

# Dhaka Day by Day

## A Source of Beauty

Tanya Mahnaz Huq

Looking for typical Bangladeshi handicrafts to send as gifts to friends abroad or within the country? Maybe, something that's beautiful to look at, yet not too costly? And best of all, something made with environment-friendly products? Well, now you won't have to look very far.

Source, the sales and marketing centre of MCC, and NGO offers all these pretty and colourful handmade products at prices that are quite affordable. MCC or the Mennonite Central Community is basically the relief and development arm of the Mennonite & Brethren in Christ Churches of Canada and the USA.

The three main focuses of the MCC programme are agricultural and family development, employment creation and emergency assistance. MCC projects in the rural areas involving the poor are mostly with jute, paper, jewellery with natural products, wood, terracotta, screen-printing etc. The projects, most of which involve poor women, are in areas like

Feni, Mymensingh, Barisal, Saidpur etc. Source is the sales centre and it also deals with the local market. It supplies handicrafts to other well-reputed shops, Aarong and Kumudini, just to name a few.

The handicrafts displayed in source are just the things to use as gifts or to decorate one's home. The beautiful stationary sets made from hand-made and recycled paper, the wood and terracotta jewellery, the trendy jute bags, the items made from water-hyacinth are so eye-catching that it is impossible to leave the place without picking up a knick-knack or two!

And the prices are so reasonable too! Very few items cost over Tk 200. It is really heart-warming to think such beautiful products are made by our very own Bangladeshi village women. It shows that even these poor, uneducated women can display a lot of talent and hard work when given the chance, and earn their livelihood to give themselves and their families a better future.



Coveted items. — Star photo



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting attacks on its activists at Sir Salimullah Medical College Monday. — Star photo

### Int'l appeal for Kalpana's release

In a statement of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, dated July 3, thirty-eight representatives from international NGOs and social movements expressed their concern about the abduction of Kalpana Chakma. The asked for an immediate investigation into the matter, sought the immediate release of Chakma, and asked the government to ensure that her captors are brought to justice, a press release of Ain O Salish Kendra said yesterday.

The representatives are attending a conference, sponsored by El Taller, in Tunisia and are from the following countries: Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Canada, Columbia, Cote D'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, Guinea, Holland, India, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Spain, Tanzania, Tunisia, the United Kingdom and Zaire.

Kalpana Chakma was allegedly abducted by members of security forces June 12. The government has yet to comment officially on the matter.

### Decision to give autonomy to radio, TV hailed

By Staff Correspondent  
Members of the Bangladesh Betar Programme Officers Welfare Association have congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her new government for the initiative to make Bangladesh Betar and Television autonomous bodies. In an urgent meeting of the association held yesterday they assured the government of their all-out support and cooperation in this regard.

The meeting, presided over by its president Fakhrul Islam, also called upon the government to implement their various demands and include the members of the association in the committee to be formed in this regard, says a press release.

### What's on today....

**Debate competition:** The third place determining debate of the BUET — Bhorer Kagoj Debate Competition will be held. It will be a 'barowari' debate, between participants of Dhaka University and North South University. Venue: BUET auditorium. Time: 5pm.

**Discussion on Ahsan Habib:** The Ahsan Habib Smriti Committee has organised a discussion meeting in observance of the 11th death anniversary of poet Ahsan Habib. 'Ahsan Habib Sahitya Puroskar '95' will be handed over to the winner. Poet Muhammad Nurul Huda in this function. Venue: Biswa Shahitya Kendra auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. AQ Siddiqui, Managing Director, Agrani Bank will speak on 'Present Status of Nationalised Commercial Bank'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Shyamoli-Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka South:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North West:** The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 6 pm.

**DMC golden jubilee celebrations:** A two-day inaugural programme will begin. Chief guest: Health Minister Salauddin Yusuf. Venue: Dhaka Medical College Campus. Time: 9 am.

### ..... and tomorrow

**Installation ceremony:** Installation ceremony of the 'Bangladesh Shastriya Sangeetangan' will be held. Chief guest: Mobarak Hossain Khan, Director General, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. A cultural function will follow. Venue: Kachi-Kanchar Asar Auditorium. 37/A Segun Bagicha. Time: 6 pm.

