

Dhaka Day by Day

What Next at Bangabazar?

by Gemini Wahhaj

Bangabazar is back in business. All roads leading to the market are jammed with traffic. Newspaper headlines had just begun screaming. But then at about mid night Monday we were woken up by screaming sirens. Bangabazar is on fire again.

The bazar had reopened with a bang just in time for Eid, it not winter shopping. Foreigners and returnees from abroad crammed the place trying on turtle necks and summer pajamas with equal glee. The lights shone more brightly than ever before, and shopkeepers called excitedly at every potential customer. There was a festive air about the place.

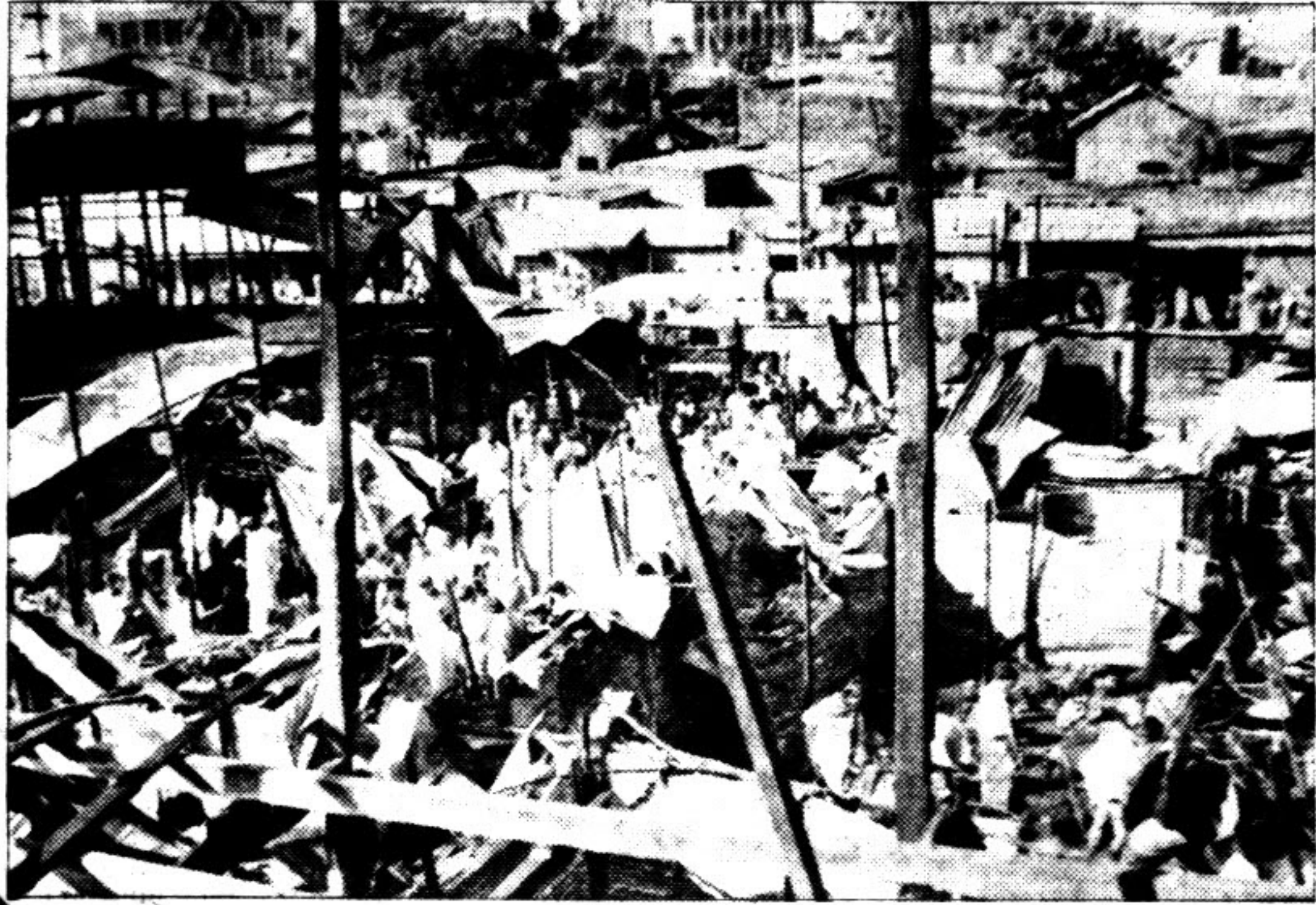
Winter overcoats, jeans, turtle necks, sweaters, and flannel gowns — they were all there. But there was also a lot of summer stock in those shops that had already lost their winter clothes in the last fire. "We lost 15 lakh taka worth of goods," one shopkeeper told us.

