

Dhaka Day by Day

Blending Past Trends in New Mould

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Just like monsoon winds bring good news to anxious farmers, Monsoon Rain, a men's designer wear shop, may bring a change in the men's fashion in the country.

Any foreign trend, be it fashion or anything, on reaching our grounds is no doubt ours. We mould it our way, giving it the class of our soil, our heritage.

The shop 'Monsoon Rain' beside 'Cats Eye' on Elephant Road is for contemporary fashion wear. It is basically the extension of the exclusive line of 'Cats Eye', says Rumi, the designer and owner of both the shops.

'Monsoon Rain' is the low-key side of us. In this store we actually realized our dream of designing classical, sober yet very chic, executive wear," explains Dora, Rumi's partner and inspiration.

Explaining further he points out the difference between the two adjacent stores. Cats Eye has an image of being 'exclusive for the young and trendy, but it is particularly this conception that has somewhat made them go for the expansion.

"You see Cats Eye did have an exclusive executive line, that somehow didn't quite create the impression that we wanted, it got tangled up somewhere among all those casual wears in vogue," he said.

Monsoon Rain, a store wrapped in shades of maroon in a snow white background with touches of gold and silver, is decorated in an awe-inspiring fashion. With big almirahs made in the old (grandfather's) style, racks in the Cats Eye style but redecorated in colours of Monsoon Rain, wood chunks, that are basically fire wood, sprayed in silver, the shop looks very attractive. This store definitely gives a royal, classic, old feeling.

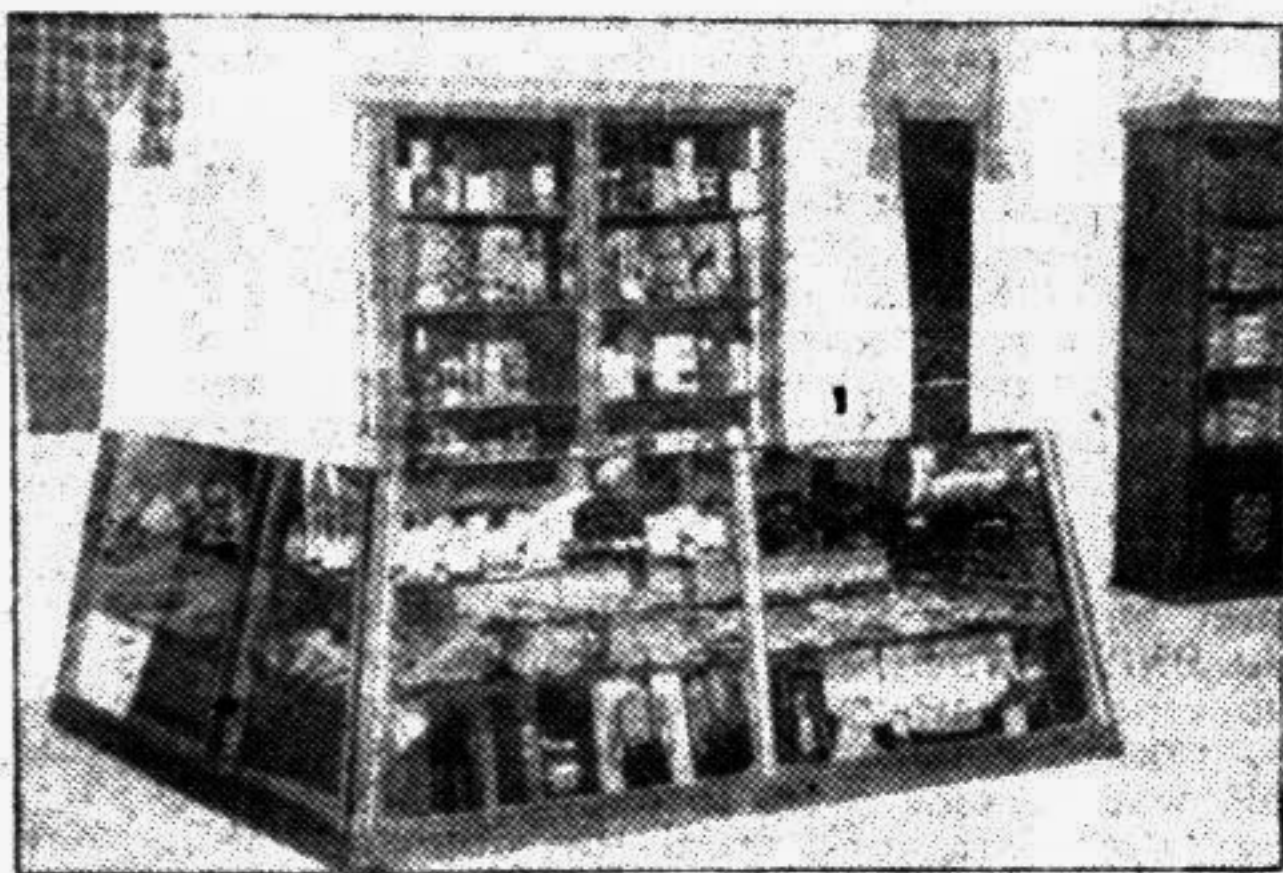
"This sort of fashion was fading away, to keep it alive in the hearts of our young generation we must try to revive it," he says. This

