

Living with the Enemy

by Chandra Shekhar Das

A recently published annual UN report concentrated on some frightening images while dealing comprehensively with the state of world population.

different parts of the city. The test or survey was aimed at deciphering the proportional presence of elements responsible for air pollution, namely suspended particulates, sulphur dioxides and nitrogen oxide.

clusion of an exasperated and hopeless mind but the realistic and sensible approach is to arrest the rise in the level of air pollution. For this the overall maintenance of the vehicles and the observance of all the traffic-rules have to be ensured.

The two most concerned government agencies - Police and BRTA - do not seem to be fully alive to their roles in safeguarding the public health. Lack of coordination and sincerity is eating into the functional ability of both.

It is not only the problem with the filth or garbage. A more lethal enemy is playing havoc with the life of the urban population. It is air pollution.

The picture, was infinitely wholesome during the days of non-cooperation because no automobiles plied on the streets and Dhaka's air was apparently immune to the possibility of pollution by emissions.

On the flip side, allegations of corruption within the BRTA, as the enhancing factor in air pollution, are also galore. Al-

and so aptly phrased as the other name of life in the schoolbooks, was traced as a diabolical enemy at times, fairly long time ago.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS Where the Shoe Pinches

by Abdul Latif Molla

NOW that the Prime Minister herself called the Education Board officials and asked them to find out a 'modus operandi' to solve the problem of the SSC Examinations...

had been crucially tested to have attained the minimum standard to sit for the examination. If we allow 10 per cent margin then 90 per cent should have come out successful.

face in the process and they remain always neglected in all respects. Evaluation of answer scripts: Multiple choice answer sheets are evaluated by computers.

procedure of re-examination. The examinee is never called to recognise his answer script or provided with a photocopy or to be represented in the re-examination by a representative.

Though the Prime Minister's action is highly laudable yet the question of maintaining chain of command surfaces conspicuously. Taking the initiative herself she has hastened the salvation alright but to our utter dismay we observed that the Education Minister remained altogether inactive.

Faulty and unrealistic examination procedure: If positive and careful attention is paid only on the following few points, it may be realised how faulty and unrealistic the examination procedure is for our tender children.

As for the essay type of answer scripts, it appears to be a total mess. Again the examinees are the same teacher, who fail to teach and judge their students in ten years of their reported that good and experienced teachers find private coaching more lucrative than the strenuous job of examining the answerscripts.

The merit list: Last but not the least is the doubtful merit list. It is observed that always the top twenty positions are mostly occupied by the students of Dhaka city and of course, the prestigious cadet colleges.

SSC Examination is a very important and significant factor in one's life. But ironically the students become helpless after submitting their papers to the Board. They are compelled to depend on their luck not on their ability...

Bifurcated examination on each subject: The students are required to sit for multiple choice and easy type of examinations on each subject.

As for the essay type of examinations, contents of the prescribed text books fall too short even to obtain pass marks. For a better position or division how much a student needs to go beyond his text books is also unlimited.

Unjustified re-examination Procedure: There is a procedure for getting the answer scripts re-examined after paying a fee.



Too many of them, too much of fume... -Star photo



Emitting enough stench to pollute... -Star photo

and cardio-vascular diseases. In Mexico City, lead poisoning caused by emissions from cars and trucks is thought to be the cause of 1,40,000 children requiring remedial education and of hypertension of 46,000 adults of whom 330 die annually from heart attacks.

The survey of the Environment Directorate tracked the dangerous level of pollution in Dhaka's air to two reasons: the emissions from the automobiles and the brick kilns along with dust.

most all the car owners approached alleged that rampant corruption in the government agency has made the task of procuring the fitness certificate for a vehicle as easy as a mere child's play.

the massive use of fertilisers have led to the 'arsenication' of underground water. The picture is not any better in the case of surface water.

People in the rural areas may be less prone to diseases due to environmental pollution but the images emerging from some of the densely populated cities are ominous. One thing is clear: the planet earth, home for the greatest of creations is becoming increasingly unfit for living.

But running away from pollution by staying off from these areas could be an exercise in futility, observes the report. Residential areas, raising visions of relative safety, for the lesser or little passage of automobile traffic through them are not what they seem to be.

