

Dhaka Day by Day

Too Many Books Bad for Back

by Tulip Chowdhury

Sharhan, a student of class V, developed a backache. The consulting doctor told that the primary cause of the pain on the spine was the heavy school bag which Sharhan has to carry everyday to the fourth floor to reach his class. Filled with books and notebooks the school bag weighed almost six kilograms.

Like Sharhan, many other school children have to carry similar heavy bags to school. The vast syllabi and bulks of home works compel the children to carry great numbers of books to school.

Over the past years there has been a rapid rise in the number of schools in Dhaka. Most of them are kindergartens and schools which offer "O" and "A" levels. There are some Bengali medium primary and high schools also. No doubt, the numbers of schools have increased but on the quality of the education they offer often hangs a question mark.

There are plenty of schools in Dhanmondi. They are giving long lists of text books, vast syllabi, but most of them have very inexperienced teachers, says Mrs Chowdhury who has recently come to Dhaka and has been looking all over for a good school for her children.

Indeed, as soon as a child is admitted to a school, the parents find themselves perplexed over the long list of books, notebooks and other stationeries they have to buy. Beside the long list of books schools also follow vast syllabi for each academic year. Along with the main text books of Bangla, English and Maths, many schools set their syllabi with other additional books, work books, hand writings, scraps, colouring books and music books. Among the school authorities there seem to

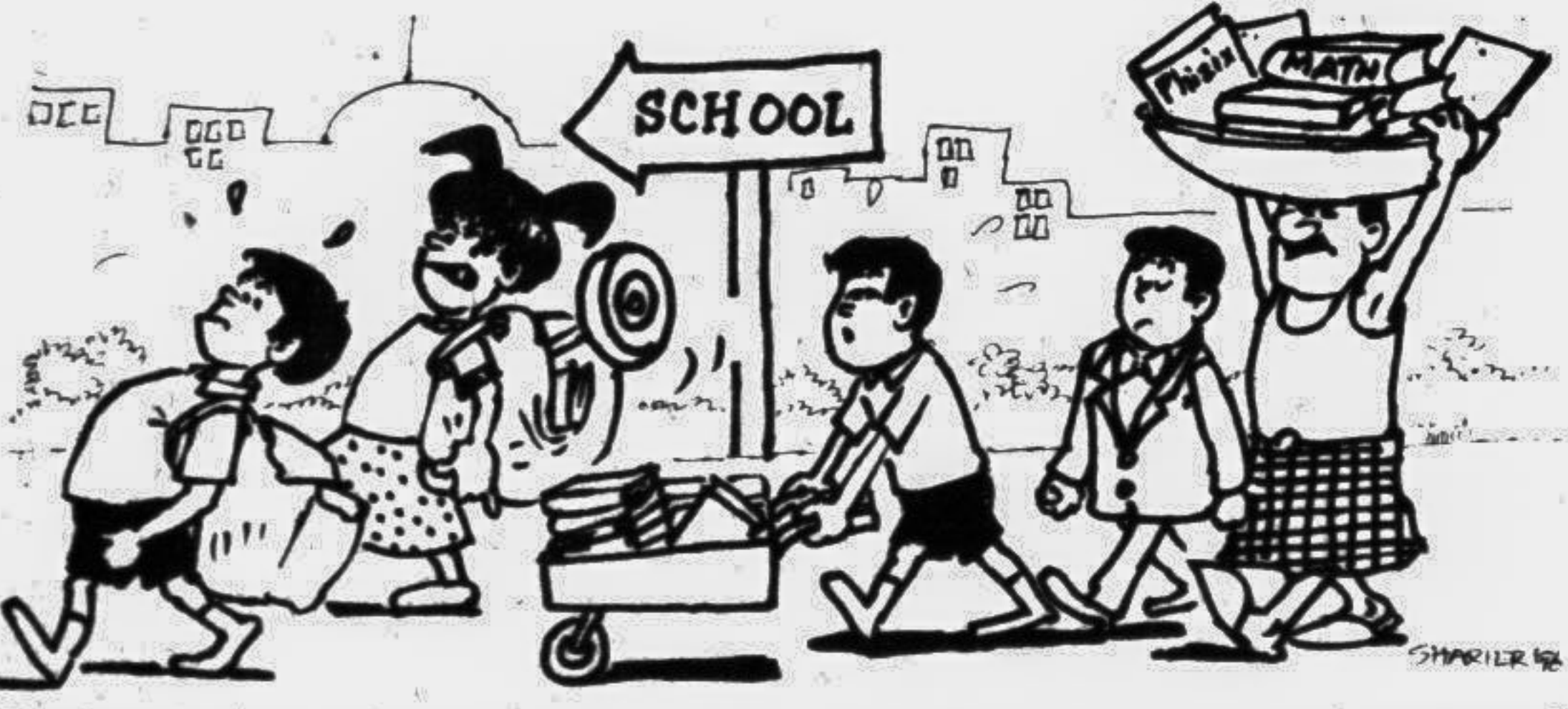
be a notion that the more books they can push under the children's nose, the greater the benefit for them.