**BCL SSMC unit alleges attacks on activists by JCD**  
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) (S-F) Sir Salimullah Medical College (SSMC) unit leaders yesterday claimed that a certain quarter was trying to disrupt normalcy in the country as well as the educational institutions in a pre planned way by resorting to violence, reports BSS.

At a press conference held at the National Press Club in the city yesterday, the BCL leaders blamed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for attacks on BCL activists at the college Monday last. They said, although, political activities were banned, Chhatra Dal brought out a procession at Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall Monday and the processionists attacked Biplob Roy, Vice-president of the BCL SSMC unit.

The press conference was attended among others by Anwaruzzaman Rintu and Saadat Hossain.

**Photojournalists team calls on DMP commissioner**  
By Staff Correspondent

The Commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), Abdus Salam, held a meeting with the photojournalists of different national dailies yesterday afternoon.

The commissioner said that steps would be taken to ensure security to the photojournalists while on duty.

Senior police officials of the DMP were also present in the meeting, held at DMP headquarters.

The commissioner said that the DMP would soon hold a competition and exhibition for the press photographers. He also urged the photographers to help enforce law and order.

### Delay in shifting of phone lines

Star Report

The Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) has failed to have its telephone lines shifted from its old office at Dhanmondi to the new premises at Green Road even after a period of two months, according to official sources.

WARPO sources said that the T&T Board was officially requested to shift its telephone lines on May 12. Of the nine telephone lines of the WARPO, demand notes for seven have been issued so far, while for the other two, advise notes were issued.

When contacted, an assistant engineer of the Sher-e-Banglanagar exchange told The Daily Star that it should not have taken such a long time as both the addresses were under the same exchange.

The Divisional Engineer of the exchange, on the other hand, said he would look into the matter. He, however, could not give a reason as to why the process was delayed.

### Japanese society to establish six orthopaedic hospitals

The Orthopaedics Society of Yamagata, Japan intends to establish six orthopaedic hospitals in six divisions of Bangladesh in phases, reports UNB.

A visiting five-member delegation of the society informed this to State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharaf when they called on him at his office in the city yesterday.

Seeking necessary land for the hospitals, the delegation said that it would bear all expenses including construction of buildings, installation of machineries, equipments and other accessories, said an official handout.

The state minister assured the delegation of all-out cooperation in implementing such a project in Bangladesh.

Yoshihiko Ohshima, Professor of Yamagata University led the delegation. Other members were Makoto Hamasaki, Masatsuo Sato, Toshiaki Samoto and Hayashi Masahiro.

Chairman of the Land Reforms Board Mamun-ur-Rashid was present.



### Death anniversary of Ahsan Habib today

The 11th death anniversary of poet Ahsan Habib will be observed today, says a press release.

Kabi Ahsan Habib Smriti Committee has arranged a discussion meeting at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra in the afternoon where Kabi Ahsan Habib Sahitya Puroskar '95 will formally be handed over to poet Muhammad Nurul Huda.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Culture Obaidul Gader will be present as chief guest at the function while Prof. Anwaruzzaman will preside, says a press release.

### Begum Rokeya memorial lecture

The Begum Rokeya Memorial Foundation Lecture 1996 will be held Friday under the auspices of Dhaka University Begum Rokeya Memorial Foundation at the Rokeya Hall auditorium, reports BSS.

Eminent educationist Mrs Meherunnesa Islam will present the lecture on 'Historical Trend of Women Education: Past, Present and Future.'

Vice-Chancellor of the university Professor Enajuddin Ahmed will attend the function.



DMP Commissioner Abdus Salam exchanging views with the photojournalists of different national dailies at a meeting at his office in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Weather

#### Light rainfall forecast

Light to moderate rain and thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi Divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna Divisions in the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days, met office forecast increase in rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another 5 days, weathermen predicted little change.

Meantime, Sylhet experienced the highest 32 mm rain during the last 24 hours till 6 pm Tuesday. Faridpur had 22 mm rain, Khulna 20, Barisal 13 and Rangpur 06 mm shower in the period.

