

Dhaka Day by Day

Mounted Police In City

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The history of mounted police in this country is long. In short, it can be said that the introduction of mounted police in our country is associated in the early stage with the growth of the police force. Until modern transport modes came into existence, an important part of the police force consisted of the mounted police. Previously when it was necessary to pursue fast moving dacoits and other anti-social elements, the main role in tackling them in difficult terrain was played by the mounted police.

Mainly because of undeveloped transport and communication systems in some areas of the country even now, the horse-riding training introduced in the early part of this century at the Sardah Police College still continues. Even now there are some areas in the country which are accessible only by horse. That is why for inspection of police stations in those areas, horses are provided officially for the concerned police officials of those areas.

Nowadays the system of mounted police in the country is on the wane. The main factors concern the development of road communications, the country's police force has acquired greater mobility in their movements with the help of mechanised transports. However, as a token of the power full influence it exerted as part of the glorious ancient tradition of royal mounted police of the past in British days, a small contingent of mounted police is still retained. The well-groomed, trained and well-equipped part of the mounted police based in Dhaka consists of one platoon comprising one inspector, one sub-inspector, four Naiks and 20 constables. This platoon of mounted police in Dhaka city is directly controlled by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Supplies) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police. But as platoon commander, all responsibilities are borne by one inspector.

The total number of horses in the platoon is said to be 38. These horses were mainly imported from India and Pakistan. The use of the

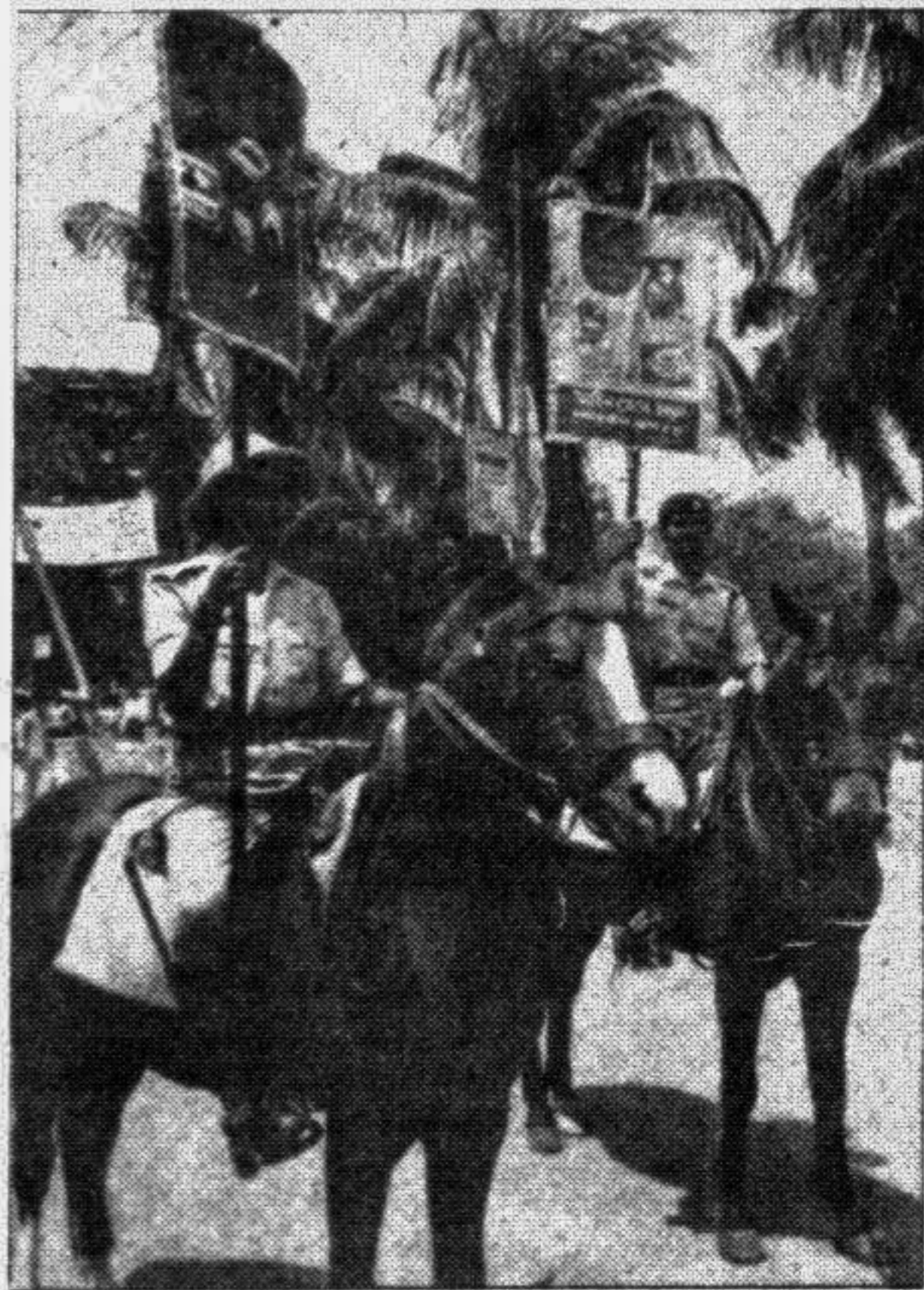
platoon of City's mounted police is mainly seen on ceremonial occasions like presenting guard of honour to dignitaries on the occasions of national festivals. Such horses are sometimes used in controlling crowds. But their effectiveness in controlling indiscipline mobs is in doubt, because in such situations, provoked by unruly elements in the crowd who are won to pelt stones and other missiles, the horses get panicky and become uncontrollable.

