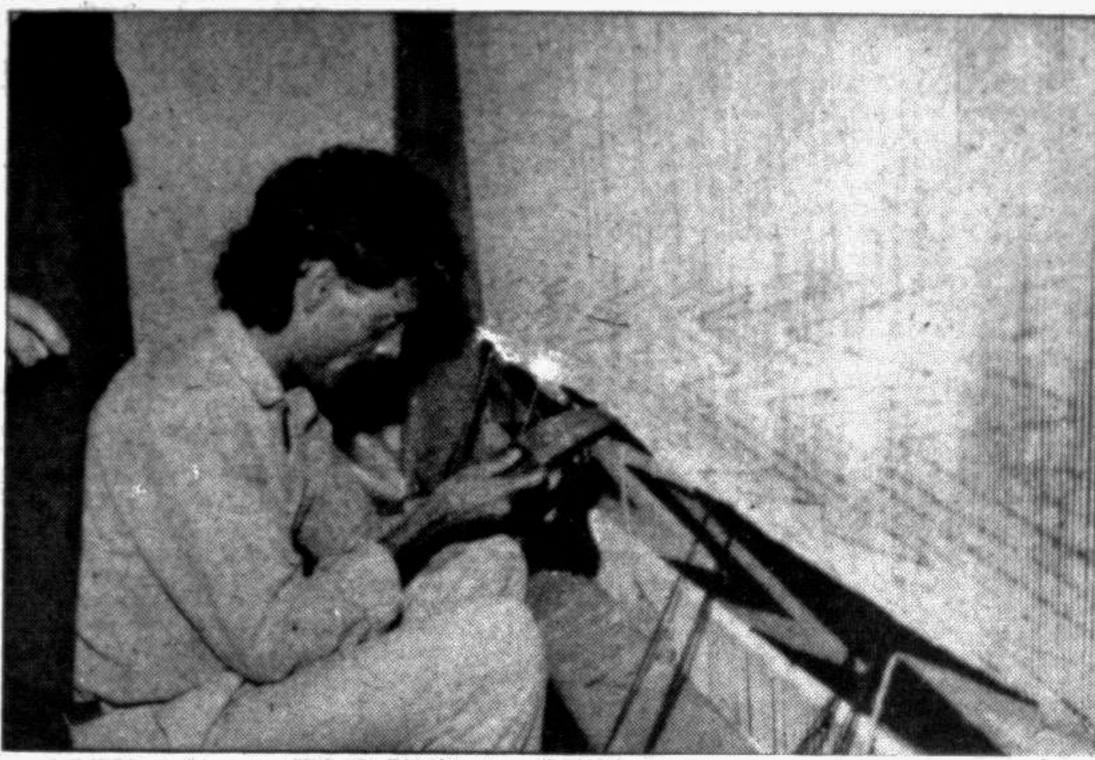
Dhaka Day by Day

Exotic Carpets and Tapestry from Old Wool

by Fayza Haq



Habib at work at the loom

Habibur Rehman, a 39 year old weaver from Comilla, is a self-effacing, happy-go-lucky machine, that would have been enough for me. individual, living at Gandaria, who can convert Now I am providing employment for 12 other any post card or photo from a book into a people and that gives me joy, i am also pleased gorgeous piece of tapestry or carpet. His that I can make foreigners invest their dollars in customers are foreigners and well-to-do locals my country," Habib commented about his work. for whom he does Turkish, Persian or Jamdani designs.

for tapestry in France since the seventeenth any time", he added. century. Apart from having Americans and Europeans as his customers, he was once the patterns of tapestry but I feel it will not be fair main supplier of carpets for "Kumudini" and to do so. The tapestry maybe sold but not "Shaju's Art Gallery". He has done a superb copy. Rashid Chowdhury used to do the designs piece of tapestry for the French Ambassador's while I did the graphs and the weaving. Today, residence. Sometimes the patterns are semi-sometimes I am given a tiny postcard or a leaf abstract and some of them are traditional. He from a book. I transfer this to an enormous provides patterns of his own and converts brown paper graph and then a tissue paper. pictures into careful graphs, which he There is then further drawing on the threads transforms into carpets, tapestry and "shatranji" which are strung on the loom. After that I use

The weaver works with old wool that comes Habib continued. from abroad, from the wholesalers, Rajshahi lakh takas in his project which he has borrowed salaries ranging from Tk 700 to Tk 3000 a employees. He works with tools from India. Pakistan and also Bangladesh.

