

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Listomaniacs All Around

by Tulip Chowdhury

In these busy world when life seems to be wheezing past, listomaniacs abound all around. Yes, everyone makes lists. The men or women on the street, the leading magazines, the newspaper syndicates, the heads of the family, the heads of the government. They all make list at one or the other time.

Lists are nothing new. They are as old as written history. Even when Moses descended he had a list — the 10 Commandments.

Indeed, we have always been incorrigible list makers. In times of celebrations we make lists of activities to enhance them and in times of crisis we list down means to overcome them. Perhaps there is not a single man or woman who had lived such lifeless life and never uttered, "I'll make a list."

A woman when she conceives a baby starts making a list of "do's and don'ts" during her pregnancy. The baby, after it is born, in course of time makes lists of things wanted most or wanted least. And growing into its adulthood it makes lists of lifesaving matters. If the babies are more competitive, thoughtful or crazy, they will graduate to making lists of 10 best friends, 10 worst enemies, 10 celebrities they have met, 10 best books they have read, 10 best cinemas they have seen.

Throughout history, well-known people had made out shopping lists or kept expense lists in ledgers. Though few shopping lists have survived, few expense ledgers have proved less perishable. In 1601 Shakespeare delivered his play Hamlet in which Polonius offers his son Laertes a list of his

pragmatic rules to live by: "Beware of entrance to quarrel... Neither a borrower or a lender be... This above all: to thine own self be true."

In our times we make shopping lists first before we step into the market, we make guest lists for entertainment, we make lists of things to remember. We make innumerable lists for home and outside. When we visit doctors we stare at the long list of waiting patients. When you are late for office the boss shouts at his secretary.

"Make a list of the late comers."

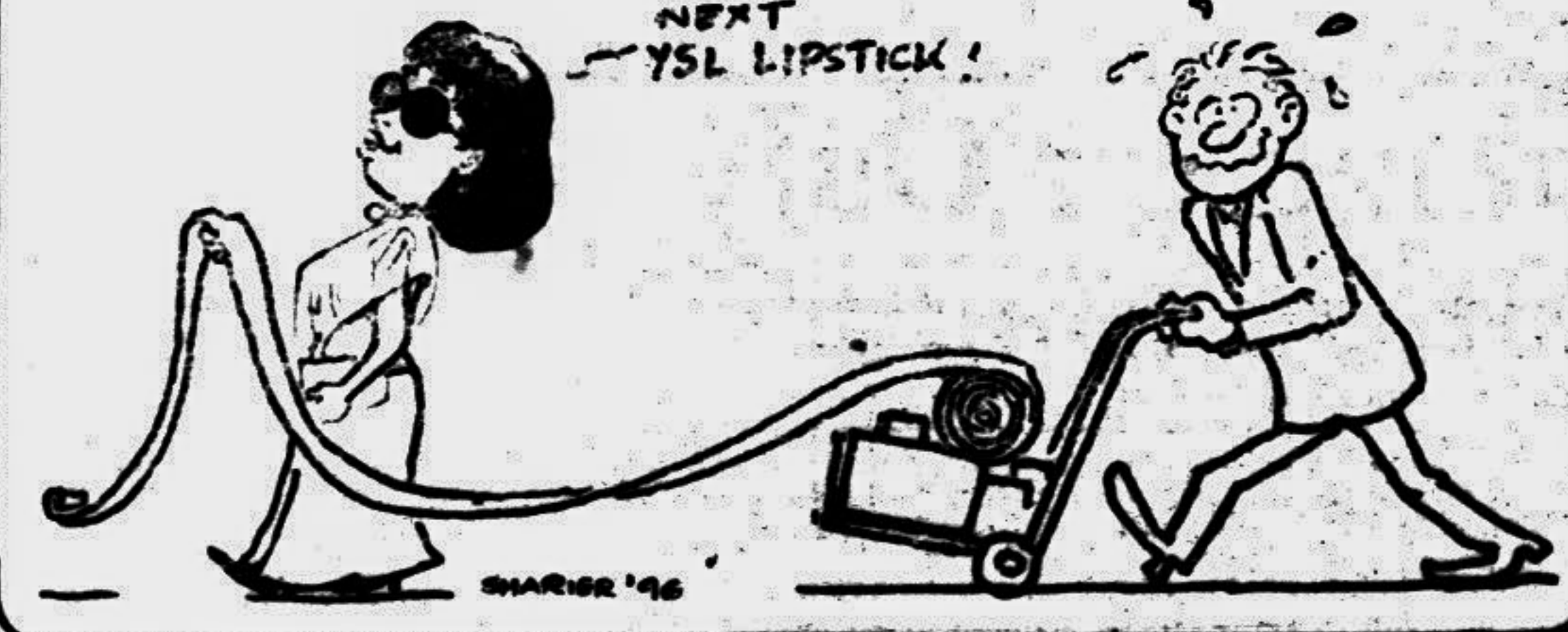
And you yourself start making a mental list of the many things which are responsible for your delay: the traffic jam, the electricity failure, the rickshaw, hartal etc.

