Dhaka Day by Day

Profile of a Mahalla

by Helal Kabir Chowdhury

A PROFILE usually ascertains a dimensional aspect. At times it connotes more than a narration and brings under its fold a pertinent analysis or description of an individual issue. Profile also differs from mere narration and depicts the assumption of broad premises.

We are more accustomed with the term profile in describing a human.

What I would emphasise to do is to present before the readers the profile of a middle, lower-middle class locality of the capital city popularly known these days as mahalla. And it's a mahalla where I have been living for the last 40 years.

When we came to this locality, known as East Testuri Bazar (ETB) there was not a single pucca building and the number of tinshed houses would not have exceeded more than 17 or 18. If you visit the area now, the size, magnitude and structure of the houses would surely appears phenomenally changed. Located at the heart of the metropolis,

ETB has some locational advantages. It is just in the vicinity of Farm Gate, a central zone, that solves the transportation needs of the residents of the area. A big market like Kawran Bazar to the south, serves the shopping needs of not only ETB but also other adjoining areas. Government Science College and Holy Cross College to the north caters to the needs of a large number of students of the city including that of the local boys and girls. A girls' school, boys' school and a girls' college are located inside the periphery of the locality. There is a madrasa, an orphanage and two mosques located in the adjacent areas. These prove that the locality is endowed with facilities not to be compared with many other areas of the metropolis.

The existence of a Film Studio has just added some grace and also discomfort to ETB. Interestingly enough, till now there has not been any kind of acrimony between the studio owners and the local people. Another reckoning factor is a cement and hardware arat (warehouse) in the heart of the mahalla. The owners are mostly outsiders with a few exceptions. The arat had been causing sufferings to the residents in so far as the trucks carrying their goods normally are parked on the road. It naturally poses a threat to the safe passage of the people. Moves had been taken to contain the movement of these ve-

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an added advantage.

hicles at local level but of no avail. Jamming of traffic in this major road caused by the arat's trucks is a perpetual crisis. But it now has become an established fact that this problem will never be overcome if the arat is not shifted elsewhere.

What about the law and order situation and the goons? No, there are no infamous mastans here. There were, however, sporadic incidents of muggings but according to unconfirmed sources mahalla boys were not involved in these incidents. Will you believe that there has not been a single instance of major robbery since I started living here 40 years ago? Eve-teasing now-a-days is quite common everywhere in the city but it is in-

significant in ETB compared to other areas. There are two clubs for the youngsters and a samity for the elders. Club boys engage themselves in social and cultural activities and the samity looks after the problems and

well-being of the area. The older generation or the locality include professionals like doctors, engineers, BCS officers, bankers, company executives etc. And the girls are mostly well married off. A God-blessed mahalla indeed!

The locality is devoid of hectic political activities. There are followers of both the two large parties. The elder citizens are quite nonchalant about their participation in local or national politics. No local units of political parties exist significantly. Local youngsters who may have some affiliations with any major party do not indulge in any squabble.

This mahalla's foremost problem is the acute crisis of drinking water. Residents are hardly getting any water. This was brought to the notice of the WASA many times but of no avail. The people even 'gheraoed' the WASA building once but that too did not solve the problem. The local MP who is also a stateminister intervened and took special interest in the issue but even that did not lead to any solution.

Well, we live with problems, and with pleasure. And both of these I feel living in my mahalla. Of course, often I wonder what can be a profile of an "ideal" or "model" mahalla in this metropolis of mismanagement? Can I as well as other residents derive some lessons/examples to make ETB an 'ideal'

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উল্লেখপূর্বক শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সার্টিফিকেটের সভ্যায়িত অনুসিপি, নাগরিকভা ও নিজ্ঞ জেলার ক্বন্দের স্থানীয় ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ছ কমিশনার কর্ত্তক প্রদন্ত সনদপত্র এবং প্রথম প্রেণীর গেছেটেড অফিসারের নিকট হউতে চারিত্রিক সার্টিফিকেট ও সদা ভোগা

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Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

Journalist Lutfor Rahman, former director of Press Institute of Bangladesh. died Tuesday night. He was 63. He left behind two sons.

He worked in different newspapers in the country. In his long career he worked in The Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Sangbad.

He was suffering from heart ailment for a long time. The gutkhwant of the deceased will be held at his residence at House 44. Section 12. Block A, Road 7. Mirpur after Asr prayers tomorrow.

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Rabeya Rahman, wife of M Siddigur Rahman, Director (Planning & Implementation), BCIC, died of viral hepatities in the city yesterday. She was 53, says a press re-

She left behind her husband, two sons and a daugh-

Her gulkhwani will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at 462 Monipur (south).

by LG Fashion, a leading Korean business firm. It was coordinated by Runa Khan and choreographed by Band-

Charity fashion

show in city

By Staff Correspondent

turing casual and formal wear

by LG Fashion of Korea and

local designer Runa Khan was

organised Tuesday by the

Embassy of the Republic of

men's wear from the sum-

mer, winter and spring col-

lection of LG Fashion, and

salwar-kameez and panjabis

designed by Runa Khan were

presented by local models.

who paraded on a makeshift

catwalk in the garden of the

Gulshan residence of the

The show was sponsored

South Korean ambassador.

Western-style ladies and

Korea in Dhaka.

A charity fashion gala fea-

The displayed outfits were put on sale after the show. All proceedings will be given to local charities. Madame Jong Kyou Byun, wife of the Korean

ambassador, said in her

opening remarks.

CA exams begin Nov 25

The CA intermediate and final examinations '95 will begin on November 25 at both Dhaka and Chittagong centres as announced earlier. says a press release.

However, due to unavoidable circumstances only Saturday's examinations will begin from 2:30 pm, instead of

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met Office says night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted that weather is likely to deteriorate. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast little change.

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মাইজোবাস-মিডসুবিশি এল-৩০০, ১২ আসন বিশিষ্ট, ঢাকা মেট্রো চ-১৯৩২, তৈরীর সন ১৯৮৮,

২৪৭৭ সিসি, সাদা রঙ, ৫ দরজা, ৪(চার) সিলিভারের একটি মাইক্রোবাস টিপটপ ও চালু অবস্থার শীলমোহরবৃক্ত দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রি করা হবে। আমহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে উত্তর মূল্যের ১০% অর্থ ইউসেণ-বাংলাদেশ এর অনুকৃষে যে কোন ভক্সিলী

ব্যাংক হতে কড পে-অর্চারের মাধ্যমে আর্নেটমানিসহ সীলমোহরবুড নরপত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের ক্ষেত্রে প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাচে/ব্যক্তির ক্ষেত্রে সাদাকাপক্ষে আগামী ৩০/১১/৯৫ ইং বিকাশ ৩,০০ মিঃ মধ্যে ইউসেপ প্রধান কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত টেভার বাজে দাবিল করতে হবে এবং ঐদিনই বিকাল ৩-১৫ মিঃ সময় মরমাজাধনের উপস্থিতিতে (বনি কেহ বাকেন) বোলা হবে।

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