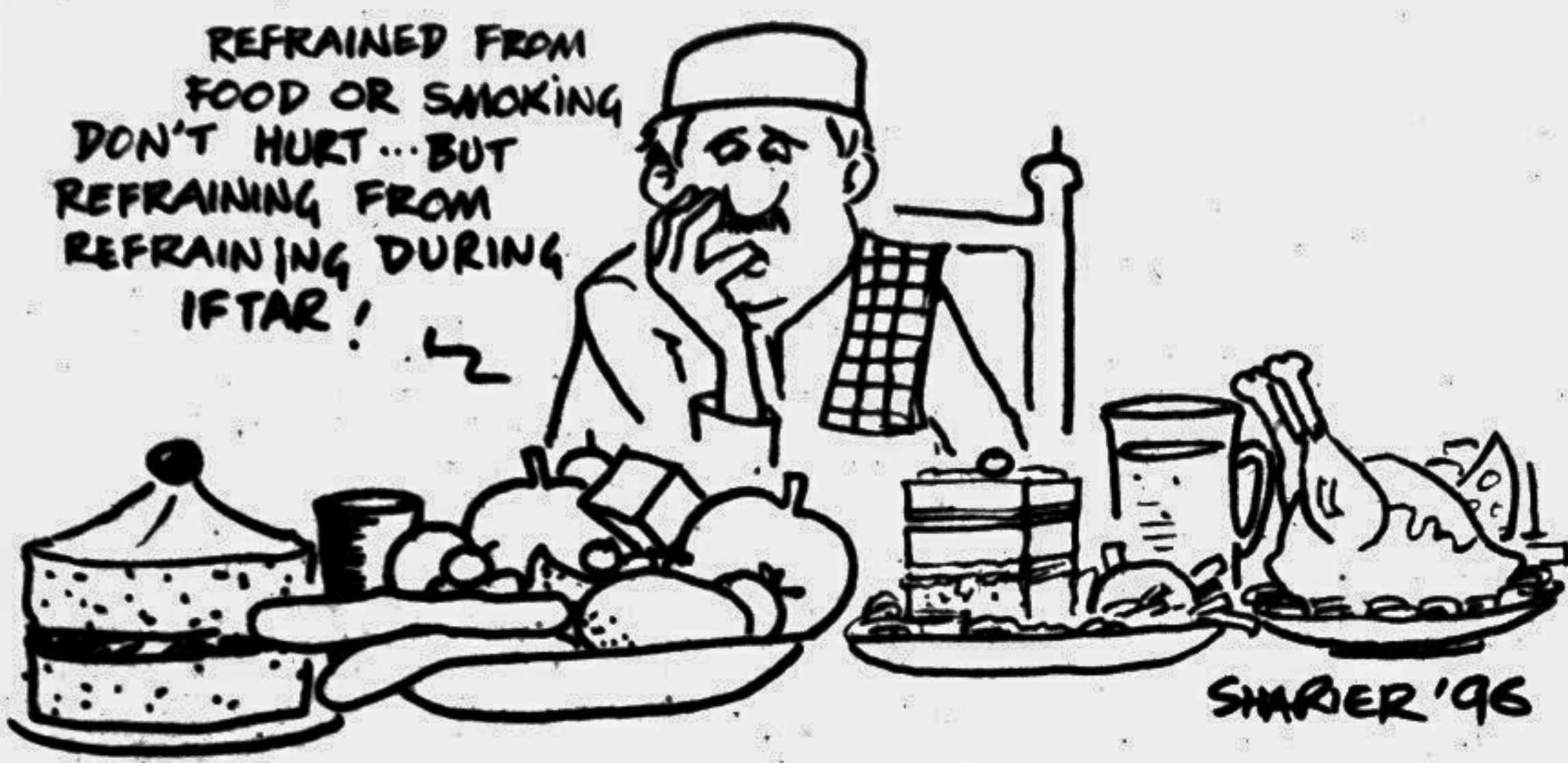


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Dhaka Day by Day

Is it also a Food Festival?

