

Dhaka Day by Day

No Short-cut to Music

by Fayza Haq

The music teacher is as much or more an integral part of a family in Dhaka as the Maths or the English teacher. Tasty morsels of evening *nashata* are put aside for him. If coinciding appointments are made at the same time, the one with the music teacher is considered more important than, say, going shopping with a friend. Learning music is considered vital by some families who have a great drive for art and culture.

Ajoy Mitra, 29, from Pirojpur, who has just brought out his new cassette, is a music teacher. A teacher now for 10 years, Mitra makes as much Tk 8,000 to Tk 10,000 a month, teaching his pupils four days a week each. Talking about the problems that he faces in his job Mitra says, "My income is flexible and not anything stable. So, I cannot budget."

"Again, all students are not dedicated. I find it difficult to get the students to go through the long classical basic training. The students want to learn singing at the shortest possible time. Often they are not patient enough and wish to be in the public eye within a short time. Their aim is not to go deep into music but perform on TV or bring out a cassette," the teacher elaborates.

"Sometimes, the neighbours object when I am practising the scales or teaching," he adds. "There are my well-wishers, like my father, who discourage my career in music and feel that I should have some other profession other than music. They would prefer me to have a more stable job. However, I feel that if I had to go for a nine-to-five job I could not pursue a musical career of my own," he continues.

"There are times when I am not paid according to my expectations but what I usually get is enough for me, my wife and son," he adds. Asked to elaborate further on how he feels about

his job, Mitra says, "I take a student by judging the family environment and the talent of the student. Most of my students are adults. Many of them are professional women — advocates, government servants and personal secretaries to high officials."

He adds, "I would like to do a four-year musical course at Gopur but I have personal problems that are tying me to Dhaka. However, I hope to pursue my ambition in a couple of years. He plays the sitar, *tabla* and *esraj*—and he says he never gets tired or bored with his work. He obviously has a passion for music. He is also lucky that he has numerous students at a fairly early stage."

Mitra specialises in *Rabindrasangeet* and classical music. He also teaches *Rajonikanta* and *Oituprosadi*. In his *"Tobu Mon Tomale Dhae"* cassette of Tagore songs, he has played the *sitar* and sung the seven songs. It cost him Tk 45,000, which was not easy for him to accumulate.

He says, "There is a philosophical base to the songs of *Rabindrasangeet* and *Uchangosangeet*. People sometimes don't even care to understand the words of the songs. Again, in Bangladesh, an artist is often not given his proper evaluation. They don't know how to credit a musician and do not take him seriously. There is a music college and there are musical academies but they are not enough and tutors must come up to serve individuals. Many go in for private lessons to get personal attention although tuition fees for private tutors are higher than the cost at musical academies."

He practices three hours a day himself and tells his students to practice for an hour a day.

It is people like Mitra who satisfy the musical urge of many in the city so that they fit in their career with their hobby.



Teaching music is his profession.



Awami League president Sheikh Hasina exchanging views with the editors of the national dailies at the Awami Foundation office in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Rival armed groups clash in city

By Staff Correspondent

At least 50 rounds of gunshots were fired and several bombs exploded in an armed clash between the two rival groups of Golapbagh and Gopibagh areas in the old part of the city Saturday evening.

However, no casualty was reported in the firefight till last night.

The hour-long clash erupted after a member of the Golapbagh group was stabbed by their rivals, according to sources. The person was identified as Alfa; 28.

Police from Sutrapur and Demra thanas rushed the scene and lobbed tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Local people alleged that the groups have been in conflict for a long time over illegal drug business.

PM's speech hailed

Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB) yesterday welcomed the speech of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and termed it as timely and valuable in view of the country's present political situation, reports BSS.

In a statement, DAB president Prof Abdur Rashid and secretary general Dr A K M Azizul Haq said due to the present political unrest the nation is frustrated and bewildered.

Lions' eye treatment mission

A 9-member Aloha medical team headed by Dr Karl Holzinger, examined and treated as many as 500 patients at outdoor and implanted approximately 20 IOL at BLF Eye Hospital free of charge, reports BSS.

The internal medicine group of the team headed by Dr Vernon Ansdell examined and treated 300 patients in the rural area, a press release said.

The team examined and conducted 23 cataract operation at Katiadi in Kishoreganj and 29 at Kechua in Chandpur.

BLF is coordinating and assisting the medical team on a week-long programme.

What's on today . . .

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

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

Rotary Club of Dhaka Central: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30 pm.

and tomorrow

Photography exhibition: A fortnight special photography exhibition of the last five decades by Dr Noazesh Ahmed titled *Quest for Reality* will begin. Former Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman will inaugurate the show. Venue: Shilpakala Academy. Time: 5:00 pm.

Some changes in admin

By Staff Correspondent

Alhaj Munafar Hussain, Director (Marketing) of Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation (BFDC), has been appointed Chairman of the Corporation, says an official handout Saturday.

Dipak Ranjan Sengupta, who has been a Director of the BFDC on deputation, was transferred to the Ministry of Industries as a Joint Secretary.

Joint Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) Mohammad Anwar Hussain was appointed a part-time Member of the Bangladesh T&T Board.

Retired district judge Md. Maszzen Hussain Chowdhury was appointed, for one year on contract basis, Member/Trial of Tax Appellate Tribunal.

Begum Suraiya Qayyum was appointed Deputy Law Adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for two years.

ASA aid for fire victims

Association for Social Advancement (ASA), an NGO, has distributed Tk 40,000 as disaster assistance among 80 fire victims of Bijli Mohalla at Shyamoli in the city, says a press release.

ASA has also approved Tk 3.20 lakh for immediate distribution among the victims to run income generating projects.

