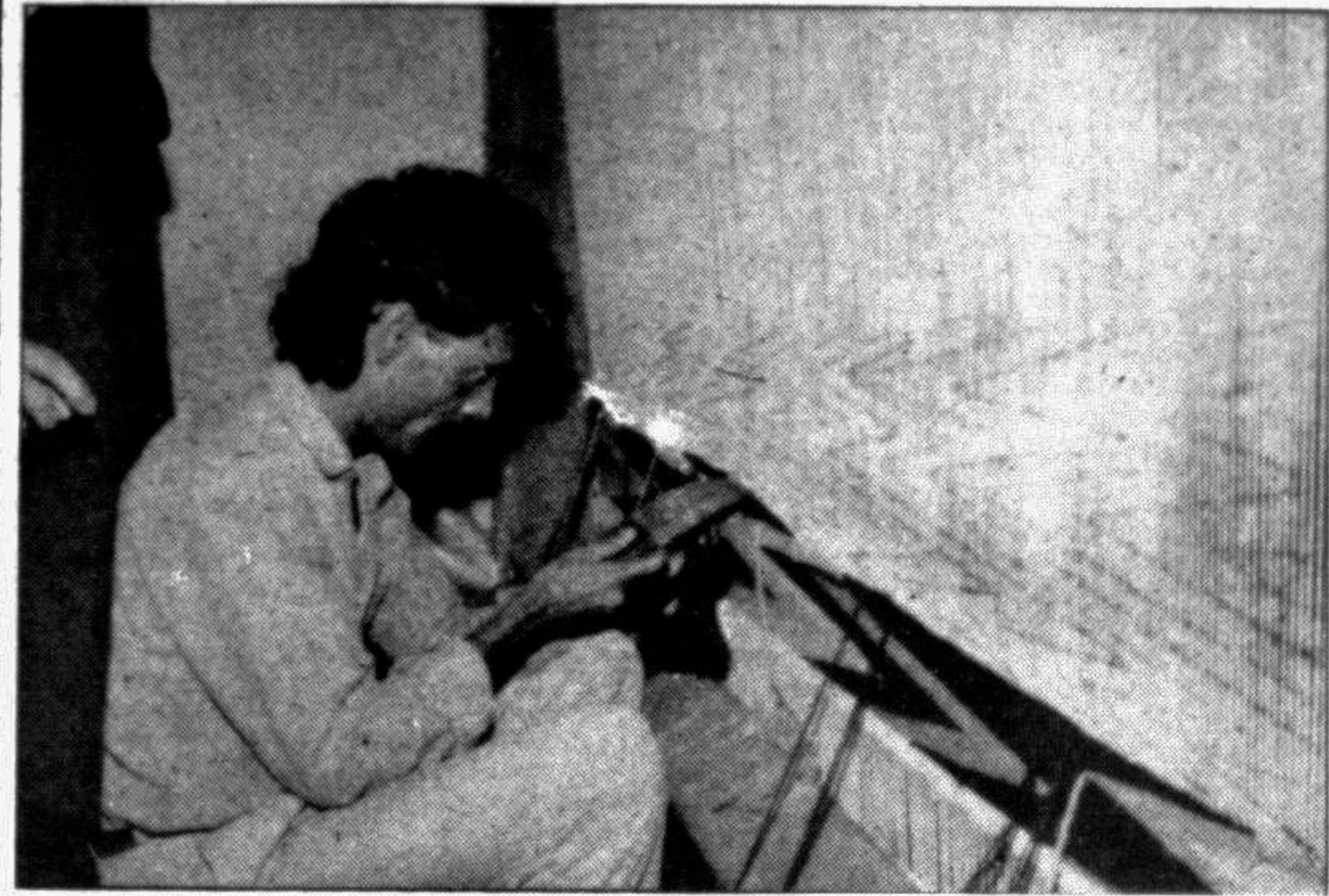


## Dhaka Day by Day

### 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-caring, happy-go-lucky individual, living at Gandaria, who can convert any post card or photo from a book into a gorgeous piece of tapestry or carpet. His customers are foreigners and well-to-do locals for whom he does Turkish, Persian or Jamdani designs.

Habib originally learnt his art from Syed Ahmed from Faridpur, and his skill increased as he worked for the renowned artist Rashid Chowdhury, since he was a teenager. Rashid Chowdhury himself had learnt the art at Aubosson, (France) which has been the centre for tapestry in France since the seventeenth century. Apart from having Americans and Europeans as his customers, he was once the main supplier of carpets for "Kumudini" and "Arong" and he still supplies to "Arong" and "Shajua's Art Gallery". He has done a superb piece of tapestry for the French Ambassador's residence. Sometimes the patterns are semi-abstract and some of them are traditional. He provides patterns of his own and converts pictures into careful graphs, which he transforms into carpets, tapestry and "shatranji" work.

The weaver works with old wool that comes from abroad, from the wholesalers, Rajshahi silk, jute, cotton and silk. He has invested 13 lakh takas in his project which he has borrowed and he employs 12 workers whom he pays salaries ranging from Tk 700 to Tk 3000 a month. He also provides them living quarters. However, he does not supply any meals to his 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 bringing in scenes from the villages such as women carrying vessels on their hips, sailing boats plying the rivers, with fishermen, and the trees of the countryside.

His favourite colours are blue and light grey. He sometimes works till four in the morning and begins work again at 9.30 a.m. He has been trained at Banaras at the Gandhi Ashram in '91 and '92 for a fortnight, each time. Although he earns about Tk 8,000 a month he has no savings as he has his wife, and three children Hazira, Saifur and Rafiqur to support. Yet, he is not worried about the future for he is confident that his skill and labour will get him and his family through all weathers.