classical wear shop has few different items to offer that you, possibly saw your father dressed in or your grandfather. For instance, that shirt which you saw your grandfather wear and at the end of the day take out the collar separately, so that next day another clean one could be worn, this was something you always wanted to do when you grew up.

But with time new trends are always introduced, leaving behind the old ones. Now Monsoon Rain has revived those trends found buried in the closet for so long. "It has three different options, i.e. a blue stripe shirt on a white base can be worn with its original collar, a white collar, and the basic Chinese collar to which these two separate ones are to be attached," Rumi explains his designs giving this quite forgotten trend the new name of 'multi-colour shirt'.

Moreover with microfibres or synthetic silk he has designed some exclusive scarves for men to give the Remington Steele look. He is also planning to make ties but the lack of good material a hindrance to this plan. In the store you can get some 100 per cent organic silk shirts, blazers, even trousers. The vests which are worn over panjabis, are a blend of Nehru, Mujib or even Armani coats but such an explosive blend or rather touch is Rumi's trademark. He explains these as long jackets without sleeves.

Rumi, who does not place too much importance on planning too far ahead, says that he starts with a simple idea and then builds on it. "For my clothes I see a cloth and then envision just how a shirt should look on this textile and design spontaneously. After all, first impressions are the last ones too," says this amiable designer who brings in about 50 new designs every season for the fashion conscious people of this country.



BADC employees union brought out a procession in the city yesterday in realisation of their various demands. — Star photo

Metropolitan

Commemorative stamp on shaheed Asad

A commemorative stamp of Tk 2 denomination along with a first-day cover valued at Tk 6 on shaheed Asad was issued yesterday marking the 27th anniversary of his martyrdom, reports UNB.

Amanullah Mohammad Asaduzzaman was killed in police firing on January 20 in 1969 during the anti-Ayub mass upsurge. He was hit by a bullet near the main gate of the eastern side of Dhaka Medical College.

Within two months of Asad's martyrdom, the Ayub Khan regime which ruled the then Pakistan for almost a decade crumbled. The Ayub gate at Mohammadpur was then renamed Asad Gate in memory of Shaheed Asad.

Asad was born on June 10 in 1942 at village Dhanua in Shibpur thana of Narsingdi district. He was the general secretary of the then East Pakistan Students Union and VP of Dhaka Hall.

He was a follower of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani. After completion of MA, Asad went back to his village at the directives of the Moulana to organise Krishak Samity, the largest peasant organisation of that time.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released the stamp at a simple ceremony at her office.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam, secretary to the Prime Minister Abdullah Haroon Pasha, Post and Telecommunications Secretary M Hafizuddin Khan, director general Bangladesh Post Office M Badi-

uzzaman and additional director general Giasuddin Ahmed were present.

The stamp and first-day cover will be sold simultaneously from all head post offices, including the GPOs of Bangladesh. The commemorative stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices.

BCS annual conference held

By Staff Correspondent

The 19th annual conference of the Bangladesh Chemical Society (BCS) was held at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) in the city Thursday. Professor (emeritus) Dr Mofizuddin Ahmed of the Chemistry Department of Dhaka University and Dr F Z Mazid, acting chairman of BCSIR attended the conference as the chief guest, and special guest respectively.