In most of the schools the syllabus is very lengthy and the numbers of books are so many that it is not possible to complete the yearly syllabus at school. The children therefore are loaded with homeworks. Some schools have separate grades set for students' completion of their regular homework. Homeworks are regularly given and at such an amount that parents often hire private tutors for helping out the children.

Parents often express their displeasure and children grumble about the heavy weight of their school bags. But as long as the huge loads of home works continue and the vast school syllabi are there, the school bags will remain an unpleasant thing for the school children.

In Thailand students complained about two things: Too much home work and heavy bags. In a recent finding it has been seen that primary school students carrying bags weighing three kilograms or more are at risk of spinal damage that could affect their growth. The Thai Education Ministry had issued orders for primary school students not to carry bags which weigh more than two kilograms, high school students not more than three kilograms, and kindergartens not more than one kilogram.

In our country also, unless we take care of the heavy weight which our school children are burdened with, the children may become unwitting victims of physical harms in the process of acquiring education.



Fire in garments units: Biswas condoles deaths

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed deep sorrow at the tragic death of several workers in a devastating fire that broke out in two garment factories in Pallabi in the city on Monday, reports UNB.

Urs

The holy 'urs mubarrak' of Baba Miskin Ali Shah Chishty (R) will be observed at the Jammal-e-Sunnati Pak Darbar Sharif at Bharamara in Kushtia on June 27, a press release said, reports BSS.

Peer shahib of the darbar sharif Khwaja Nazmul Huda Chishty Sabri Nazami has requested all muridan and ashekan to be present on the occasion.

DCC Mayor, others call on PM

Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad Hanif called on Prime Minister Sheikh at her office yesterday and discussed with her issues relating to development of the capital city, reports UNB.

Inspector General of Police M Azizul Hoque and Director General of Ansar and VDF Major General Muhammad Anwarul Kabir Talukder also called on the Prime Minister at her secretariat office.

Qulkhwani

The qulkhwani of A K M Fazlul Haq Mia will be held today after Asar prayers at his residence at Sector 4, House 10, Road-14/C of Uttara Model Town, says a press release.

Fazlul Haq, a central leader of the Bangladesh Awami League advisory council, died of cardiac arrest in the city on Sunday last.