CCHRB concerned at political crisis

By Staff Correspondent

Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB) has expressed concern at the deteriorating law and order situation in the country.

The general secretary and executive director of the council Akram Hossen Chowdhury and A N M-Aminul Islam respectively, in a joint statement said many died in clashes between the ruling and opposition political parties recently.

Interview for Indian scholarship now on Mar 8

The date of interview for Indian scholarship in cultural field for 1996-97 academic year has been rescheduled, reports UNB.

The scholarship would be provided under the cultural exchange programme between Bangladesh and India in the field of culture.

According to the new schedule, interview in all subjects will be held at 9 am on March 8 at the Children Gallery of National Museum in the city, said an official announcement released here yesterday.

Interested applicants have been asked to be present on the day with application in plain paper depicting complete bio-data and other relevant information and two copies of recent passport size photographs.



A city office of the ruling party, was torched soon after the PM's address to the nation yesterday. — Star photo

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre
Savar, Dhaka
No. BPATC/Transport-79/90-1052 Dated: 27-2-96

Urgent Notice for Purchase of Vehicle

Notice No. 12/1995-96

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre will purchase two microbuses as per the undermentioned description. For this, tenders in prescribed schedule under lac sealed envelope are invited from the undermentioned automobiles manufacturing firms or their approved distributors/agents:

Description of vehicle	Manufacturing firm	Price of schedule (non-refundable)	Earnest money (refundable)
4-cylinder, petrol driven 1400-2000 CC capacity 15-seater, 3-5-door Microbus 2 (two) Nos. Colour: White 1996 Model, right-hand drive.	Toyota/Mitsubishi Nissan/Isuzu	Tk 500.00	2% of total quoted value

Tender schedule containing detailed description of vehicle and terms & conditions can be purchased from the Purchase & Stores Section of the Centre during office hours within 14-03-96. Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept at the Finance Section of the Centre or in the tender box kept at the office of the Deputy Director, 49, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka Zonal Centre by 2-30 minutes of 17-03-96. Tenders will be opened in the Chamber of the undersigned next day i.e. 18-03-96 at 10:00 AM (subject to arrival of the Dhaka Zonal office-box) before the tenderers (if any) present. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in full or part without assigning any reason.

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Badrul Alam Tarafdar
Deputy Director (Finance)

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চট্টগ্রাম ইপিজেডে নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজের জন্য বেপজায় তালিকাভুক্ত এ-ও বি শ্রেণী (সিউসি) ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত সর্বক্ষম পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে:

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১।	সিইপিজেডে সেটর-৮ এর জুমি উন্নয়ন (এফপ-ক)	৬৫.৯৪	৯০ (নব্বই)	১,০০০/-
২।	—এ— (এফপ-খ)	৬৫.০৭	৯০ (নব্বই)	১,০০০/-
৩।	—এ— (এফপ-গ)	৫৮.৯১	৮০ (আশি)	১,০০০/-

দরপত্র বর্ণিত বায়নার টাকা যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক হইতে বেপজা-এর অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ডাকটানে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হইবে।

দরপত্রসমূহ বেপজা নির্বাহী দপ্তর, ২২২, নিউ ইকসটন রোড, ঢাকা, চট্টগ্রাম ইপিজেড, দক্ষিণ হাটলাহর, চট্টগ্রাম এবং ঢাকা ইপিজেড, গণকবাড়ি, সাতার, ঢাকা এর হিসাব শাখা হইতে আগামী ১০-৩-৯৬ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত জমা করা যাইবে।

দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১৪-৩-৯৬ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০টা পর্যন্ত বেপজা নির্বাহী দপ্তরে উর্ধ্বতন-নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী এর অফিস কক্ষে এবং ঢাকা ইপিজেড ও চট্টগ্রাম ইপিজেড এর প্রকল্প প্রকৌশলীগণের অফিস কক্ষে গ্রহণ করা হইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ ১৭-৩-৯৬ইং তারিখে বেলা ১১-০০ টায় দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) বেপজা নির্বাহী দপ্তর, ২২২, নিউ ইকসটন রোড, ঢাকা-য় খোলা হইবে।

কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন প্রকার কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতীত দক্ষিণকৃত দরপত্রের যে কোন একটি গ্রহণ অথবা যে কোন একটি বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

পৃক্ষে-প্রধান প্রকৌশলী
বেপজা, ঢাকা।



The Jubo Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday hailing the Prime Minister's speech. — Star photo



Female devotees on their way to the Biawa Ijtema, the three-day annual event for the Muslims, being held on the bank of the river Turag in Tongi. — Star photo

JAMES FINLAY P. L. C.
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It is notified for information of our valued clients that although our Agrabad office sustained damage due to the incidence of fire on 28 February '96, no damage was inflicted upon the interest of our clients because of that accident. Our normal shipping and other activities are continuing as usual.

We extend our heart-felt thanks to our clients/well-wishers/patrons who have sympathised with us on that fire accident.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. NDP/BKB/01/96 Date: 3rd March, 1996

Sealed Tender are hereby invited by M/S. National Dyeing & Printing Mills Ltd. from Bonafied suppliers/manufacturers for supply of machinery/equipment as mentioned in tender schedule under BKB own fund. The procurement procedures/supply procedures and terms and conditions are given in tender schedule. Tender schedule will be available during office hours in every working day upto 7th March, 96 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of Tk. 1,000.00 (Non refundable). The tender will be received at above address upto 12 noon on 30th March, 1996 and the same will be opened at 12.30 p.m. on the same day in presence of the tender/representatives (if any). We reserved the right to accept/reject tenders partially/fully without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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