

Dhaka Day by Day

Moglai and the Mundane

by Raffat Binte Rashid

While returning home after work, a few routine thoughts always cross our minds. Did I lock the cabinet? Did I sign those documents? Where have I kept the keys? And so on.

But by the time you are on a rickshaw or on your car, just out of the blue, a tug at the stomach makes you realize, 'Oh God! I am hungry.' It's almost dark by that time and now with this cold (though mild) wind blowing, you really long for some hot things to munch.

At these hours of the day, the burgers, or pizzas and sandwiches won't really satisfy your palate as much as a bowl of corn soup or hot crisp keema tikka (meat chop) or boti kabab and fried chaap would do. But your wife or mother won't exactly understand your mind or the demand of your stomach at that time.

The only way you could satisfy your hunger now, is by going to Mostakim Bhai's small shop near the Geneva camp, Mohammadpur.

Mostakim, 45-year-old, has set up this small venture eight years ago. With little help and small investment, he started this unusual moglai food business.

Moglai or shahi khana (rich food) is always a favourite with people here. Even though Mostakim's shop doesn't offer palao or kachi (steamed rice with meat), his fried chicken-tikka, fried chaap, fried geeta kolja, liver and heart gives you a slight taste of moglai gourmet specials. All these you get, only for Tk 3 to Tk 15.

His small shop is actually a medium-size wooden bedstead and four to five wooden benches, few big stainless steel's bowls, plates and cups. Two gas stoves placed on tripods attached to a small gas cylinder, which has to be pumped every now and then. He has two king-size frying pans. His roof is actually made of canvas tied with ropes to lightposts and bamboos. The most unusual thing about the shop is its name. It has no particular name, people just know it by the fried foods it offers and sometimes by the owner, Mostakim.

This absolutely down-to-earth shop by the roadside offers you the best food, says the customers who often come here, from as far as Motijheel or Mirpur.

The shop opens exactly at 5 o'clock with six people working mechanically round the clock till 10 pm. The meat is always processed from

home, where Mostakim has three appointed cooks. He believes that good taste of any food depends on the quality of ingredients used and just a good sense of cooking.

The meat he uses, beef and chicken, specially comes from the best shop in the town and all these preparations require only proper mixing of spices, vinegar, salt and not to mention time.

Time - because these foods have to be tended and kept aside to soften for at least 10 to eight hours. This process is only supervised by Mostakim's two brothers at home. Thus the process of mixing, that is half cooking, begins early at dawn every day.

It takes no time to cook, the stuff is half done at home, we just deep fry it in the evening and serve," explains Shahed Bhai, Mostakim's brother who looks after the shop whenever the central figure is away. "Our shop is so well known throughout the city that business is always excellent except for the Ramadan month," he says. At a time 25 people can sit and eat, he says.

In spite of the unhygienic environment, the near-by drain, cats and dogs roaming around, the rush is always the same, "no one ever complained of diarrhoeas or dysentery, except for the stomach ache from over eating," says an employee proudly.

