Dhaka Day by Day

Business under Bus Shed

by Tanya Mahnaz Huq

Living in a place like Dhaka, one comes to see many different sights — some weird, some wonderful, some funny, and some of which are just plain ugly. In fact, being a Dhakaite, one gets so used to these things that one hardly gives them a second glance. But looking at Dhaka through a foreigner's eyes (preferably one from a Western country) would be like looking at the scenes of 'Ripley's. Believe it or not 'such are the weird and crazy things that go on happening here. If one starts the list, needless to say it would take up the entire space in the column and much more.

Some of these interesting sights that have been seen in different parts of the city are the BRTC bus 'sheds' or stops which are being taken over by a group of people for their own purposes. These sheds were constructed at bus stops of every important road of the city. Though their original purpose was for the people to wait under them for the buses, it seems that this is the last thing they are used for. Even though buses are supposed to arrive and pick up passengers from these stops, funnily they never seem to do so. Nowadays, the only places they seem to pick up and drop passengers, are right in the middle of the streets. And these bus sheds have been taken over by shop-keepers of almost all varieties. From flower shops to pharmacy, from newspaper to fast food are all housed in the little space under the sheds. Under almost every bus shed one can see a "mini-shop" doing brisk business. In some of these, a small corner was originally meant for opening a shop but later on the entire space has been taken over, leaving hardly any place for the passengers to wait for a bus, or protect them against rain and scorching heat — both of which are abundant here.

And these people who have started their businesses here must be paying some sort of a rent to someone. Who are they paying this rent to? Most of them when asked are not willing to talk about it. So it makes one wonder if there is anything shady going on. Is there any place left for the passengers after all? Have we all forgotten the original purpose of building these things? Jumping up and down from a bus into the streets is extremely dangerous but like most other things in Dhaka, no one seems to care or do anything about it.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina distributing new clothes among the destitute children at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Hasina gives away new clothes among poor children

Bangladesh Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday distributed new clothes among the destitute children and street urchins on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

The poor children were extremely happy when Sheikh Hasina distributed the clothes at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

Awami League leaders Zillur Rahman, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya Bir Bikram, Akhtarul Alam, Salahuddin Badal, Habibur Rahman Habib and president of Bastuhara Samity Lutfar Rahman were present on the occasion.

Tk 1.54 cr grant for Khulna fire victims

KHULNA, Feb 17: A non-government organisation (NGO) today granted Tk 1.54 crore for rehabilitation of the people affected by Friday's devastating fire in a city slum, reports UNB.

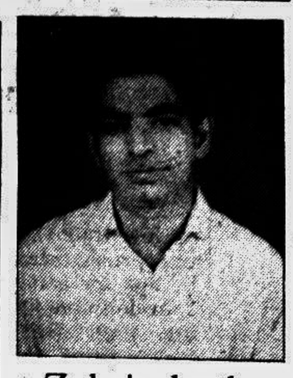
The NGO, Christian Service Society (CSS), announced the grant at a high-level meeting here on Saturday.

The grant includes Tk 24 lakh for reconstruction of the slum and Tk 1.30 crore for self-employment of the slum-dwellers.

The meeting was attended by Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, Khulna City Corporation Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, Divisional Commissioner Nazmul Alam Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner Mujibur Rahman and CSS representatives.

Some 2,500 huts were gutted in the fire rendering 14,000 people homeless. The extent of damage was estimated at Tk five crore.

The affected people have been given shelter in four schools in the city.



Zoha's death anniversary today

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Feb 17: The 27th death anniversary of *Shaheed* Dr Shamsuzzoha will be observed here tomorrow.

Dr Zoha the then proctor and an associate professor of Chemistry Department of the university was killed by the Pakistani Army on February 18, 1969 on the campus.

Dr Zoha received bullet injury while he was trying to protect the agitating students who were protesting against the Ayub regime.

