

Dhaka Day by Day

New Trend in City

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Sale! Sale! Sale! There's one in Uttar Baddha and one in Munipuri Para, Mita is really in a fix now. Which one to attend?

So far she has been to five of these displays, it has turned in to her favourite pastime this Ramadan vacation. Actually she is not always there to buy dresses, she wants to pick up ideas for her sale which she is planning this summer.

That's it! These fashion displays are very recent trends in Dhaka. Suddenly there's a population boom in the designer's world, and every designer is busy creating new ideas and designs, which ultimately looks the same in every display; the only difference might be the colour. There is at least one show or sale a day somewhere in the city nowadays. Some are announced or advertised in papers, and for others, just a banner in front of the house or few phone calls to friends and their contacts is good enough. A maximum of 25 dresses hanging from a book shelf's knob or the doors in one's drawing room is all that is needed for such shows.

From simple cotton to the jari, sequins, embroidery, without which a dress does not look complete and perfect, is all available. A fluorescent pink 'Katan' piece with all the 'Salma Sitara jari' is amazingly the first to go. The fabric print or block print, the Katha stitch shawar-kameez are all stitched and worked at in one's home.

It is actually a very creative hard working younger generation that's growing up. These designers are all hardly 25 years old. With good colour contrast sense and a bit of imagination, you can be a designer too!

Readymade dresses with touch of laces or wooden beads embroidery attract any person with a passion for dressing. The use of beautiful

buttons, mirror work patches is bound to make any plain drab cotton material soothing to the eyes as well as desirable.

These sales are usually organised in one's lawn or drawing room. Their products vary only in price, colour and material but when it comes to design and other handwork, every one of these fashion houses have very little to offer. It is actually the same product in different wrappers.

Displays are so much in vogue that professional designers from neighbouring countries have now started visiting Dhaka for two to three days during Ramadan. They arrange sales in local hotels or in any friends drawing room. Their price ranges from 2000 to 6000 taka or even more in some cases. These dresses are bought without bargaining and a second thought. No one dares to miss these sophisticated, gorgeous sales.

However these investments with great profits are hampering our producers here. Instead of these tiny individual sales, couldn't we have large fashion houses or boutiques, bringing together these haphazard but very promising businesses as well as innovative acumen together? Couldn't they be creating jobs and introducing different opportunities for all these bright young minds, where they could be designing for all ages and sexes? These big boutiques should house all such persons and set up their own trademark, where variation and creation is offered in the real sense, not just repetition of humdrum ideas.

Otherwise with designers and displays at every turn of the road there would ultimately be no customers left.

We must all resign ourselves to such monotonous entertainments for years to come unless such vigour and enthusiasm is properly utilized and channelled.

Velayati greets Mostafiz

Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran has congratulated Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, on the occasion of Independence Day of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The Iranian Foreign Minister said, the existing cordial and expanding bilateral relations between the two nations.

He wished success and happiness for the people of Bangladesh and his Bangladeshi counterpart.

Saudi FM

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal has felicitated his Bangladeshi counterpart A S M Mostafizur Rahman on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports UNB.

In a message, the Saudi Foreign Minister wished him good health and happiness and the people of Bangladesh peace, progress and prosperity.

"May Allah grant you His blessings all the year," the Saudi minister said.

Release of Sanjay Chakma demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Different student and other organisations Tuesday condemned the arrest of the leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation Sanjay Chakma and demanded his immediate release.

The President of Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Ahmad Ahmed and General Secretary, Uday Pal in a statement condemned Chakma's arrest and asked all to drum up movements against all black laws.

Members of Ganotantrik Diplobi Jote, M Nurunnabi, Lutfar Rahman, Fazul Hakim and Ahmad Ahmed in another statement demanded immediate release of Chakma. They said the people of Bangladesh would not tolerate any kind of harassment on the minority groups of the country.

Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Hill Students Council in a statement also condemned the arrest of Chakma and demanded his release.

BJMA for action against economic terrorism

Bangladesh Jute Mills Association (BJMA) yesterday said failure of the administration to take action against the economic terrorism of a section of workers will jeopardise industrial growth, reports UNB.

Chairman of BJMA Dr Naimur Rahman in a statement expressed deep concern at the blockade on Chittagong-Dhaka highway and removal of railway track on Sunday by workers of Anwara Jute Mill.

"BJMA strongly feels that by not taking any legal action against the terrorists, and on the contrary unnecessarily putting pressure on the management to give in to their demands, the local administration is encouraging such tactics and sending wrong signals to the unions and investors."

This will ultimately jeopardise the government's intention to rapidly industrialise the country, added Dr Rahman.

