

Dhaka Day by Day

The Power of Words

by Tulip Chowdhuri

One day my colleague Shazia was proudly saying 'sticks and stones may hurt my bones but names never hurt me.' But on the very next day she was in a flare because someone had called her a "scatter-brain".

Well words have the power of starting a beautiful, long lasting friendship or they can ruin friendships and marriages. From a small shopkeeper to a statesman, everybody has to choose words carefully when he expresses himself. Even at home a beautiful day ends horribly just because of an unthoughtful remark. Two people in love, specially while asking for a hand in marriage spend sleepless nights while they get their speech ready. There are some people who know exactly what to say at the right times. And there are some others who have an uncanny habit of making remarks that hurt people.

People who know the art of flattery often stand out in society. Recognising the other's emotion and individuality and playing up to it with carefully chosen words is no easy task.

Working men and women spend harrowing nights wondering what to say to their boss upon their first meeting. The flattery with words goes from the employee to the boss. In Dhaka it is not unusual to come across words like "with pleasure, as you say sir anything you want". So on the sentences must

be pleasant for the boss's ears. Now let's see how often unintentionally we hurt people. Parents can hurt children's feelings by negative comments: "I told you so, I told you that you will never be successful". Statements like these from Susana's mother confuses her. "I wish mother would tell me in a gentler way how to do it...." Says Susana.

Psychologists, educationalists and experts have pointed out that deceptive damaging comments from parents may be undermining a child's sense of well-being today and the years ahead.

Words can achieve wonderful results in many situations. A person who lacks confidence will find great strength when an well-wisher says "I know you can do it....". Miracles can be achieved for healing wounds with these three words, "I love you".

Words can be as gracious as flowers and words can be as destructive as ballasts. For instance, Shazia was called a "scatter-brain" because she goes out of her way to help others. In this busy world, people count time as money. They call people like Shazia a bad name. Is that just? Why not give her a nice name? We can keep in mind that "Courtesy costs nothing" and say some wonderful things just to cheer one up.



Members of Sher-e-Bangla Smriti Parishad placing wreaths at the mazar of the late leader on the occasion of his 34th anniversary of death yesterday. —Star photo

Appointments, transfers

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority chairman Ismail Hossain has been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for returning to his cadre post, says a government handout.

He was replaced by Ahmed Nazmul Hussain, Dhaka City Police Commissioner, on deputiation.

Deputy Secretary Mohammad Mominullah Patwari Bir Pratik, has been appointed deputy secretary in the Establishment Ministry.

Aba Zafar, deputy secretary in the Ministry of Industry, has been transferred to Roads and Railway Division as deputy secretary.

Besides, Deputy Commissioner of Sunamganj Md Latifur Rahman has been appointed deputy secretary in the Economic Relations Division as deputy secretary.

NSU workshop for pry school teachers from May 1

A six-day workshop titled "Primary School Teachers for Environmental Awareness" will be held at the North South University (NSU) will be held from May 1-6, says a press release.

The Institute of Development and Environmental Studies of NSU and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) have jointly sponsored the workshop.

Some 34 primary school teachers will attend the workshop, providing training on environmental issues and concerns in teachers' areas.

The programme will comprise lectures, video programmes, group discussions, workshop sessions and field trips. A number of noted environmental scientists, water resource and sanitation experts, environmental engineers, fertiliser and pesticide experts and others will participate in the sessions.

Guy Breaud, First Secretary (Development) of the Canadian High Commission, will inaugurate the programme at 9:25 am on May 1. Muslehuddin Ahmad, President, North South University, will also speak on the occasion. Following their successful completion of the programme, the participants will receive certificates from the Canadian High Commissioner, Jon J Scott, in a closing ceremony to held on 4 pm May 6.

Workshop on human spirit for self-development

A day-long workshop on "Unleashing Human Spirit Self-Development" was held at Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex on Thursday, says a press release.

Representatives of some 2000 voluntary organisations of Dhaka City participated in the workshop.

Shah Abdul Hannan, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare inaugurated the workshop with a call to unitedly work for bringing about radical change in the socio-economic sphere of the country.

The workshop was jointly organised by Urban Community Development Projects (UCDP) of the Directorate of Social Welfare, National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh and The Hunger Project.

The inaugural session was addressed by DG, Directorate of Social Welfare, Md Nizamuddin, DG, Directorate of Youth Development Md Fazlul Huq, Federation of Youth Organisations advisor Amir Hossain Khan, Federation president Syed Anwarul Huq, Hunger Project Country Director Dr Badrul Alam Majumdar and BTV Chief News Editor Rafiqul Islam Sarkar.

Speakers said that with individual, group and coordinated efforts we can rid Bangladesh of the problems of illiteracy, drug abuse, environmental degradation, and population explosion for creating a healthy and productive future for all. Instead of depending on aid, we must empower people and unleash their creative energies for creating such a future.

