

Dhaka Day by Day

Putting up with Inconsiderate Visitors

By Lavina Ambreen Ahmed

"Some people have all the time in the world," you silently mutter, looking pointedly at the watch for the umpteenth time. Of course your neighbour doesn't take the hint. You have an assignment to finish within an hour or so, but she has been trying to get hold of you for days. And now that she has finally 'captured' you, she won't leave without telling you about her five-year-old 'gifted' son's latest achievements. The teacher praised his pictures of Batman. He is so artistically inclined, don't you think I should enroll him in an art school?" — she drones on.

The only thing you can think of at that point is to find the address of an art school and tell her to go there immediately, so that she would shut up and leave!

Sad but true we have to endure many irritating and trying situations in life. Dealing with unwelcome visitors is just one of them. The busy generation of the '90s bogged down by job and home responsibilities barely has the time or energy to socialise or be sociable all the time. Yet, there are still some of us in the city who have an annoying tendency of showing up at one's place at the most inopportune moments — just like the Brindles in *Small Wonders* and the insufferable guy-next-door in *Empty Nest*. Too bad our 'proper' social upbringing prevents us from saying 'bye' and simply slamming the door on their faces. Of course when it comes to coping with surprise visitors, we all have our share of bad luck. The experience is just as awful as surprise exams. It's all the more infuriating when someone or some people decide to drop by exactly when you are going out, watching your favourite TV show, busy with work or perhaps simply too tired to play the charming host.

We are all more or less familiar with this inconvenient and at times embarrassing situation. You are dressed up, ready to attend a wedding (and being Bangladeshi, naturally you're late), when out of the blue your husband's not-so-popular distant relatives decide to pay you a visit. You know practically nothing about them but apparently they seem to know a lot about you. Even when they have learnt that you were on your way out, the thoughtless, exasperating individuals still sit down and chat. Since you can't be rude, you go to the kitchen fuming and prepare tea for them.

Then there are those outgoing ones who live by the saying 'the night is still young'. These natural beings start their daily rounds at 8pm and often don't return home before midnight. A young couple with a two-year-old baby daughter makes it a point to visit as many places as possible in one night. The home of the husband's uncle is one of the places the tireless two loves to visit. Needless to say, much to the displeasure of the poor victims. They always make an appearance after 10pm when the family has just finished dinner and stay till 11-12pm. Therefore, their relatives can hardly be blamed for being more than a little disappointed to see them. When the doorbell rings late at night, we don't need three guesses to figure out who the callers are," says the cheeky youngest member of the family. Another wonder: "Why do they keep coming back, we are not that cordial with them?"

But probably the worst offenders are the persistent lot. Folks who normally come to you at odd hours for vested interests can easily break the perseverance record any day. Here is an example: when a family returned home from a long and tiring trip from Sylhet at 5pm, they found a smiling duo sitting in their living room. The guests were mere acquaintances, who waited for them for more than an hour. Considering the fact that they don't live far away, they could've easily come back. But no, they chose to wait. Even after knowing that their hosts were dead tired, the self-centred ones didn't part before 8pm, mentioning the objective of their visit only at the time of leaving.

Seriously, putting up with incorrigible, insensitive people can be quite an ordeal. What to do? In order to get rid of a detestable person, a woman professes to have used an effective method. She pretended to be the maid and told the visitor (of course not opening the door) that she is not home. Then again, we are not always so lucky. Our domestic help at times, let people in, unless we brief them before hand. "I'm sorry but I have an appointment now. I'll get in touch with you later," should do the trick. When subtle hints don't work, never hesitate to use the direct approach.



SARFARAZ

ITI executive body elected

In the triennial general meeting of the Bangladesh Centre of International Theatre Institute (ITI) held in the city Tuesday, a 19-member new executive committee, with **Ramendu Majumdar** and **Ataur Rahman** as president and general secretary respectively, was elected for the next 3 years, says a press release.