If you want to get your children admitted into a good school, you have to list down their names in a long "seeking admission list."

In this whirling world lists are a way of life. A simple list is easy to read, understand and remember. A simple list can divert and inform and educate. A simple list draws us into intellectual involvement to extend it or to improve upon it.

So let's face it. We are listomaniacs in our lives to some extent. A few days back the Election Commission had the voters list made. In this time of political turmoil while we Dhakaites make list of hartals, vehicles damaged, political meetings and rallies, we also fervently hope that the government and the opposition will settle their lists of differences and let the nation have some peace.

Pragmatic rules to live by: "Beware of entrance to quarrel... Neither a borrower or a lender be... This above all: to thine own self be true."



### New front formed

A new election alliance styled United Front emerged yesterday combining the Bangladesh Jatiya League and the Jatiyatabadi Ganotantrik Dal, reports UNB.

A decision to form the front was taken at a joint meeting of the two parties.

The Jatiya League is contesting in 23 seats and the Jatiyatabadi Ganotantrik Dal in two seats in the parliament election.

### Police action at JN Hall slated

Muktijuddher Chetona Bastobayan O Ekattorer Gatak Dalaj Nirmlu Jatiya Samanaya Committee at a meeting held in the city yesterday condemned the recent police action at Jagannath Hall, says a press release.

The meeting was addressed by Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Prof. Ahmed Chowdhury, Shahtier Kabir and Nasiruddin Sayed. Hassan Imann presided.

### NDF blasts govt. opposition

The National Democratic Front yesterday blamed both the ruling and the opposition parties for playing with the lives of the people to fulfil their political interest, reports UNB.

"Our front neither supports the forthcoming election nor the opposition's demand for polls under a caretaker government," president of the organisation M A Karim said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.



The Sampradaye Sampriti Parishad brought out a silent procession in the city yesterday deploring police action on students at the Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University. — Star photo

### World Book Fair begins in Delhi Dhaka demands access to Indian market

Bangladesh yesterday strongly pleaded for wider access of her books to the Indian market.

Ms Selina Hossain, a noted writer of country, made this demand while speaking at the inaugural session of the nine-day World Book Fair at the Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, reports BSS.

Ms Hossain, a senior official of the Bangla Academy, recalled the Language Movement and its contributions to the establishment of Bangla as the state language of Bangladesh. She referred to the annual month-long Book Fair held in commemoration of February 21.

The fair inaugurated by Pakistani poet Dr Ahmed Faraz, was addressed by chairman of the National Book Trust (NBT) Prof Sukumar Azhicoe, director of NBT Arbind Kumar and Prof. Dhuswan Sayami of the Royal Nepal Academy.

A 10-member Bangladesh team is participating in the fair, organised by the NBT.

Poet Faraz stressed the need for use of books and knowledge in the promotion of peace and harmony. He strongly opposed any type of censorship and said it was upto the people to accept or reject whether a book was holy or not.

Describing books as messengers of peace he said, "Knowledge cannot be kept confined within the territorial boundary of any country."

Meanwhile, the Bangladeshi delegation which includes writers, Prof Waki Ahmed and poet Al-Mahmud are expected to participate in different programmes including seminars and workshops on different aspects of the promotion of readership of books and publication industries.

Bangladesh will put on display a good number of books covering different subjects.

The focus of this year's fair which is participated by 50 countries is on South Asia.

### Weather

#### Dry weather forecast

Prevailing dry weather is likely to continue across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office says, no appreciable change in night temperature is expected throughout the country.

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

The sun sets today at 5:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:38 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	11.8	29.2	75	52
Chittagong	13.5	28.4	71	52
Rajshahi	12.2	27.2	89	54
Khulna	11.8	28.2	88	70
Barsal	12.5	28.0	84	78

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Road Division, Khulna

#### (R&H), Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No 24-year 1995-96, Khulna Road Division, Khulna.

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under lac sealed cover are invited from Roads & Highways Directorate enlisted contractors/firms as per financial capacity of their respective licence for the undermentioned works under Road Division, Khulna during 1995-96 financial year.

