# Dhaka Day by Day

# The Talents of Quilt-Maker

by Parveen Anam

morning have taken on a lovely coolness which gladdens the heart. It's just cool enough to walk in the misty halflight, pretending to be the only soul abroad. As the sun rises tentatively over the tree tops, a bright gold, the mist evaporates quickly, but the pleasantness remains. A clue to the days ahead. At least for the next few weeks, in this land of ours so burdened.

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. Also it's the time for the quiltmaker to make his appearance from the village, where he had disappeared for the long summer months. No quilts were needed then. that's for sure! In fact, he is a fa-

miliar sight around the Dhaka streets. this time of year Normally walking in twos, these little men carry their ware on their lean shoulders.

door to door, as the housewife bustles around trying to decide who needs a quilt for the cold season ahead, in her household. Once the decision is taken, she will have him called in, hagsettled, give him a clean space, usually the front verandah or porch to work at, and he starts his wonderful job.

I say wonderful, because this man has had no formal training in stitchcraft as such, and yet produces a beautiful piece of embroidered, bordered quilt in a matter of hours. His rather odd looking tool, with which he spins his cotton to stuff his quilt with, is fascinating to watch. In a rhythmic manner, he spins the cotton which

The government has a plan

to construct 25 more district

jails in the country, Home Min-

ister Abdul Matin Chowdhury

told the Parliament yesterday,

Begum Rashida Khatun of Ja-

maat, he said sub-jails in 21

new districts will be turned into

district jails and four new jails

will be constructed in four dis-

Manikgani, Gazipur, Cox's

Bazar, Narayangani, Satkhira,

Magura, Munshigani, Naogaon,

Narail, Gaibandha, Bagerhat,

The districts are: Sirajganj.

Replying to a question from

reports UNB.

tricts.

Plan to construct 25

more district jails

Natore, Netrokona, Chuadanga,

Jhenidah, Gopalganj, Pirojpur,

Chandpur, Meherpur, Rajbari,

Besides, the minister in-

formed the House that for

shifting the central jail from its

present site, a jail for convicted

prisoners and detenues, will be

built at Kashimpur in Gazipur

district and another for under

trial prisoners at Teghria in

(Jamaat) that the country's ex-

isting jails can accommodate

He told Hafeza Asma Khatun

Sherpur, Panchagar, Lalmonir-

hat and Laxmipur.

Keranigani thana.

20,985 prisoners.

The nip in the air is unmistakable. The 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, some times printed cotton, and stitch it together. It is this stitching, which is time consuming. He will carefully go over every inch of the material. sewing and stitching until the intricate design has been created. This will ensure that the quilt and the cotton inside, will last for at least Yet, the beauty of the coming months is three to four years, warm and wonderfully comfortable on a winter night.

> The entire cost of a custom-made quilt will not be more than Tk MAN / LOOK AT HIS GOLTAR, 300-400. Yet, we grudge the man ASS PLAYER OF

even that. We will haggle and argue till sowe bring it down to a cost, which will offend our own sensi bilities in a moment of quiet. But that is the amount we will pay him and feel pleased about it. He is not a quilt stitcher by profession. During the summer months, he stays in his village, farming and tending cattle. Only as it begins to cool down, does he head for the big city.

in the hope of making 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 gle endlessly over the price and once that is over the years. The beautiful geometrical designs that he creates as he stitches, is gorgeous to behold. The silk top ones are great favourites for the brides of the season and cotton ones for fittle children. But each member of the household must have his individual quilt or 'comforter' stitched so painstakingly by that little man, the quilt-maker. It is an art that must be preserved and cherished, an art we have every reason to be proud of.



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 pro-

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, Dr Khan informed the House that the number of ongoing development project was 907. The projects were being implemented at a cost of Tk 9,750 crore, including Tk 4,780 crore in foreign ex-

### 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

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 committee 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 Rafigul Islam (AL).

Replying to a question by Shah M Rafiqui Bari Chowd hury the minister said Bangladesh has been paying annual subscriptions to the United Nations and its affili ated 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 vesterday 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 yes-

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, Raibari, Gopalgani, Laxmipur, Meherpur, Panchagar, Patuakhali and Barguna districts during the period from Jan uary 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

He gave a break-up of the 11

#### 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.

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Banani, Dhaka.