The other members of the committee are: **Aly Zaker** and **Abdus Selim** — vice presidents, **Asaduzzaman Noor** — secretary, **International Affairs**, **Nasiruddin Yousuf** — organising

secretary **Mofidul Hoque** — publications secretary, **Sara Zaker** — programmes secretary, **Liquat Ali Lucky** — archive secretary, **Devaprasad Debnath** — finance secretary and **Abdullah Al-Mamun**, **Mamunur Rashid**, **Dr Nazmul Ahsan**, **Laila Hasan**, **Sisir Dutta**, **Tariq Anam Khan**, **Shafi Ahmed**, **Milon Kanti Dey** and **Ahmed Iqbal Haidar** — executive members.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury and Syed Shamsul Huq were named presidents of honour of the Bangladesh ITI.

VC pledges to free DU from terrorists' grip

The acting Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Shahid Uddin Ahmed, yesterday said that the university authorities would take necessary steps against those whose names would be submitted by the Chhatra League and the Chhatra Dal, reports BSS.

"I have taken effective measures to free the university from the grip of outsiders and armed terrorists as the guardian of the 28 thousand students of the university since my appointment," he said.

He was talking to the members of the Dhaka University Journalists Association (DUJA) when they met him at his official residence yesterday evening.

Prof Ahmed informed them that he would not contest for the vice chancellor panel election due to be held on September 25 at the special senate session.

BCL rally held

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Dhaka city unit yesterday organised a rally in front of the National Press Club protesting the alleged threat to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The BCL rally was addressed, among others, by Sultan Mohammad Monir MP, general secretary, **Ishaque Ali Khan** Panna city Awami League leader, **Sau Manian** and BCL DU unit secretary **Abdul Wadud Khokon**.

Addressing the rally, Sultan Mohammad Monir said that the BNP could not accept the results of the June 12 parliamentary polls. From the very beginning, BNP has started conspiring against the AL government, he said, adding that the threat to kill or launch a movement could not legitimise the corruption of the BNP leaders during its rule.

Ishaque Ali Khan Panna urged the student community to resist the terrorists unitedly.



Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, general secretary, Bangladesh Chhatra League speaking at a BCL rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

What's on today . . .

Dr Ibrahim memorial lecture: Officers' Club has arranged Dr Ibrahim Memorial lecture in observance of the 7th anniversary of death of founder president of Bangladesh Diabetic Association Dr Mohammad Ibrahim. Chief guest: Tofael Ahmed, Commerce and Industries Minister. Venue: BIRDEM auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Sri-Lankan Assoc exhibition: 'Daskman', an exhibition and sale organised by the ladies of the Sri Lanka Association will be held today. Venue: Sri Lanka High Commission premises. House 15, Road 50, Gulshan 2. Time: 10 am to 6 pm.

Orchid show: The 13th show of exotic orchid of Asia will be held. Orchid Society of Bangladesh has organised the show. Venue: House, NWK 8, Road: 50, Gulshan. Time: 9 am-6 pm.

Baridhara 'J' Block Welfare Assoc: A meeting of Baridhara 'J' Block Welfare Society will be held. Venue: Sugandha Community Centre at Dhanmondi Satmasjid Road. Time: 10 am.

Paribesh Theatre founding day: On the occasion of the 5th founding day, Paribesh Theatre will organise a rally from TSC, Dhaka University Press Club at 11 am. A re-union programme will be held later in the day at 6 pm at the Russian Cultural Centre where poet Shamsur Rahman will be the chief guest.

BCCMCC meet: A special meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh China Cultural, Economic & Mass Communication Centre will be held. Venue: GA-183/1, School Road (2nd floor), Mohakhali. Time: 10 am.

NCC Birdwatch programme: Nature Conservation Committee of Bangladesh (NCC) has organised a birdwatching programme. Venue: Mirpur Botanical Garden. Time: 8 am to 11 am.

Lions Clubs installation ceremony: Joint installation ceremony of Lions Club of Dhaka Ambassador, Lions Club of Dhaka Dhanmondi Central, Lions Club of Dhaka Dhanmondi Green, Lions Club of Dhaka Pallabi and Lions Club of Dhaka Sugandha will be held. Venue: Rawa Club. Time: 5 pm.

