

CRC and the Child Labour in Bangladesh

by Siddiqur Rahman

Black shadows of poverty, destitution and misery lurk around every corner of Bangladesh. As a result, togetherness of children and labour is an everyday fact.

THE weak and helpless condition of children in Bangladesh is very much... The employers, in order to maximise profits and thereby to become wealthy in the shortest possible time, tap the market of under-age workers...

inhuman and exploitative employment's do not reduce poverty, rather the differences between the rich and the poor increase immensely. Instead of elimination of poverty, such exploitation contributes more to increasing the vulnerability of poor children...

Children Report for 1997 dismisses as a 'myth' the West's argument that the 'only way to make headway against child labour is for consumers and governments to apply pressure through sanctions and boycotts'.

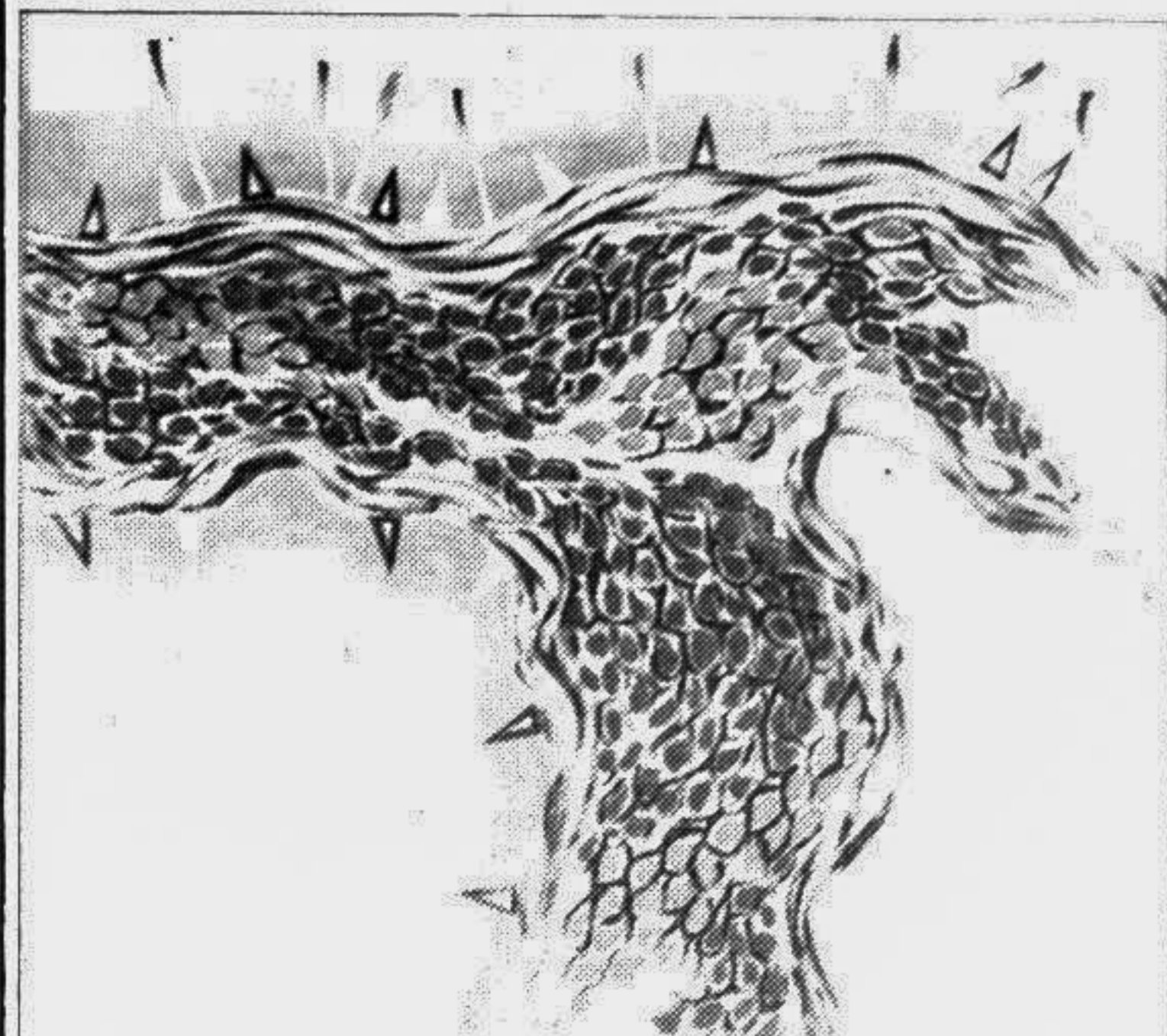
UNICEF says. So UNICEF does not think that merely pulling out of the workplace will help unless alternatives are in place. It recommends the initiative by Bangladesh garment exporters who teamed up with local UNICEF and ILO offices to rehabilitate children removed from their factories.

in the context of rapidly increasing landlessness, destitution, prostitution, etc., in the present system of the country and society. Like many others, the NGOs, too, are vowed to preserve the present system by reducing its hazards and by creating a sense of charity.

victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Reports in the media indicate that trafficking of young girls from Bangladesh to neighbouring countries is on the rise. Very often they are sold to brothels. Once forced to this situation, they are isolated and unable to communicate with the outside world.