Commemorative stamps on canal digging to be released Mar 31

Bangladesh Post Office will bring out a set of commemorative stamps valued at Taka two each on canal digging programme on March 31, reports BSS.

A first day cover of Taka five denomination will be brought out and a special cancel or will be used on the occasion.

Both the stamps and the first day cover will be sold in all main post offices including the four GPOs on the opening day. The commemorative stamps at a later stage will be sold from all post offices including those at thana level.

It is expected that the stamp on canal digging will be appreciated by people from all strata.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Rezia Khatun, mother of Hedayatuddin Ahmad of The Morning Sun will be held on March 26, after Asr prayer at House No 41, Road No 13 Sector 4, Uttara, reports BSS.

Relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend.

HBFC eases credit programme Borrowers to pay 15 pc from own sources

A high level meeting on the present status of credit programmes for the housing sector was held yesterday at the Bangladesh Secretariat under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, reports BSS.

The meeting took some important decisions which are likely to have positive impact on the housing sector and increase investments in the sector.

Under the decisions the borrowers of House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) will be required to invest 15 per cent of the total amount from their own sources instead of the present requirements of 25 per cent.

Pending 2500 cases for HBFC loans will be sorted out very quickly on the basis of a crash programme.

HBFC will undertake credit programmes in towns where loan recovery is at satisfactory level from now on application forms will be sold from HBFC offices in exchange of cash payment.

In case of problems arising out of need for new architectural plans when they are more than three years old, HBFC will contact Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (RAJUK) for expeditious settlement of cases.

To reinvigorate housing sector credit programme the government has already provided HBFC with Taka 50 crore fund this year. Another Taka 50 crore fund will be placed at the disposal of HBFC next year for the same purpose.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated President Constantine Karamanlis of the Hellenic Republic on the occasion of its Independence Day tomorrow (Thursday), reports BSS.

In a message to President Karamanlis, President Biswas wished him good health and happiness and the people of Hellenic Republic progress and prosperity.

In a separate message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also greeted Prime Minister Oxlantini Mitsotakis of the Hellenic Republic on the occasion of its Independence Day.

In a message to Prime Minister Mitsotakis, Begum Zia expressed her best wishes for his personal well being and the people of Hellenic Republic progress and prosperity.

Steps to stop terrorist activities in CHT demanded

Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council yesterday expressed grave concern over the statement in holding the government-Shantibahini dialogue and increased terrorist activities in the CHT region, reports UNB.

It demanded that measures be taken to stop terrorist activities of the Shantibahini men and illegal toll collection by them from the innocent people.

Convener of the Council Saiful Islam Dikdar, Joint Convener Babu Shashi Kantil Talukdar and member secretary S M Rezaul Karim Heval in a joint statement said several round of talks between the government and Shantibahini leaders had failed to yield any result.

Meanwhile, they observed that the outlaws have stepped up their activities, including illegal toll collection, making the commonman's life miserable.

The statement said realisation of the 5-point demand of Shantibahini would mean handing over the CHT to them, displacing Bengalees and withdrawing all government officials from the region.

In this context, they pointed out that the Shantibahini atrocities have left more than 12,000 Bengalees and 1,000 tribals killed and many others crippled in last 18 years.

Weather Showers, gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at many places over Barisal, Chittagong Divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Dhaka Divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi Division during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

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

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Tuesday) of 32.3 degree Celsius was reported from Saikhira and the minimum of 15.0 degree from Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6.11 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.58 am.

The country experienced rainfall over the Chittagong Division and some other places. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded between 6 am to 6 pm yesterday are: Feni 40 mm, Chittagong 37 mm, Sandwip 35 mm, Rangamati 34 mm, Dhola 33 mm, Patuakhali 32 mm, Khepupara 30 and Jessore 14 mm.

Khaleda takes Iftar with Mahila Dal members

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had her Iftar yesterday with members of Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal at Sugandha, reports BSS.

Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panati, ministers, Members of Parliament and leaders of BNP attended the Iftar.

Mahila Dal president Begum Shamsunnahar Ahsanullah, MP and general secretary and State Minister for Social Welfare Begum Sarwari Rahman received the guests.

The Prime Minister exchanged greetings with all present on the occasion.

EID MUBARAK to my dearest Fahmid

EID MUBARAK to Punna

SABINA get well soon From Raffat, Rahat, Sona Fido, Dido, War Corres, Biltu, Boltu, Kukro.

5th Death Anniversary LIAQUAT ALI, MP Kasba, Brahmanbaria on this day in 1988 he died in a road accident in Dhaka at the age of 32 years



Wealways remember you and pray for you. Son Nayel, daughter Rabita and their mother.