A precocious little boy at another shop pointed to flannel nightgowns. "We had

many more of those," said he. "We lost them all in the fire." "Were there lots of damages?" we asked. At this, he embarked on a long story about his uncle whose whole factory was ablaze with all his goods. "So he climbed upstairs with all the clothes. He wouldn't come down because he said why live when he had lost everything. Then, with a lot of difficulty, we managed to get him down."

There were ready-made stories at every corner, at every shop, just waiting for a journalistic swoop. Anyone can grin at the possibilities of fantastic tales of human drama. Bargaining had lost its usual flavor. Just a 20 taka difference in profit didn't mean much anymore. We didn't spend more than a minute on prices at any shop.

Today, the roads leading to Bangabazar are crowded again, with thousands of people. The market, as can be seen from outside, stands black and charred. Again. Had you spoken to the shopkeepers, heard their tales, and seen their faces, you would have had to ask, "Why did this happen?" Why?



CAA environment week begins

The Environment Development Week '96 organised by the ZIA Unit Welfare Committee of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) began in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Wing Commander M Abu Jafar Chowdhury, director of the Zia International Airport (ZIA) inaugurated the programme. M Azizur Rahman Molla, general secretary of the welfare committee spoke on the occasion.

Bandhan's publicity campaign

Bandhan, a voluntary blood donation organisation, will launch a month-long publicity campaign today, reports UNB.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the programme as the chief guest.

Sultana Nahar will attend the foundation as the special guest.

Weather

Weather to remain dry

Weather is likely to remain dry across the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says no appreciable change in night temperature is expected over the country.

In its outlook for the next two days, Met Office forecast gradual rise in night temperature. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen predicted little change.

The country's lowest temperature 5.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishwardi and the highest 26.5 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 5:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	min	max	morning	evening
Dhaka	09.0	25.6	70	63
Chittagong	11.2	25.0	67	59
Rajshahi	06.3	24.4	70	52



Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed addressing a party rally in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Obituary

Delwar Hossain, a retired district Registrar, died at a city clinic Saturday. He was 85, says a press release. He left behind five sons, four daughters.

Delwar was a former athletic secretary of DUCSU. He was honoured with university Blue. He was also the captain of DU football team.

He was buried at his village Naikuthi of Jhalakathi.

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: News Editor of the Daily Commercial Times Mukul Sharma died of cardiac arrest here last night, family sources said. He was 57, reports BSS.

Sharma left behind his wife, three sons and one daughter.

Sharma worked in different English dailies including the Eastern Examiner, the Unit, the Eastern Times, Peoples View, and Daily Life.

His body was taken to his village for cremation.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Chittagong Press Club, Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and Chittagong Journalists Cooperative Housing Society mourned the death of Sharma and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

A condolence meeting under the auspices of the Chittagong Press Club and CUJ will be held at the press club here tomorrow.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina exchanging views with journalists at the party's Bangabandhu Avenue office yesterday. — Star photo

PM takes iftar with Ansars

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia took her iftar yesterday with the members of the BDR, police, Ansars and VDP at the Ansar headquarters in the city, reports BSS.

Irrigation Minister Majidul Huq, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Housing and Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia, State Minister for Women and Children's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman, State Minister for Textiles M A Mannan and high civil and military officials also attended the iftar.

On her arrival at the venue, the Prime Minister was received by Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and chiefs of the BDR, Police and Ansars and VDP.

What's on today . . .

Film show: The film *Kacher Dewal* by Zahir Rathan will be screened. Venue: Russian Culture Centre. Time: 3 pm.

Commemorative meet: The meet will mark the eight death anniversary of artist Hamidur Rahman. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Time: 12 pm.

