

Dhaka Day by Day

A World far Removed

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To your left, you will find the various gold ornament stores — their walls lined with displays of attractive gold jewellery. The beautiful and expensive ornaments rest upon the luxurious red velvet and glitter and sparkle as they catch the light. Their exquisite carvings and delicate filigree work are alluring. The customers — ladies expensively attired — flock to these shops to buy the latest set of jewellery in vogue.

The signs of affluence everywhere — the glittering displays in the shops, the rich customers alighting from their Mercedes or luxurious Pajeros — give you a fleeting impression of having been transported away from Dhaka. Only a fleeting impression, though, for by then, your eyes would have focused on the sidewalk below strewn with discarded plastic bags, paper wrappers, cigarette butts, and used straws etc.

This is Chaudhury Chowk. Though not one of Dhaka's most posh shopping arcades, it is definitely one of the most popular, especially among ladies. On one side you will find cloth stores which specialise in the sale of lovely materials for shalwar kameez suits etc. Girls flock here in groups on their way home from university or colleges. On the other side, the gold stores attract prospective mother-in-laws, who flock there to pick up the jewellery of the most modern style for their daughters' or sons' imminent weddings. But even such a popular and much frequented area has not been spared of the ugly scar of pollution.

Not because of lack of funds, through, the gold stores carry out transactions worth millions each day. The ornaments on display at each shop alone

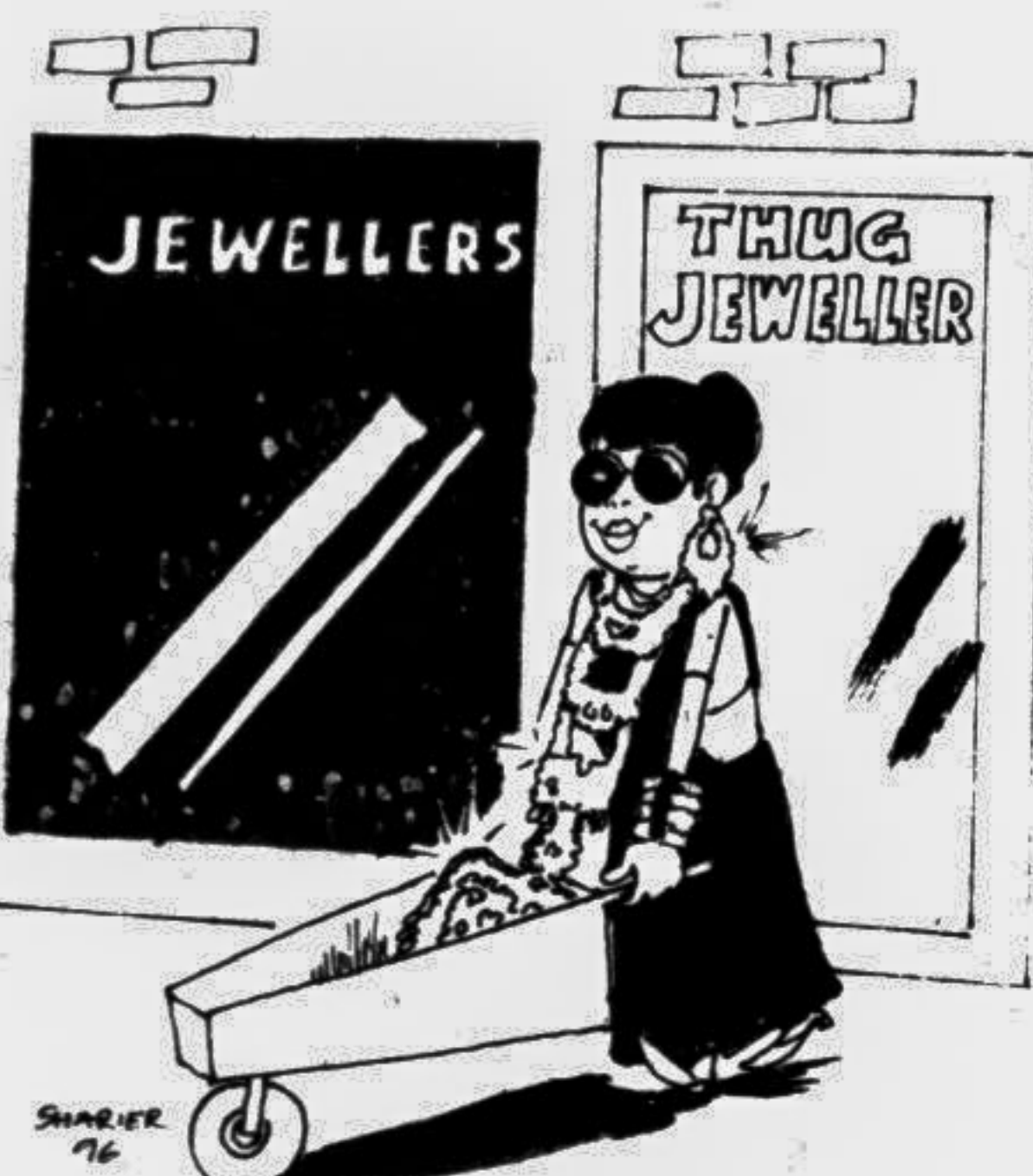
are often worth a fortune. There are armed guards at the heavy collapsible gates at the entrance, who ascertain that only genuine customers are allowed in. The shopkeepers are also alert at making their potential customers comfortable — treating them to cold drinks in their air-conditioned shops. It is also noticeable that no expenses are spared in the area of interior decor. Such grandeur is nothing but expected in such stores. What is shocking is the deplorable condition the roads are kept in.