Some four years ago, another survey revealed that the automobile vehicles are responsible for spreading the following air polluting elements a day: 73 tons of carbon monoxide, 17 tons of hydrocarbon, 19 tons of nitrogen oxide, 4.2 tons of suspended particulates and 128 kg of lead.

As elsewhere, City Corporation is in charge of clearing the waste of this frighteningly polluted industrial area. But the job is done most mindlessly and the fact that chemical waste is something very different from the other routine form of wastes is yet to dawn on the Corporation.

Emissions from cars and trucks is one of the major source of civilisation city dwellers are plagued with in Dhaka. Earlier this year, a survey including monitoring and sample analysis to a limited scale was conducted by the Environment Directorate at

No matter how quickly and continually the automobiles are contributing to the whole process of air pollution, it is impossible to reverse the trend. A ban on automobiles or, in other words, a return to those traffic-free days of political turbulence could be the con-

Water, the second most important condition for life,

came into being!

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Monday 12th August (All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold. There may be changes in the programme.)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement At Duran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation From the Bible 3:15 Cartoon Film: Macrop 3:45 Drama series: Reticent of Selected Dramas 4:00 News in Bangla 4:45 Rumpus 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Nazul Songs 5:50 Sports Programme 6:00 News in Bangla 6:30 Taunmya 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Chandrabhrya 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:30 Shosthattha 10:35 Janamat Family Planning Programme 10:55 Comedy series: Coach 11:30, News in Bangla 11:35 Tuesday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 The Money Programme 10:00 BBC Newsday 10:00 BBC Newsday 1:00pm BBC World News 1:15 The Money Programme 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out Top Gear 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out Raymond's Blanc Manga 4:00 BBC Newsday 6:00 BBC News Headlines 6:05 Assignment 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out: The Sky At Night 9:00 BBC World News 9:15 The Money Programme 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out

CHANNEL V

7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 9:00 Frame by Frame 11:30 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:00noon By Demand VJ Trey 1:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Sansu Mangla Ha 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 By Demand VJ Trey 5:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 6:30 Everedy red alert 7:00 Big Bang VJ Assandara 7:30 Everedy red alert 8:00 Planet Ruby 8:30 Everedy red alert 8:33 The Vibe VJ Luke 9:00 BPL Oye! 9:30 Everedy red alert 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Everedy red alert 10:33 Launch Pad VJ Sophia 11:30 Everedy red alert 11:33 The Ride VJ Trey 12:00am Over The Edge VJ Sophia 12:30 Music Master Gos Shoof 1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Asian Top 20 VJ Nonie 5:00 Frame by Frame

STAR PLUS

6:30 Voltan 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 G I Joe 8:00 Sator Rider And The Star Sherril 8:30 The Adventures Of Black Beauty 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the Professor 10:00 Mr Belvedere 10:30 Cooking Secrets Of The CIA 11:00 Videofashion News 11:30 Gabrielle 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 Remington Steele 4:00

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STAR Sports

7:00 International Motorsport News 8:00 Wld M'cycle Champs Austrian HL 8:30 Tri Nations Series South Africa vs New Zealand 10:00 Cricket Week-5 10:30 Bud Pro Surf-4 11:30 Sports India 1:00 Formula One World Championship, 1996 Hungarian Grand Prix 2:00 US Mountain Challenge 3:00 The Asian Football Show 4:30 World M'Cycle Champs Austrian HL 5:00 World Windsurfing HL 5:30 Asia Sports Show 6:00 Football Mundial 6:30 Trans World Sport 7:30 1996 US PGA Championships Day 4 Highlights 9:30 Bud Pro Surf-4 10:30Asia Sports Show-46 11:00 The European Tour Holee Brucke Open Day 4 Via Sky 1:00 Trans World Sport 2:00 Marbo League '96 Chinese National Football League Beijing v Army 4:00 World Wrestling Federation: Action Zone 5:00-Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Cup Semi Finals From Calcutta

