Dhaka Day by Day

The Art of Making Old Carpet New

by SMS Joya

While passing by Segun Bagicha, one will come to notice a bunch of men working on carpets laid down on the streets. To have a look at what they are so engrossed in, one will be surprised to see what they are doing is quite an art-work. They are very dexter-ously painting on old carpets with intricate

Call it selling of art or merely business but the work done is very intriguing. The artisans who basically do the painting are the very hand-to-mouth people. Learning from their 'ustads' or masters for years, they become

experts themselves In Segun Bagicha. there are about fifteen shops in the same line of business. Apart from just painting or rather re-painting faded-out-carpets to give a brand new look. these shops also launder carpets at a cheaper price. Some even buy and sell old carpets as well as new ones. Old carpets are bought at Tk. 400-500, coloured and sold out at Tk. 800-Tk. 900.

The whole process is interesting: if it is a synthetic or woolen carpet. they cannot repaint it but can give it either a shampoo (?) wash or petrol wash for Tk 6 per square feet. For carpets made of jute a simple wash costs Tk 3 per sq. ft. but to have a plain (one-coloured) carpet dyed costs Tk. 4 per sq. ft. For a printed one the

Designing art on old carpet. cost is Tk 6 per sq. ft. Before the dyeing takes place, any carpet has to be shaped by beating for a day, then washed the next day and let it dry for another day. On the fourth day the carpet is painted and left to dry. The German or Chinese dyestuff used usually come in powder forms and

Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad staged a hunger

strike in front of Bangabhaban yesterday, demanding

President's initiative in solving the prevailing impasse.

Government of the People's

Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)

Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet

Phone No. 6339

Tender Notice No. 81 of Sylhet

Road Division, 1995-96 (3rd Call)

Tender Notice

Name of work

Charge to

approved

Whom estimate

Estimated cost

Earnest money

Time allowed

Name of offices

where this tender

will be received

Name of offices

where tender

document will be

Last date of

time of receiving

Date and time of

opening the

selling of tender

11. Last date and

the tender

tender

13. Date of lottery

14. Eligibility of

contractors

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G-103

sold

81 of Sylhet Road Division,

during the year 1995-96.

Comilla Zone, Comilla.

266 (Development).

Tk. 36,05,739/00

90 (Ninety) days.

Tk. 72,915/00

Tender for Earth work in Sheola

bridge approaches (Sylhet End)

Ch. from 0.00m to 1000.00m under

Sylhet Road Division, Sylhet

Additional Chief Engineer, RHD,

Additional Chief Engineer, RHD,

Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Superintending

Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet/

Superintending Engineer, RHD

Monitoring and Evaluation Circle,

Dhaka/ Undersigned/ Executive

Engineer, RHD, Road Division,

Moulavibazar/ Sunamgani/Habigani.

Undersigned/Executive Engineer,

RHD, Road Division, Moulavibazar/

Sunamgani/ Habigani/ Executive

Engineer, RHD, Planning and Design

Division, Comilla/Planning and

Programming Division, Dhaka/ Sub-

Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-

Division, Sylhet/ Golapganj/

Biswaath and Mechanical Sub-

01-02-1996 at 11-30 am (if

required) of office of the

Under RHD. Department 'A' to 'C'

Md Muzzammea Hoque

Road Division, Sylhet.

Executive Engineer (RHD)

general category of contractors.

27-01-1996 up to office hours.

28-01-1996 at 12-30 pm.

31-01-1996 at 12-45 pm.

Division, Sylhet.

undersigned.

is (available at Chawk Bazar), mixed with a certain spray (probably turpentine or other volatile spirits) and hot water.