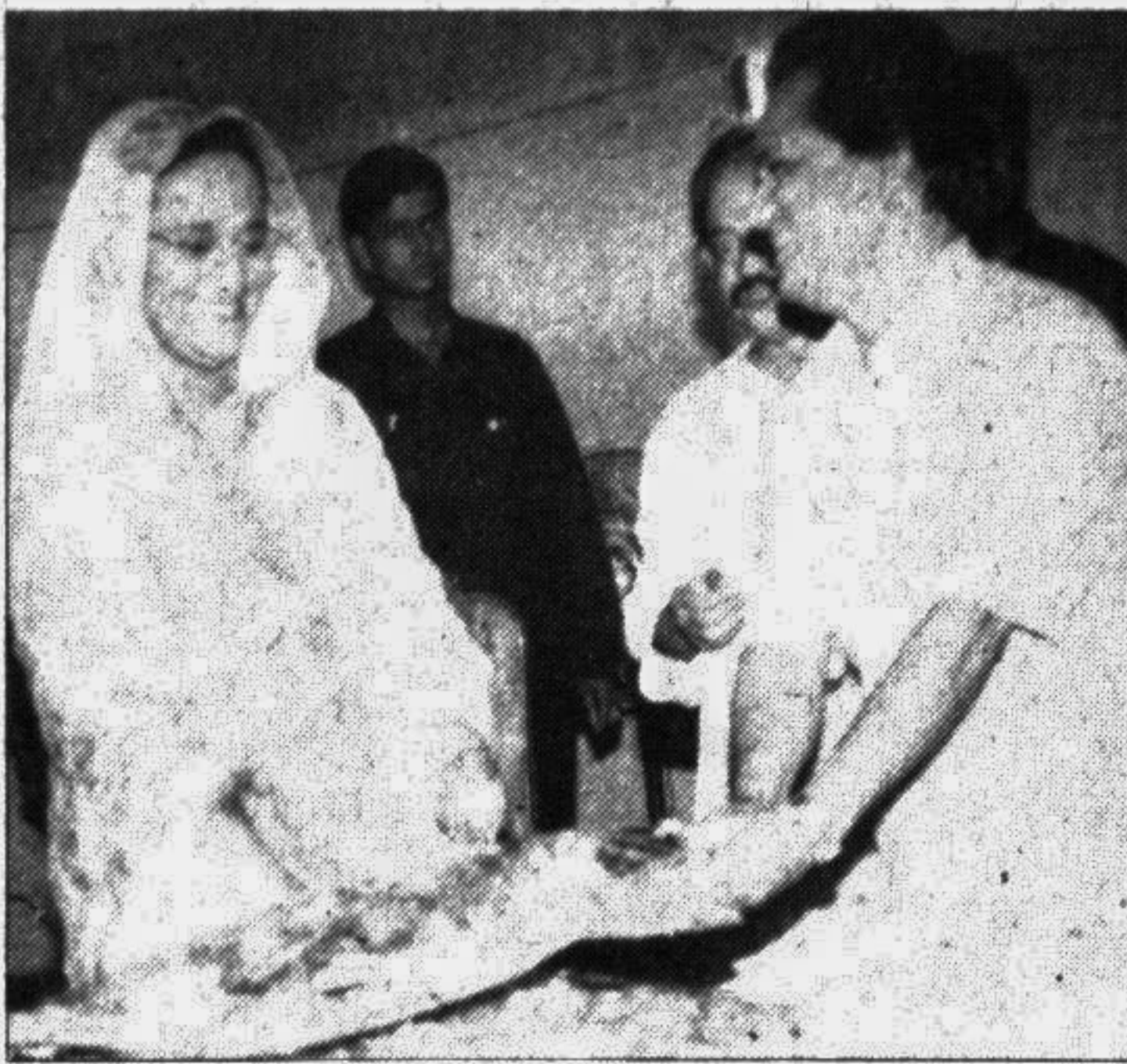
Asian FMs greet Samad Azad

Chinese Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen has felicitated Abdus Samad Azad on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In another message Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda has congratulated Abdus Samad Azad.

South Korean foreign minister in a similar message of felicitation to Abdus Samad Azad said "I look forward to work with you and your government to further develop the friendly relations between our two countries and cooperate on matters of our mutual concern."

Meanwhile, Nepalese Foreign Minister Dr. Prakash Chandra Lohani greeted Samad Azad on his assumption to the office of the Foreign Ministry.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina being presented with a bouquet upon her arrival at the government secretariat yesterday. —Star photo

What's on today....

Discussion on Int'l Drug Day: The Department of Narcotics Control has organised a discussion meeting in observance of the International Day Against Drug Abuse. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

UNAB discussion meet: The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a discussion meeting in observance of International Day Against Drug Abuse. Venue: 55, Dilkusha Commercial Area. Time: 5:30 pm.

Drama show: The play 'Kalprishtha' by Ashok Bosak and a production of Anuswar Theatre of Surjanji will be staged today. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Film show: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two films of great French filmmaker Louis Malle. 'Pretty Baby' at 5:20 pm and 'Milou en Mai' at 7:15 pm. Venue: Gelou Cultural Centre auditorium, House 10, Road 9, Dhanmondi.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: House 58, Road 8A, Dhanmondi. Time: 7pm.

Rotaract Club of Metropol: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Rotary School, West Rayerbazar. Time: 4:30 pm.

Centre for Asian Theatre: 'Krishnabhar', an adaptation by Ahmed Reza of Henrik Ibsen's 'Ghosts', will be staged today. Kamaluddin Nilu has directed the play while Kurt Harmensen is in charge of stage and lighting direction. Venue: British Council Auditorium.

Photo exhibition on Helen Keller tomorrow

A photo exhibition on the life of Helen Keller, world renowned philanthropist, will be held tomorrow in the Jatiya Press Club auditorium, reports BSS.

National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) and Helen Keller International Bangladesh (HKIB) will organise the exhibition on the 116th birth anniversary of Helen Keller.

The Bengali version of the book 'Helen Keller: Crusader for the Deaf and Blind', will be released and a fifty minute short film, 'Helen Keller in her story' will be screened on the occasion.

Additional secretary of Social Welfare Ministry Shah Mohammad Abdul Hannan will attend the function while country director of HKIB Shawn K Bekar, impact foundation Bangladesh Director Mansur Ahmed Chowdhury and executive editor of Daily Janakantha Borhan Ahmed will speak.