Such a booming business site, yet no one bothers to keep it clean!

The litter strewn here and there does not seem to affect the crowds of customers. The ladies step down from their shiny cars, lift up their expensive saris on each or two and skilfully dodge the wet straggly polythene bags and torn papers. Once the narrow sidewalk is crossed, they enter their favourite shops leaving behind the world of garbage and litter.

The tragic side is, nobody bothers. Those who frequent these expensive jewellery shops are very often from the affluent society, who claim to possess refined tastes and habits. How these sophisticated and well groomed ladies can help but feel revolted at the roadside pollution? Not that they have to take up a broom to start sweeping. If some customers voice their objection to the dirt and filth, the shopkeepers will certainly try to satisfy their valued customers by engaging a sweeper.

It may not be possible to make our road glitter like the gold in the shops, we can at least keep it cleaner.



147 rounded up

Police rounded up 147 persons on various charges from different parts of the city during the last 24 hours till 8 am yesterday, reports UNB.

Of them, 33 persons were arrested on warrant of arrest and 25 others on charges of murder, dacoity, hijacking, extortion and violence, said a DMP press release.

Nepalese envoy meets Speaker

Lok Bahadur Shrestha, ambassador of the Kingdom of Nepal to Bangladesh called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at his office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest with special reference to parliamentary affairs of the two countries.

Fowler visits Ctg chamber

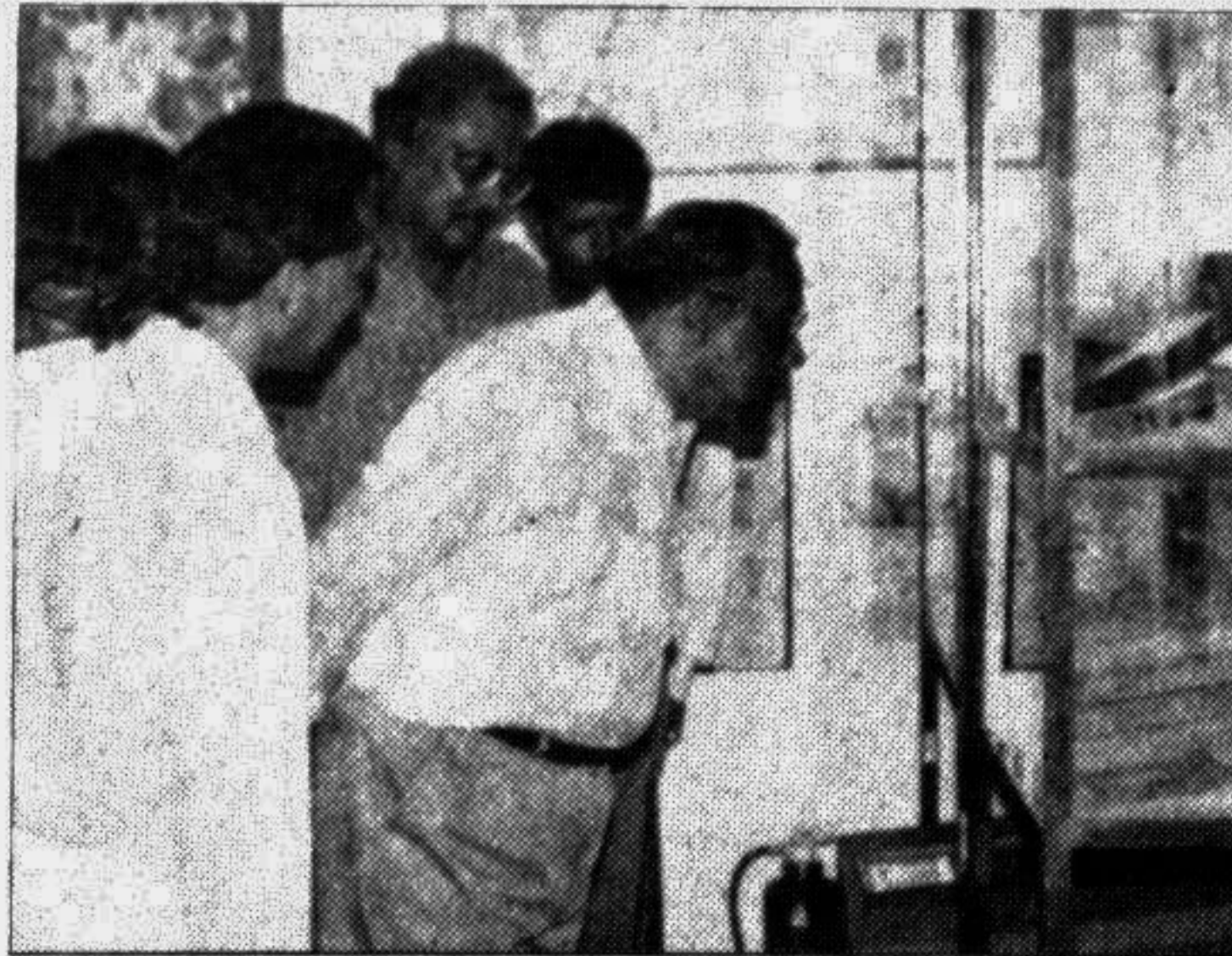
CHITTAGONG, Aug 12: Bangladesh has image problem abroad, but Britain and some other countries consider Bangladesh as a potential country where British investment is on the increase particularly in power and communications sectors, said Peter J. Fowler, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The British High Commissioner said this while exchanging views with the members of Chittagong Chamber at the Chamber house here today.