Rajshahi University (RU) authority have chalked out elaborate programme to observe the day popularly known as the teachers' day. Black flags will be hoisted atop the administrative building and all residential halls. Other programmes include placing of wreaths at Zoha's Memorial Plaque mazar and feeding of destitute.

The Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) will organise a memorial discussion at Dr Zoha's mazar premises. The Rajshahi University Officers' Association (RUOA) will also hold a separate discussion meeting at its office in the morning. The RU Shaheed Smrity Sangrashala will remain open from 7 am to 5 pm for visitors on this occasion.

Call to boycott *Ekushey Padak* award ceremony

By Staff Correspondent

Fifty-nine intellectuals of the country in a joint statement have appealed to the Ekushey Award winners of 1995 to boycott the award giving ceremony tomorrow.

The patriotic and democratic-minded people can never associate themselves with a government which, for its autocratic attitude, has already been rejected by the people, the statement added.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is scheduled to hand over the awards at a ceremony to be held at the Osmani Memorial auditorium tomorrow.

"The February 15 election will remain as a black chapter in the history of our elections as the government failed to conduct a free and fair polls according to the demand of the people," said the statement.

Condemning the February 15 election, the intellectuals in their statement said, "The government has lost its political and moral legitimacy to govern the state as the people have boycotted the election and expressed their no-confidence in it."

The signatories to the statement are: Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Dr Neelima Ibrahim, poet Shamsur Rahman, Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, Syed Shamsul Huq, advocate Gaziul Huq, Syed Hasan Imam, Dr Rafiqul Islam, Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman, Santosh Gupta, Quiyyum Chowdhury, Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, Dr Harun-or-Rashid, Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof Borhan Uddin Khan Jahangir, Prof A T M Zahurul Huq, Dr A A M S Arefin Siddique, Hashem Khan, Dr Muntashir Mamun, M R Akhtar Mukul, Nirmalendu Goon, Mahadev Shaha, Laila Hasan, Jamal Uddin Hossain, Ramendu Majumdar, Rabiul Hussain, Jamil Chowdhury, Rafiq Azad, Prof M Aminul Islam, Justice Devesh Bhattacharya, Prof K A Saaduddin, prof A B M Khaled, Prof M Aminul Islam, Ali Aksad, Wahidul Haq, Kamal Lohani, Ajoy Roy, Prof Shamsul Huda Harun, Dr Mostafa Chowdhury, K G Mustafa, Rahat Khan, Bazlur Rahman, Ferdousi Majumdar, Dr Inamul Haq, Advocate Nazma Rahman, Advocate Shahida Begum, Lucky Inam, Dr M Akhtaruzzaman, A N Rasheda, Prof Shahadat Ali, Dr Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, Dr Helaluddin Khan Arefin, Dr Zerina Rahman Khan, Prof S M Imamul Haq, Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Prof Durgadas Bhattacharya and Dr Neelchandra Bhoumik.

BSD(K) demands fresh elections

Leaders of the Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) yesterday demanded fresh national polls under a neutral caretaker government for upholding the norms and values of democracy, reports BSS.

Addressing a public rally at Noor Hossain Square, BSD leaders also demanded national election free from the influence of "black money," "communal forces" and "terrorists".

Central committee convenor comrade Khalequzzaman and central committee member comrade Abdullah Sarker addressed the rally while Dhaka city coordinator Golam Mahmud presided.

THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL: With *Eid-ul-Fitr* only around the corner all the city's roads come to a virtual standstill. — Star photo

What's on today . . . .

Publication ceremony: The book *'Bangladesher Bivinna Samasyar Samadhan'* will be launched. Venue: VIP lounge, Jatiya Press Club. Time: 2:30 pm. Chief guest: Dr Kamal Hossain.

Birth anniversary of Ramakrishna: The four-day programme will mark the 161st birth anniversary of the saint. Venue: Ramakrishna Mission. Time: 12 noon.

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French film show: The film *'Les Granges Brulees'* will be screened. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

These persons were injured as a result of a clash between rival groups in Lalbagh yesterday. — Star photo

NAP (B) demands resignation of BNP government

The NAP (Bhashani), demanded resignation of the BNP government which it said has lost people's confidence and urged the President to initiate move immediately for constituting a representative government, reports UNB.

