

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day Profile of a Mahalla

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?



The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society brought out a colourful rally in the city yesterday.

Charity fashion show in city

By Staff Correspondent

A charity fashion gala featuring casual and formal wear by LG Fashion of Korea and local designer Runa Khan was organised Tuesday by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Dhaka.

Western-style ladies and men's wear from the summer, winter and spring collection of LG Fashion, and salwar-kameez and panjabis designed by Runa Khan were presented by local models.

The show was sponsored by LG Fashion, a leading Korean business firm. It was co-ordinated by Runa Khan and choreographed by Bandwagon.

The displayed outfits were put on sale after the show. All proceeds 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.

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



Obituary

By Staff Correspondent

Journalist Lutfur Rahman, a 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 gulkhwani of the deceased will be held at his residence at House 44, Section 12, Block A, Road 7, Mirpur after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Rabeya Rahman, wife of M Siddiqur Rahman, Director (Planning & Implementation), BCIC, died of viral hepatitis in the city yesterday. She was 53, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, two sons and a daughter.

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

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.

The sun set today at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19 am.

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