In '69, when trouble began in the country and he was in class IV, he began his work and today he takes pride in his personal designs that he sells to the large shops in the city. He enjoys looms. bringing in scenes from the villages such as women carrying vessels on their hips, sailing trees of the countryside.

carns about Tk 8,000 a month he has no savings often as he has his wife, and three children Hazira, Saifur and Rafigur to support. Yet, he is not coming from abroad, and being transformed into worried about the future for he is confident that beautiful carpets and rugs to brighten people's his skill and labour will get him and his family through all weathers.

Birth anniversary of

Dr Mohanambrata

ganised on the occasion of the

89th birth anniversary of Dr

Mohanambrata Bramhachari

Moharaj concluded Friday at

the Jagatbandhu Mohaprakash

Bihari Goswami attended the

concluding function as chief

guest while Priabrata Bram-

Proshika

man development, started dis-

tributing relief materials from

Thursday among those affected

by recent incidents in five

thanas of Bhola district, a

press release of the organisa-

tion said here yesterday, re-

prising blankets, winter clo-

thes, sarees, lungis and uten-

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The relief materials, com-

"Proshika", a centre for hu-

Journalist Sree Nikunja

Moth at Tikatuli.

hachari presided.

ports BSS.

A two-day programme or-

HERE and THERE

School.

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

কর্ণফুলী পেপার মিলস লিঃ, ৯২ সদরঘাট রোড, চট্টগ্রাম কর্তৃক বিভিন্ন

পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত ডেইলী ষ্টার, ৩০-১১-৯২, দৈনিক সংগ্রাম ১-১২-

৯২ ও দৈনিক আজাদী ০২-১২-৯২ ইং । আন্তর্জাতিক দরপত্র

মালামালের সংক্রিপ্ত বিবরণ ক্রমিক নং-(২) এফ/৬০ থ্রি ইলিমেন্ট ডাম

লেবেল কন্টোল সিসটেম ফর জেটি বয়লার ক্রমিক নং (৩) এফ/৬১

ডিজেল ফ্রকলিপট ট্রাক বিশেষ কারণে বাতিল করা হইল।

দরপত্রের অন্যান্য বিষয় অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

sils are being distributed

among four thousand affected

families of Bhola Sadar, Bor-

hanuddin, Tajumuddin, Lal-

Ctg Fed of

University Women

chapter of Bangladesh Fede-

ration of University Women

yesterday appealed to the

government for giving an

alternative site for the Fe-

deration's Krishnachura

housed in an abandoned build-

ing has recently been taken

over by the government.

The School which was

Elizabeth Arifa, chapter

President, addressing a press

conference at the Press Club

here said that the school

established in 1977 was

running with more than three

hundred students in the

building at Sayed Saifuddin

Khaled Road near Jamal Khan.

দরপত্র .

ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক

Leaders of the Chittagong

mohan and Daulatkhan.

"If I worked enough with my wife on a single

"I get my publicity through Colette Khan, Hamida Hussain, Ruby Ghaznavi and other Habib originally learnt his art from Syed patrons by word of mouth. I am a partner with Ahmed from Faridpur, and his skill increased as Colonel Mujibur Rahman Khan who pays me Tk he worked for the renowned artist Rashid 5,000 a month. I get extra graph charges, and Chowdhury, since he was a teenager. Rashid get paid separately, when I do washing and Chowdhury himself had learnt the art at repair jobs. I live close to my work place at Aubosson, (France) which has been the centre Dinonath Sen Road and am available for work

"I can easily copy Rashid Chowdhury's sion there, hospital sources "Arong" and he still supplies to "Arong" and properly displayed. Also, I do not want to simply coloured wool or threads to get the pattern,"

