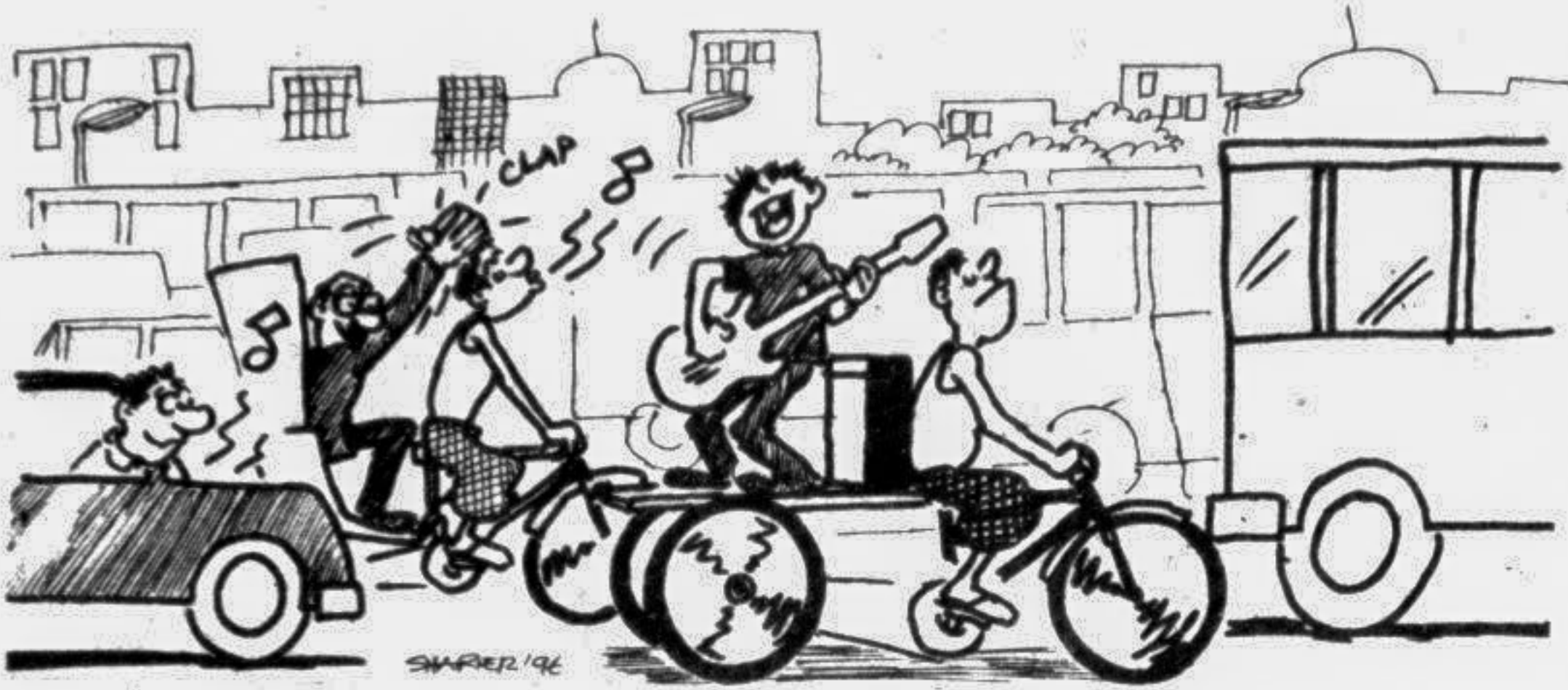


Dhaka Day by Day

Looking for Entertainment When Stuck in Traffic Jam

by Farah Ghuznavi



Stuck in one of my mandatory daily traffic jams recently, I was once again pondering how Dhakaites are beginning to accept the state of our roads with a sense of fatalism. I certainly am. Others, however, are wise enough to actually invest this time with a sense of meaning, by preparing themselves to enjoy the siege. One car driving alongside struck me as particularly well prepared. It contained two adults and a child, and the toys in the back of the car included a white rabbit, two brown bears, one pink elephant and two large baby dolls, which all seemed to rather outnumber the one small child sitting in their midst. In addition to this, the backseat also held a red frilly cushion (presumably to assist in catching a quick nap), and some plastic leaves, sweetcorn and tomatoes (the purpose of which I was unable to divine).

Alas, lacking a similar range of entertainment aids myself, I was reduced to my familiar pastime of staring out of the window. Two baby-taxi titles provided some amusement. One was called "Dash" and other "Express", and they both struck me as singularly ambitious. Given the congestion on Dhaka's roads these days, nobody is able to "dash" anywhere, and if the term "express" connotes a journey with no stops being made on the way, there could hardly be a more inappropriate way to describe one's progress in Dhaka traffic.