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Seminar on transit issue: Jonasamaj, a voluntary organisation has arranged a seminar on 'Transit issue', a vital factor in Indo-Bangladesh relations. A paper titled 'Security of Bangladesh on Transit' will be presented. Venue: Jatiya Press Club, VIP lounge. Time: 4 pm.

Computer training programme: Karmajog Sangstha, a voluntary organisation has arranged a computer training programme for the unemployed youth. The inaugural ceremony of the programme will be held. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the programme. Venue: Jubo Bhavan auditorium, 108, Motijheel Commercial Area. Time: 5 pm.

21st governing board meet concludes \$ 2.2 m budget for IIT proposed

The 21st meeting of the governing board of Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), concluded yesterday, recommending a budget of 2.2 million US dollars for the financial year 1996-97, reports BSS.

The meeting, held at a city hotel, approved the renaming of master of technical education (MTE) as master of science in technical education (M SC TE) and course structure of 4-year BSC Engineering programme, according to a press release.

The three-day meeting also recommended measures to ease the financial problems of the institute and participation of all the member states of OIC in the academic programmes of the institute.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the board meeting September 10.

The working session of the meeting was attended by participants from Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, representative of the Secretary General of OIC and Director General of IIT Prof Dr A M Patwari.

The board in its working session re-elected Dr Naissar A Al Dekhyel of Saudi Arabia as chairman, Ahmed Adel Sobhy Charge d'Affairs of the

Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Bangladesh, Md Mahe Alsm, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Manpower of Bangladesh, Abbas Ali Sayahi, Labour Attaché of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran as Vice-chairman and Muhammad Ischak, First Secretary of the Indonesian Embassy in Dhaka as rapporteur.

2. awarded KM Salek Gold Medal

By Staff Correspondent

Govt Laboratory High School has awarded two of its meritorious students — Faisal Ibne Rezwana and Shibaji Sharker Rana — with the Khan Mohammad Salek Gold Medal for their achievements in SSC examinations.

Rezwana and Shibaji, who stood first in the SSC examinations in '95 and '96 respectively, received their medals from Jafar Ali, a former headmaster of the school, in an award-giving ceremony yesterday.

The 'First Librarian', an organisation of the first batch students of the school, has instituted the award in memory of KM Salek, the first headmaster of Govt Laboratory High School.

BHRC condemns killing of woodcutters

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission (BHRC) yesterday condemned and protested the killing of 30 woodcutters by Shantibahini at Longadu under Baghaichhari thana of Rangamati district, reports BSS.

A press release of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission said the Commission had taken decision to probe the mass killing at Baghaichhari by team. The commission will publish the reports through a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, within one week.

The Commission termed the incident as a pathetic and demanded the arrest of the culprits who are responsible for the massacre.

The Commission called upon the government to compensate families of those who lost their lives.

The commission also expressed deep condolence and sympathy to the members of the families of the victims.

SSC exams under BOU begin today

The SSC first year examinations under Bangladesh Open University (BOU) begin today, reports UNB.

More than 15,000 examinees from across the country are expected to appear in the examinations, said a BOU press release yesterday.

The examinations will be held at 257 centres throughout the country every Friday till October 11, the press release said.

S Asia regional meet on women's dev ends

Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Minister Dr Muzammel Hossain returned home yesterday after participating in the South Asia regional meeting on women's development, held in New Delhi, reports BSS.

He had led a two-member Bangladesh delegation to the one-day meeting 'commemorating Beijing', held September 9 in New Delhi.

Dr Muzammel Hossain, while addressing the meeting said, government of Bangladesh has been preparing and implementing projects and programmes in different areas of women development. He said that the government has drafted plan of action as follow-up step of Beijing World Conference on Women held last year.

The state minister put forward a number of recommendations including alleviation of poverty and removal of illiteracy among women, achieving 100 per cent enrollment of children in primary schools by the year 2000. He also called for reducing maternal and infant mortality and achieving universal immunization, preventing violence against women and children in the South Asian regions.

