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Dhaka Day by Day

Butcher With a Difference

By Shamsad Mortuza

No one would have noticed him if he was not with the herd of cow. After all, he was just another ordinary man.

Holding one end of the rope in one hand and carrying a heavy bag on the other, the man moved in the locality, of course followed by the heavily built four legged creature.

Mohammad Farouque, 27 is a butcher, he cuts and sells meat but he has his own style.

Farouque buys cow a from the market and takes it to offices or colonies or any other localities of the city, slays it there, weighs it and sells it to a limited buyers. "I don't profit much, only the skin is what I get," the young man said while chopping the hind leg of the creature, freshly slaughtered. His knack in the profession soon turned the creature into a lump of beef.

"Business keeps a high profile during the Ramadan... I have some regular customers. Farouque was onto the liver now."

"I dress to two cows a day on an average" informed he as he rose to his full five feet nine inches long height to lit a cigarette. "Usually the customers contact me whenever they want meat and I get there with a cow and distributed the meat among ten to twenty consumers." Their profit is that they are getting fresh stuff and proper weight while I get the hide for my labour," he said.

There are some ten mahajans in the Ghabliahat who are in this business. Around forty

butchers work under the mahajans. "I prefer to work alone... May be I don't maintain cars or possesses houses like the mahajans — still I am doing alright. He was ready to insert his knives and blades into the bag.

"Sometimes the customers delayed in paying me off, specially in the offices I had to collect money from the cashier," said he while piercing the broad bone of the cow's hump, before throwing it away. Why do you do that?

There is a taboo among us, if you don't pierce the hump bone it will harm others," he tried to explain but noticing the disbelief in my eyes he added, "we the butchers have become habituated in doing this, there is actually no reason for doing this, I presume."

The buyer themselves started weighing the meat, while Farouque, his money. This is a good bargain," said one who has brought a bag along with him to take his share.

"I bought a two hundred taka share of the cow and probably I will get four seeds of meat including liver and others," added he. The market price of four kilogram meat is 240 tk.

I saw Farouque folding the furry skin. "I will get taka 600 for this... the skin trade is keeping a low profile now a days."

In last Eid-ul-Azha I got 1800 Tk for similar kind of skin."

Mohammad Farouque went away, but this time instead of the cow he was accompanying its skin."



Engineer's role vital in building country, says Majid

Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Major General (Rtd) Majidul Haq yesterday called upon the members of engineering profession to put in their sincere endeavours for building the country, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a meeting organised by the Association of Engineers Bangladesh (AEB) at Hotel Purbani here yesterday afternoon, General Haq said that the engineers could play an important role in building the country as well as improving the condition of the people.