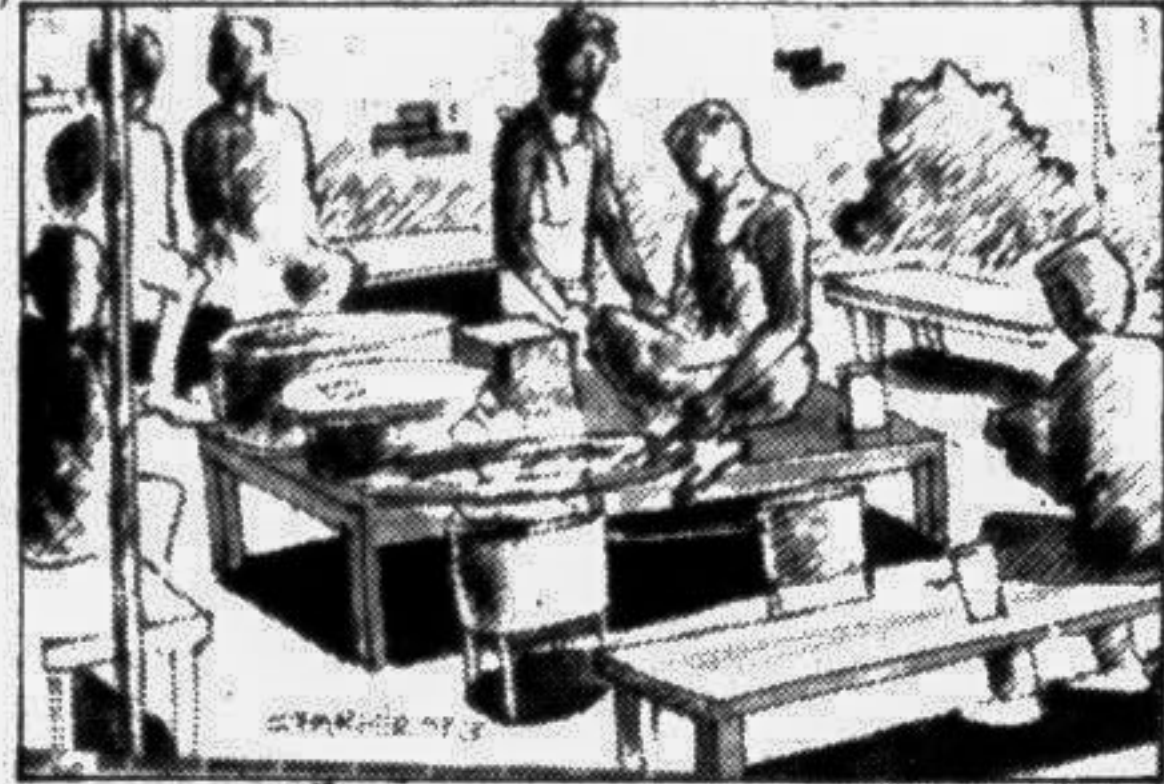
Mostakim's family stay in the camp and is quite well off compared to his fellow colleagues and neighbours. Around his shop there are also open stalls selling pyajis (a pulse chop with onions) puris, paratha, and of course tea, cigarettes and soft drinks.

Mostakim's daily sale is extremely satisfactory, "in about an hour's time after opening, we usually sell around Tk. 600 on an average," says Shahed. It hardly takes an effort to dispose with our 35 to 40 kgs of meat approximately every day," he explains.

Mostakim has started another shop in old Dhaka for the last four months.

Determination and enterprise are the key to the success of his business. No matter what your social status or living conditions are, your drive for living better and eating better will take you to the heights you have set for yourself.

Mostakim, a resident of the Geneva camp, a stranded Pakistani in Bangladesh is only a living proof of the fact.



Residents and businessmen of Chawkbazar, Nawabpur, Urdu Road, Lalbagh and Nawabganj areas in the city observed a six hour strike yesterday demanding arrest of the persons responsible for Monday's killing. — Star photo

Turkish team visits DSCSC

The Turkish Air Force Commander General Halis Burhan visited the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) at Mirpur yesterday, reports BSS.

On arrival at the DSCSC, General Burhan and members of his delegation were received by the commandant of the Staff College, Major General Mustafa Kamal Uddin. They were taken round different sections and syndicates of the college. They were also briefed on the training activity, curriculum and history of the college.

Jobs under international organisations

Some international organisations have invited applications for filling up certain vacancies at their disposal, says a PID handout.

Name of the organisations along with the post titles and last dates for receipt of the applications by the head offices of the organisations are given below:

- World Intellectual Property Organisations: Director (D-1) — March 25; Editor (P-3) March 25; International Atomic Energy Agency: Translator (P-3) — April 25; Radiation Protection Specialist (P-4) — 15 April; Section Head (P-5) — March 15; World Meteorological Organizations: Deputy Secretary-General — 30 April; Spencer Stuart: General Manager (to assist the Aga Khan Trust); UNESCO: Salary Administrator (P-4) — 8 February; Programme Specialist (P-5) — 7 March; United Nations Environment Programme: Deputy Director (D-1) — 6 April; Associate Programme Officer (P-2) — 20 March; Director (D-2) — 15 February; Commonwealth Secretariat: Director (D-2) — 16 February; Personnel Information Systems Analyst: Interim Commission for the International Trade Organisations: Legal Affairs Officer (P-4).
- Further details of the posts and procedure of application will be available with the Ministry of Establishment, concerned ministry or division, Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, District Information Offices and District Labour and Manpower offices.