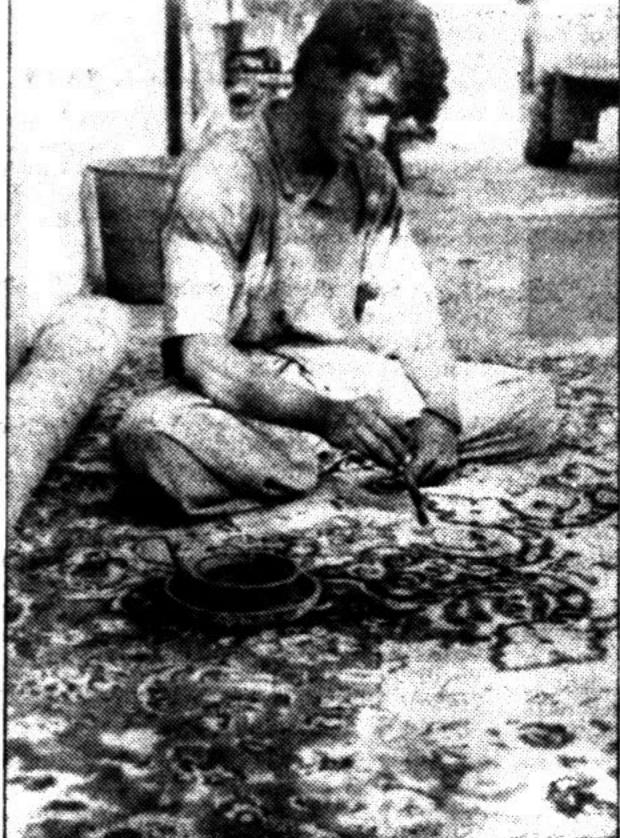
The oldest shop in Segun Bagicha, Abu Taher and Sons, was set up 24 years ago and now is run by the owner's son Md Abu Hossain. "We have thirteen artisans working for us now. I've been looking after the business for 7/8 years now. Besides, giving a coat of fresh colour to old carpets, we also sell new carpets under the dealership with Saleh and Ismail Carpets. We buy the carpets from stores in Chittagong and sell the goods at a

price less than what would cost at carpet shops. And the business is reasonably lucrative. said Hossain.

"The laundering takes place at the back of Shilpakala Academy." said Azad, an artisan who has been in the business for 25 years now and learnt his techniques from Alam 'ustad' before the Independence. We'll have to move

to Baridhara where we have another workshop." He said when asked where they are going to set up once the National Theatre is built. Other than in Segun Bagicha, there is a good number of dyeworks in Gulshan-1 and Mohammadpur. The shops in Mohammadpur are usually run by Biharees (immigrants who stayed back after the Independence and have been very success-

fully manipulating — Star photo business at large). It may appear easy to run a business like this but for an artisan it takes years to bring the very perfection of beauty. Being oblivious of the traffic and passers-by, they carry on their unrecognized works-of-art with enough zing that explains good earnings.



- Star photo



The Theta chapter of Massachusetts has recently se new member of the Phi Beta

Munazah has been selected to the society based on her academic activities done during the first three years at Mount Holyoke College. Due to continued excellence of performance in the senior, junior and sophomore classes. Munazah has also been awarded the Sarah Williston Prize as one of the top four students.

New Ambassador of France Renee Veyret called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

BEPZA chairman Moazzem Hossain Khan has taken over as the new executive chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) recently, says a press re-

at her office yesterday.

Book presented

to President

Assistant Attorney-General advocate Mohammad Saidur

book "Law on Election in

Bangladesh (With Uptodate

Amendments)" to President

Abdur Rahman Biswas at

Bangabhaban Monday, reports

ated the publication of the

book on election laws before

the general election. Advo-

cates Ruhul Quddus and

Rezaul Haq of the Supreme

Court were present on the

Moazzem new

President Biswas appreci-

Rahman presented

occasion.

Moazzem replaced M. Saiful Islam, an additional secretary and a member of the then CSP, who has been transferred to the Agriculture Ministry.

Prior to his present assignment. Moazzem was the managing director of the Security Printing Corporation (BD) ltd.

BCS conference Friday

The 19th annual conference of the Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) will be held on Friday at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), at 9-30 am, says a press release

The day-long conference will be attended by Professor (emeritus) of the Dhaka University Dr. Mofizuddin Ahmed as the chief guest while Dr. FZ Mazid acting chairman, BCSIR will be present as special guest.

A seminar on "Problems and Prospects of Leather Industries in Bangladesh" will be held at the conference.

About 400 chemists and chemical technologists from universities, colleges, research institutions and chemical industries are expected to take part in this

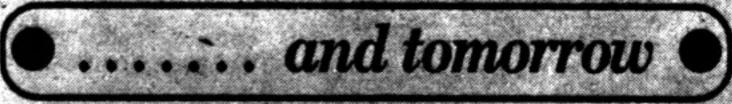
Obituary

Educationist M A Baset Mian. Principal of Munshiganj College died of cancer on Saturday. He was 65, reports BSS.

