

Dhaka Day by Day

The Talents of Quilt-Maker

by Parveen Anam

The nip in the air is unmistakable. The morning has taken on a lovely coolness which gladdens the heart.

he carries in a piece of cloth slung over his shoulder until it is nice and fluffy. He then proceeds to evenly spread and stuff the cotton among beautiful cloth, sometimes silk, sometimes printed cotton, and stitch it together.



MAN LOOK AT HIS CUNTING. HE COULD BE THE BASS PLAYER OF MY BAND!

Yet, the beauty of the coming months is something which will always be there. None can take that away. The harvests are cut, 'cakes' made of new rice enjoyed by all in the cold winter mornings.

In fact, he is a familiar sight around the Dhaka streets, this time of year. Normally walking in twos, these little men carry their wares on their lean shoulders, from door to door, as the housewife bustles around trying to decide who needs a quilt for the cold season ahead.

I say wonderful, because this man has had no formal training in stichcraft as such, and yet produces a beautiful piece of embroidered, bordered quilt in a matter of hours.

The entire cost of a custom-made quilt will not be more than Tk 300-400. Yet, we grudge the man even that. We will haggle and argue till we bring it down to a cost, which will offend our own sensibilities in a moment of quiet.

ing the 'comforter' the Bengali loves to use in the cold. He has had no training and has learnt the trade from his elders. It is handed down from generation to generation and perfected over the years.

Plan to construct 25 more district jails

The government has a plan to construct 25 more district jails in the country, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury told the Parliament yesterday.

Replying to a question from Begum Rashida Khatun of Jamaat, he said sub-jails in 21 new districts will be turned into district jails and four new jails will be constructed in four districts.

The districts are: Sirajganj, Manikganj, Gazipur, Cox's Bazar, Narayanganj, Satkhira, Magura, Munshiganj, Naogaon, Narail, Gaibandha, Bagerhat,

Natore, Netrokona, Chuadanga, Jhenidah, Gopalganj, Pirojpur, Chandpur, Meherpur, Rajbari, Sherpur, Panchagar, Lalmonirhat and Laxmipur.

Besides, the minister informed the House that for shifting the central jail from its present site, a jail for convicted prisoners and detainees, will be built at Kashimpur in Gazipur district and another for under trial prisoners at Teghria in Keraniganj thana.

He told Hafeza Asma Khatun (Jamaat) that the country's existing jails can accommodate 20,985 prisoners.

Zimbabwe Air Chief in city

The Commander of the Zimbabwe Air Force Air Marshal Perrance Shirri arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

Chief of the Air Staff Air-Vice Marshal Alif Hossain Chowdhury received him at the Zia International Airport. Principal Staff Officers of the BAF were also present.

During his stay in Bangladesh Air Marshal Shirri is scheduled to call on the President and supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Abdur Rahman Biswas at the Bangabhaban. He will also call on the chiefs of the three services, and Defence Secretary and PSO of the Armed Forces division.

He will place wreath at the 'Shikha Anirban', the Eternal Flame. The delegation will also visit various air bases and Training Institutions of the Bangladesh Air Force, Ministry of Defence and Defence Services Command and Staff College.

Bus, Truck Owners' Assoc shocked at loss of lives

The Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners' Association in a statement Sunday expressed deep sorrow at the loss of valuable lives in the recent road accidents in various places of the country.

The statement, signed by A Gafur, general secretary of the association, said it did not agree with the statement of Transport Workers' Federation which criticised the students for damaging vehicles protesting the killing of a medical student in an accident.

The statement said there was no scope for justifying an accident saying 'an accident is always an accident' or road accidents have increased alarmingly all over the world. Proper motivation of the drivers for being more cautious in this regard could only improve the situation, it observed.



Table with TV program schedule for Tuesday, including 'Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary', 'News in Bangla', 'Mass education programme: Esho Para Shikhee Sports Parama', etc.



Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina speaking at a seminar on education organised by her party at the Institute of Engineers yesterday. Noted educationist Professor Kabir Chowdhury and AL leader Kamruzzaman seen seated. - Star photo

Planning Commission approves 134 dev projects

The Planning Commission has approved 134 development projects involving Tk 679 crore, including Tk 134 crore in aid from donor countries, during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Informing his in Parliament during the question hour yesterday State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan said work on 18 of the projects had already started. Most of the rest are expected to be taken up during second half of the year after firming up external aid for these projects.

Structural development, poverty alleviation and human resource development which the government has given utmost priority are the corner stone of the development projects, he said in reply to a question.

The State Minister said the donors in many cases imposed conditions. But the government has negotiated with them and succeeded in relaxing some adverse conditions.

Replying to a supplementary question, Dr Khan informed the House that the number of on-going development projects were 907. The projects were being implemented at a cost of Tk 9,750 crore, including Tk 4,780 crore in foreign exchange.

Matin tells Jatiya Sangsad 21,622 commit suicide since January '92

Some 21,622 people have committed suicide in the country in last 22 months since January 1, 1992, reports UNB.

This staggering figure was disclosed by Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury in Parliament yesterday while replying to Begum K J Hamida Khatun of BNP during question hour.

Of the suicide victims, women totalled 12,470 and men 9,152.