'Always Coca-Cola' campaign launched

By Staff Correspondent

Tabani Beverage Co Ltd, a subsidiary of the Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust, will launch a country-wide campaign of the internationally renowned soft drink Coca Cola from today.

At a colourful launching ceremony of the "Always Coca-Cola" campaign yesterday the representative of the Coca-Cola Co in Bangladesh Khalid Raza told a gathering of Coke retailers in the city that Tabani Ltd would begin the campaign with posters, stickers, car stickers, advertisements in the mass media and a quiz competition offering prizes for the customers.

The occasion was addressed by convenor of the Board of Trustees of the Kalyan Trust Wing Commander M Hamidullah Khan (ret'd) MP as chief guest, General Manager of Tabani, Maj (ret'd) Aminul Islam and Marketing Manager of Coke South West Asia region Med Shaver.

"The idea of the 'Always Coca-Cola' slogan is that Coke has been there for over a century and it will always be in the future," said Khalid Raza.

The Coke representative introduced some samples of Coke advertisements to the retailers and played popular Coke jingles: "If there's a pool — there's a flirt. If there's a school — there'll be home work. If there's fun — there will always be Coca Cola!"

Khalid Raza also said customers taking part in the Coke quiz competition would receive three prizes through lottery — a Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka air ticket, a 14-inch colour TV and Coke metal badges for 10,000 lucky customers.

An exhibition of cattle and poultry was opened in Manikganj yesterday by Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain to encourage livestock farming across the country, reports UNB.

Some 50 stalls with about 400 cows, goats were put up in the exhibition, first of its kind in the country, by dairy farm owners of the district.

Biswas opens Islamic Foundation book fair

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday paid rich tributes to the martyrs of Language Movement in 1952 and called for united efforts by all to uphold the dignity of mother tongue, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of a three-week long programme and book exhibition organised by Islamic Foundation Bangladesh in observance of February 21.

Religious Affairs Minister M Keramat Ali, Director General of Islamic Foundation Dawood-uz-Zaman Chowdhury and Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry Abdul Hamid Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

The President said our mother-tongue is the main strength of self entity and independence and flow of that strength should be maintained to consolidate our independence and sovereignty.

He called upon the intellectuals to continue their ceaseless efforts to nourish the language and literature for further enrichment.

Later, the President inaugurated the book exhibition organised at the Baitul Mukarram premise where 60 stalls have been set up for sale of different religious and other books published in Bengali.

Theatrical workshop

By DMCH Correspondent

A nine-day long theatrical workshop began at the Dhaka Medical College (DMC) yesterday.

Organised by the Medico's Theatre, the only drama group of the college, the workshop will be participated by 35 medical students.

Mamun-ur-Rashid, Khaled Khan, Liakot Ali Lucky, Taukir Ahmed, Azizul Hakim, Zahid Hasan, Saif Sadeki, Istiak Haq and Bipasha Hayat have been conducting the workshop.

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সেকারণে আপামী ১০-২-৯৪ ইং তারিখে বেলা ১০ ঘটিকার সময় আদালতে উপস্থিত হইবেন। অন্যথায় আইন অনুযায়ী কার্য করা হইবে।

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Ikabena show charms spectators

Demonstrations of two traditional practices of age old Japanese culture Ikebana (flower arrangement) and tea ceremony (ceremonial offering of tea to the guests), charmed the spectators yesterday evening at a city hotel, reports BSS.

Expressing her reaction, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanaara Begum who attended the function as the chief guest, said "it seems that flowers got lives with the touch of Ikebana experts". She also took keen interest in the

tea ceremony and hoped that cordial relations between Japan and Bangladesh would be strengthened further with the arrangement of such functions.

Embassy of Japan and Asia Bunka Kaikan (ABDK), an organisation of Bangladeshi nationals who had lived in Japan jointly arranged the function.