He said, Bangladesh badly needed developed physical infrastructures and trained manpower to accelerate its economic progress. He said that Britain was studying the feasibility of constructing a bridge over the river Meghna near Bhairab. He also said that two British trade missions would visit Bangladesh by the end of 1996 or early 1997.

He expressed satisfaction over the functioning of second stock exchange in Chittagong.

Earlier, Chittagong Chamber President Sarwar Jamal Nizam MP apprised Fowler of various facilities for foreign investment in Bangladesh.



Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Mayor, Khulna City Corporation, visited Muktiyudha Jadugar in the city Sunday.

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What's on today

BCL blood donation programme: Bangladesh Chhatra League of Bangladesh Agri Institute unit will hold a blood donation programme followed by a free plantation programme. Chief guest: Syed Abul Hossain, State Minister for LGRD & Cooperatives. Venue: Bangladesh Agri Institute. Time: 10 am.

BARTAN workshop: Bangladesh Research and Training Institute for Applied Nutrition has arranged a two-day workshop on "Inclusion of Nutrition in Agri Planning and Development." Venue: BARC seminar room. Time: ?

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

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Science lecture: Professor Jamal Nazrul Islam of Chittagong University will deliver a lecture on "Fundamental Molecules." Venue: National Museum for Science and Technology. Time: 4 pm.

Public Eye Film Society: The society has arranged a special film session in observance of the silver jubilee of country's independence and 100th years of cinema. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader will inaugurate the programme. Screening of 'Obaidul Kader' will follow. Venue: Kachi Kachar Mela Auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

Exhibition: In observance of the 21st anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman poster exhibition on War of Liberation, publication ceremony at a book titled 'Mujibnagar' by M A Bari advocate has been arranged. Chief guest: Abdur Razzak, Minister for Water Resources. Venue: National Museum. Time: 11 am.

Penal provision against unfair clinic business likely

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salauddin Yusuf yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that present government would formulate both cognizable and non-cognizable penal provisions against unscrupulous private clinics, hospitals and laboratories, reports BSS.

He was replying to a call attention notice of opposition BNP member Harun Ur Rashid Khan Monnu regarding the public sufferings due to the mushroom growth of very poor quality private clinics hospitals and pathological laboratories in the capital city.

The minister thanked the opposition member for bringing this problem to his notice and shown the House a headline of yesterday's newspaper which reads roaring business of physicians in the city.

He said because of fault in the 1982 ordinance in this regard, the ministry could not take punitive measures against those unscrupulous private clinics, hospitals and pathological laboratories.

Yusuf underscored the need for formulating penal provisions by updating the rules in this regard for the healthy development of the quality of health services in the country.

While articulating his call attention notice, Monnu emphasised the need for improving the inspection system soon to cancel the licences of the unscrupulous private clinics, hospitals and pathological laboratories so that people would no more suffer from those unhealthy private centres dealing in health service.

Former MP Prof Nurur Rahman dead

Prof ANM Nurur Rahman, a former member of parliament (MP) from Comilla died of a massive heart attack in Toronto, Canada on August 7. He was 85, reports BSS.

The body of Rahman is expected to arrive in city on August 15 from Toronto and he will be buried at his family graveyard at Natherpatua in Laksham the same day.

Namaz-e-Janaza for him will take place the same day at Baitul Mukarram Mosque in Dhaka after Johr prayers and at his village after Asr prayers.

Rahman, who had been staying in Toronto since 1992, was an MLA from Joint Front in the then East Pakistan assembly in 1954 and member of parliament from Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in 1979.

He was the chairman of Bangladesh Jatiya Palli Unnayan Samabay Federation. Vice Principal of Sheikh Burhanuddin College, Dhaka, and Principal of Alia Madrasa at Bishaw Zaker Manzil.

Rahman was a close associate of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque. He was associated with various social welfare and educational institutions.

He left behind his wife, three sons and three daughters and a host of relations, friends and relatives to mourn his death.

Show extended

The exhibition of Tagore's paintings, reproduced in needle art, being held at the La Galerie in the city, has been extended till August 24. The show is open everyday from 9 am to 7 pm, says a press release.

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