (hopefully!) that is what my cousin was catching her parents out in. And, just as many people are social drinkers, there are a number of social occasions when lying is not only preferable, it is downright essential!

Take a friend of mine, Naila, who is incurably truthful. She invariably finds that this characteristic of hers gets her into hot water, particularly, for example, when it comes to accepting presents she doesn't like. When she left her last job, her colleagues took her out to dinner, and presented her with a gift to remember them by. Naila (who had, alas, left her glasses at home that evening) could only make out a blurred outline of a book, and one which appeared to have lots of pictures of flowers

Press conference on CHT today

Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council will hold a conference at the Khagrachari town hall auditorium today with a view to restoring peace. Khagrachari Local Government Parishad Chairman Samiran Dewan will attend the conference as chief guest. Peace Council President Mohammad Saiful Islam Dildar will preside.

Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital goes into operation today

By Staff Correspondent

The out-patient department of the first Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK) hospital in the city goes into operation today, while in-patient services will begin mid-January, 1996. The Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital at Road 6, Dhanmondi will provide medical services, including pathology,

radiology and physiotherapy, for out-patients with GK health insurances from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm on weekdays and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays. GK representatives said at a press conference, held Thursday at the hospital premises.

Initially, consultations in medicine, gynaecology, obstetrics, paediatrics and surgery will be provided by five specialists at the hospital. Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury, Project Coordinator, GK told the journalists present.

An emergency room and in-patient services will start functioning from mid-January.

"We will start with 40 beds, but our aim is a 250-bed, ten-storey hospital," Dr Zafarullah said.

A 24-hour pharmacy will also operate on the hospital premises.

The executive director of GK Dr Abul K Chowdhury was present among others, at the conference, which was followed by a tour of existing hospital areas.

First Class First

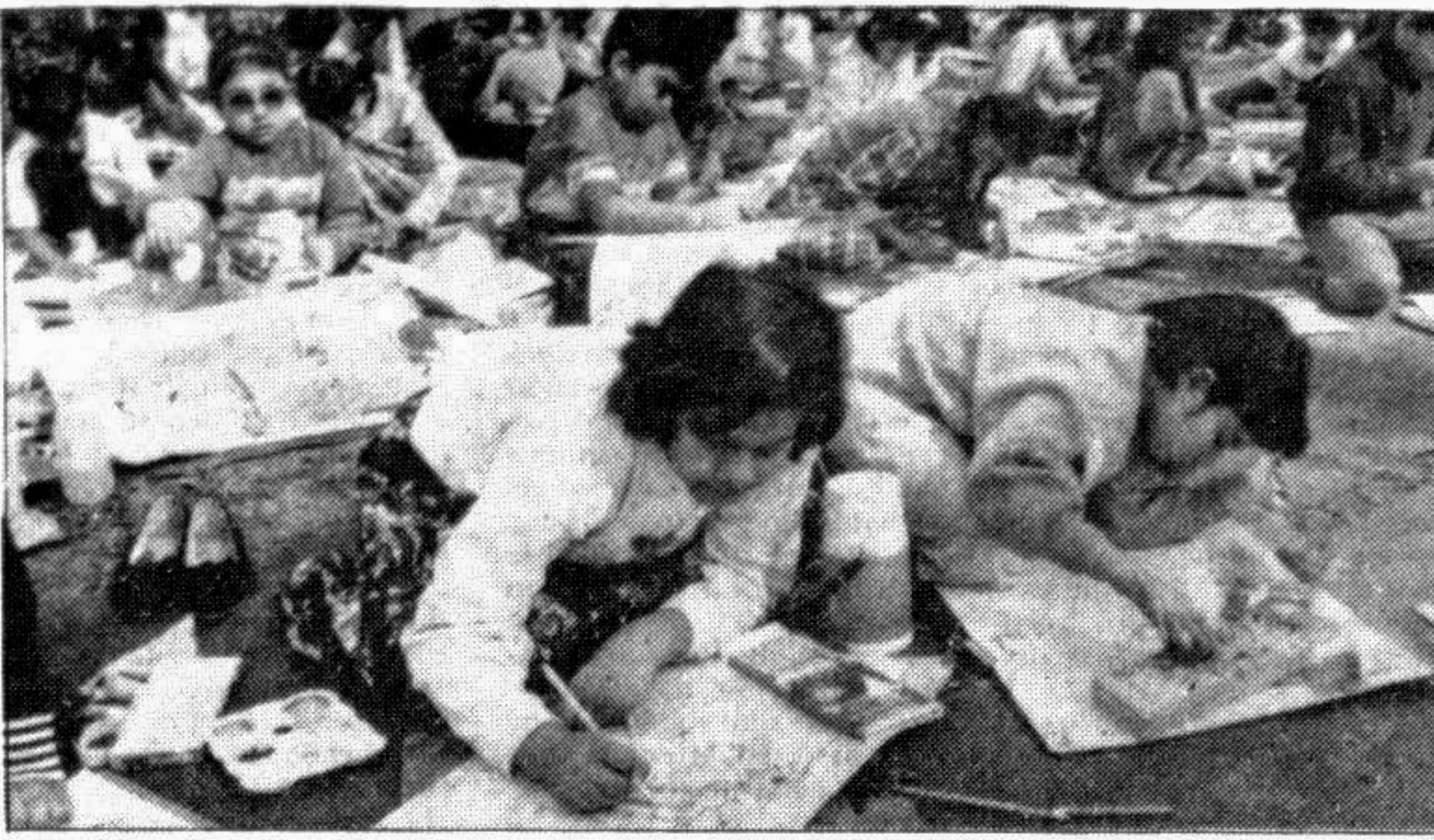
Kazi Riaz Fattah stood First Class First in the B.Sc honours examination of 1993, held in 1995, from the Biochemistry department of Dhaka University.