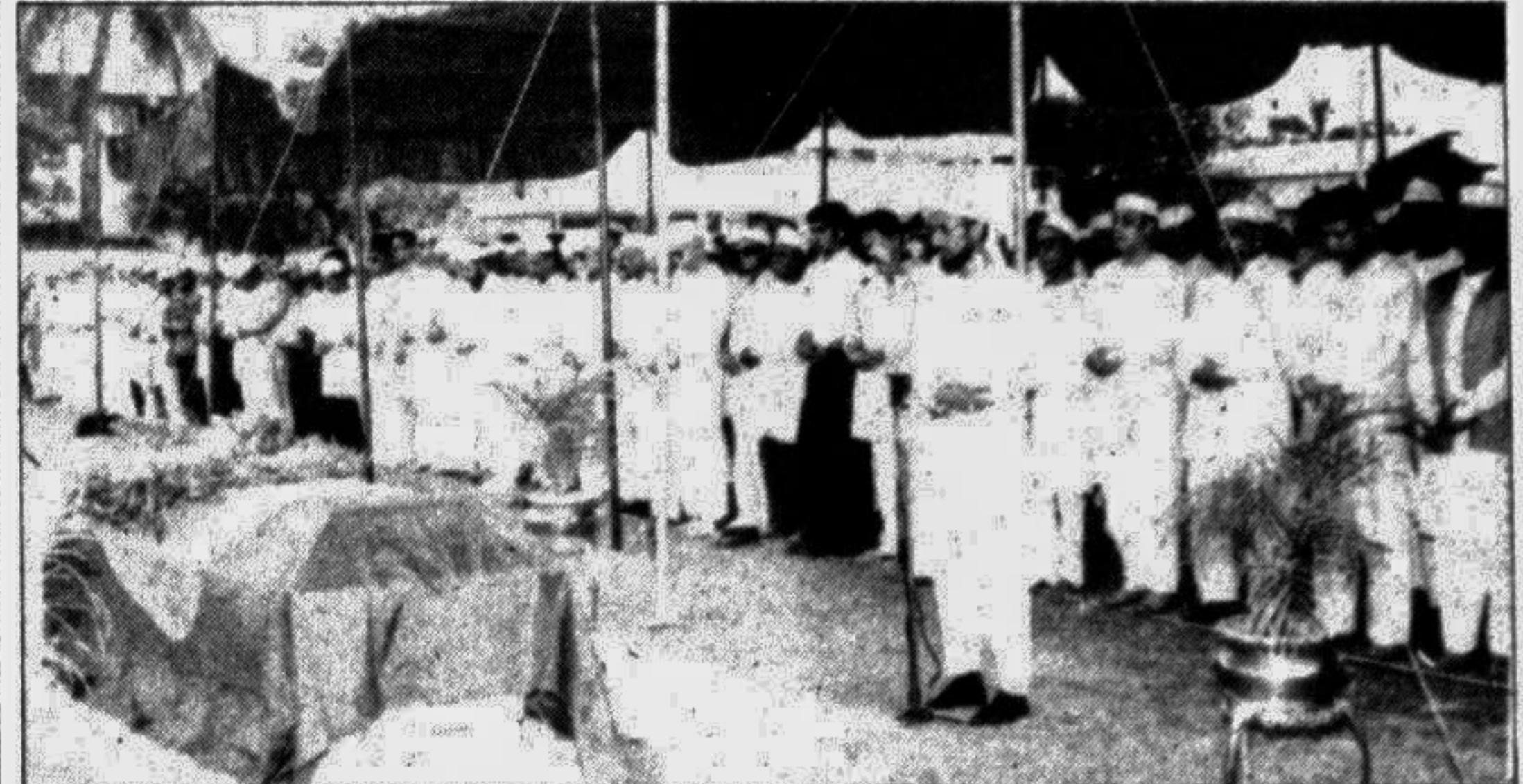
The Agriculture Minister pointed out that the prime objective of the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was to improve the condition of the people through planned development efforts and urged all quarters to come forward with a helping hand in this respect.

Appreciating the endeavours of the Association of Engineers, Bangladesh, Haq advised them to take well planned decisions for speedy implementations of the development projects.

Haq suggested that the members of the engineering profession having faith in Bangladesh nationalism under the banner of the association of engineers should be organised for engaging themselves in development efforts for the sake of the people as well as the country.

The convenor of AEB, L K Siddiqui, MP, general secretary of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, A K Azad and member secretary of AEB, Harun-or-Rashid spoke on the occasion.

Manzurul Ahsan Munshi, MP, Chairman of Bangladesh Water Development Board, M A Razaque, chief of the Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB), Quamrul Islam Siddiqui were present on the occasion. The meeting was conducted by Quazi Abul Qusum of AEB.



The Namaj-e-Janaza of Brigadier A N M Nuruzzaman was held at the Central Mosque at Dhaka Cantonment after Zohr prayers yesterday (Story on Page 12). — ISPR photo

Dhaka to attend world conference on metropolitan governance

A UN-sponsored World Conference on Metropolitan Governance will be held April 20-23 in Tokyo seeking solutions to common urban problems, reports UNB.

Governors, mayors, and other officials of central and municipal governments from around the world, including Dhaka, will attend the conference, organised jointly by the United Nations and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

The main theme of the four-day conference is Metropolitan Governance in the Global Age: Toward a New Urban Century," says a press release issued by the United Nations Information Centre in Dhaka Monday.

The conference will address highly complex and intricately interrelated issues on management of urban areas, where the majority of the world's people will be living in less than fifteen years.

The World Conference will concentrate on three major areas: decentralization, modernization, and city-to-city and public and private cooperation. With these major areas in focus, the working groups of the World Conference will examine

effective ways to create better urban structures, strengthen social service, and improve the urban environment.

Apart from the sponsoring United Nations and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, a number of UN agencies are providing technical inputs for the conference preparation. Those include the World Bank, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations University, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

BISF earns Taka 1.96 cr

State-owned Bangladesh Insulator and Sanitaryware Factory (BISF) earned a profit of Tk 1.96 crore in first eight months of the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

It has also contributed Tk 3.46 crore to the national exchequer in duties and taxes during the eight-month period.

The actual profit of BISF, an enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), was Tk 2.13 crore in fiscal 1991-92.

The factory produced 1,535 metric tons of sanitaryware, 300 tons of insulators and 6,200 square metre tiles during the period. This is a cent per cent achievement of the target of all the three products for the July 92 to February 93 period.