"The people expressed no-confidence in the present government by rejecting the so-called farcical election, "the Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP-Bhashani) said in a statement yesterday.

The statement was issued jointly by party president Alema Khatun Bhashani, the wife of late leader Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, executive president A K M Golam Kabir and secretary general Moslem Uddin Sarker.

They warned that the oppressed people would establish their rights through movement if powers are not transferred peacefully, and for that the government would be held responsible.

The NAP leaders congratulated the people on discarding the "one-party farcical" election through making the 48-hour hartal a success.

They also prayed for salvation of those killed during the anti-election campaign.

NAP also proposed a programme-based "Juktafront (united front)" under the leadership of honest and patriotic people at the initial stage of building an exploitation-free society.

Shib Mela begins

A two-day Shib *mela* begin in the holy place for Hindu pilgrims at Shib house in Ponabalia of the Jhalakathi district yesterday, reports UNB.

The devotees from different parts of the country are taking part in the *mela* which is organised every year on the occasion of Shib Choturdoshi.

BCL activist stabbed in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 17: An activist of the Bangladesh Chhatra League Tapan Chandra Paul, was stabbed allegedly by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) supporters in Jalalpur area of sadar thana last night.

As a sequel to the incident, the union BNP office was set on fire.

Meanwhile, Awami League and its front organisations brought out a procession protesting the attack on BCL activist.

They blamed the JCD for the incident, and demanded punishment those responsible for the attack.

Motor bike recovered

A squad of the Detective Branch yesterday recovered a stolen motor cycle and arrested two persons, reports BSS.

Police also recovered different types of keys used by them in stealing cars and motor bikes.

Besides, 43 persons were arrested by the Detective Branch and the thana police on various charges.

Obituary

Dr T M Kibria-ul-Khaleq, associate professor in sociology of Dhaka University, died of a heart attack at his university residence yesterday. He was 43, reports BSS

Dr Kibria-ul-Khaleq left behind his wife and two daughters.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at Dhaka University Mosque after Zhor prayers. He will be buried at the Shaheed Buddhijibi Graveyard at Mirpur in the afternoon.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Prevailing dry weather is likely to continue over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

The sun sets today at 5:55 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:30 am.

The country's highest temperature 30.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Teknaf and the lowest 10.8 degrees at Ishurdi.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.3	13.2	53	44
Chittagong	30.0	15.6	67	40
Rajshahi	29.0	12.0	73	50
Khulna	29.0	13.8	73	58
Barisal	29.1	13.6	69	61
Sylhet	28.0	13.1	83	44
Cox's Bazar	-	19.0	60	-

Buyers at a greetings card stall on the occasion of holy *Eid-ul-Fitr*. — Star photo

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Tender Invitation Notice

1.	Tender Notice No	: 132/94-95.
2.	Name of work	: Supply of furniture & crockeries for Dhaka liaison office-cum-rest house of Mongla Port Authority.
3.	Price of tender	: Taka 60.00 (sixty) only (non-refundable).
4.	Earnest money	: At the rate 2% of quoted value to be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft in favour of Mongla Port Authority.
5.	Class of contractors	: Bonafide manufacturer, local agent & supplier.
6.	Offices to sell & receive tender	: Office of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat & office of the Senior Finance Officer (Purchase), Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
7.	Last date of selling tender	: 23-03-96 up to office hours.
8.	Last date of submitting tender	: 24-03-96 up to 12-00 Noon.
9.	Date & time of opening tender	: 25-03-96 at 12-00 Noon.
10.	Place of opening tender	: Office of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer, Mongla, Bagerhat, to be opened before the tenderers (if any) present.
11.	Time limit of supply order	: Within 25 days of issuing work order.
12.	Other terms & conditions of tender	: Will be given in the tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender in part or whole or to reject without assigning any reason.

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