Baset left behind his mother, wife, three sons and five daughters. He was buried at Munshiganj graveyard.

What's on today.

Film show: The Sergei Bandurchuk Film Club and the Dhaka Film Club will jointly organise screening of the film 'Shuroda'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5:30 PM.



Inaugural ceremony: The Credit Rating Information and Services Ltd. will be launched. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10:30 am. Chief guest: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

Lions Club of Dhaka Pallabi: The regular meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Kayinshi Chinese Restaurant, Darus-Salam Road, Mirpur. Time: 7 pm.

Jiban Charka on BTV



Jiban Charka, a Rodella production, is to be telecast on BTV after the Ten o'clock news tomorrow, says a press

release. The film on the life of the weavers of Bangladesh is the first package documentary film on the country. Personalities featured in the film include Begum Sufia Kamal, Dr. Muhammed Yunus, Chairman of the Handloom Board Md. Zainul Abedin. Hamida Hussain. Ruby Guznavi. Jaya Pati.

Farida Akhter and Subarna Mustafa. The choreography and modelling is by Bibi Russell while Rafi Hossain has carried out the direction and overall planning of the film.

High Commission of India

Dhaka

Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowships offered by Government of India

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India will offer two Commonwealth Scholarships/ Fellowships in 1996-97 to BANGLADESHI STUDENTS for Post-Graduate and Doctoral Studies (except in Medicine) in Indian Colleges and Universities.

Interested applicants are requested to send their application to the Second Secretary (I&C), High Commission of India, House No. 121, Road No. 3, Dhanmondi Residential

Minimum qualifications required of applicants is a first class Bachelor's or Master's degree as applicable. Application forms for these scholarships can be obtained from the Information Wing, High Commission of India,

Last date for receipt of completed application is 10th February 1996.

For further information, please contact Information Wing, High Commission of India, either personally or on Phone (865096 or 507743).



— PID photo

Office of the **Executive Engineer** Jaldhaka WD Division BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari

Notice Inviting Bids

06/1995-96 Eng. Notice inviting bids Name of work

Eligibility of

Place where the

Contractor

Construction of RCC pipe syphon at different places of Secondary & Tertiaries Canal S1T, S2T, S5T T1S1T & T4S2T canal under Jaidhaka WD Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari. Total 2 (Two) Groups (Group No. "A" & "B") during the year 1995-96.

Group No. "A" Tk. 51,39,633/-Estimated cost Group No. "B" Tk. 47,19,908/-

Group No. "A" Tk. 1,28,491/-Earnest money Group No. "B" Tk. 1,17,998/-All "A" & "B" class contractors of

Group No. "A" for "A" and "B"

Group No. "B" for "B" Class.

Rupali Bank Ltd., Dalia Branch, Dalia,

Dhaka up to 29-1-96 Eng/16-10-1402

bid documents Nilphamari/Rupali Bank Ltd., Railway Crossing Branch, Rangpur/ Sonali Bank, can be purchased Nilphamari Branch, Nilphamari/ Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A,

Beng, during banking hours. Receiving date 29-1-96 Eng/16-10-1402 Date, time & place of receiving Beng, during office hours and 30-1-96 Eng/17-10-1402 Beng. up to 12.00 Noon. & opening bids

> Opening date: 30-1-96 Eng./17-10-1402 Beng, 12.30 PM.

Place: In the office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Rupali Sadan, 156/157, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Quality Control Division, BWDB, Alamnagar, Rangour/ Executive Engineer, Nilphamari WD Division, BWDB, Nilphamari/ Executive Engineer, Jaldhaka WD

Address of the advertiser

Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari. Executive Engineer, Jaldhaka WD Division, BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari.

PANI-317/95-96 DFP-846-13/1 G-102

Md. Saidur Rahman **Executive Engineer** Jaldhaka WD Division BWDB, Dalia, Nilphamari

Notice Inviting Tender of RHD

Tender Notice No. Name of work

Estimated Cost

Earnest Money Time allowed

Eligibility of Contractor

Name of offices where tender documents can be purchased

Name of offices where tender will be

received

Last date of selling tender

documents (within office hours) Date & time of receiving of tender Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned

12th(P) & 13th(P) KM of

Bogra-Rahaban Road under

G-104

15-BRD/1995-96.