The inaugural function was addressed by Dr Nurul Huq, co-convenor of the conference organizing committee. Dr Karam Ali Ahmed, director of Dhaka Hide and Skins and Dr M Fazlul Haq, secretary of BCS, Prof Mesbahuddin Ahmed president of BCS chaired the meet.

The inaugural session was followed by two technical sessions of a seminar on 'Problems and Prospects of Leather Industries of Bangladesh'. Some 400 chemists and chemical technologists attended the seminar.

DCCI against price hike in Ramadan

Ali Hossain, president, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in a statement yesterday appealed to the business community to keep the prices of the essential commodities within the purchasing capacity of the common people during the holy Ramadan, reports BSS.

He said there should not be any price hike during the period taking advantage of the situation.

Jatiya League meeting

An emergency meeting of the Bangladesh Jati League nominated candidates for the forthcoming parliamentary polls will be held today, says a press release.

The meeting will be held at the residence of the party convenor Iqbal Ansari Khan at 23 Green Road at 3 pm, added the release. All candidates have been requested to attend.

Urs

The 90th annual Urs Sharif of Hazratgousul Azam Maizbhandari will be held on January 23 at Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif at Chittagong, reports BSS.



BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
House No. 22, Road No. 07, Dhanmondi R/A,
Dhaka-1205. Tel: 314718, Fax: 326303

WANTED: (1) One Consultant for studies in SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS under a major Human Rights Foreign Project.

Qualifications: Honours degree in Law/LL.M or its equivalent preferably from a university of high repute. Person selected will be responsible for basic research and analytical legal study under a Senior Consultant on the concept of Sustainable Development and Human Rights in the perspective of the constitutional development in the field in Bangladesh and their relations with regional and international developments in the area. The appointment will be for a fixed period of six months. Remuneration offered is negotiable. Applications with CV latest by 30th January, 1996.

(2) One Research Fellow for BILIA.

Qualifications: Masters Degree with Honours (both, in higher class) in International Relations, Law, Economics, History, Political Science, Social Science and in any other related subject. 2-3 years experience in research work with publication of research articles in the related field of study will be an added qualification but for candidates holding Ph. D degree, this can be waived. Person selected will be responsible for research and publication of BILIA Journals. Pay scale (Tk 4800-7250). Applications with CV latest by 30th January, 1996. D-85

WANTED

PROGRAMME ASSISTANT (COMPUTER)

Foreign NGO invites application for immediate appointment of a female Programme Assistant for its Dhaka office in Dhanmondi.

Candidates having Bachelors degree with computer skills in MS Dos based packages (WORD PERFECT, LOTUS, dBASE), Window based packages (Ms Word, Excel) and good command in written and spoken English may apply. Experienced candidates will be given preference.

Application with complete bio-data should reach to Box No. A-79 C/o The Daily Star on or before 6th February, 1996. Canvassing will lead to disqualification of candidates.

NOTE COUNTING MACHINE LOST

ONE NOTE COUNTING MACHINE AND ONE VOLTAGE STABILIZER HAD BEEN MISSING IN A RICKSHAW NEAR EASTERN PLAZA DUE TO TRAFFIC JAM AT ABOUT 1 PM ON THURSDAY, JAN 18, 1996, WHILE DELIVERING TO EASTERN BANK LIMITED, SONARGAON ROAD BRANCH, DHAKA. NOTE COUNTING MACHINE'S BRAND — CHIHUA, HEIGHT-810 MM, WEIGHT — 60KG, 4 WHEELS. STABILIZER'S BRAND MICRO-C 1000. ANYBODY HAVING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MACHINES IS EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO CONTACT:

M. MOSHARROF HOSSAIN
MARKETING MANAGER

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT
54, DILKUSHA C/A, PRACHI NIKET (4TH FLOOR)
DHAKA. TEL # 9553317, 9559782, 9555403, 9564386.
FAX # 880-956-4379.

D-84



KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA, LTD.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE CONTAINERISED CARGO EX MANHATTAN BRIDGE V-80E FROM ROTTERDAM, EX MING ZENTH V-J601W FROM KEELUNG HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO FEEDER VESSEL M.V. MENG KIAT VOY. 9601 IMP. ROT. NO 16/96 IS DUE TO ARRIVE CHITTAGONG ON OR ABOUT 20-01-96.