Dhaka Day by Day Coming in from the Cold

by Fayza Haq



Ruhul Amin Kajol, who had his recent exhibition at the Zainul Abedin Gallery, at the Fine Arts Institute, has always been an avant garde. He is famous for his traffic paintings in Scandinavia. He represents a generation of artists who have rebelled against tradition.

hard to tolerate. It was bitterly cold and the temperature was minus 15 degrees. Kajol recalls, 'Bohemian Landscape' brings in the Czech Republic where Kajol was doing a workshop. It was cold and snow-covered. One finds circles of white outlined by green.

Madness Again?

THE German government called upon agricultural and health experts for an emergency meeting on January 22, following a report of the confirmation of the nation's first case of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) or the mad cow disease in a locally born bovine.

Germany retains only about 3,000 UK-born cows as import of live cattle over the age of six months has been prohibited since 1990, and younger cattle and beef imports from the UK has been banned only recently.

Coughing UP Facts

ACCORDING to doctors at the Royal Northern Infirmary in Inverness in the Scottish Highlands, moving house may be a significant factor in contracting asthma and other allergic diseases.

Disease in Childhood. Jane Austin and her colleagues admit that there are not enough evidences to prove a casual link. However, a study published in the British Medical Journal recently suggested a possible link between moving houses and contracting asthma.

Coke

THANKS to US-based Sun Company, environmentally cleaner coke-making Sun Coal technology is on way in Bellary Coke and Power Ltd, Tamil Nadu, through the industry of Raytheon Engineers and Constructors.

which has won a contract for the same. The technology eliminates hazardous by-products like ammonia, naphtha, benzene, and sulphuric acid, produced by older coke-producing ovens.

Save the Children from Traffickers

by Ekram Kabir

The traffickers are doing more harm to the society than perhaps the armed terrorists are doing. But identifying and eliminating the child-smugglers once and for all are not that hard — all that the authority concerned needs to do is enforce the existing law strictly, with the help of honest law-enforcing personnel.

RESCUING sixteen about-to-be-trafficked-away children from a Banani house on Sunday last is a praiseworthy move on the part of the law-enforcing personnel. But for the sheer number of traffickers and their activities, it might be only a tip of the iceberg.

grown up girls, go missing from village-homes, entrapped by the traffickers' lofty and convincing promises of better living. Consequences of this trafficking are horrifying, as the victims end up in different foreign lands with no options left.

Reportedly, showrooms were established in different provinces there. According to reports, they were exporting those to the hospitals of developed countries. In the process, Indian parents started losing their children.

Most of these criminals go scot-free due to lack of witnesses with evidences. And later, when the poor parents realise what blunder they have committed in handing their children over to those elusive providers, they suffer in remorse. In addition, poverty prevents them to appoint lawyers or even to go to police stations.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

- Wednesday 2nd April (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)
BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic songs 3:25 Recitation from the Gesta 3:25 Drama Serial 4:30 Cartoon film Top Cat 5:00 News in Bangla 5:40 Geetabitan: Tagore Song 6:10 Maner Katha 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 8:00 News in Bangla 8:45 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:25 Mukta-dhara 11:30 News in Bangla 11:20 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close down

- 12:00noon Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 Liberty First Day First Show 3:00 Fashion Police 3:30 Soul Curry 4:00 Planer 4:30 The Big Bang VJ Alessandria 6:00am Rewind VJ Sophia 7:00 By Demand VJ Trey 8:00 Planet Rumbi 9:00 The Vibe 9:30 Videomanga Hai 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House of Noise VJ Luke 12:00am Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandria 4:30 V Spot 5:30 Speak Easy
STAR PLUS
6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Aerobics Oz Style 10:00 Madeleine Cooks 10:30 EI TV 11:00 Kate & Allie 11:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:30 Final Cut 1:30 Santa Barbara 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 3:00 Meri Awaz Suno 3:30 Bunyaved 4:00 Kya Baat Hai 4:30 Lost in Space 5:30 New Adventures of Black Beauty 6:00 Kate & Allie 6:30pm Madeleine Cooks 7:00 The Great Escape 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Small Wonder 8:30 Banjara Guest House 9:00 Tehnikar 9:30 Star News 10:00 Aho Aho 10:30 The X Files 11:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 12:00am Santa Barbara 1:00 Star News 1:30 L A Law 2:30 Picket Fences 3:00 Fantasy Island 4:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:00 Barnaby Jones
STAR SPORTS
7:30am India Tour Of West Indies 3rd Test Match Day 5 HL 8:30 Trans World Sport 9:30 Omega Tour 1997 Tour Pre-Show from Malaysia 10:30 Hilton Chinese National Basketball League '96-97 Finals for Championship 3:30 Grand Prix Show 4:00 Formula One World Championships 1997 Brazilian Grand Prix
ZEE TV
6:00 News 6:30 Ghoomta Aaina 7:00 A to Z of Computer 8:00 Zee News & Business 8:30 Insight 9:00 Disney Hour 10:00 Gaane Anjane 10:30 Malabar Hill 11:00 Pakeezah 11:30 Shapath 12:00 Bournvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Jaspal Ki Yeh Zindagi 1:00 Silsila 2:00 Hum Parich 2:30 Tara 3:00 Raahat 3:30 Celesta 4:00 Aur Shama Jalit Raheh 4:30 Zaika Ka Safar 5:00 Sarams Cine Magic 5:30 Throw the Gear / All Out 6:00 Film Dewane 6:30