. "First I wash the wool with 'ritha', a silk, jute, cotton and silk. He has invested 13 traditional fruit . to prevent it being eaten by moths, I then chose the ones that I find and he employs 12 workers whom he pays permanent. A shatranji', 6 feet by 9 feet, with 12 figures and other decorative patterns' will be month. He also provides them living quarters. completed in 15 days, with two people working release. However, he does not supply any meals to his on it. A Bokhara carpet 7 feet by 10 feet, with six colours, will take 90 days, with two workers working 10 hours. A tapestry 2 feet by 4 feet with seven colours will take 7 days with one worker working 10 hours on it per day," he explained some of the work that were on the

The price of the Bokhara carpet was Tk boats plying the rivers, with fishermen, and the 15,000, that of the "shatranjee" Tk. 13,000, and that of the tapestry Tk 2,000. For carpets he · His favourite colours are blue and light grey. charges Tk 100 to Tk 250 per sq. feet and for He sometimes works till four in the morning the tapestry be charges Tk 750 per sq. feet. He and begins work again at 9.30 a.m. He has been uses 17 looms in five rooms. He has had trained at Banaras at the Gandhi Ashram in '91 occasions of haggling and lower payment than and '92 for a fortnight, each time. Although he originally promised but this has not occurred

> It was wonderful to see the old rejected wool. homes. Habib's energy and optimism, along with his dedication and skill was also remarkable.

> > Handicrafts

open market

inaugurated

A weekly open market of

handicrafts and cottage indus-

try products was held yester-

day (Friday) on the road in

front of Motifheel Ideal High

The open market, organ-

ised by Bangladesh Small and

Cottage Industries Corporation

(BSCIC), was inaugurated by its

chairman Mohammad Moni-

held at the same venue every

Friday from 8 am to 6 pm to

facilitate sale and purchase of

handicrafts, cottage industry

products and other essential

household items.

This open market will be

ruzzaman Chowdhury today.

School, reports UNB.

Goods of 17 anchored ships at Mongla remain unloaded

KHULNA, Dec 25: Goods of 17 anchored ships at Mongla port remained unloaded till today (Friday) due to water transport workers strike, reports UNB.

Some 4,000 workers in Khulna and Mongla ports began the indefinite strike on December 21 paralysing watercraft movement in all the 25 river routes of the district.

Khulna Inland Water Transport Owners' Association today said Bangladesh Water Transport Workers Federation enforced the strike without consulting the owners' association causing loss to the tune of several lakhs every day.

The anchored ships were loaded with food, fertiliser, cement and jute, the association said in a press release signed by its Joint Secretary General Alhaj Ohiduzzaman

However, a section of work-

ers defled the strike call and

joined their duties. All the fishing trawlers. tugs, cargo vessels and barges remained anchored at different ports in the district during

the strike. Loading and off-loading operation at the Mongla port came to a complete halt." Indian cows seized

Another report says: Bangladesh Rifles recovered 83 Indian cattleheads worth about Tk 5 lakh from Nandanpur village in Rupsha thana of the district early yesterday.

Acting on a tip, a contingent of BDR led by Captain Abdul Kayum Akand setzed the smuggled cows at about 1.30 am from Rupsa-Bagerhat road. None has claimed the ownership of the cows.

Later, BDR handed over those cows to Customs authori-

in another incident on

Tuesday (Dec 22) night, wild

elephants killed a mother and her two minor daughters while

sleeping at their village home

at Karalachhari in Langadu

thana of Rangamati hill dis-

daughters 3-year-old Selima

and 18-month-old Rokeya

were killed by wild elephants

who attacked the house late at

night. Rahela's husband

Lehazuddin, however, managed

to escape the attack climbing

elephants was the fifth attack

in the hill tracts region during

killed 19 people, injured 12

others and damaged prop-

erties, including homesteads

and fruit-bearing trees, in the

said wild elephants venture out

of the forest and rampage

through human habitations in

their search for food. The de-

pleted forest resources -- a

cannot provide adequate food

to these wild elephants, they

alleged.

victim of illegal extraction-

People in the affected areas

region in last two months.

the current month.

Thursday's rampage by wild

The wild clephants have

Rahela Begum (23) and her

trict, police said.

Wild elephants kill 5 in Hill Tracts

Wild elephants killed five members of two families in last three days in the Hill Tracts region, reports UNB.