After meeting home demand satisfactorily, the BISF has started exporting sanitaryware to foreign countries and shipped Combi closet, wash basin and pedestal worth 1,57,000 Pound Sterling to Russia early this month.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, visiting the factory today (Monday), urged the BISF management to implement its modernisation scheme for best use of available manpower and other resources of the enterprise.

He called for maintaining cost effectiveness and improving quality so that the products of the enterprise can be exported abroad to earn foreign exchange.

The Industries Minister, accompanied by BCIC Chairman Wasimul Azad and BISF Managing Director A E M Eshaque, went round various sections of the enterprise.

He also exchanged views with the representatives of the workers and employees union.

Rafiq hosts iftar party

Works Minister and BNP Joint Secretary General Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia hosted an iftar party here at his 1, Hare Road residence yesterday evening, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Telecommunications Minister M. Keramat Ali, Food Minister Shamsul Islam, Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panri, Energy Minister Dr. Khondoker Mosharrat Hossain, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister for Law Barrister Aminul Haq, politicians, high officials and elite of the city attended the iftar party.



- Tuesday**
- 5-00 Opening announcement
 - Al Quran program summary
 - 5-10 News in Bangla
 - 5-25 Address of the High Commissioner of Pakistan on the National Day of Pakistan and documentary
 - 5-55 Mahe Ramzan
 - 6-30 Open University
 - 6-50 Nazrul Songs
 - 8-00 News in Bangla
 - 8-30 Drama series: Mohor Ali
 - 10-00 News in English
 - 10-30 Film: ENG
 - 11-30 Khabar/ The News
 - 11-40 Tomorrow's program summary
 - 11-45 Closing

Centre for Free Press commences activities Mar 26

The newly formed Centre for Free Press will commence its formal activities from March 26, the day of Independence, says a press release.

This centre which is first of its kind in Bangladesh is a research organization to monitor and publish reports regularly on freedom of the press and threats to journalists in Bangladesh.

Ershad Mazumder, Managing Editor of the New Nation, Secretary General and Executive Director of this Centre are Md. Khurshid Alam and Syed Rezaul Karim Belal respectively.

OCAB hosts iftar party

Z A Zahiduzzaman Faruque and Farid Hossain, President and General Secretary of Overseas Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (OCAB), held an iftar party at Jatiya Press Club yesterday, reports UNB.

The function was attended by OCAB members, senior journalists, President and General Secretary of Press Club and diplomats.

Girl Guides holds iftar party

The Bangladesh Girl Guides Association held an iftar party at the Guide House Sunday to mark the Lailatul Qadr, reports BSS.

It was attended by students of the sewing and blockprint classes, children of the home, students and guardians of the social education centre and guide members including national commissioners.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Health
Extended Project for Inoculation
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Tender Notice

Memo No. 9/EPI/2A-558/1033 Dated 7-3-93
Tenders are invited from Ministry of Establishment approved automobile repairing workshop owners for repair as per schedule of the undermentioned vehicles of EPI project

1. JAAS 63-4354
2. JAAS 63-4356
3. JAAS 63-4344

Schedule with terms & conditions of tender will be available up to 31-3-93 during office hours (each vehicle separately) at Taka 100/- (One hundred) per set by depositing through Treasury Chalan under head "36 Health & Family Planning" to Bangladesh Bank and submitting the original copy of the challan to the cashier of this office. No tender schedule will be supplied on the date of submitting tender. Separate tenders should be collected for each of the vehicles mentioned above and separate tenders should be submitted. Number of the vehicle should be superscribed in red ink on the envelope.

Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Director, EPI project up to 12-00 Noon on 1-4-93 and opened on the same day at 12-30 PM by the Tender Committee. Tenderers or their representatives may attend the opening of tenders.

Director, EPI Project (Acting)

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G-383 Mohakhali, Dhaka

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong divisions and one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Tuesday).

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during this period.

The maximum temperature of the country yesterday (Monday) of 33.0 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore and the minimum of 16.1 degree from Sylhet.

Rainfall was recorded at a few places of the country yesterday (Monday) from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Chief amount of rainfall was Dhaka 23mm, Sylhet 15mm and Srirangal and Comilla 6mm each.

The sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:11 pm and rises tomorrow Wednesday at 5:59 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree		Celsius Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.2	10.5	80	78
Chittagong	29.5	17.3	64	83
Rajshahi	30.3	18.3	68	77
Khulna	32.2	19.0	83	71
Barisal	30.1	18.5	83	80
Cox's Bazar	29.0	19.0	73	80
Sylhet	23.2	16.1	90	96
Dinajpur	28.5	17.0	74	56

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