CONSIGNEES ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THEIR CARGO FROM FCL CONTAINERS WITHIN 5 (FIVE) DAYS FREE TIME FROM THE DATE OF LANDING. IF THE CARGO IS NOT CLEARED WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM LANDING THEN THE CARGO WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE RELEVANT CUSTOMS ACT.

AGENTS: **"K" LINE BANGLADESH, LTD.**
(A "K" LINE-CHOWDHURY GROUP JOINT VENTURE)

3/F JIBAN BIMA BHAVAN,
1053, SK. MUJIB ROAD,
CHITTAGONG-4100
TEL: (031) 711271-72
FAX: (031) 710167

239, NEW CIRCULAR ROAD,
MOGHBAZAR,
DHAKA-1217
TEL: (02) 836860-61
FAX: (02) 836886

APARTMENTS
AVAILABLE IN

**GULSHAN
DHANMONDI
INDIRA ROAD
MOGHBAZAR**



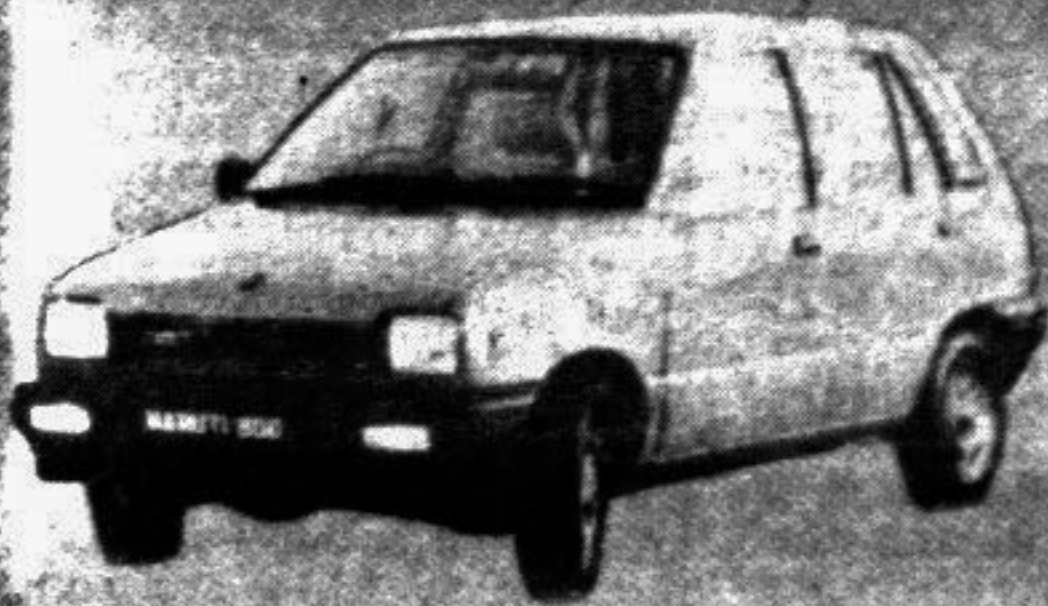
building technology & ideas Ltd.

TMC BUILDING (1ST FLOOR) 62 NEW ESKATON ROAD, DHAKA.
TEL: 839160, 404243, 404872, 413110 FAX: 880-2-833922

ONLY WE OFFER

**ONE YEAR
FREE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE
FOR ALL MARUTI VEHICLES**

* FINANCE CAN BE ARRANGED, IF NEEDED



Have Your Car Maintained For One Year
FREE OF COST.

The house offering the largest range of automobiles in Bangladesh



DISTRIBUTOR
UTTARA MOTORS LTD.

39, DILKUSHA C/A, DHAKA-1000 Dhaka Phone: 9564163, 9561629, 9564164, 9561708,
9560390, 9551724. Workshop: 124 Tejgaon Industrial Area Phone: 886663, 887142,
500922, Chittagong: 514400, 504786, 504957

**Trusted Dettol®
Antiseptic**

Now offers



Family pack
Dettol
750 ml.

Dettol
protects from germs

Dettol family protected family

RECKITT & COLMAN
BANGLADESH

RECKITT & COLMAN BANGLADESH LTD.
G.P.O. Box No. 515, Chittagong