Golam Kabir Siddique (50) and his son Habibul (18) were trampled by marauding wild elephants Thursday night in Godakatarihiri forest on the border of Bandarban-Cox Bazar districts, local people said yesterday (Friday).

The father died on the spot and the son received serious injuries when attacked by wild elephants while collecting sticks from a bamboo cluster for use as fence in their crop-

Habibul was rushed to Dualhazra Christian Hospital but died soon after his admis-

Sandhani DMC unit activities

resume Sandhani, a voluntary organ

isation of medical and dental students, has resumed its ac tivities in Dhaka Medica College unit Thursday, reports

DMCH unit Sandhant which was closed down solved its problem under supervision of its central unit, said à press

It has already opened its blood bank activities with the help of academic council, students union and medical stu-

Obituary

Captain (Retd) Syed Yusuf Mongla and Chittgong Port authorities died at a local clinic last night. He was 64, reports BSS.

Captain Kamal was suffering from kidney ailments.

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relations and admirers to mourn his death.



Saturday

Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary News in Bangla

Recitation from the Tripitak Cartoon: Care Bear Family Sabar Sathey

Open University Banshari (Folk songs) News in Bangla

Mati O Manush Anirban News in English 10.30 Dallas

11.30 Khabar/The News 11.40 Sunday's programme summary 11.45 Closing

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain dry with fair sky over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. The minimum temperature of 7.6 degree Celsius was reported from Srimangal yesterday (Friday) and the maximum of 28.8 degree was reported from Satkhira.

The sun sets today Saturday at 5.20 pm and rises tomorrow Sunday at 6.40 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and hu-

midity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were :

Humidity in Cities/Towns Temperature in degree Celsius percentage 9am6pm 27.8 9.7 Dhaka 78 26.0 13.8 Chittagong 8.6 79 26.6 Rajshahi 57 28.2 10.6 Khulna 69 14.5 27.5 Cox's Bazar 63 26.3 11.8 Sylhet 76 25.0 Dinajpur Barisal 10.1 10.0 28.0



Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding execution of the verdict of People's Court on Golam Azam and observing December 29 as National Condemnation Day.

Resist intrigues, disorder against Muslim world: Speakers

Speakers at a discussion here yesterday underscored the need for forging an effective unity among the Muslim countries to fight against the intrigues and disorder being carried out against the Muslim world, reports BSS.

They said the whole Muslim world was now in the grip of great crisis and added a "silent genocide" was being perpetrated against the Muslims across the world.

Referring to indiscriminate killings of Muslims in BosniaHerzegovina, Palestine and Kashmir and the human rights violation in there the speakers' emphasised the need for unified actions by the Muslim world to fight back aggression

The discussion on "Muslim Ummah in the grip of aggression" was organised by Tamuddin Majlis, a cultural organisation at the Dhaka District Sports Association auditorium.

Presided over by Dewan Mohammad Azraf, a renowned

Islamic thinker and philosopher, the meeting was ad dressed by Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury as the chief guest. Among others, it was also addressed by Prof Abdul Gafur, General Secretary Tamuddin Majlis, Prof Shahed Ali, Neyamat Elahi and Mobaidur Rahman.

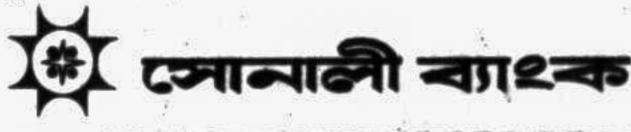
Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury said, the people of Kashmir who are fighting for their self-determination are

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আজ শনিবার, ২৬শে ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯২, ১২ই পৌষ, ১৩৯৯, রংপুরস্থ সোনালী ব্যাংকের হারাগাছ শাখাটি স্থানান্তর করা হচ্ছে।

> পুরোনো ভবন নতুন ভবন সরাই বান্ধার পেঃ হারাগাছ

আজ থেকে নতুন তবনে সকল ব্যাথকিং ও দাপ্তরিক কার্যক্রম শুরু করা সমানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্টপোষক ও শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের পুরোনো ঠিকানার পরিবর্তে নতুন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ ও ব্যাংকিং লেনদেন করার জন্য সবিশেষ অনুরোধ রইল।



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