Not that I am the only one looking for entertainment during traffic jams, of course. I was reminded of the time when my friend Shaila and her uncle were stuck in traffic, and a passing fruit vendor took advantage of the immobile cars to try and sell some more

fruits. The oranges displayed looked juicy and tempting, and the vendor swore that not only were they sweet, but if Shaila and co found them to be otherwise, they could return the fruit. As Shaila and her uncle were both fasting for Ramzan, they were unable to test out the claim, but the oranges looked so good that they ended up buying two dozen.

As the orange-seller was wrapping the fruit in newspaper, Shaila's uncle gave in to temptation and said, "Never mind, let me break my fast today. I don't feel like fasting anyway." So saying, he peeled one of the oranges and popped a segment in his mouth. No sooner had he done so, than he spat it out. It was unbelievable sour! It was apparently so awful that he insisted that Shaila taste it. She was reluctant to do so, finally complied, and immediately confirmed his opinion. Needless to say, they lost no time in taking the orange seller upon his promise to take the fruit back if it was unsatisfactory. Since he had no doubt expected to be far away by the time they discovered that they had cheated, it must have been a nasty shock to him that they would actually break their fast to taste the oranges. But then as they say, God moves in mysterious ways!

And finally, speaking of God, I was surprised and amused to see a highly colourful truck recently, which had some lettering on the side of cab stating that it belonged to Srimati Mala Rani of Shingair. The title of the truck was "Rajiv and Priya Transport," but it also had a little prayer in Arabic written on the front of the cab. So perhaps there's hope yet for communal harmony in Bangladesh!

BCL demands autonomy of radio, TV

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of Bangladesh Awami League Thursday demanded that the National Broadcasting Authority air neutral news on radio and television.

They also submitted a memorandum to the DG of NBA in this regard.

Earlier, BCL brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus and then held a rally there. The BCL rally was addressed by Enamul Haq Shamim, Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, Bahadur Bepari and Mazhar Alam.

Enamul Haq Shamim said that Khaleda had not granted autonomy to radio and television as was envisaged in the declaration of three-party alliance in 1990.

Rather, he said, she had made radio and television a partisan media.

Even after the fall of BNP regime the radio and television authorities had hardly changed their attitude, he continued.

He urged the caretaker government to take necessary measures for making radio and TV neutral. Otherwise, BCL will launch movement to realise the demand, he said.

Meanwhile, Enamul Haq Shamim and Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, the president and general secretary of BCL respectively in a statement Thursday condemned the attack on the BCL rally at BAU allegedly by JCD.

Call to probe DU incident

By DU Correspondent

Students of the Journalism Department of the Dhaka University Thursday demanded investigation into the bomb attack at the office of Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, the chairman of the department.

The office of Siddique came under attack on Tuesday.

The students of the department brought out a procession on the campus and then held a rally in front of the Vice Chancellor's office.

The rally was addressed by Swapan Basu and Salauddin Mahmud Chowdhury.

After the rally a five member delegation of students submitted a memorandum to the VC. The VC assured them of necessary action against those involved in the incident.

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Tribal festivals on Bangladesh Yr

The tribal people in the country's three hill districts are now celebrating their annual 'Bot-Sa-Bi' festivals with traditional fervour and in a colourful manner.

Different tribal groups in Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban districts celebrate their respective festivals, mainly as a farewell to old Bangla year and to welcome the new year.

UNB correspondents from three hill districts report, the three main tribes — Chakma, Marna and Tripura — have already begun their respective festivals. These will conclude with the advent of the Bangla New Year 1403 on Sunday.

'Bot-Sa-Bi' is an abbreviation, derived from 'Bolsuk', 'Sangrai' and 'B'hu'. The 'Bolsuk' is the festival of

Tripuras, 'Sangrai' of Marnas

and 'B'hu' of the Chakmas.

Different hill organisations, including the Hill People Council, the Hill Students Council and the Hill Women's Federation have drawn up elaborate programmes to observe the festivals.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA
(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)

MATTER NO. 14 OF 1996:
IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. Jamaluddin Quader Chowdhury
Director
The Dacca Dyeing & Manufacturing
Company Limited
Sharif Mansion (6th floor)
56-57, Motijheel Commercial Area,
Dhaka.

.....PETITIONER:

Notice is given that an application order Sections 81 and 85 (3) of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed by the petitioner on 02.04.1996 before the High Court Division praying for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the Company for the year 1994. The Court was pleased to fix the hearing on May 14, 1996.

Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing, either personally or through his duly authorised Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained on payment of prescribed charge.

Ahsanul Karim
Advocate

For the petitioner, M/s. Huq and Company
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