Speak Easy on Channel V

- 2nd Session Australia vs South Africa 3rd One Day International 2:30 Hilton Chinese National Basketball League 96-97 Finals for Championship 3:30 Grand Prix Show 4:00 Formula One World Championships 1997 Brazilian Grand Prix
STAR MOVIES
7:30am Film Club: Nell 15 9:30 Adventure: Endless Summer II 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Classic: Nosteratu PG (Silent)
Movie) 1:30 Comedy: Haunted Honey Moon 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Family: Best Shot PG (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Western: Django 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 Deccan Dream 7:30 Classic: De Wilt Dawn 9:30 The Movie Show 10:00 Double Bill: Joe Pesci Home Alone II... Lost in New York 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 12:00 Double Bill: Joe Pesci JFK 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Comedy: The Wrong Trousers 4:00 After Dark: Sex, Lies, and Videotape 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Classic: Steamboat Bill JR PG (Silent Movie)



Worldwide Rugby on Star Sports

- Disney Hour (cartoon) 7:30 Raahat 8:00 Gaane Anjane 8:15 Ek Nazar 8:30 Mast Mast Zindagi 9:00 Roshani 9:30 Banegi Apni Baat 10:00 Andaz 10:35 The News & Business 11:00 Paramara (Serial) 11:30 Chutki Baza Ka 12:00 Sailab 12:30 Darar 1:00 Ek Aur Mahabharat 1:30 Raahat 2:00 Zee Arabia: Haste Khele 2:30 ZEE Arabia: Infotainment-TMM
5:00 Sigma 5:30 Kahi Bhai Aaj Bhi 6:00 Avineth/Kamal Combination 6:20 Zed 6:50 Bengali Serial 7:20 Bengali Serial 7:50 Akhri Dao 8:20 Haseen Pal 8:30 Mast Mast Show 9:00 The Move Usha Uthap Show 9:30 Amar Prem 10:00 Top of the Tops 10:45 Hindi Feature Film 11:30 Rajani 2:00 Meter Down 2:30 Karz (Serial) 3:00 Kal Aaj Bhi 3:30 Avinethi / Kamal Combination 4:00 Filmi Cha'Al.
Dale 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghmaazar (Drama Serial) 12:00noon Urdu Khal 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Gichain (Drama Serial) 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial) 2:50 The Earth Revealed 3:20 Arashi Puda 3:40 Natural World 4:35 How Things Work 5:00 Yeh Mumkin In Hae 5:25 Hamara Sehat 5:55 Kitab Quiz 6:25 Aioi Courses 7:00 Taranum 7:05 Felix The Cat 7:30 Such Gup 7:45 English News 8:00 Morven Gold Race 8:25 Javan Rang 8:55 PTV Gold 9:00 Break for Headline News 9:20 Aaj Ki Awar Magsood 10:00 Khabrain & Commercial News 11:00 Tase Aasmaan 12:00 NYFD Blue 12:45 Khas Khabrain / Close down
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10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical Music 11:00 Folk Song 11:15 Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Parliament Hour 12:30 Parichay/Monorama Cabin 1:00 Janmabhumi (Serial) 1:30 Trishna (Serial) 2:30 Mone Rekho More Gaan (Serial) 3:00 Shaibani Katha (Serial) 3:30 Chetana (Serial) 5:05 Nepali Programme 5:30 News 5:35 Chingchi Fank 6:00 Palli Katha 6:30 Amargrethi 7:00 Drama 7:30 Anapla Sambad 8:00 Prasangaki 8:30 Sushashta 9:00 Janmabhumi (Serial) 9:30 Parichay/Monorama Cabin (Serial) 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 1:00 Closed
SONY ET
8:30 Rangleela Re 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Bewitched 11:00 Taak Jank/Jeevan Miru (Serial) 11:30 Gaane Jaane Mana (Aahat) 12:00 Ghaay/The Nirlep Rasoi Show 12:30 Premier 1:00 Siddhi 1:30 The Young And The Restless 2:30 pm Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 5:30 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis The Menace 6:30 Rangleela Re 7:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 7:30 Bewitched 8:00 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Take Five 9:00 Boggie Woogie 9:30 Dekh Bhi Dekh 10:00 Kismet 10:30 O'Mana (Comedy Serial) 11:00 Premier 11:30 The Young And The Restless 12:30 5 Star Xpress 1:00 Pahchan 1:30 Janekaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 2:00 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune 2:30 Premier 3:00 Closed



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