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Shilpakala Academy: The body will organise a discussion meet marking the eighth death anniversary of artist Kamrul Hasan. Venue: Shilpakala Academy seminar room. Time: 4 pm. Chief guest: Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin.

Environmental camp: The Environmental and Social Development Organization (ESDO) will organise the camp. Venue: Botanical Garden, Mirpur. Time: 8:50 am.

World Wetlands Day: The Nature Conservation Movement will organise a discussion meet in this connection. Venue: Community Development Library, Dhanmondi. Time: 3 pm.

Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited

BSEC Bhaban, 5th Floor
102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka
Tel: 815883-5

Sale of Ordinary Shares

Offers are hereby invited by SABINCO for sale of its 79,750 ordinary shares of Tulip Dairy and Food Products Limited as going concern having per day production capacity of about — 5000 ltrs fresh milk, 100 kgs butter, 6000 cups yoghurt, 4500 cups of yoghurt drink, 100 kgs soft cheese, 250 ltrs flavoured milk, 20000 cups fruit drink and 100 kgs ghee (butter oil) located at Chandura, Kaliaokir, Gazipur, Bangladesh.

Intending buyers may please submit their offers in sealed cover to the above address on or before 29 February 1996 (up to 11-30 AM). A schedule containing details of capital structure, liabilities, assets and other aspects of Tulip Dairy and Food Products Limited are available with SABINCO at its above address for delivery to the intending offerers. All offers must be submitted to SABINCO on or before the date mentioned above accompanied with refundable Bank Draft/Pay Order for the price quoted for shares drawn in favour of Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited and payable at Dhaka. The offers will be opened in presence of the bidders (if remains present at that time) at 12.00 Noon on the same date i.e. 29 February 1996.

SABINCO reserves the right to reject/accept any or all the offers in full or part without assigning any reasons thereof and without incurring any liability/obligation whatsoever. D-128

WANTED

Impress Leather Process Ltd, a project taken over by Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Ltd (SABINCO), intends to fill up the following vacancies:

- General Manager — 1**
Has to hold a post graduate degree having minimum 15 years experience in the field of International marketing and international procurement and general administration.
- Accounts Officer — 1**
Has to hold a post graduate degree in Commerce having minimum 5 years experience as Accountant in any commercial or industrial enterprise.
- Commercial Officer — 1**
Has to be at least graduate with 5 years experience in handling international procurement and marketing preferably in the leather sector. Experience in handling import and export documents is a must.

Salary and other benefits are negotiable. Intending candidates are advised to apply to the Director-in-Charge, Impress Leather Process Ltd, C/o. SABINCO, P O Box No. 4175, Dhaka by 15 February 1996. D-129

Export Promotion Bureau
Textiles Cell
111-113, Motijheel C/A
Dhaka
No. EPB/Tex/Fra/Allot/39/96 Dated: 10-10-1402BS 23-01-96

NOTICE

Applications are invited from all apparel manufacturing & exporting firms registered with Textiles cell up to June 1996 for import under US & Canadian all quota categories during 1996 quota year and allotment under free quota in local textiles.

- Applications in Textiles Cell prescribed form will be received up to 15th February 1996.
- Application for maximum eight categories should be made in the same application form.
- Applications for import & local textiles should be made in separate forms.
- Application form can be collected from the counter of Textiles cell during office hours. Applications will be received at the counter of Textiles Cell every day during office hours up to 15-20-96.
- Application form should be properly filled in & signed before submission.
- Incomplete applications will be treated as cancelled.
- The authority reserves the right to reject any applications without assigning any reason.

DFP-2052-27/1 A K M Fazlur Rahman Deputy Director



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Reckitt & Colman Bangladesh Limited, a fast growing British Multinational Company engaged in manufacturing and marketing well known international brand names of household and pharmaceutical products, invite applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of:

ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER

To be based in the head office in Chittagong, the successful candidate will be responsible for Sales and Distribution functions reporting directly to the Manager Sales & Marketing.

The incumbent will be responsible for developing and implementing sales activities of the company and managing sales budgets. He should have at least five years of experience in the Sales / Marketing field at management level preferably in the consumer product industry.

The ideal candidate should have a Master's degree, preferably an MBA from a reputed university. Age should not exceed 35 years. Language fluency in English and computer literacy in Lotus 123, Word Perfect are essential. He should be self motivated, result driven and able to work with people at all levels.