According to official statistics, Jessore district topped the list with 1,789 people, including 1,031 women, committing suicide during the period. It was followed by Jhenidah district where 1,463 people committed suicide.

Division-wise breakup of suicide for the period (January 1, 1992- October 31, 1993): Dhaka - 4,362, Chittagong - 2,220, Khulna - 7,509 and Rajshahi - 5,639 people.

BSS adds: Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that annual expenditure for rental of the residence of ambassadors and high commissioners of Bangladesh working in different countries is Taka 69,151,012.57.

The minister was replying to a question by Prof Rafiqul Islam (AL).

128 motor cars stolen

Replying to a question by Shah M Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury the minister said Bangladesh has been paying annual subscriptions to the United Nations and its affiliated bodies. He informed the House that the subscriptions were regularly paid from the budget grant of the Foreign Ministry.

128 motor cars stolen

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury told the Jatiya Sangsad here yesterday that since January, 1993 till October 31 this year 128 motor cars and 149 motor cycles had been stolen in Dhaka Metropolitan area.

Replying to Abdul Awal Mia (AL-Kushtia), the minister said of the stolen vehicles 123 motor cars and 42 motor cycles had been recovered.

Replying to Begum Roushan Ara Hena, the minister said the formulation of a new law with provision of death sentence for those engaged in the smuggling of women and children was under consideration.

1903 arrested since Jan

Another UNB report says: A total of 1,903 people were arrested in the country under the Special Powers Act in last 10 months since January this year, Parliament was told yesterday.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury gave the figure of arrest while replying to Shahjahan Chowdhury of Jamaat. The highest 479 people were arrested from Dhaka district under the Special Powers Act while Chittagong followed with 324.

None was, however, arrested from Munshiganj, Rajbari, Gopalganj, Laxmipur, Meherpur, Panchagar, Patuakhali and Barguna districts during the period from January 1 to October 31 this year.

11 peacekeeping mission participated

Staff Correspondent adds: Bangladesh so far participated in 11 peacekeeping mission under UN umbrella for which the country spent some 23,000 US dollar. LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder informed the House yesterday.

He was replying to a supplementary question relating to the Foreign Ministry in absence of concerned minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman.

He gave a break-up of the 11 peacekeeping missions.



Chief of Army Staff Lt General Noor Uddin Khan chatting with Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdur Mannan and Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain at Zia International Airport when they came to see Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia off to Nepal yesterday. - Star photo

BSB earns Tk 12 cr pre-tax net profit

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) has earned a pre-tax net profit of Taka 12.60 crore during the financial year 1992-93, reports BSS.

This was revealed at the 7th annual general meeting of the share holders of BSB held yesterday at its head office with the chairman of the bank's board of directors, ATM Alamgir MP in the chair.

The pre-tax profit amount was 41.57 per cent higher than that of the previous financial year 1991-92.

Freshers' reception of DU Political Science Dept

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Professor Emajuddin Ahmed called upon the students to take part in nation building activities in a greater extent after equipping themselves with higher education from the university, says a press release.

The Vice-Chancellor was addressing as the chief guest a 'Freshers' reception and farewell function organised by the Department of Political Science of the university at TSC auditorium yesterday.

Weather

No change in temperature

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Tuesday) says, the sky is likely to remain partly cloudy over the southern part of Bangladesh while dry weather with a clear sky is likely to prevail over rest of the country.

The Met Office forecasts, night temperature is likely to fall slightly over the divisions of Dhaka and Rajshahi and northern Chittagong division and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 31.7 degrees Celsius was recorded in Kutubdia and the lowest 16.4 degrees Celsius in Dinajpur.

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

Table showing weather data for various cities: Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Dinajpur. Columns include Max, Min, Humidity in percentage.

NIMCO workshop concludes

RAJSHAHI, Nov 22: A fortnight long workshop on 'Radio Programme Presentation Technique' organised by National Institute of Mass Communications (NIMCO) ended here at Rajshahi centre of Radio Bangladesh today, reports BSS.

Prof M Anisur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, Rajshahi University was chief guest at the concluding session of the course and distributed certificates among the participants.

READY FLATS FOR SALE

At Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka. Each 2290 sq ft. having three bed/bath, living, family living, dining, servant's room with toilet. Two lifts with stand by generator, dish antenna, intercom, PABX, health club and other facilities. Contact. Off: 881956, 610753, Res: 884001.

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Mongla Port Authority Tender Notice

Table with 2 columns: Tender details (Name of work, Earnest money, etc.) and Specifications (Supply of Size wood & other materials, etc.).

Tender Notice No 4/1993-94

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Any information regarding the above tender may communicate to the office of the undersigned during office hours. Executive Engineer, Saikupa O&M Division, WDB, Saikupa, Jhenidah.

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, অঞ্চল-৭ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজ সমূহের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত এবং সরকারী ও আধা সরকারী সংস্থার সকল শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২১১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে উক্তার আহবান করা হইতেছে। উক্তের ২- (পৌ) লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত কাজ সমূহের জন্য সরকারী, আধা সরকারী সংস্থার তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণ অংশ গ্রহণ করিতে পারিবেন।

Table with 4 columns: Job No, Name of Work, Estimated Cost, and Bid Due Date.