

# Dhaka Day by Day

## C'est La Vie!

— by Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

Now that the new year hullabaloo and euphoria have died down, the Dhakaite muse: will there be any changes in 1996?

Maybe, its too soon to speculate but so far doesn't seem so auspicious or atypical. You look at the newspaper and it's full of murder, mugging, street or freak accident reports. Fed up you shove it away and tune in to BBC or CNN. The separatist demand is still going strong in Chechnya, Sri Lanka and Kashmir. It's a tough world we're living in. On an impulse you switch to Channel [V] and find yourself starting at 'Ace of Base' singing its beautiful life. Yeah right! Only in our dreams. You want to take a bath, but there is no water. You inquire and learn that a repair job is being done downstairs, rendering your bathroom useless for the next five hours or so. Of course being the considerate, understanding neighbour you just grin and bear the inconvenience.

You leave for work and immediately get into a row with the rickshaw-puller. The fare he asks will make you wonder whether he heard you say Mymensingh instead of Motijheel. When you finally give in grudgingly (what choice do you have? You can't be late for work), you find yourself stuck in a traffic jam, somehow heightened than ever. With an apathy, you take in the 'sights and sounds' of Dhaka city rickshaw and scooter walls exchanging morning (un) pleasantries, the suffocating fume, the deafening honking of trucks and buses, the wide canals on the roads — all together painting an over familiar picture that evokes serious thoughts on air and noise pollution, among other things!

You reach your destination after a 15-20 minutes' inevitable delay but just in time to catch snippets of the office news bulletin. A nasty rickshaw fall had left your colleague's

wife incapacitated with a broken leg. Another co-worker's sister-in-law was stabbed to death by miscreant. The denizens these days recount distressing, macabre incidents to spice their mundane lives. You start your homeward journey with foreboding images on your mind, praying that its not your last trip. 'Home Sweet Home' at last. No more worries, you think. But your daughter has her story to tell. She opens the door and starts whining about how politics is hampering her life. Her DU exams have been rescheduled (for the third time) due to hartals.

Later on you feel better after relishing your favourite chicken with tomato sauce dish at dinner. But, your wife spoils your mood by discovering 'a little too late,' that the ketchup used is six months' old. How is that for your digestion? You turn on the tube, this time purely for entertainment. There is 'The X-Files' on Star Plus. Your kids are crazy about it. Paranormal activities? Hmm, just the thing to keep your mind off, your miserable existence.

However the beloved capital had another trick up its sleeve. Electricity deserts you right when Mulder and Scully were making headway with the bizarre case. After waiting for a while without any luck, you decide to hit the sack. You should have known better. There had to be a party going on in full swing, near your place, playing loud music of course. This time it was a 'qawwali' soiree.

Giving up all hope for peaceful slumber, you contemplate the next day's agenda, only to remember it's hartal tomorrow. Yet, you, can't miss work. An ominous thought flashes to mind: the public stripping incident.

Didn't Scarlett O'Hara say, tomorrow is another day? Well, for the jaded, disillusioned Dhakaite it's the same old story day after day, year after year.



JUST CURIOUS... WHAT WAS IT? A MANHOLE OR A RICKSHAW?



Newly appointed Japanese Ambassador in Bangladesh Yoshikazu Kaneko called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo

### Govt urged to beef up security in CHT

Discussions at a meeting Saturday urged the government to beef up security in the Chittagong Hill Tracts to protect local people from terrorism unleashed by tribal insurgents, reports UNB.

They also stressed the need for continuing the on-going dialogue between the government and the tribal leaders to reach a comprehensive settlement for lasting peace in three hill districts.

PCP-GP Santras Pratirodh Committee (PPSPC), a non-violence organisation of the tribals and Bengalees in CHT, arranged the discussion at the National Press Club in Dhaka to register protest against the violence being unleashed by tribal terrorists.

PPSPC General Secretary Tarun Alok Chakma said a section of tribal people were trying to divide the tribals and the local Bengalees and were worsening the situation there by kidnapping, extorting ransom and collecting tolls.

Listing the violent activities of some tribal organisations in last one year, he alleged that false information and hidden obstacles by them had affected the repatriation of tribal refugees from India.

Chakma and other tribal speakers at the discussion demanded immediate ban on the activities of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP), Pahari Gano Parishad (PGP) and Hill Women Federation (HWF).

Shashi Kanti Talukder, a peace activists in the CHT, said these organisations did not want political solution to the problems of people of the

### Nat'l confce on physiotherapy

The first national conference of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Society (BPS) was held in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury was present as chief guest at the inaugural session.

He said short courses should be introduced in different medical colleges to the need of physiotherapists. Presided over by the president of the society MN Alam, the inaugural session was also addressed by the Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Serajul Haq, director general of health services Prof AK Shamsuddin Siddique, director of RIHD Prof. AFM Ruhul Haque and general secretary of the society Altaf Hossain Sarker.

The founder director of Pangu Hospital Dr RJ Garsh had introduced the first such course in 1973 and by 1979 a total of 22 physiotherapists and three occupational therapists were produced during the period. Only 10 of them are now serving in the country and the rest have gone abroad.

Deputy Minister Serajul Haq said the country needs 5000 physiotherapists. He suggested the appointment of experienced physiotherapists on contract basis from abroad.

### Sena Kalyan stipends

The Sena Kalyan Sangstha yesterday invited applications from the wives and children of ex-servicemen who are studying in different schools and madrassas, reports BSS.