Speaking on the occasion Japanese Ambassador Shigeo Takenaka quoted from Rabindranath Tagore and said that the culture of one country is not the culture of that coun-

try alone. It rather enriches itself in touch with other cultures.

He appreciated the efforts in different levels in Bangladesh in promoting the cultural ties between his country and Bangladesh and hoped that such efforts of cultural exchange would strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

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Wednesday

- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 4:35 News in Bangla
- 4:45 Sports programme
- 5:20 Amara Natun
- 6:50 Open University
- 7:25 Tagore songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Nreetyar Talee Talee
- 9:05 Film show: The A-Team
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Magazine: Ujjiban
- 11:30 Khabar /The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

ROTARY CLUB OF DHAKA

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

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FEBRUARY 1, 1994, HOTEL SHERATON DHAKA

Ozair Farooq, President of the Rotary Club of Dhaka, speaking at a discussion titled "SAARC: Expectations and Realities" at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Also seen seated (from L to R) Sri Lankan High Commissioner Dr Ahmed Nasz Haniffa, Indian High Commissioner K Raghunath, Rotary District Governor Magfur Uddin Ahmed, Ashfaqur Rahman, DG (SAARC), Foreign Ministry of Bangladesh, Pakistani High Commissioner Anwar Kemal, Nepalese Ambassador Lok Bahadur Shrestha and Bhutanese Ambassador Tashi Tobgyel. The Rotary Club of Dhaka organised the discussion. — Star photo

'All polls under present govt held in free, fair atmosphere'

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said all elections including the just concluded city corporation polls under the present government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia were held in a free and fair atmosphere, reports BSS.

"This speaks of the present government's total commitment towards upholding democracy and people's rights," he said while addressing an election meeting here in connection with the campaign for BNP candidate in the February 3 pourasava polls.

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Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and the regions of Sylhet. Comilla while weather may remain mainly dry with a partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.

The Met Office forecasts, night temperature may fall by one to two degrees Celsius at places over the country in the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday).

Country's highest temperature of 29 degrees Celsius was recorded in Cox's Bazar and the lowest of 11.6 degrees Celsius was recorded in Srimongol yesterday.

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

Cities/towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	23.9	15.2	78	90
Chittagong	27.7	16.5	83	67
Rajshahi	21.1	14.8	100	90
Khulna	21.3	15.6	89	89
Barisal	25.5	16.1	77	69

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নূরজাহান স্মৃতি পুরস্কার

জেলা সাহিত্য ইনস্টিটিউট কোম্পানী নারী নির্বাচনের বিরুদ্ধে জনমত ও প্রতিরোধ গড়ে তোলার জন্য প্রতীকী পদক্ষেপ হিসেবে 'নূরজাহান স্মৃতি পুরস্কার' প্রদান করেছে।

বাংলাদেশের জাতীয় সৈনিক ও সাংগঠিক পরিচায়ক (বাংলা ও ইংরেজী) নারী নির্বাচন, নারী হত্যার, নারী পাচার এবং নারীর আইনগত অধিকার প্রতিষ্ঠায় তত্ত্ব ও তথ্য সমৃদ্ধ অনুসন্ধানী রিপোর্টিং এবং কিচাংর বা সমাজে, প্রশাসনে ও রাষ্ট্র ইতিবাচক প্রভাব ফেলতে তার উপর ভিত্তি করে 'নূরজাহান স্মৃতি পুরস্কার' প্রদান করা হবে।

১৯৯৩ সালের পুরস্কার ১ বৈশাখ ১৪০১ (১৫ এপ্রিল '৯৪) সালে ঘোষণা করা হবে। '৯৩ এর ১ জানুয়ারী থেকে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর পর্যন্ত উপরোক্ত বিষয়ে যে সব রিপোর্টিং এবং কিচাংর জাতীয় সৈনিক এবং সাংগঠিক পরিচায়ক প্রকাশিত হয়েছে তা '৯৪ সালের পুরস্কারের আওতাভুক্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে। অংশগ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক সাংবাদিক এবং লেখক-লেখক আলগামী ১৫ ডিসেম্বর নারী ত্রিকার নূরজাহান স্মৃতি পুরস্কার ৩ কপি দেখা জমা দেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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