Riaz is the eldest son of Dr Quazi Abdul Fattah, Professor of Botany, Dhaka University and Dr Khurshida Banu Fattah, Professor and Chairman of Botany Department, Jagannath University.

Riaz completed his "O" and "A" Levels under the University of London in 1988 and 1990 respectively.



Air Vice Marshall (ret.) A K Khandaker addressing a get-together of the freedom fighters of sector 9 of the Liberation War at Shishu Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo



Kachi-Kanchar Mela arranged a children's painting competition at the premises of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday, marking the birth anniversaries of Shilpacharya Jainul Abedin and poet Jasimuddin. — Star photo

What's on today....

Screening of 'Mukhtir Gaan': The feature film 'Mukhtir Gaan' will be screened. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 12:30, 3, 5 and 7 pm.

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Seminar on human settlements: The Ministry of Housing and Public Works in association with Nari Udyog Kendra, Centre for Urban Studies and Coalition for Housing Rights has organised a day-long national seminar on 'Draft Bangladesh country report of human settlements for habitat global conference 1996'. Venue: BARC auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

UNAB film show: In celebration of the 50th founding anniversary of United Nations, UNAB has arranged a documentary film show. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Musical soiree: Narigrantha Prabartana has arranged a musical soiree marking the death anniversary of the forerunner of folk singers Abbasuddin Ahmed. Venue: Narigrantha Prabartana. Time: 4 pm.

Talk on Abbasuddin: A discussion on noted folk singer Abbasuddin Ahmed will be held in observance of his death anniversary. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 5:30 pm. Chief guest: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum.

Natyakarmi Padak '95: Loke Natyadal will award Natyakarmi Padak '95 to Abdullah-Al-Mamun, Mamunur Rashid and Asaduzzaman Noor at a ceremony. Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof Kabir Chowdhury and Prof Anisuzzaman will give away the Padak. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

4th Int'l Film Festival: Seven films will be screened today. Children's Film at 9:30 am. French film 'Secret Women' at 11:30 am, Turkish and South Korean short films at 2 pm, Chinese film 'Marching on to Glory' at 4 pm, German film 'Francesca' at 6 pm and Russian film 'Andrei Rublyov' at 8 pm. Venue: Public Library auditorium.

Skating competition: In observance of the Tourism Month, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation has arranged the event. Venue: Bijoy Sarani. Time: 3 pm.

BARVIDA meet: A special general meeting of Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers and Dealers' Association (BARVIDA) will be held. Venue: The office of FBCCI. Time: 3 pm.

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Cultural function: Cultural Department of Embassy of the Russian Federation jointly with Gorky Theatre, Sergei Bondarchuk Film Club and Serov Academy of Fine Arts has arranged a cultural programme to celebrate the New Year — 1996. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5:30 pm.

Weather Temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with temporary partly cloudy sky over Rajshahi division in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says slight fall in night temperature is expected across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office forecast fall in night temperature. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen predicted little change.

Country's lowest temperature 10.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Comilla and Srimangal while the highest 26.5 degrees at Sylhet and Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets today at 5:22 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	25.2	11.6	97	73
Chittagong	25.5	14.1	80	73
Rajshahi	24.6	13.0	82	78
Khulna	25.1	11.9	94	77
Barisal	24.7	12.6	95	83

Fair postponed

Khilgaon Chowdhurupara Sabuj Sangha has postponed its today's fair and cultural programme due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

Fresh date for the programmes will be announced later.

OBITUARY



Dr Md Mahmudul Haque (Palash), 30, son of Sardar Abdur Rab of Faridpur died in a car accident on 8 December 1995 in East London, South Africa where he was serving as Principal Medical Officer in a hospital. He was laid to rest at Alipur Municipal Graveyard, Faridpur. Late Dr Mahmudul Haque was an ex-cadet of Jhenidah Cadet College (12th intake). His friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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Commercial Offices: House No.: 11
Road No.: 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205.