by Tanya Mahnaz Huq



The holy month of Ramadan arouses a religious fervour in Muslims all over the world, and the Dhakaites are also a part of this. But after fasting from dawn to dusk for thirty days in a row, it can be said that the best time of the day is when we break the fast at iftar time. Indeed, it often seems as if half the day goes in planning and preparing the menu for the iftar. Even though restaurants of all types are supposed to be closed during the daytime, they all do brisk business during the afternoons. There was a time when only the roadside hotels and restaurants sold the traditional iftar items (halim, jalebis and the usual fried stuff) but now as we have seen during the last Ramadan even the posh restaurants and bakeries have joined in the fray (hence the phrase, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em). If one went out in the streets a few hours before iftar, it is doubtful whether one would pass by even one bakery, shop or restaurant that was not selling iftar items. Indeed it seemed like a food festival was going on all. Of course, the restaurants in Gulshan (for e.g. Sajna, Shehna, Fayalobi,

Kusum etc) did it in a much more refined way than the roadside ones. They put long tables under shades in front of their restaurants where chefs in long white caps stand with hot dishes and sold many other than the traditional stuff. They even had iftar boxes and arranged iftar parties. Of course, it goes without saying that this was not what everyone is able to afford; and these posh places are a great contrast to the roadside restaurants and hotels, especially those in the old part of the city, Chawkbazar etc. It must be mentioned that there was a place near Dhanmondi called "Saiham Iftari Bazar," heaven only knows why it was called an iftari bazar, perhaps because it was overflowing with different types of iftari delicacies! Looking at the extent to which some people go (with all due respect to the rozadaars) one can't help but wonder sometimes if the people are not often forgetting that Ramadan means "abstinence"? And making such a big deal about our iftari is not really what Ramadan is all about!



Jamaat activists enforcing hartal in city's Stadium Market area yesterday. — Star photo

Coping with 'unavoidable circumstances'

Star Report

Many private schools have already extended their class hours by an hour on the normal working days, to make up the losses during the hartal period, disclosed officials of some schools in the city yesterday.

The government-run schools have not yet launched any such programme to meet the losses. "Measures will be taken to cover the losses when normalcy returns," assured a government official requesting anonymity.

Rosy Rashid of Little Jewel School in the city said that their school has already extended the class hours by an hour. According to her, of the two weekly holidays, they were now taking classes on Saturdays. Besides they are planning to do the same for the Fridays as well, she added.

At Sunbeam School classes are being taken on Fridays and Saturdays, since the school had reopened after the Eid vacation. These two routine weekly holidays of the institutes are being utilised to make up the losses caused due to the hartal.

Similar adjustment was found to have been made by some other private schools like Dhanmondi Tutorial, Eton International School to name a

few. Moreover, in view of the indefinite non-cooperation programme of the opposition some schools were also planning to adjust the summer vacation during the programme that begins from March 9.

Students of the private schools, however, complained that their load of homework has increased manifold and pressure of class tests always hang on their shoulders.

Parents of some children also expressed concern at the situation they were facing due to the present political unrest in the country.

Zahir Ahmed, father of two school-going children said, "Our children are being deprived of education, which is their basic right." He wondered saying "Don't we have any recourse?"

Officials at the Directorate of Education said that the government-run schools, like other government offices remain open, though hardly with any attendance of children.

Some of them said that it is up to the school administration to take decision about the adjustment of routine schedule of their education programme.

Attack on Hasina's jeep condemned

Awami League leaders at a rally in Dhaka Tuesday condemned the attack on the jeep of their party chief Sheikh Hasina on Monday, reports UNB.

Presided over by AL City General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Maya, the rally was addressed, among others, by party central leaders Obaidul Quader, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Montaj Hossain, Abdul Mannan and Siddiqueur Rab Khan.

The jeep of Sheikh Hasina came under attack when she was returning to the city after attending the Akheri Munajat of Biswa Itima at Tongi on Sunday.

Another report adds: Some 85 teachers of the Dhaka University yesterday condemned the attack on the jeep of Sheikh Hasina.