Chehelum



The Chehelum of Mr Sultan Ahmed, son of Late Azharullah will be held on 28th June '96 in his residence at House No 5 (NWD), Road No 58, Culshan after Asar.

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India-Pakistan-Bangladesh-Ceylon Conference

NOTICE TO TRADE

Further to their announcement on 30th April, the member lines wish to advise that they have noted a sustained improvement in conditions in the port of Chittagong. In the circumstances, in respect of all east and westbound cargo moving through the port of Chittagong, the existing surcharge will be reduced to the following levels effective Monday 1st July.

USD 100 PER TEU (FCL)
USD 10W/USD 5M (LCL)

The port situation at Chittagong will be monitored on a continuous basis.

RENATA LIMITED

Registered Office: 6/3, Segun Bagicha
G.P. O Box-303, Ramna, Dhaka-1000

Dated: June 26, 1996

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of Renata Limited will be held at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 on Wednesday, July 17, 1996 at 11.30 A.M. to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1995.
- To declare a dividend as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation or otherwise and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
- To Appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board
S. H. KABIR
CHAIRMAN

NOTE:

- A Member entitled to attend and Vote at the Meeting may appoint a proxy. Such proxy need not be a member of the Company. The proxy form must be stamped with revenue stamp of TK. 4.00 and should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the Meeting.
- The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from Wednesday, July 10, 1996 to Wednesday, July 17, 1996 both days inclusive, during which period no shares transfers will be effected.
- Members are requested to notify change of address, if any, to the Company.

EMPLOYMENT IN ASA

ASA - a non-government organisation invites applications for the following posts.

- Post: **Administrative Manager (Mid-level post) - 1.**
Qualification: Post-Graduate in Management.
Age limit: 35-year.
Experience: 7-8 years working experience in relevant post in a big organisation.
Working place: Central Office, Dhaka.
Salary: Initially approx. Tk. 8,000/- per month including all benefits.
- Post: **Public Relation Officer (Junior-level post) - 1.**
Qualification: Post-Graduate in English / Journalism / International relations.
Age limit: 30-year.
Experience: 1-2 years working experience in relevant post in a big organisation.
Working place: Central Office, Dhaka.
Salary: Initially approx. Tk. 5,000/- per month including all benefits.

Apply in own-hand writing with CV and 1 copy photograph on or before 15th July, 1996 in GPO Box No-2507, Dhaka. No original/photocopy of the certificates is required to be submitted alongwith the application.

Bangladesh Lamps Limited

100, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of directors of the Company at a meeting held on 23rd June, 1996 recommended a cash dividend @ Tk.40 for every ordinary share. The Board further decided to hold the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Company on Sunday, 15th September, 1996. The share transfer book of the Company will remain closed from 5th to 15th September 1996, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board
A.K.A. Mughadir
Company Secretary

Dhaka
June 26, 1996

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with pending accreditation from The National University of The People's Republic of Bangladesh, The COLLEGE of SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY, a major private college and dedicated and highly focused in the area of COMPUTER SCIENCE seeks and invite qualified candidates to fill a number of vacant faculty positions immediately in THE DEPARTMENT of COMPUTER SCIENCE.

POSITIONS DESCRIPTION:	QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:
(1) Permanent Faculty Members (FULL TENURE-TRACK)	Min. M.Sc. in Computer Science or Computer Technology / Min. M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering or Electronics Engineering with a major Computer or Electronics bias. Research and teaching experience is preferred.
(2) Librarian	Min. M.A. in Library Science with relevant experience. Computer knowledge is preferred.

Last Date for sending in Applications: July 06, 1996.

BENEFITS: Excellent management and a user-friendly work environment with highly attractive salary / compensation awaits the deserving candidates. We need the best people to deliver the best curriculum with the best facilities to our student body without any compromise in quality.

APPLICATION: Please send us a DETAILED resume or CV with names and points of contacts for all references on yourself for immediate consideration and potential short listing with an interview/screening schedule. Persons willing to give their assistance on Part-Time basis are also welcome to apply.

Please forward all resumes or CVs to:

The PRINCIPAL
The College of Science and Technology
5 Mohakhali C/A, (7th & 8th Floor), Tel. No.: 870370-72
Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

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Vacancy Announcement

A National Organisation based at Dhaka is inviting applications from the suitable candidates for the posts mentioned below. Applicants are requested to send the application along with a detailed CV and a recent photograph. Please include your telephone/contact telephone number (if any). No certificates or testimonials are required. Please mention your expected salary in the application.