Prescribed application forms will be available from the district armed services boards and at the Sena Kalyan Bhaban, Motijheel.

The last date of submission of duly filled in applications at district armed services boards is March 20.

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

**Conference on Architecture:** A conference on the Aga Khan Award for Architecture has been arranged. Venue: The Winter Garden, Sheraton Hotel. Time: 4 pm.

**Film Show:** 'Sergei Banderchuk Film Club' and Dhaka Film Club have jointly organised a film show in retrospective of Zahir Raihan, Alamgir Kabir and Sadhan Roy. Film Paribita by Alamgir Kabir will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Gulshan Welfare Society:** The annual general meeting of the Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara Welfare Society will be held. Venue: Gulshan Club, Time: 7 pm.

**Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sheraton hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani hotel. Time: 5 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Central:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: RVC Baghia, Konabari, Gazipur. Time: 1 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dilkusha:** An intra-city meeting on group study exchange, jointly organised by the Rotary Clubs of Dilkusha Dhaka North and Dhaka Mid City will be held. Venue: Purbani hotel. Time: 5 pm.

**Lions Clubs International:** The Lions Club of Magnet will distribute certificates to the officers of the BCS Customs and Excise. Venue: Hotel Rajmoni Ishakhan. Time: 4 pm.

### WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION (W.V.A)

উইমেন্স ভলান্টিয়ারী এসোসিয়েশন, (ডব্লিউ.ভি.এ) Fund Raising Committee

### W. V. A. Meena Bazar-1996

(For the benefit of underprivileged and disabled children) 19 January — Friday From 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The Meenabazar will have international and other stalls. Entry Cards are available at the following:

Video Connection, Gulshan, Aarong-Banani, Aarong-Mirpur Road, W.V.A. Office at 405/A, Rd-27 (old), Dhanmondi and at the venue on 19 January.

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### Architectural seminar over

An international seminar on 'Future of the Past: Architectural Heritage of Dhaka' concluded at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday, reports UNB.

An exhibition, organised in this connection will continue till January 16 at the BUET.

### Installation ceremony

The installation ceremony of the executive committee of the Dhaka Bar Association unit of Sampradayik Sampriti Parishad (Council for Communal Harmony) will be held at the Bar Association auditorium tomorrow at 3 pm, reports BSS.



Bangladesh Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding formation of a caretaker govt for holding the forthcoming JS polls. — Star photo

### ASCON V concludes

Participants of the fifth Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON V) here yesterday came out with a recommendation for collaboration among communities, NGOs and government was crucial for sustainable development in society, reports BSS.

The two-day conference, sponsored by the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), was attended by as many as 200 delegates at its Sasakawa international centre.

The participants said a new paradigm for the future health and development of the poor people throughout the world was emerging and it was already strengthening the process, underway in Bangladesh.

They said social science research at the grassroots level could document the effectiveness of efforts to promote health and wellbeing of the people particularly in the developing countries.

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### JU 1st yr classes from tomorrow

The 40th conference of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), scheduled to begin on January 17, was postponed temporarily due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was to open the four-day conference. The postponement was made according to the decision of the IEB's central council.

### WANTED

Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL) Owing company of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel invites applications for the following positions:

**Manager Finance : 1 (One)**  
Pay scale Tk. 10500-525-26750 (Basic 10500 + H. Rent 10500 + F. Medical 750 + Conveyance 700 = Total payable 22450)  
Requirements : The candidate must be a chartered accountant with minimum 05 (Five) years working experience in a reputed organization. Age limit 40 years.

**Accountant : 1 (One)**  
Pay scale : Tk. 6500-325-17250 (Basic 6500 + H. Rent 6500 + F. Medical 750 + Conveyance 700 = Total payable 14450)  
Requirements : The candidate must be M. Com in accounting with minimum 08 (Eight) years working experience in a reputed organization. Professional degree /qualifications will be treated as added qualification. Hotel accounting, auditing, preparing financial reports and budget will be preferred. Age limit 35 years.

**Additional Accountant : 1 (One)**  
Pay scale : Tk. 5500-275-14400 (Basic 5500 + H. Rent 5500 + F. Medical 750 + Conveyance 700 = Total payable 12450)  
Requirements : The candidate should preferably be M. Com with minimum 05 (Five) years working experience in a reputed organization. Professional degree /qualifications will be treated as added qualification. Age limit as years.

**Stenographer : 1 (One)**  
Pay scale : Tk. 2300-115-3450 (Basic 2300 + H. Rent 2300 + F. Medical 610 + Conveyance Allowance 590 = Total payable 5800)  
Requirements : The candidate must be a Graduate with 5 years working experience in a reputed organization. Minimum speed in shorthand of 80 words per minute and 45-50 words per minute in typing, both English and Bengali. Completed Computer Course like Lotus, Word perfect, (Windows) etc. With good command over English. Age limit 35.

**Office Messenger : 1 (One)**  
Pay scale : Tk. 1000-50-1500 (Basic 1000 + H. Rent 1000 + F. Medical 610 + Conveyance 590 = Total payable 3200)  
Requirements : The candidate should preferably SSC with minimum 10 (Ten) years working experience in a reputed organization.

Applications in plain paper along with full Bio-Data, two copies of recent passport size colored photographs and copies of certificates/Testimonials must reach the secretary, Bangladesh Services Limited, 1 Minto road, Dhaka-1000, latest by January 31, 1996.

(Md Fazur Rahman) Secretary

### ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগ

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