Orchid Show

The 13th show of exotic Asian orchids is again on display, organised by the Orchid Society of Bangladesh. Today at NW(K)-8, Road No 50 Gulshan, from 9 am to 6 pm. Sponsored by: Polar Icecream. D-972

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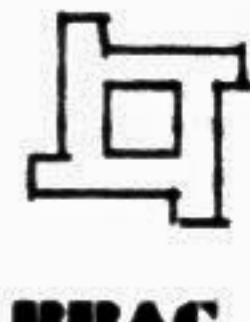
অগ্রহীণ প্রার্থীগণকে যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সকল সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি ও সাম্প্রতিক তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি ও স্বহস্তে লিখিত আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২৮-০৯-৯৬ইং তারিখের মধ্যে জিপিও বক্স নং ২৮৮৬, ঢাকা-১০০০ বরাবর পাঠাইতে অনুরোধ করা যাক্বে। বেতন আলোচনা সাপেক্ষে।

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Weather

Thundershower likely

Light rain or thundershower with temporary gusty wind likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places elsewhere over the country till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said day temperature may rise by 1.2 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and the lowest 24.1 degrees at Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6:04 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45 am.

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	33.4	26.2
Chittagong	34.6	26.9
Rajshahi	35.4	27.4
Khulna	32.0	27.8
Barisal	33.0	27.0
Sylhet	33.5	26.3
Cox's Bazar	34.4	26.5

প্রশিকা মানবিক উন্নয়ন কেন্দ্র

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প্রশিকা মানবিক উন্নয়ন কেন্দ্রে নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে নিয়োগের জন্যে বাংলাদেশের অগ্রহীণ ও কর্মঠ প্রার্থীদের নিকট থেকে আবেদনপত্র আহবান করা হইল।

১। পদের নাম	কনিষ্ঠ কর্মসূচী সংগঠক (সামাজিক বনায়ন)।
বেতনক্রম	২৪০০-২৪০-৯২০০।
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নারী ও পুরুষ উভয় প্রার্থী উপরোক্ত পদে আবেদন করতে পারবেন। তবে ৩০% পদ নারী প্রার্থীদের জন্য সংরক্ষিত থাকবে।

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উপরোক্ত পদে কেবলমাত্র নারী প্রার্থীরা আবেদন করতে পারবেন।

উভয় পদে নিয়োগের জন্য আবেদনপত্র বাছাইয়ের পর প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হলেই মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় ডাকা হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণদের সবশেষে সাক্ষাৎ পরীক্ষার সম্মুখীন হতে হবে। সকল পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদেরই কেবল নিয়োগ দেয়া হবে। সংস্থার নিয়মানুযায়ী ৩(তিন) মাসের শিক্ষানবিসকাল সমাপ্ত করার পর চাকুরি স্থায়ী করা হবে এবং স্থায়ীকরণের পর মূল বেতনের ৬৫% বাড়ীভাড়া, ২টি উৎসব বোনাস,গ্র্যাচুইটি,কনট্রিবিউটরি প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড, চিকিৎসা সুবিধাদিসহ অন্যান্য সুযোগ সুবিধা প্রদান করা হবে।

পূর্ণ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত ও সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং পাসপোর্ট আকারের ২ (দুই) কপি ছবি, ত্রপালী ব্যাকের যে কোন শাখা থেকে প্রশিকার অনুসূচ ত্রপালী ব্যাক লিঃ,মালিগাণ চৌধুরীপাড়া শাখা বরাবর অফিসেযোগা ১৫০/- (একশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারসহ আবেদনপত্র মুখ্য সমন্বয়কারী, মানব সম্পদ বিভাগ বরাবর উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় আগামী ২২ সেপ্টেম্বর ১৯৯৬ তারিখের মধ্যে গৌহাতে হবে। খামের উপরে পদের নাম উল্লেখসহ আবেদন করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন পত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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