Buddha Purnima on May 2

The Buddhist community will celebrate the Buddha Purnima, the main religious festival of the community, across the country on May 2, reports BSS.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas lauded the role of Buddhists in the overall development and prosperity of Bangladesh, a land of communal harmony.

Like other communities, the Buddhists are also an indivisible part of the country's heritage and culture and soil and people, the President said stressing their active and uninterrupted participation in the country's development process in the coming years.

In a message on the eve of Buddha Purnima, to be celebrated on May 2, Biswas said the whole life of the great Buddha was dedicated to ensuring happiness and peace for the world community.

"Non-violence and love for man was the prime philosophy of his mission," the President said, adding that he worked relentlessly throughout his life in creating bonds of brotherhood.

Buddha always wanted joy and happiness of all living beings in exchange for his own happiness and wellbeing. He has proved through his life that human being could be glorified by sacrifice and not by enjoying.

Chief Adviser

Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman has felicitated the country's Buddhist community on the occasion.

In a message on the occasion,

Homeworkers' Women Assoc programme on May Day

Bangladesh Homeworkers' Women Association has organised a programme in observance of May Day at Rose Bank Club, Dhanmondi, on May 1, says a press release.

SKM Maznu-nul-Haq, Director, Department of Women's Affairs, will present as chief guest while ILO Director in Bangladesh, Paul J Baily, will be the special guest at the meeting.

Apex body of Medico-Legal Society

From DMCH Correspondent

A new executive committee of the Medico-Legal Society of Bangladesh 1996-97 was elected at a meeting, held at the Forensic Department of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) April 25.

The new office bearers are: Prof A K M Samsul Islam — President, Prof Anwar Begum and Dr Ashraf Alam — vice-presidents, Dr Md Anwar Hossain — general secretary, Dr Md Akhruzzaman — treasurer, Dr Pranap Kumar Chokroborty — joint secretary and Dr Tejendra Das — publication secretary.

NDA team calls on Biswas

A four-member delegation of the Nationalist Democratic Alliance (NDA) called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Chairman in-charge of the party A S M Solaiman led the delegation.

Talking to the President Biswas said the members of all the political parties should wholeheartedly cooperate with the caretaker government in its efforts of holding the next general elections free, fair and impartial.

It is our duty to see that the next elections are held in a very peaceful manner reflecting the national aspirations, he said.

The members of the delegation expressed their solidarity with the caretaker government and said recovery of illegal arms was the prime task of the hour. They also stressed much on checking the influence of black money in the election process.

Leaders of the party, Advocate Farmanullah Khan, Advocate M A Latif Majumdar and Advocate Nurul Huq Mujumdar were present on the occasion.

Weather

Rise in mercury level likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country with partly cloudy sky over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm, reports UNB.

Met Office said day temperature may rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius over the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 33.5 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 15 degrees at Dinajpur. The sun sets today at 6:26 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:29 am.

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	
Dhaka	31.8	19.6	70
Chittagong	33.4	22.0	70
Rajshahi	33.0	19.5	61
Khulna	33.4	19.7	63
Barisal	33.3	19.1	68
Sylhet	31.5	22.4	85
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.0	62

দেশবাসীকে আমন্ত্রণ জানাই আসুন দেখুন মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর ৫ সেকেন বাগান, ঢাকা-১০০০

সময়সূচি : প্রতিদিন বেলা সাড়ে এগারোটায় থেকে সন্ধ্যা সাড়ে ছটায়

ঈদ উপলক্ষে ২৮, ২৯ ও ৩০শে এপ্রিল বন্ধ

১লা ও ২রা মে ছুটির দিনেও খোলা।

21 held, 58 more arms recovered

Police recovered 58 firearms and arrested 21 people for possessing illegal arms and ammunition from different parts of the country till Saturday morning, reports UNB.

The arms are one rifle, two sawed-off rifles, three revolvers, six pistols, 33 pigeons, two single-barrel guns, five sawed-off guns, two LGs, one shutter gun. Some 372 bullets and cartridges, 29 bombs and explosives were also netted in raids.

Fifteen cases were filed against the arrested people under Arms and Explosive Act.

With this, police have seized 862 firearms and arrested 579 people since the current drive began on April 1 to clean the way for smooth votings in national elections.

Zillur stresses need for restoring stability

General secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Zillur Rahman yesterday stressed the need for restoring stability at all stages of national life in the interest of development of the country, reports BSS.

He said political stability was the first and foremost need of the hour and sought support of the people for Awami League in the next parliamentary elections as this party could achieve this goal.

Zillur Rahman was addressing elites of Kishoreganj district living in Dhaka at the Awami Foundation office at Dhanmondi. Awami League president member Dr Mohammad Selim, treasurer Fazlul Huq and assistant publicity secretary Abdul Mannan also spoke on the occasion.

Besides, Dr Tofayel Ahmed, Abdul Halim, Lutfar Rahman, Abdul Hye and Asaduzzaman

Chowdhury representing the elites addressed the function.

They said an elected government could carry out development work in all parts of the country equally. They also extended their support to Awami League and assured that they would work for this party during the next election.