In a joint statement, the teachers expressed concern at the "deteriorating" law and order situation in the country.

The signatories include DUTA President prof ATM Jahurul Haq, General Secretary Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof M Aminul Islam, Prof Shahadat Hossain, Prof AK Azad, Prof Durgadas Bhattacharya, Dr Harun Rashid, Prof Giasuddin Ahmed, prof M Mostafa Chowdhury, Prof Enamul Haq, Prof Shamsul Huda Harun and Prof Abul Hashem.

PM's resignation only way to end crisis: Jamaat

Jamaat leaders yesterday said the present political crisis could be solved only through the resignation of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and holding fresh national elections cancelling February 15 polls, reports BSS.

They were speaking at a public rally at the north gate of Baitul Mokarram Mosque during the opposition's dawn-to-dusk hartal.

Presided over by the ameer of Dhaka city unit, the rally was addressed by party leaders Sheikh Ansar Ali, Advocate Jasimuddin Sarkar, Maulana Abu Taher, Mohammad Masum, Md Aminul Islam and A K M Rafiqunabi, a party press release said.

"Though the BNP has finally accepted the caretaker government demand," the Jamaat leaders said, "but it is too late and in the meantime the nation has suffered much".

Digital system at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar from today

The first phase conversion of analog telephones to digital under the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Exchange begins today, reports UNB.

In the first phase, some 1,000 analog phones of the exchange — 31000 to 310999 — will be converted into digital ones on experimental basis.

The converted digital numbers will be of seven digit instead of the current six digit. The first two digits, "31", will be replaced by "911" while the rest four digits of the analog number will remain unchanged.

The telephone subscribers will be supplied with new digital (Alcatel) telephone sets free of cost. There will also be no charge for the conversion of analog phones to digital ones.

T&T Board sources said all the "31" group analog telephones will be converted into digitals by this month.

They said the conversion of analog phones is going to be implemented in phases in the light of experience of the Motijheel exchange.

Postponed

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: The annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Marma Buddhist Association, scheduled to be held at Khagrachhari town hall on March 8, has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, an association press release said here today. A fresh date for the meeting will be announced soon, reports BSS.

JCD accused of forcing students to attend rally

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a left leaning student organisation, accused Jatiatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of forcing the resident students of Dhaka University to attend the BNP rally held in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Addressing a protest rally near TSC, the GCO leaders alleged the JCD activists misbehaved with the resident students of different halls of the university who denied to join the rally.

The rally was addressed, among others, by JSD (Inu) backed Chhatra League leader Obaidur Rahman Chinnu and Chhatra Mofree general secretary Ziaul Haque Zia.

The GCO will organise a rally today in front of "Aparajeyo Bangla" at 11 am to protest the incident.

Meanwhile, the GCO leaders have decided to march towards the Prime Minister's office on March 10 demanding her resignation.

Earlier, pro-Awami League Chhatra League held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club at 1 pm in favour of yesterday's hartal enforced by the opposition.

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division (Original Civil Jurisdiction) Company Matter No 8 of 1996

IN THE MATTER OF

An application under Section 81 of the Companies Act, 1994

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

Khaili Garments Limited 1/1, North Kamalapur Dhaka

PETITIONER-

-VERSUS-

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, BTMC Bhaban 7-9 Kawran Bazar Dhaka

RESPONDENT

Notice is hereby given that the above petitioner has moved an application in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 12.2.1996 under Section 81 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding its Annual General Meeting for the year 1995. His Lordships Mr. Justice Moirur Reza Chowdhury admitted this application on 12.2.1996 and has fixed 27.3.1996 for hearing. Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing either himself or through duly authorised advocate. A copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charges.