96 in 2 (two) Groups. As per Group List. -ditto -

Earth work in diff. K M of diff. road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-

-ditto -Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/ Kurigram/Gaibandha/

Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning (Road & Bridge), Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Bogra/Sherpur/Joypurhat. Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangpur/Monitoring & Evaluation

(Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.

Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Bogra/Rangpur/ Kurigram/

Gaibandha. Up to 27/1/96.

from the date of

issue of work order.

Up to 12-30 PM on 28/1/96.

At 11-00 AM on 30/1/96.

At 11-00 AM on 31/1/96.

Date & time of lottery if required Group No. 2 (two) will not be received in the office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. The above group will not be sold in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Rangour/Planning (Road & Bridge), Dhaka.

GROUP LIST Name of work: Earth work in diff. KM of diff. road under Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96 in 2 (two) groups. Tender Notice No. 15-BRD 1995-96

Time allowed for Name of work with location Head of Eligibility of Remarks Estimated Earnest Accounts completion of work contractor cost money 40 (Forty) days "A to E" Separate tender 168-R.B.F. Tk Earth work at 4th(P), Tk. (F.R.P.) 5,75,068/-11,502/with separate 5th(P), 6th(P), 7th(P) and from the date of general Earnest Money is 8th (P) KM of Joypurhatissue of work order. category to be submitted Pattali Road under Road contractor of RHD. Division, Bogra during the for each group. year 1995-96. - ditto-Earth work at 11th(P), 168-R.B.F. 30 (Thirty) days -ditto-

Road Division, Bogra during the year 1995-96. N.B.: Group No. 02(Two) will not be received in the office of the Addl. Chief Engineer, RHD, Rangpur Zone, Rangpur/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridge) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. The above Group will not be sold in the office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Rangour/Planning (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka.

8,000/-

Executive Engineer, RHD (Current Charge) Road Division, Bogra

DFP-839-13/1

3,99,960/-

(F.R.P.)

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THIRD ARTHA RIN ADALAT, DHAKA **TITLE SUIT NO. 30 OF 1990:**

and Commerce Bank Limited Motijheel Branch 125/A, Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka.

International Finance Investment

.....PLAINTIFF. - Versus -

Md. Matiur Rahman Proprietor

Grace Electronics

2. Mrs. Jeba Rahman

Village: Ayubpur

212, Stock Exchange Building 9/F, Motijheel Commercial Area P. S. Motijheel, Dhaka

Wife of Md. Matiur Rahman

205, Free School Street Kathal Bagan, Green Road P. S. Dhanmondi, Dhaka 3. Sydul Huq son of Md. Ishaque Mia

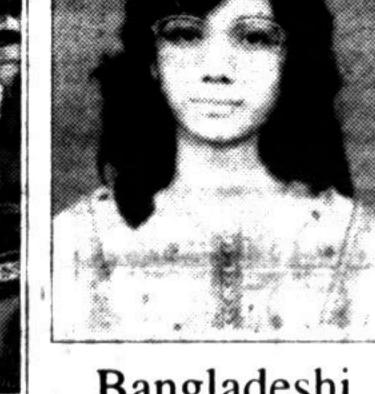
Dist : Noakhali. 4. Shirajul Islam 33/2, Joint Quarter P. S. Mohammadpur, Dhaka

P. O. & P. S. Begumganj

.....DEFENDANTS.

The above suit was filed against you alon 22.07.1990 by the plaintiff Bank for realisation of Tk. 20,33,885.09 up to 31.03.1990. You are notified to appear in the above suit pending before the Court on 31.01.96 at 10.00 A.M. either in person or through an authorised Advocate, failing which the suit would be disposed of ex-parte.

> By the Order of the learned Court S. M. Abu Bakar Siddique Sherestadar



Bangladeshi girl honoured in USA

lected Munazah Alam as a Kappa Society, says a press release.

Munazah is the elder of two daughters of Badrul Alam and Shelley Alam.