

Dhaka Day by Day

The Talents of Quilt-Maker

by Parveen Anam

The nip in the air is unmistakable. The morning have 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.

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, gathered round the fire.



In fact, he is a familiar sight around the Dhaka streets, this time of year. Normally walking in twos, these little men carry their wear 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.

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.

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

Tender Notice No 4/1993-94

- 1. Name of work : Supply of Automatic Levelling Instrument with levelling staff at Saikupa under Saikupa O&M Division, BWDB, Saikupa in connection with G-K I.R. Project during the year 1993-94.

Any information regarding the above tender may communicate to the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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.

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.

BTV logo and Tuesday program schedule including Al-Quran Programme, News in Bangla, Mass education programme, Sports programme, World Cup Cricket '92, New Zealand vs South Africa, Open University, Sangeta, News in Bangla, Drama serial: Rupnagar, News in English, Film show: ENG, Khabar/The News, Tomorrow's programme, Summary, Closing.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

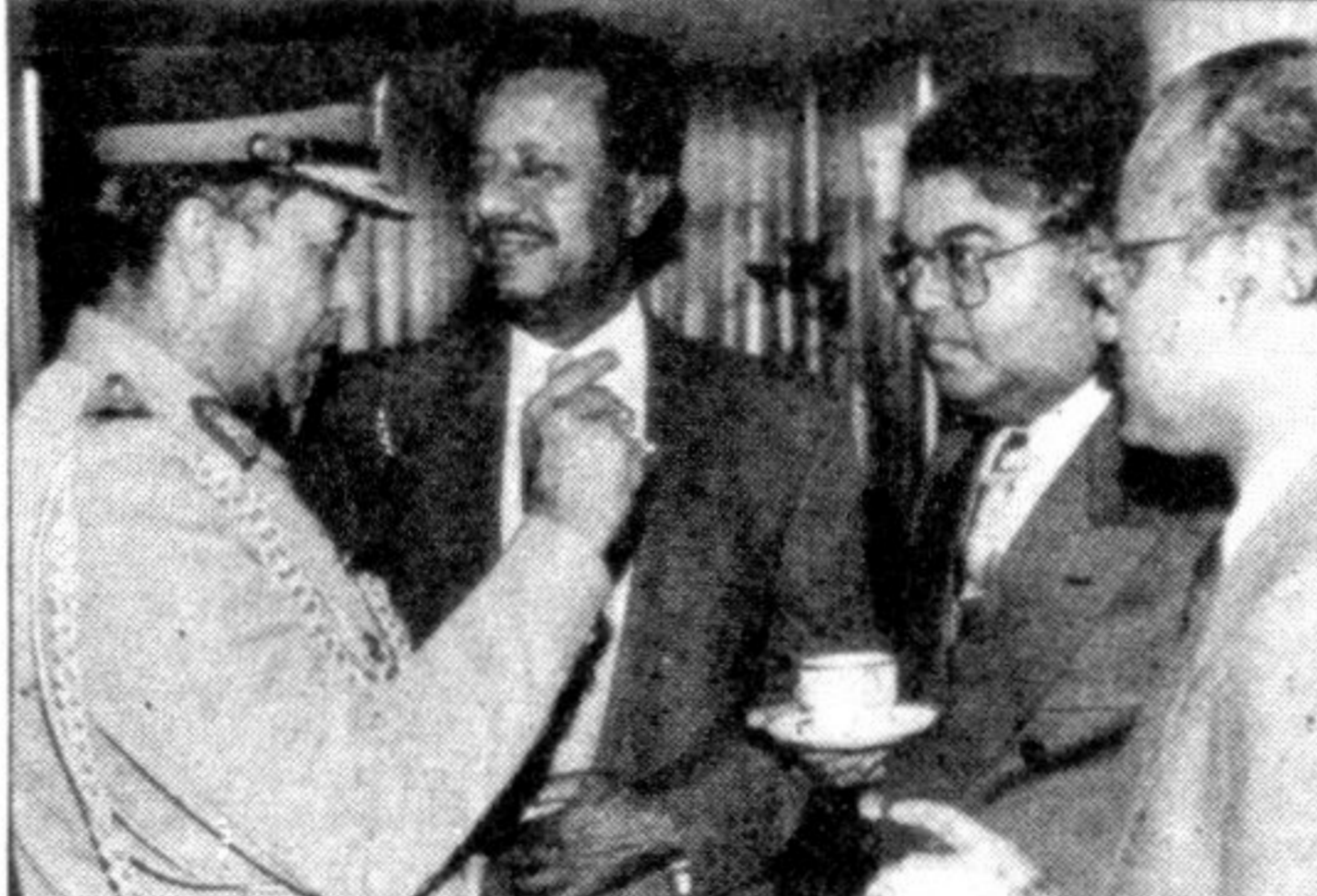
Replying to a supplementary question, Dr Khan informed the House that the number of on-going development projects were 907. The projects were being implemented at a cost of Tk 9,750 crore, including Tk 4,780 crore in foreign exchange.

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.

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.



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

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.

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

Table with columns: City/Towns, Temperature in degrees Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (9am, 6pm). Includes Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Dinajpur.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that any client Mr. H. N. Ashgaur Rahman has entered into agreement for purchase of the scheduled land from its owners-in-possession Mr. Nuruddin, Md. Anuruddin and Md. Anuruddin's wife.

বাংলাদেশ টারিফ কমিশনে গণশুনানী. আপাতী ৯/১২/৯৩ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকার অধিবেশনে কার্যালয়ের সভাকক্ষে (১ম ১২ তলা সরকারী অফিস ভবন, ১০ম তলা, সেকেন্ডারি) এক পপচনারী অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে।

Mongla Port Authority Tender Notice

- 1. Tender Notice No : 48/93
2. Name of the work : Supply of Size wood & other materials.
3. Value of the tender schedule : Tk 30.00 (Thirty) (Non-refundable)
4. Earnest money : @ Tk. 2% of the total quoted value must be submitted with the tender schedule.