Sayyid Shahid Husain

Advocate

Supreme Court of Bangladesh

C/O. H & H Company

Shareep Mansion (Second Floor)

56-57 Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the shareholders of Delta Life Insurance Company Limited will be held at Uttara Bank Bhaban (12th floor), 90, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on Thursday, the 4th April, 1996 at 4-00 P.M. to adopt the following special resolutions to amend the Articles 86, 89(A), 95 & 96 of the Articles of Association of the company:

Article 86 be deleted and the following be substituted in its place :-

Until otherwise determined by the company in general meeting the number of the Directors shall not be less than 3 (three) or more than 36 (thirty six) including policyholder Directors and shareholder Directors. Such election of policyholder Directors and Directors from public subscribers shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 48(1), 48B read with section 48B of Insurance Act 1938 and Rule No. 15A, 15B, and 114 of the Insurance Rules 1958 as amended from time to time.

Article 89(A) be deleted and the following be substituted in its place :-

Directors from amongst the policyholders be elected for a period of three years as per section 48(1) of Insurance Act 1938 and such policyholders Directors shall not be required to hold any qualification shares.

Provided that the qualification of a Director from public subscribers shall be his holding minimum shares to the face value of Tk. 10,000/- (Taka ten thousand) only in his own name or in the name of institution (which includes companies, statutory bodies, trusts and such like) that he represents, at least six months before the date of election and that he is not disqualified as per provisions of the Insurance Act or Rules or any other laws of the country.

Article 95 be deleted and the following be substituted in its place :-

Subject to the Article No. 102 & 103 at the first Ordinary Meeting of the company, the holder of the Directors shall retire from office, and at the Ordinary Meeting in every subsequent year, one third of the Directors representing sponsor shareholders inclusive of co-opted Directors for the time being and one third of the Directors from public subscribers, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third, shall retire from office. The Directors from amongst the policyholders shall not be liable to retire by rotation.

Article 96 be deleted and the following be substituted in its place :-

The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have longest in office since their last election, but as between persons who become Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

Provided that retiring sponsors Directors shall be re-elected by the sponsor shareholders while retiring Directors from public subscribers shall be re-elected by the public subscribers.

By order of the Board of Directors,

(Azadur Rahman Khan ICA)
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, the 6th March, 1996



Delta Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
Uttara Bank Bhaban, 12th floor, 90-91, Motijheel C.A. Dhaka-1000
PABX No. 9565033-35, 9666111-12

BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
ABC HOUSE, (2nd floor), 8, Banani C.A.,
Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Dhaka-1213.

WANTED

SECRETARY for "BANGLADESH ASSOCIATION OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY", who shall be the **CHIEF EXECUTIVE** of the office of the Association.

He shall maintain good relation with the various Govt. Offices, Secretariates and with various Chambers and FBCCI.

Recently retired Govt. Officers may be considered for the post. Salary according to qualification.

Please apply to the president of the Association, with all certificates, testimonials and 2 copies passport size photographs.



ARAB BANGLADESH BANK LIMITED
Karwan Bazar Branch, Dhaka

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify the general public and all Banks and financial institutions that the property described in the schedule below is mortgaged with ARAB BANGLADESH BANK LTD, KARWAN BAZAR BRANCH, BSEC BHABAN, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka as security for credit facilities extended to M/S. PROFESSIONAL KNITTERS LIMITED of 218/B, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.

It is further notified that the Bank has filed Title Suit No. 107/1995 against M/s. Professional Knitters Limited and others in the Sub-Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No. 3, Dhaka for recovery of loans through sale of the said mortgaged property. All original deeds, namely, Lease Deed No. 2393 dated 24.03.59 in favour of Khaja Mohammad Aref executed by the then Government of East Pakistan, Memorandum of Gift (Hiba) in favour of Khaja Mohammad Zarrar and other related papers and documents relating to the said property are with the Bank.

If any one deals with this property, he/she shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility. Bank shall get the said property sold through Court with the existing building and/or any building constructed thereon. Nobody should purchase any flat in the so-called PARADISE POINT COMPLEX.

Schedule of the Property

Land measuring 1 (one) Bigha or 33 (Thirty three) decimals with residential building at Plot No. 240 (old), 87 (New), Road No. 21 (old), 11/A, (new), Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka. The property is owned by Mr. Khwaja Mohammad Zarrar.

Iqbal U. Ahmed
Vice President