DESA Tender Notice

Tender Notice No HVL/3.76/802 dt 07.12.95 at sealed tender Form No 1 are hereby invited from DESA, Enlisted "A & B" Class Electrical Licence for Electrification of 11/.4KV Distribution Line at Karpara & Satrapur village of Nowabgonj Thana & Uttar Shimolia of Dohar Thana under O&M Division, Munshigonj under HVL Divn, GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka, Road No 135, House No 47, Gulshan, Dhaka. The tender documents will be available up to 6.1.96 in the office of the (i) Addl Chief Engr (P&E) DESA, Dhaka (ii) Supdt Engineer (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka & (iii) The City Bank Ltd, Gulshan Branch, Dhaka at the cost of Tk 100/- (Take one hundred) only each set (Non-refundable) in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka with written permission from respective office and the undersigned. The tender will be received up to 12.00 Noon of 7.1.96 along with 2.5% (two point five per cent) Earnest Money of the quoted amount in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Addl Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka in the Office of (i) Addl Chief Engr (P&D), DESA, Dhaka (ii) Supdt Engr (E&I), GDPDP, DESA, Dhaka (iii) Director (P&D), DESA, Dhaka & (iv) Executive Engr, HVL Divn, Dhaka. The tender will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM (in presence of the tenderer, if any).

Executive Engineer
HV Lines Division
DESA, Dhaka

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Directorate General Defence Purchase Ministry of Defence

New Airport Road, Tejgaon Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers (Not necessary enlisted with DGDP) for procurement of the following items in Local/Foreign currency for the Bangladesh Army.

Sl. No.	Nomenclatures of stores	Qty	Selling date	Opening date	Cost of IT Tk.	Remarks
a	Tools Kit A & C Vehicles Tools Kit B Vehicles	50 Set 100 Set	03-1-96 04-2-96	05-2-96	100/-	(Foreign Currency)
b	Soap Washing (145 Gr)	10,00,000 Cans	-	-	100/-	(Local Currency)
c	Descant (Seltick-zel) (03 Kinds)	8,300 Bag	04-1-96 05-2-96	07-2-96	20/-	(Local Currency)
d	Welding Metals Electro Steel Mild or High tensile up to 40 tons No. 14 SWG	2,400 Mtr	-	-	10/-	(Local Currency)

2. Necessary tender documents will be available on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs on payment of non-refundable Taka mentioned above.

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For Director General

Tender Notice

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Description of work: Supply of summer liveries for workers, employees of Khulna Power Station. Eligibility of Contractor: Tenders are invited in Power Development Board Form T-2 from A&B Class contractors enlisted under Power Development Board (having past experience in this work) and bonafide dress making firms (tailors). Estimated cost: Taka 7,78,426/= (seven lakh seventy eight thousand four hundred twenty six only). Price of tender: Per set Tk 800/= (eight hundred) only (non-refundable); through Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Deputy-Director (Accounts), Zonal Accounts Office, Khulna Power Station. Place & date of tender availability: From Chief Power Station Superintendent (CE), Khulna Power Station, Khulna/Chief Engineer (Generations), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Agrani Bank, Goalpara branch, Khalishpur, Khulna upto 20-01-96. Date of receiving & opening: 21-01-96 upto 12-00 Noon & on the same day at 12-30 minutes. All other rules & regulations of the tender must be complied with.

Deputy Manager
Unit-1
Biddut/Jana- 839 (6)/95-96
DFP- 32106-23/12
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Khulna Power Station
PDB, Khalishpur
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Military Engineer Services Bangladesh Navy

Annex-'A' to DW & CE (Navy) Lalasharai Nabik Colony Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206 Letter No 605/EN/2/134/E-6 Dated: 17 Dec 1995

Notice of Tender

1. Applications are hereby invited by DW & CE (Navy) Lalasharai Nabik Colony, Mirpur-14, Dhaka-1206 for issue of Tender documents up to 05 Jan '96 for the following works:

Sl No	Description of works	Approximate cost (In Lakh)
1.	Installation of Chlorination plant for swimming pool at NHQ Complex Dhaka.	6.473
2.	Construction of 4th floor incl. ancillary works over existing 4 storied CPO's/MCPO's Bldg No. 29 of Civilian Colony at Lalasharai, Dhaka.	15.50
3.	Construction of 3rd floor incl. ancillary works over existing 3 storied Office Bldg of SFC (Navy) and DW & CE (Navy) at Lalasharai Nabik Colony, Dhaka.	49.50
4.	Construction of 4th floor incl. ancillary works over existing 4 storied PO's type Bldg Nos 33, 34 & 35 at Lalasharai Nabik Colony (Civilian Colony), Dhaka.	35.00
5.	Construction of recreation room (1st floor) over existing 120 men CH/DH at BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka.	14.50
6.	Construction of 3rd & 4th floor SM BK for 60 Sailor's over existing 2nd floor incl. ancillary works at BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka.	41.50
7.	Construction of 8'-0" high boundary wall with 2'-6" high 'Y' type barbed wire on top, on the North East side & Provision of 2'-6" high barbed wire over existing boundary wall on the North West side of BNS Haji Mohsin, Dhaka.	8.28
8.	Construction of 1 x 210 Men SM BK for Sailor's (5 storied) incl. ancillary works at BNS Issa Khan, Chittagong.	165.00
9.	Construction of 1xSupply issue point (with 5 storied foundation) at CSD area Chittagong.	63.00
10.	Construction of 1xMT Pool (2nd phase) at BNS Issa Khan Chittagong: a) Construction of Garage for 1x11 Bay Bus, Truck & Cran etc. b) Construction of washing ramp.	55.00

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