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আগামী ৯/১২/৯৩ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকার অত্র কমিশনের কার্যালয়ের সভাকক্ষে (১ম ১২ তলা সরকারী অকিস ভবন, ১০ম তলা, সেক্তবাগিচা) এক গণতনানী অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। উক্ত গণতনানীতে বাস, ট্রাক, মিনিবাস, মটরকার, টাকটর এবং মটর সাইকেল সম্পূর্ণ বিযুক্ত (সিকেডি) অবস্থায় আমদানির ক্ষেত্রে দীর্ঘদিন ধরিয়া হ্রাসকৃত শুল্ক হার বজায় বাকা সত্ত্ও দেশে প্ৰকৃত সংযোজন শিল্প বা প্ৰশ্ৰেসিভ ম্যানুষ্ণ্যাকচারিং ব্যবস্থা গড়িয়া না উঠার কলে সেই লক্ষ্যে বিকল্প ব্যবস্থা হিসাবে দেশে যে সকল কম্পোনেউস/পার্টস তৈরী হইতেছে বা তৈরী হওয়ার সন্তাবনা গ্রহিয়াছে তাহার উপর উচ্চ হারে তক্ষ হার ধার্য করার প্রাপ্ত প্রস্তাব ( যাহাতে এইগুলি দেশে উৎপাদনে উৎসাহ পার ) প্রধান আলোচ্য বিষয় হউবে।

এই গণভনানীতে উক্ত বিষয়ে সকল দৃষ্টিকোন হইতে লিখিত ভাবে মতামত প্রদানসহ উপস্থিত থাকিয়া বক্তব্য পেশের জন্য সংশ্রিষ্ট সকলকে অনুরোধ क्रानाटना वर्दिएक । সচিব

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### Mongla Port Authority P.O. Mongla, Bagerhat **Tender Notice**

Tender Notice No Name of the work

Supply of Size wood & other materials.

Value of the tender Tk 30.00 (Thirty) (Non-

refundable) @ Tk. 2% of the total guoted

value must be submitted with the tender schedule. Sealed tenders are invited

Category of the from the bonafide. tenderers Name of the Offices

Office of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer, Mongla Port where tender documents Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat will be available and and Sr. Finance Officer (P)

> Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat. Up to 20/12/93 during normal

office hours. Last date of tender 21/12/93 up to 12:00 Noon.

dropping 22/12/93 up to 12:00 Noon.

Date and time of

opening the tender documents

Last date of tender

10. Name of the Office where the tender documents will be opened

Bagerhat in presence of the tenderers (if any). Time for completion

of the work 12 Necessary terms and

Within 25 days from the date of issue of work order. Terms and conditions may

Office of the Chief Finance &

Accounts Officer, Mongla.

be seen in the tender schedule. conditions

Mongla Port Authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders either partly or wholly without showing any reason thereof.

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Sr. Finance Officer (P)



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— Star photo

in 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

BSB earns Tk 12 cr

pre-tax net

profit

(BSB) has earned a pre-tax net

profit of Taka 12.60 crore dur-

ing the financial year 1992-93,

annual general meeting of the

share holders of BSB held yes-

terday at its head office with

the chairman of the bank's

board of directors, ATM Alam-

was 41.57 per cent higher

than that of the previous finan-

The pre-tax profit amount

gir MP in the chair.

cial year 1991-92.

Sylhet

Dinajpur

This was revealed at the 7th

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank

yesterday.

reports BSS.

#### No change in temperature By Staff Correspondent

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 Khandaker

Mosharraf Hossain at Zia International Airport when they

came to see Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia off to Nepal

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 Dinaipur.

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

Cities/Towns Temperature in degrees Humidity in Celsius percentage Max Min 6pm 9am Dhaka 29.5 18.0 Chittagong 18.5 29.0 87 73 Rajshahi 28.4 18.5 78 Khulna 29.0 18.3 Barisal 29.6 17.8 90 Cox's Bazar 30.1 18.5 77

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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, অঞ্চল-৭

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন রাখুন আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন।

নিম্নে বর্ণিত কাজ সমূহের জন্য ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের তালিকাভুক্ত এবং সরকারী ও আধা সরকারী সংস্থার সকল শ্রেনীর ঠিকাদারগনের নিকট হইতে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং–২৯১১ তে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে টেন্ডার আহবান করা যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য ৫ (পাঁচ) লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত কান্ধ সমূহের জন্য সরকারী, আধা সরকারী সংস্থার তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগন অংশ গ্রহন করিতে পারিবেনা। আগামী ২৮-১১-৯৩ ইং ১৪-৮-১৪০০ বাং তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার সময় বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা, জ্বেলা প্রশাসক, ঢাকা এবং ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের সকল আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় প্রকৌশল বিভাগ কর্তৃক টেভার গ্রহন করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্র দাতা অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। শতকরা হারে দর অংকে এবং কথায় উভয় লিখিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের মেয়র মহোদয়ের অনুকূলে বাংলাদৈশের যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংকের ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে বায়নার টাকা দরপত্রের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে। ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেনের সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়ে এবং হিসাব বিভাগের পোদ্দারের নিকট (প্রতিসেট) নির্ধারিত মূল্যে নগদ অর্থের বিনিময়ে (অফেরতযোগ্য) টেন্ডার এর শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল ইত্যাদি ক্রয় করা যাইবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশনের অঞ্চল-৭ (মিরপুর) এর নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তরে জানা যাইবে। কোন দরপত্র দাতা প্রাক্তলিত মূল্য অপেক্ষা ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচ ভাগ) এর অধিক উর্ধ্ব বা নিম্ন দর প্রদান করিলে উক্ত দরের স্ব–পক্ষে দর