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Western The Friend Who

Walked the West 15 (Arabic Subtitles): 9:30 Family A Message From Holly PG (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Family Gulliver's Travels PG (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy Return of the Pink Panther 15 (Hindi Subtitles): 3:30 Classic Harry Black and The Tiger 12 (Hindi Subtitles): 5:30 Western The Legend of the Lone Ranger 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Film Fiction Danny the Champion of the World PG (Hindi Subtitles): 9:00 Extreme Close Up Executive Decision 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Comedy: The 100 to Wellville 18 (Hindi Subtit.:) 12:00 World Cinema: Cria Cuervos 15 (English Subtitles): 1:30 Action The Messenger 18 (Arabic Subtitles): 3:30 Comedy The Missionary 18 (Arabic Subtitles): 5:30 Thriller Dead Rings 18 (Arabic Subtitles)

ZEE TV

5:30 Surtal 6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 ZED 8:30 Dream Merchants 9:00 Hum Zameen 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 10:00 Saahib 10:30 Positive Health Show 11:00 Apna Ghar/Daak Ghar 11:30 Gopajee 12:00 Shuno Shuno Trng Trng 12:30 Celeste 1:00 ZED 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Film Chakkur 3:30 Mere Ghar Aas Zindag 4:00 Mano Ya Na Mano 4:30 Light Khana Khazana 5:00 ZED 5:30 Akbar Bibi 6:00 Cartoons 6:30 Love Stories 7:00 ZED 7:30 Gaane Anjane 8:00 TMKB 8:30 TYS Sa Re Ga Ma 9:30 Campus 10:00 Daraa 10:30 The News 11:00 No Problem 11:30 Close Up Antakshari 12:00 Parivartan 12:30 Andaz 1:00 Malabar Hills 1:30 Tumhare Lyk 2:00 Commander 2:30 TMM 4:00 Index 4:30 All out 5:00 Jagran

SONY ET

8:30am Yaadon Ki Baara 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Raga Rani Aur Joker 11:00 Sunday Ki Sundi (Serial) 11:30 Cine Marquee-Hindi Feature Film 2:30 Kismet 3:00 Zameen Asman 3:30 M.r. Messag, Meri Geet 4:00 Surf Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 4:30 The Raso Show 5:30 The Three Stooges: 6:30 Meri Message Meri Geet 6:30 Dennis The Menace 7:00 Premie: Surf Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Taak Jhank 9:00 Deekh Tamasha Dekh 9:30 Yeh Sadi Nahi Mo Sakht 10:00 Chamakdar (Drama Serial) 10:30 Cine Priya-Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Meri Message Meri Geet 2:00 Yaadon Ki Bara 2:30 Closed

11:00 Narguji 11:15 Folk Songs Padabali Kiran 12:30 Ek Sipi Onek Gaan 1:00 Jaan 2:30 Ek Diner Sultan 3:00 Gaan Nive (Dapan) 3:30 Isha 5:05 Nepali Programme 5:30 News 5:35 Dosh-Bidosh Khela 6:00 Pali Katha 6:30 Batayan 6:55 Arati 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinand 8:00 Dh Darshan 8:45 Saptahli 9:00 January 9:30 Pracheer 10:00

Bengal Movie Club Film Show 1:00 Movie

EL TV

00:30am R D Burman Special 01:30 Tarane 02:30 Gungaroo 03:30 Jeeven Ke Rang 04:30 Lara Mangeshkar Special 05:30 R D Burman Special 06:30 Tarane 07:30 Gungaroo 08:30 Jeeven Ke Rang 09:30 Lara Mangeshkar

TOM and JERRY

WOULD YOU TAKE THIS INSIDE FOR ME? ARE YOU GONNA GIVE ME A TIP? ALWAYS FIND OUT WHAT YOU'LL BE PAID BEFORE YOU TAKE THE JOB!

James Bond

NOT MUCH I CAN DO FOR THAT LEG, PAL - EXCEPT GIVE YOU A BULLET TO SIT ON AND GET YOU INTO SOME SHADE. THEN I'LL HAVE TO GO AFTER SCARAMANGA... WHAT MADE YOU THINK HE WAS DEAD? BLOOD ALL OVER - FIGURED IF HE WASN'T DONE FOR, HE'D GO BOOM WITH THE OTHERS ON THE BRIDGE.

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ZEE CINEMA

8:00 Abhimati 8:20 Haseem Pal 8:30 Sorry Meri Lory 9:00 Zandu Balm Dance Mania 9:30 Karz 10:00 Folterne Chalo Cinema 10:00 Stand by 10:40 Sitsla 11:00 Song Yatra 11:30 Ortem Hit Thi Hit Ha 12:00 Intezar

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