Please mark your envelop indicating position you have applied for. Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview. Educational qualification may be relaxed for candidates with wide experience in the relevant field.

In all cases female candidates are encouraged to apply. Person with disability will get preference if qualify for the position. Application must reach the following address by 9 July 1996. The Advertiser, C/O The Daily Star, Box No D-642, Dhaka.

Name of the post	No	Qualification, experience & other information
Head, Administration and Finance	1	M Com (Finance)/MBA/CA/Master in Economics. At least three years experience in finance controlling, budgeting. Must have relevant computer knowledge.
Training Coordinator	1	Master in Public Health, Social Science/Nutrition/related discipline. At least three years experience in the field of training as manager and planner. Experience in conducting health training, knowledge of training technology and methodology is a must.
Administrative Officer	1	Master in Economics/MBA. Training on personnel management or equivalent will be preferred. Three years experience on general administration and/or personnel management. Experience on hospital management & knowledge on accounting/budgeting will be an added advantage.
Research Scientist	1	Master in Social Science/Public Health/any related field. At least three years experience in the field of health, nutrition or related research is needed.
Medical Officer	4	MBBS. Experience in paediatrics and/or clinical nutrition will be preferred. Experience in conducting training sessions and interest in research will be an added advantage.
Library and Information Officer	1	Master in library and information science. Three years experience in a medical library or academic/research library. Knowledge and experience in computer & other electronic media will be an added advantage.
Computer Programmer	1	MSc in Statistics/Demography. Three years experience as computer programmer. Good knowledge in computer packages viz. WP, SPSS, Dbase, Anthro, HG with related programme.
Asst Training Coordinator	1	Master in Social Science/Nutrition. Three years experience in the field of training management. Able to prepare lesson plan and update participatory training methodology.
Accountant	1	B Com, experience in accounting job in any NGO/private organisation. Familiar to accounting package, Dbase & similar package will be helpful.
Cashier	1	Same as above.
Store & Purchase Officer	1	Graduate. Training in store and purchase procedure will be preferred. 2/3 years experience will be needed.
Secretary to Executive Director	1	Minimum Graduate. Certificate course on Secretarial Science will be preferred. Good command in most common computer software is a must. Must be fluent in English and Bangla verbal and written communication. Good Word processing skill is a must.
Dietician/Nutritionist	1	Diploma or equivalent on Nutrition and Dietetics. Experience as nutritionist/dietician in nutrition centre/ ward will be preferred. Female candidate will be given preference.
Nursing Supervisor	1	Diploma in Nursing. Specialised course in paediatric nursing will be preferred. Five years experience including two years in paediatric/nutrition ward with responsibilities. Experience in conducting training sessions will be an added advantage.
Staff Nurse	8	Diploma in Nursing. Working experience in paediatrics and/or nutrition ward will be an added advantage.
Laboratory Technician	2	Diploma in Medical Technology (laboratory technology). Three years experience as Lab Technician. Able to perform routine and special pathological investigations.
Pharmacist	1	Diploma in Medical Technology (Pharmacy). Three years experience.
Health and Nutrition Worker	11	FWW/LHV/Medical Assistant course. Three years experience in relevant field in providing clinical care, ante-natal care, family planning, immunization. Conducting health/nutrition education sessions. Experience in working at community level will be added advantage.
Anthropometrist and inpatient clerk	1	Aid-Nursing/Junior nursing course. Three years experience as aid-nurse or junior nurse. Experience in working in a paediatric ward will be preferred.
Registration clerk & Anthropometrist	2	HSC. Working experience in a MCH clinic or related field will be preferred.
Office Secretary	1	HSC or Graduate. Diploma in office management/Secretarial course will be preferred.
Driver	2	SSC. Minimum 3 years driving experience will be needed. Must have a valid driving licence for car/microbus, jeep, pickup and heavy vehicles.
Linen and House Keeper	1	HSC. Some experience will be desirable. Female candidate will be preferred.
Laboratory Assistant	1	SSC. Some experience will be preferred.
Store Assistant	1	HSC. Experience in similar job is desired.
Caretaker	1	HSC. Training in plumbing/electrical maintenance work from vocational institute will be needed. Some working experience will be preferred.
MLSS	2	SSC. Some experience will be preferred.
Cooks & helper	5	SSC. Qualification relaxable with experience.
Ayas	5	SSC. Qualification relaxable with experience.
Laundry assistant	3	SSC. Qualification relaxable with experience.
Cleaner	4	SSC. Qualification relaxable with experience.