বিশ্লেষন সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে। ৫% (শতকরা পাঁচভাগ) এর অধিক নিম্ন দর প্রদানকারী দরদাতাকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহন করা হইলে সে ক্ষেত্রে নির্ধারিত বায়নার টাকার দ্বিশুন পরিমান টাকা জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখে দরপত্রের কোন দলিল পত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। যে কোন বা সমুদয় দরপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো

ব্যতিরেকেই গ্রহন বা বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা কর্তপক্ষের সংরক্ষিত থাকিবে।

ক্রমিক নং नयग्र नीया। প্ৰাক্তলিত টাকা কান্তের নাম বায়নার টাকা মিরপুর ১নং গোলচকর হইতে দারুস সালাম **১०** जिन টাঃ ७, २२, 80%/= B18 24,690/= পুলিশ বন্ধ পর্যন্ত রাস্তার উভয় পার্শ্বে লেভেলিং দ্রেসিং ও রাস্তা মেরামতকরন কাজ, ওয়ার্ড নং-৮ মিরপুর দাব্রুস সালাম রোডে ডেসা কর্তৃক খননকৃত **३०**मिन 518 BT8 2.800/= = 1060,00 রাস্তা মেরামতকরন কান্ধ, ওয়ার্ড নং-৮ মিরপুরস্থ শেওড়াপাড়া হোঃ নং-১০১ হইতে **३०**षिन টাঃ ১,৩৮৩/= 86,000/= নেউ শেওড়াপাড়া) হোঃ নং-১৫৪/এ পর্যন্ত রাস্তা মেরামত কাজ। ওয়ার্ড নং-১০ (পশ্চিম)। নিউশেওড়াপাড়া হোঃ নং ১১০ হইতে হোঃ-নং 30मिन 518 3.80b/= 86.090/= ৪৫৪/২ পর্যন্ত ক্ষতিগ্রন্ত রাস্তা মেরামত কাজ

ওয়ার্ড নং-১০ (পশ্চিম)। निर्वाष्टी शकी गनी ডিসিসি/পিজারডি/২৬৭/৯৩-৯৪ অঞ্চল - ৭, মিরপুর ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন D-846

### Tender Notice No 4/1993-94

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

2.12.93 & 3.12.93 up to 12.00

4.12.93 at 12.30 hours.

Earnest Money Minimum 25% of the quoted amount. Time allowed for 15 (fifteen) days.

execution Last date & time for

1.12.93 during the bank hours. selling documents

receiving the tender Date & time for

Date & time for

opening the tender Name of bank in 1. Manager, Janata Bank, Sailkupa which the tender Branch, Sailkupa, Jhenidah. documents are 2. Manager, Sonali Bank, Kushtia/ available Jhenidah/Magura/Goalchamot Branch, Faridpur/Amla Branch,

Name of the office where tender will

be received

C/A, Dhaka. 1: Office of the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, WDB, Faridpur. 2. Office of the Executive Engineer O&M Division, Kushtia/Jhenidah/ Magura/Amla/Chuadanga/O&M Divn-II, Dhaka and the office of the

Amla, Kushtia/Chuadanga Branch,

WAPDA Building Branch, Motijheel

Name of Advertiser

Md Hossain Zakir, Executive Engineer, Sailkupa O&M Division, WDB, Sailkupa, Jhenidah.

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

undersigned.

PANI-200/93-94 DFP (G) 18911-16/11 G-1605

Executive Engineer Sailkupa O&M Division, WDB, Sailkupa, Jhenidah

### Zimbabwe Air Chief in city

The Commander of the Zimbabwe Air Force Air Marshal Perrance Shiri arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh. He is leading a four member delegation, says an ISPR release.

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

During his stay in Bangladesh Air Marshal Shirt 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

By Staff Correspondent 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.



5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme su-5.10 News in Bangla Mass education programme: Esho Para Shikhee

**Tuesday** 

Sports programme: World Cup Cricket '92 New Zealand vs South Africa Open University 7.25 Sangeeta News in Bangla 8.00 Drama serial Rupnagar News in English 10.00

Film show: ENG

Closing.

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Tomorrow's programme

11.30

11.40