

Dhaka Day by Day

Thanks Mr. Bell, for Your Wonderful Invention

by Samia Islam



SHARZ '96

In the movie "This is my Life" one of the life's lessons that a stand-up comedian Dottie Engels gives to her two daughters is that everybody in the world is only two phone calls away from everybody else. Moral of the above piece of advice: When you need help, use the phone. Well, Dottie Engels has never tried to follow through on her own counsel in Dhaka. I'm sure! Because sooner than getting through to someone on Mr. Bell's amazingly handy instrument, she could take a three-wheeler (motorized or not) and reach the person at his home or office and be none the worse for wear.

The prehistoric state of telephone communication is really quite vexing in a city that boasts cable TVs, LDs in every other home, multimedia technology and of course the Internet. I'm sure all of you have entertaining anecdotes to exchange at tea parties on horrifying phone experiences, on dealing with someone or the other's private secretary who put you on hold for ones and then let you know the boss is not in? Well, some have had it worse. Have you had to endure a PA who on top of everything else refuses to converse in Bangla albeit his inadequate English? Precisely this became the bane of my attempts at comprehensible conversation to a PA the other day since his halting English left me in total darkness as to what he was trying to say and the guy wouldn't respond in his mother tongue no matter how I tried to persuade him. From amidst his deluge of mismatched words, Tarzan grammar and crooked pronunciation, the only sentence that I could decipher was that his boss was in the small room at that moment and would be available in 15 minutes. A small room? What's so special about that as to be mentioned to an unknown caller? After lots of pondering and contemplating, I finally managed to get his drift. So that's a small room then . . . the loo? What a revelation!

Fake CID inspector arrested

Police arrested a fake CID inspector from Janata Housing at Shah Ali Bagh of Mirpur thana in the city Saturday, reports UNB.

Jamal was arrested after a case was filed against him with Mirpur thana by a DGM (Loan) of Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation.

Police seized a car, a telephone set and a tape recorder. Jamal had taken from DGM M Fazul Haq Chowdhury through imposture.

A DMP press release said Jamal identified himself as an inspector of Criminal Investigation Department and took the car few days ago. The DGM came to know about the fraud Saturday morning.

The fake inspector had also taken Tk one lakh from a freedom fighter, Delwar Hossain, on the plea of giving him a plot. Police recovered Tk 61,000 from him.

Weather

Thundershower forecast

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi division and at a few places over Dhaka, Sylhet, Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office also forecast light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind at one or two places of Barisal and Chittagong divisions.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

The country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius, was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest 22.5 degrees, at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 05:47 pm and rises tomorrow at 05:51 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	31.6	26.0	82	86
Chittagong	34.0	26.5	72	75
Rajshahi	33.0	25.5	89	86
Khulna	32.0	25.5	78	78
Barisal	31.7	25.2	85	91

Metropolitan

Profile of new DU VC

Prof Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury, the new Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University was born in 1946 in Feni. He completed his honours and masters in Biochemistry from Dhaka University with first class in 1967 and 68 respectively. He completed his PhD in Pharmacy from the University of Manchester, UK in 1976.

He was awarded several fellowships including DAAD, Commonwealth and EEC from different universities of West Germany, UK and France.

Prof Chowdhury was also awarded Rab Chowdhury Gold Medal by the Dhaka University in 1978 for 'original' research work.

Prof Chowdhury served in various capacities in different institutions. He was Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy of DU, member of the Network for Rational Use of Drugs (INRUD), USA, National Formulary Committee (Modern Medicine and also Traditional Medicine), WHO Worldwide Essential Drug Programme Evaluation Team, Drug Appellate Authority, Government of Bangladesh, National Drug Control Committee and Regional Expert on Essential Drug.

Adz Chowdhury also attended a number of national and international seminars and conferences.

His research publications include a book on "How to Investigate Drug Use in Health Facilities" published by WHO and sixty-two publications in reputed national and international journals.

He was former Editor in Chief, Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Journal, one of the editors of Bangladesh National Formulary (Modern Medicine) and a former member of the Editorial Board of Dhaka University Studies, part-E.

The fields of his research are: i) Synthesis and Biological evaluation of peptide antibiotics and neurotransmitters. ii) Isolation, characterization and biological testing of antibiotic, antiviral and antifertility drugs from plant sources, iii) Design and testing of interventions to promote rational use of drugs and quality at care in Afro-Asian countries including Bangladesh. iv) Study of delivery of Peptidic drugs, with special reference to genetically engineered drug, across intestinal cells.

He was the president of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society, and is a member of Bangladesh Bio-Chemical Society.

He is conversant in Bengali, English, German, French and Urdu.

New BSS chief takes over

Husainuzzaman Chowdhury took over as the managing director and chief editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) yesterday, reports BSS.

A veteran journalist, Chowdhury hails from Satara, Feni.

He succeeds D P Barua.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: D P Barua was retired yesterday by the government on his attaining 60 years of age.

Barua was appointed MD and Chief Editor on January 14, 1991 by the caretaker government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. He joined the BSS on Jan 1, 1972 and continued to serve in various capacities.

US envoy calls on Speaker

David N. Merrill, Ambassador of the United States of America to Bangladesh, yesterday called on the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at the latter's office, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest including various aspects of the development of the Jatiya Sangsad, a press release said.



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FEEDER VESSELS M. V. MENG YANG V-9625 IMP. ROT. NO. 898/96 AND M. V. CONSISTENCE V-329 IMP. ROT. NO. 908/96 ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE CHITTAGONG OUTER ANCHORAGE ON OR ABOUT 01.10.1996 AND 02.10.1996 RESPECTIVELY WITH EVERGREEN CONTAINERS RELAYED AT SINGAPORE EX FOLLOWING VESSELS:

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Grindlays' Sheraton cash booth relocated

ANZ Grindlays Bank Ltd has recently relocated its cash booth from the lobby of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel to the BSL Building (Sheraton annex), says a press release.

The cash booth will be formally inaugurated at its new location tomorrow at 12:30 pm by Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, the release added.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Trade Clippers Cargo Ltd, an international freight forwarding company invites applications for the position of "Sea Freight Operations Incharge" for immediate appointment. The candidate should possess a minimum bachelor's degree having at least 5 (five) years practical experience in the respective field. He should be well conservant in computer operations and making all communications in English. Maximum age limit is 40 (forty) years. Salary negotiable.

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The corporation wishes to appoint a high calibre and well rounded Country Manager. His job responsibilities will be to formulate and implement marketing plans and strategies for a rapidly growing business where the Company wants to become the market leader. The ideal candidate will have a successful track record of selling sophisticated specialty equipment to quality conscious selected customers.

The person we are looking for is an MBA with a degree in Engineering. He must have 8-10 years' experience in health care equipment or allied industries. He has sufficient knowledge of the present marketing environment of Bangladesh and also a clear idea of how it is likely to change at the turn of the century.

A compensation package commensurate with qualification and experience will be offered. Opportunities for overseas training and career advancement exist.

If you think you can take up this challenging position, then please send you complete CV to MRK Consultants, Bilquis Tower (3rd floor) 6 Gulshan North C.A., Dhaka - 1212. Tel: 885100, 885074. Fax: 880-02-885086, by October 12, 1996.



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You should be in your early thirties and possess a sound academic background with at least 5 years professional experience in Account Management with any reputed bank/financial institution. You have a good understanding of the basics of banking and be able to manage a portfolio of important customer accounts independently. You should be well versed in financial decision making. Computer literacy and good communication skills are primary pre-requisite.

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