BTV Wednesday 5.00 Opening announcement Al Quran Programme summary 5.10 News in Bangla 5.25 Special discussion on objective questions in SSC examination Mahe Rahman 5.55 Open University Banarshara 6.30 News in Bangla 6.45 Kalo Dibash : Special discussion 9.00 Film show : The Fall Guy 10.00 News in English Mukhomukhi 11.30 Khabar/The News 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary 11.45 Closing

Announcement Management of Sky Room Restaurant wishes all it's patrons a Happy Eid-ul-Fitr. Restaurant will remain closed from March 24 to 26, 1993 for Eid Holidays. Restaurant will reopen on March 27, 1993 LUNCH : 12 : 30 — 3 : 30 P.M. DINNER : 6 : 30 — 10 : 30 P.M. SKY ROOM THE ONLY PENTHOUSE RESTAURUNT FEATURING INDONESIAN AND BOKHARA CUISINE For confirmed reservation please call 882648 Sky Room Restaurant Ltd 8 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, 12th floor, Banani, Dhaka.

BTMC Tender Notice Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Chief Engineer, BTMC Bastra Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A., Dhaka for construction of bitumenous carpeting road at Dinajpur Textile Mills, Sadarpur, Dinajpur, an amounting to Tk. 4,99,125/= from A-4 and above enlisted contractors of BTMC. Earnest Money Tk. 12,500/= must be submitted with the tender in favour of BTMC in the form of Bank Draft/DD/PO etc. from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. Tender schedule may be purchased @ Tk. 400/= per set non-refundable on or before 4-4-93 from the Chief Accountant, BTMC, Bastra Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar C/A., Dhaka or Accountant-in-Charge, BTMC Shipping Office, 79, Agrabad C/A., Chittagong or Accountant-in-Charge of the mills. Tender will be received on 5-4-93 up to 11:00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in the office of the Chief Engineer, BTMC in presence of the bidders if any. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. TMC-13 DFP (BA) 2159-14/3 G-387

Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bangladesh) Ltd International Tender Notice Managing Director, Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bangladesh) Ltd., 349-350, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka invites Tender in two envelope system for Import on C & F (C) Chittagong/Benapole basis under any suitable source. (1) PD-II/KCC/452/279/(F) (a) Anethol 21/22 (b) Terpinol Extra (Perfumery Grade) (c) Musk Ambrette (d) ISO Butyl Phenyl Acetate (e) Citronellol Extra and (f) Clove Oil (White). (2) PD-II/KCC/491/282(F) Double Precipitated Calcium Carbonate Light (Dental Grade) and (3) PD-II/KCC/494 & 495/284(F) Potassium Hydroxide & Stearic Acid Tripple Pressed. Tender will be received on 12-4-93, 26-4-93 and 5-5-93 respectively up to 11:00 AM and opened immediately after. Tender documents available at Tk 25.00 each for Sl.No. 1,2 and Tk 50.00 each for Sl. 3 (non-refundable) from (1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong and (3) Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bangladesh) Ltd., 349-350, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tender. Earnest Money 1% minimum Tk 1,000.00 only. D-230

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD) Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet. Phone No. 6339 Short Notice of (RHD) Inviting Tender (Fresh Call) 1. Tender Notice No : 84/S R D (RHD) of 1992-93. 2. Name of works : Tender for Earth filling in different Km of Sylhet-Fenchuganj Road & Sylhet-Sutarkandi Road under Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet during the year 1992-93. (Ch. to Mtc) 3. Name of offices availability of tender documents : Undersigned/Executive Engineer, (RHD) Road Division, Moulvibazar/ Sunamganj/ Hobbiganj Road Sub Division, Sylhet/Golapganj/Bishwanah/Mechanical, Sylhet 4. Name of offices to receive tender bids : Undersigned Superintending Engineer, (RHD) Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/ Project Manager, (Ex. Engr), RHD, ODA Bridge Project -2, Sylhet 5. Last date of receipt : 5-4-93 at 12-30 6. Date & time of opening of bids : 5-4-93 at 12-45 7. Last date & time of selling of bids : 4-4-93 up to office hours. 8. Group list of works: Or No Location of work Estimate cost approximately Earnest money Time allowed Eligibility of contractor 1(One) 16th, 18th & 19th Km. of Sylhet-Fenchuganj Road. Taka 4,73,189/00 2% of Estimated cost. 25(Twenty five) days 'A' to 'C' general categories of (RHD) 'D' general of road circle & 'E' general of Road Division, Sylhet. 2(Two) 36th Km. of Sylhet-Sutarkandi Road. Taka 1,74,322/00 -do- 15(Fifteen) days -do- Mahbul Alam Executive Engineer, (RHD) Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet. DFP(G) 4205-18/3 G-394