Zillur Rahman said the BNP government had amassed a huge amount of money through rampant looting of national resources during its five year rule.

The Awami League general secretary said there were specific corruption charges against them but the concerned authorities were not taking any legal measure against them.

"As a result, they have again been united and started hatching conspiracy against democracy," he said.



With Eid-ul-Azha a day away, the city markets witnessed a brisk sale of spices. —Star photo

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ঢাকা, বাংলাদেশ

দরপত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সদর প্রতিষ্ঠান-প্রতিষ্ঠানের কাজ হতে নিয়মিত ছাপা-কাজের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে :

নং	কাজের নাম ও বিবরণ	কাজের পরিমাণ	সময়
১।	প্রশিক্ষক-প্রশিক্ষক মেনুয়েল পুঁজা সংখ্যা : ৬৪ (দীর্ঘ) পুঁজা মাপ : ৮ ১/২" X ১১" কাগজ : ৭০ গ্রাম অফসেট কভার : ১০০ গ্রাম অফসেট বোর্ড ২০০ গ্রাম, অফসেট ছাপা	২০০০ (দুই হাজার)	১ সপ্তাহ
২।	প্রিন্সিপাল অফিসারদের জন্য পুঁজিকা পুঁজা সংখ্যা : ৭০ (সংক্ষিপ্ত) পুঁজা মাপ : ৮ ১/২" X ১১" কাগজ : ৭০ গ্রাম অফসেট কভার : ১০০ গ্রাম অফসেট বোর্ড	০৫,০০০ (পাঁচ হাজার)	১ সপ্তাহ
৩।	কৌতাব তিন-ভাগ কৌতাব; কাগজের মাপ : ৮ ১/২" X ১১" প্রতি ভাগ ১ অংশ অর্থাৎ ৪" তিন ভাগের ১০০ গ্রাম অফসেট ছাপা	১০,০০,০০০ (দশ লক্ষ)	১ সপ্তাহ
৪।	সিক্রেট ৮০ গ্রাম অফসেট ছাপা A-4 সাইজের (৮ ১/২" X ১১") কাগজ সাদা-কালো ছাপা	৩০,০০,০০০ (ত্রিশ লক্ষ)	১ সপ্তাহ
৫।	পোস্টার মাপ : ১৬" X ১২" কাগজ : ৮০ গ্রাম অফসেট ৪ : তিন রং ছাপা	৫,০০,০০০ (পাঁচ লক্ষ)	১ সপ্তাহ

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীদের তারিখ ও স্থান :

আগ্রহী ছাপা প্রতিষ্ঠান সমূহ তাদের নিজ নিজ সেটার হেড-এ কাগজের নমুনা সংযোজন পূর্বক প্রতিটি নং উল্লেখ করে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা দরপত্র আবেদন করবেন। প্রতিটি নমুনা সংযোজন করে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা দরপত্র আবেদন করবেন। প্রতিটি নমুনা সংযোজন করে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা দরপত্র আবেদন করবেন। প্রতিটি নমুনা সংযোজন করে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা দরপত্র আবেদন করবেন।

কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণে দরপত্রের কোনো নমুনা গ্রহণ অথবা বর্জন করার পূর্ব সম্মতি সংরক্ষণ করেন।

বিঃদ্রঃ প্রয়োজন ছাপা-সময়ের দুই-সাতের কিছু কিছু পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্তন করা হতে পারে।

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ইউ এন ডি পি, ঢাকা।

CMP vows to recover all illegal arms

CHITTAGONG, April 27: The Commissioner of the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), Osman Ali Khan, today said that police had been making vigorous efforts to round up illegal arms holders in order to ensure free and fair elections in the country, reports BSS.

He said this while exchanging views with newsmen at the CMP conference room here. There are lots of illegal firearms in the hands of criminals and those have to be recovered, he asserted.

He said, police have already launched an intensive drive to recover illegal firearms and arrest the criminals. So far, police recovered 55 different kinds of firearms from different parts of the city during last 23 days, he said.

The CMP commissioner said 522 warrants of different cases and 395 others who were named in FIRs have been arrested during the same period.

He appealed to all sections of people to cooperate with the police in arresting the criminals as well as the recovery of all illegal arms.

INRUD meet Apr 30

The Asia Country Coordinators meeting of the International Network for National Use of Drugs (INRUD) will be held here April 30 at Hotel Purbani International at 10 AM, says a press release.

National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, INRUD Bangladesh Core Group Chairman, will preside over the session. Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University will present as chief guest.

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সম্মানিত ভোক্তা, খুচরা বিক্রেতা ও পরিবেশকদের পবিত্র ঈদুল আয্বাহ উপলক্ষে কোকা-কোলার পক থেকে রইলো ঈদের তভেছা।

ঈদ মোবারকে

সুন্দর আনন্দে পরিপূর্ণতা আনতে কোকা-কোলা, শাইট ও ফান্টা।

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