Country's highest temperature 34 degrees Celsius was recorded in Khulna and Rajshahi and the lowest 24 degree at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 6:50 pm and rises on Thursday at 5:19 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	33.0	27.5	85	78
Chittagong	32.2	24.8	85	78
Rajshahi	31.0	27.2	87	77
Khulna	34.0	25.4	82	70
Barisal	32.6	26.0	97	73
Sylhet	30.5	25.4	100	88
Cox's Bazar	32.8	25.8	81	75

Ref. No. 25.02/42 Dated: 09 July, 1996

### International Tender for Export of Naphtha Ex-ERL Chittagong between 4-6 August, 1996

- Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation ("the Corporation") hereby invites offer from reputed buyers for export on FOB Chittagong basis of 90,000 bbls (Plus Minus 5% at Seller's Option) with olefin content up to 1% maximum by volume of Naphtha as per terms and conditions set out hereinafter:
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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা বাংলাদেশে পর্যটন শিল্পের উন্নয়নে মলা বন্দরে পর্যটন সুবিধাদি প্রবর্তনের লক্ষ্যে ৩০ কক্ষ বিশিষ্ট স্বয়ংস্বীয় হোটেলে এবং ৫০ আসনের স্বয়ংস্বীয় রেস্তোরাঁর যাবতীয় স্থাপত্য ডিজাইন, টেন্ডার সিডিউল ও এন্ট্রিমেট ইত্যাদি প্রণয়ন কাজে পর্যায় অর্ন্তিক স্থাপত্য/প্রকৌশলী ফার্মসমূহের নিকট থেকে কনসালটেন্টস ক্যাম্পাসের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

প্রকল্পটির পৃথক দরপত্র ও ইহার আনুষ্ঠানিক শর্তাবলী অত্র করপোরেশন হিসাব বিভাগ (প্রধান কার্যালয়) থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন দিবসে বেলা-১০.০০ টা থেকে ১২.০০ টার মধ্যে প্রতিটি প্রকল্পের জন্য একশত টাকা (অক্ষয়তোষাণী), জমা দিয়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। টেন্ডার খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র বিবেচনা করা হবে না।

প্রতিটি টেন্ডারের সাথে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ফর্মের সমস্ত প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি যথাঃ (ক) টেন্ডার লাইসেন্স ও তালিকাভুক্তি সাটিকিট (খ) উপরে বর্ণিত আধুনিক মানের ভবন ডিজাইন, ডেইং ইত্যাদি প্রণয়ন সম্পর্কীয় অতীত অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র, যথাঃ সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ফর্ম ১৯৯০ সনের পূর্বে সম্পন্ন করুননি নিয়োগকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত কার্যাদেশের কপি (গ) যে কোন একজন নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী কর্তৃক প্রত্যায়নকৃত ফর্ম নিয়োজিত কারিগরি ব্যক্তিবর্গ ও যন্ত্রপাতির তালিকা যথাঃ জুলাই ১৯৯৫ এর পূর্বে ইস্যু নয় (ঘ) ১৯৯২-৯৩ সনের আয়কর পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত সাটিকিট (ঙ) কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংক থেকে ১৯৯৫ সালের জুলাই মাসের পূর্বে ইস্যু নয় এ ধরনের প্রাপ্ত আর্থিক স্বাক্ষরিত সনদপত্র অবশ্যই টেন্ডারের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। উল্লিখিত এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলে বর্ণিত দলিলাদি ছাড়া প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র বাতিল করা হবে।

আগামী ২০-৭-৯৬ ইং বেলা ১১.০০ টা পর্যন্ত পরিকল্পনা বিভাগে বিস্তৃত টেন্ডার বাকী সীলমোহরকৃত পত্রাব সংশ্লিষ্ট দরপত্র ফেলা যাবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ১১.১৫ মিনিট সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হবে।

কার্যাদেশে প্রদানের দিন থেকে ২১ দিনের মধ্যে কনসালটেন্টস কাজটি শেষ করতে হবে। এই কাজের জন্য কোন চলতি বিল দেয়া হবে না। কনসালটেন্টস কাজের জন্য এন্ট্রিমেটেড কন্ট্রোল শর্তাবলী হিসাবে দর পেশ করতে হবে। আগামী দরদাতাগণকে দরপত্র পেশ করার পূর্বে অবশ্যই সাইট পরিদর্শন করার পরামর্শ দেয়া হলো।

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