## HERE and THERE

### Birth anniversary of Dr Mohanambrata

A two-day programme organised on the occasion of the 89th birth anniversary of Dr Mohanambrata Bramhachari Maharaj concluded Friday at the Jagatbandhu Mohaprakash Moth at Tikatuli.

Journalist Sree Nikunja Bihari Goswami attended the concluding function as chief guest while Priabrata Bramhachari presided.

### Proshika

"Proshika", a centre for human development, started distributing relief materials from Thursday among those affected by recent incidents in five thanas of Bhola district, a press release of the organisation said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The relief materials, comprising blankets, winter clothes, sarees, lungis and uten-

sils are being distributed among four thousand affected families of Bhola Sadar, Borhanuddin, Tajmuddin, Lal-mohan and Daulatkhan.

### Ctg Fed of University Women

Leaders of the Chittagong chapter of Bangladesh Federation of University Women yesterday appealed to the government for giving an alternative site for the Federation's Krishnachura School.

The school which was housed in an abandoned building has recently been taken over by the government.

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.

## 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 Khan.

However, a section of work-

ers defied 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 seized 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 authorities.

## 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.

Gulam Kabir Siddique (50) and his son Habibul (18) were trampled by marauding wild elephants Thursday night in Godakatarjiri 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 cropland.

Habibul was rushed to Duahazra Christian Hospital but died soon after his admission there, hospital sources said.

### Sandhani DMC unit activities resume

Sandhani, a voluntary organisation of medical and dental students, has resumed its activities in Dhaka Medical College unit Thursday, reports UNB.

DMC unit Sandhani which was closed down solved its problem under supervision of its central unit, said a press release.

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

### Obituary

Captain (Retd) Syed Yusuf Kamal, former Chairman of Mongla and Chittagong 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

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5.25 Cartoon: Care Bear Family
- 6.00 Sabar Sathey
- 6.30 Open University
- 7.05 Banshari (Folk songs)
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Matt O Manush
- 9.00 Anirban
- 10.00 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 humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am6pm	
Dhaka	27.8	9.7	71	63
Chittagong	26.0	13.8	77	78
Rajshahi	26.6	8.6	81	79
Khulna	28.2	10.6	78	57
Cox's Bazar	27.5	14.5	69	69
Sylhet	26.3	11.8	54	63
Dinajpur	25.0	10.1	51	76
Barisal	28.0	10.0	91	80



Ghatik Dalai 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.

—Star photo

## 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 Bosnia-

Herzegovina, 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 on them.

The discussion on "Muslim Ummah in the grip of aggression" was organised by Tammuddin 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 addressed by Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury as the chief guest. Among others, it was also addressed by Prof Abdul Gafur, General Secretary Tammuddin 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 being killed.

### শাখা স্থানান্তর

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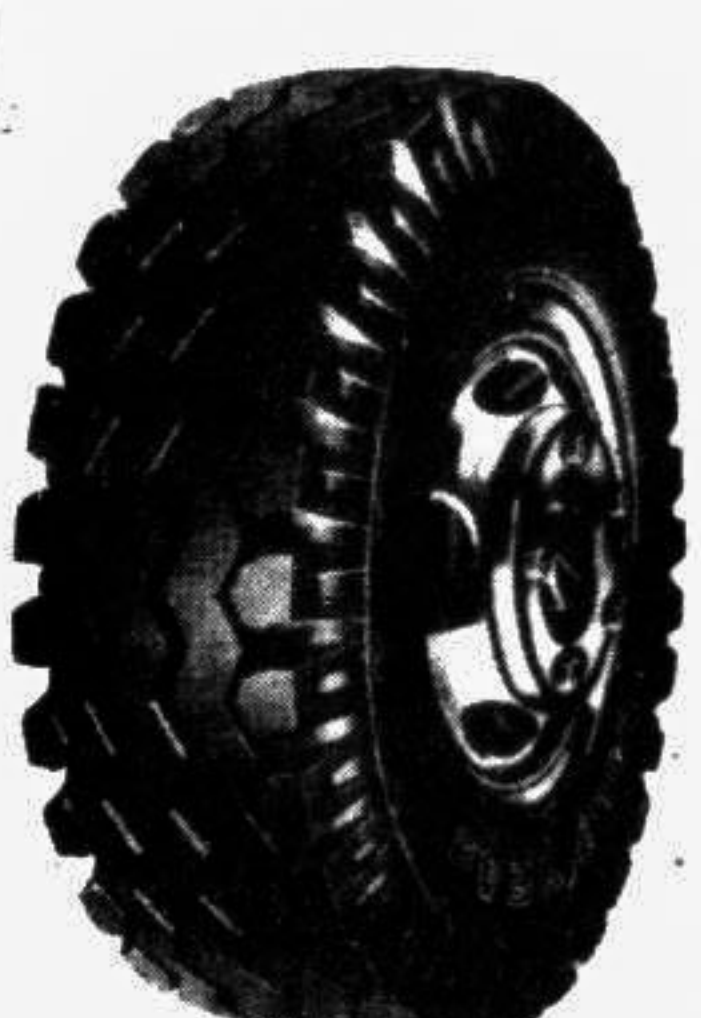
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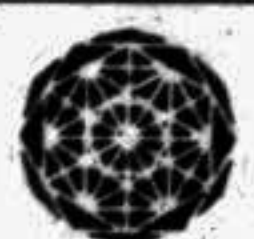
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