Remuneration will be attractive and commensurate with qualification and experience.

Interested candidates are invited to send in their CV, including details of work experience, qualification, present salary and a recent photograph on or before February 15th, 1996, to:

The Managing Director
Reckitt & Colman Bangladesh Limited
P.O. Box 515
Chittagong-4000.



NOTICE

AUSTRALIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AusAID) : AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION SCHOLARSHIPS (ADCOS) 1997 INTAKE

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi tribal and non-tribal students to study under the Australian Development Cooperation Scholarship (ADCOS) scheme at undergraduate and postgraduate level in Australia.

2. Total No of Scholarships : 18

Undergraduate 6

Tribal (Male) 1
Tribal (Female) 1

General (Male) 2
General (Female) 2

Postgraduate 12

Tribal (Male) 2
Tribal (Female) 2
General (Male) 4
General (Female) 4

3. Fields of Study Available

Undergraduate level :

- Agricultural Science and Farm Management
- Engineering (Civil/Mining/Electrical)
- Environmental Studies
- Economics
- Computer Studies
- Accounting
- Business Studies/ Business Administration

Post-graduate level :

- Public Health (including Community Nutrition, Public Health Care etc)
- Demography
- Development Economics
- Agricultural Science (Farm Management/ Water Resources/ Irrigation Planning)
- Public Administration
- Engineering (Civil/Mining)
- Environmental Studies
- Marine Science
- Computer Science
- Business Studies
- Community Development

4. Candidates fulfilling the following conditions may apply:

a) Tribal candidates must submit Certificates of tribal descent duly signed by the respective Deputy Commissioner

b) Age : Applicants for undergraduate study should not exceed 25 years of age on 1 January 1997 and applicants for postgraduate study should not exceed 40 years of age on 1 January 1997.

c) Minimum Qualification:

i) Undergraduate :
Tribal Candidates: No third division in SSC and HSC results (or O/A level equivalent).

General Candidates :
Two first divisions in SSC and HSC results (O/A Level equivalent)

ii) Postgraduate :

Tribal Candidates : No third class in SSC/HSC/ Undergraduate/ postgraduate results (or equivalent). Minimum four years undergraduate/ postgraduate results (or equivalent). Minimum four years undergraduate or combined undergraduate /postgraduate course (s) passed.

General Candidates :
Minimum two first classes and no third class in SSC /HSC/undergraduate/ postgraduate results (or equivalent). Minimum four years undergraduate or combined undergraduate/ postgraduate course (s) passed.

5. Candidates fulfilling the above conditions may apply in English on plain paper (two sets) along with Bio-data, passport size photograph, copies of all certificates and marksheet (duly attested). Bio-data must contain (a) Name (b) Father's Name (c) Present Address and Phone Number (d) Permanent Address and Phone Number (e) Certified Educational Qualifications including (i) Name of Examination (ii) Board/University (iii) Year of passing (iv) Division/Class (v) Total Marks with percentage.

Candidates may only select one (1) field of study. The proposed subject of study should be clearly indicated in capital letters on the top on the Bio-data. Candidates must submit a separate statement, in English and typewritten, stating why they have selected this field of study. In particular candidates should outline how the proposed field of study will benefit them on return to Bangladesh. Candidates should be aware that English language proficiency will be taken into account in the selection process.

6. Applications must be placed in an envelope and delivered to the gate of the Australian High Commission (AHC), 184 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan, Dhaka or may be sent by post.

The last date for submitting the plain paper application is 17 February 1996. No applications received after this date will be considered.

Candidates must write "ADCOS 1997" on the top of the envelope. Envelopes should be addressed to the "First Secretary, AusAID".

7. Those who submit fake documents or make false statements will be automatically eliminated.

8. Candidates who are in service should apply through the proper channels.

9. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

10. Candidates who are already selected for any other scholarships will not be considered.

11. The decision of the AHC shall be final.

12. THE AHC WILL CONTACT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS ONLY. APPLICANTS SHOULD NOT/NOT CONTACT THE AHC REGARDING THE STATUS OF THEIR APPLICATION. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE ADVISED BY 15 APRIL 1996. IF APPLICANTS ARE NOT ADVISED BY THIS DATE, THEIR APPLICATION HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.