Group No	Name of work	Estimated cost		Time limit for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor to submit tender	Remarks
		Tk	Tk			
1 (One)	Reconstruction by raising the damaged pavement at 14th (P) & 15th (P) kilometer of Gallamari-Batiaghata-Dakope Road under Khulna Road Division during 1995-96 financial year.	17,88,884/-	35,778/-	60 (sixty) days	'A' to 'D' general class	Separate tender & separate earnest money should be submitted for each group
2 (Two)	Earth work at 13th (P) & 14th (P) kilometer of Batiaghata-Baroaria Road under Khulna Road Division during 1995-96 financial year.	12,50,812/-	25,016/-	40 (forty) days	-do-	-do-

2. Last date & time of receiving tender : 11.2.96 up to 12.30 minutes.

3. Place, date & time of opening tender : At the office of the undersigned on 12.2.96 at 11.00 AM.

4. Name of the officers to receive tender :

a) Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Khulna Zone, Khulna.

b) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.

c) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Jessore.

d) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Khulna.

e) Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Saktkhira/Bagerhat.

f) Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Khulna.

5. Name of offices where detailed description of tender and terms & conditions will be available on all working days except on Friday & Govt holiday. No tender will be sold on the day of opening.

6. Head of expenditure : 266-Revenue Account excluded.

7. Place, date & time of lottery (where applicable) : To be held at the office chamber of the undersigned on 15.2.96 at 11.00 AM.

Quantity of work & estimated cost may increase or decrease as per approval, which will be amended at the time of submitting formal tender.

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Kazi Golam Mostafa  
Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Road Division, Khulna

### Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority

141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.

#### Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for filling in the undermentioned post:

Sl No	Name of post	Pay scale & Non-refundable Postal Order to be deposited	Age on 31.01.96	Educational qualification & experience
01.	Joint-Director (Accounts) 1 (one) No	7100-200-6700/- Postal Order of Tk 100/- (one hundred) only	35 to 45 years	1. Postgraduate degree in Commerce. 2. 14 years experience in 1st class post in relevant field at Govt/autonomous organisation of which 3 years should be in the pay scale of Tk 6300-850/-

2. The following information should be stated in typewritten or handwritten application in plain paper addressed to the Secretary, BIWTA Authority, BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 by 15-2-96—(a) Name of post applied for, (b) full name of the applicant, (c) father's/husband's name, (d) present address, (e) permanent address, (f) date of birth (g) educational qualification, (h) experience.

3. The undermentioned papers should be attached with the application : (a) attested photocopy of all educational qualification & experience certificate, (b) three copies passport size attested photographs (recent), (c) crossed Postal Order of Tk 100/- (one hundred) only in favour of BIWTA, (d) one postage stamp affixed applicant's self-addressed reply envelope, and (e) one certificate from Union Council chairman or 1st class officer stating district of domicile of the applicant.

4. Application will be received at the above address up to 15.02.96. No application received late will be considered.

Candidates in service should apply through proper channel.

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Md Fasihur Rahman  
Secretary

### Release of man held for stripping office-goer during hartal ordered

By SC Correspondent

The High Court Division Friday declared the detention of Md Alam, who was arrested on allegations of stripping an office-goer during the hartal on September 16 last, illegal.

A division bench of the HC comprising Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and Justice Md Fazlul Karim in a verdict also ordered his release if he is not wanted in any other case.

Alam was served an order of 120 days' detention on September 17. But he was first produced before the court on September 19, though its a mandatory provision of law to produce any accused before the court within 24 hours of the arrest.

Challenging the detention of Alam, Md. Manjur Alam filed a habeas corpus writ which was disposed of yesterday.

Advocate Nurul Islam Sujan assisted by Advocate Rabul Alam and Roza Naharim moved for Alam. While Assistant Attorney General Matul Islam represented the government.

### Biswas, Khaleda greet Chandrika

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated the President of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, on the occasion of the national day of her country. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted her, reports BSS.

In a message Biswas expressed his confidence that the existing, "friendly relations between our two countries will be further strengthened" in the years ahead. In her message Khaleda Zia also wished the same.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

We are a leading international bank looking out to recruit young Bangladeshi nationals of high calibre and outstanding ability in the following management positions:

#### ANALYST PROGRAMMER

The incumbent must possess a Masters or equivalent degree in Computer Science, other Science disciplines, Business Administration with orientation to Information Systems or Engineering with at least two first divisions/classes.

The candidate must have at least three years' experience in programming with FOXPRO/CLIPPER, COBOL, BASIC and C/C++, and adequate knowledge of supporting/troubleshooting PC and PC-LAN environment. Experience in communications would be an added advantage.

#### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The incumbent must possess a Masters or equivalent degree in Computer Science/Engineering or other Science disciplines with orientation to Communications with at least two first divisions/classes.

The candidate must have at least three years' experience in communications and computer inter-networking and adequate knowledge of supporting/troubleshooting routers, modems etc. Experience in programming with CLIPPER and C would be an added advantage.

For highly experienced candidates, academic qualifications may be relaxed.

The successful candidates for the above positions will be required to study independently and understand the objectives and functioning of the existing Information Technology infrastructure and thereby support the same and also to design, develop and implement IT systems to satisfy the growing business needs. Demonstrated ability to work under pressure to meet deadlines, together with strong organisational and human relations skills are essential.

Both the positions carry excellent prospects for personal development and career advancement. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer a highly competitive remuneration package.

Candidates interested in a banking career and have the zeal to work in a competitive environment, should apply with a resume, a recent passport size photograph and names and addresses of two referees to GPO Box No. 502, Dhaka-1000.

The last date for receiving applications is February 15, 1996. Applications should be addressed to Manager Human Resources and marked with the name of the position applied for.

The bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application without notifying any reason whatsoever.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests

Ban Bhaban, Gulshan, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Tender Memorandum No. 23/CF/CGP/95-96 Date: 27-1-96

#### Tender Notice

Tenders are hereby invited from importers/agents/dealers/suppliers in sealed envelope for purchasing goods mentioned in the Short schedule below:

SL No	Name of Goods with Quantity	Short Description	Amount of Earnest Money	Place of Delivery	Time allowed for completion of the supply
1.	Jeep 2 (Two) Nos	Completely New, Latest Model, 1600-4000 CC Petrol, 4WD, 4-6 Cylinder 5 Doors and other facilities if any	2.50% of the quoted money	Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka	20 days from the date for work order

Under Coastal Green Belt Project Financed by ADB (Credit No. 1353 BAN SF) as per detail schedule of requirement and specifications embodied in the relevant tender document.

2. Tenders will be received in the name of undersigned on 19-02-96 till 12 Noon at the office of the Assistant Chief Conservator of Forests (General) and on the same day the tenders will be opened in the presence of tenderer (if any one remain present) at 12.30.

3. Name of work, tender memorandum number and date have to be mentioned on the envelope while submitting the tender.

4. Details about the tender i.e. the Tender Document with schedule of requirement specification, instructions, general conditions etc. can be collected on payment of a non-refundable price of Taka 1000/- only from the office of the undersigned up to 17-02-96 during office hours except Fridays and other Government Holidays.

Masud Bazle Kader  
Asstt. Chief Conservator of Forests (General)  
for Chief Conservator of Forests  
Bangladesh

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### Incident at Sonargaon Hotel condemned

The Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry Friday condemned the recent incident at Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel, reports UNB.

Jahangir Bin Alam, secretary of the chamber said, "This has tarnished the image of the country considerably and will act as yet another factor that will discourage prospective foreign investment."

### Tender Notice

7/1995-96

Construction of Retired Sea-Dyke Embankment from Km. 6.70 to 9.00-1.30 Km. in Polder No. 41/5 under 163 IDFC Juring 1995-96 (2 Nos. Reach)

1. Tender Notice No

2. Name of Work

3. Estimated Cost

4. Earnest Money

5. Date & time of the receiving and opening the tender

6. Eligibility of the contractor

7. Name and address of the office where tender documents and other information will be available

8. Name and address of the Advertiser

The estimated cost of each reach of Tk. 12,52,112/- and Tk. 12,12,731/- respectively.

2.5% (Two and half) per cent of the estimated cost as normal earnest money and 1% (one) per cent of estimated as token earnest money to be submitted by the FD holders with the tender with each reach as mentioned in the tender notice.

Tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka, Executive Engineer, Barisal O&M Divn. WDB, Barisal/Patakhali from 10.2.96 to 11.2.96 and upto 12.00 Noon on 12.2.96 and the same will be opened by the respective officers on 12.2.96 at 12.30 PM in presence of the intending tenderers.

A & B class contractor of BWDB.

Office of the undersigned as well as from the Office of the Deputy Director/RAE Chief, Regional Accounting Centre, WDB, Patakhali, Manager, Sonali Bank WAPDA Colony, Barisal, Manager, Sonali Bank WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka, Manager, Janata Bank, Croke Branch, Barguna upto 11.2.96.

Md. Haroon-or-Rashed Bhuiya  
Executive Engineer  
Barguna O&M Division  
WDB, Barguna

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