There is a riding school in the Rajarbagh area for imparting training to the new recruits. There are no special facilities for the members of the platoon. They enjoy similar facilities as enjoyed by similar ranks in the police force.

Sardah Police Training College now designated as Training Academy which conducts training for cadet Sub-Inspectors and A.S. Ps still retains horse riding as part of the training schedule. It has, however, been reportedly observed lately by a team of British experts that maintenance of separate training facilities and infrastructure for horse riding has become superfluous in view of the rapid development that has taken place in the country in the transport and communication sectors.

Moreover, the high cost involved in proper maintenance of a mounted police force could rather be diverted to the procurement of modern equipment which should give more attention to crime detection, traffic control and community policing. Whatever be the ultimate result of these recommendations, there is no doubt that the mounted police force adds a touch of colour and pageantry in the city scene. It is a reminder of the past glorious tradition of this branch of the police force.

At present it is hard to come by a horse of good breed in the city. In that context, it is a pleasant experience, particularly for children, when such sturdy specimens of horses are sometimes found on some specific occasions on Dhaka roads, as during the observance of the traffic weeks.



A rare sight of pageantry. — Star photo

Govt relief for flood victims

The government, till yesterday had allocated 6850 tons of rice, 600 shares, 600 hungees, 1850 tins of biscuits and Tk 6 lakh 45 thousand in cash for the flood-affected people in different areas of the country. A PID hand-out said, reports BSS.

The relief materials and cash money are being distributed in the flood-affected areas, the handout added.

Housewife electrocuted

By DMCH Correspondent. Rahima Begum, a housewife aged 30, was electrocuted while switching on a fan at her residence at Tejgaon Railway Colony yesterday afternoon. The victim Rahima, wife of one Tajeuddin, was seriously injured and sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors on duty declared her dead.

Interview for first year DU honours courses July 20

Some vacant seats in the first year honours course in Bengali, History, Philosophy, Islamic Studies, Arabic, Library and Information Science of Dhaka University will be filled up on the basis of merit list, reports UNB.

Candidates holding merit positions from 1951-1975 in the Kha unit admission test under the university have been called for an interview to be held at the office of the Dean of Arts Faculty at 2:30 pm July 20.

The candidates are requested to bring admit card, original mark-sheets of SSC and HSC examinations and two copies of passport size photographs at the time of interview, said a DU press release.

BRSR to set up 2 cold storage units

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BRSR) sanctioned term loans amounting to Tk 6.49 crore to set up two cold storage units, reports BSS.

The projects were sanctioned in a meeting of the board of directors, held in the city under the chairmanship of Dr M Farashuddin.

The meeting was told that the rescheduling/restructuring of 22 industrial projects was approved during 1995-96 to make them financially viable and operationally profitable.

During financial year (FY) 1995-96, BRSR fully repaid its loan instalment to the government and the Bangladesh Bank besides contributing the specified amount to the National Exchequer and paying off the income tax for the year.

BKB sets record in loan recovery

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has made a record loan recovery of Tk 665 crore in the last fiscal which is so far the highest, reports BSS.

The bank has also disbursed the all-time highest amount of Tk 780 crore in agriculture and agricultural inputs sectors during the same period, a press release said.

Krishi Bank disbursed Tk 45 crore among 100,248 landless and marginal farmers during the fiscal year ending June last.

Under the rural distressed women programme, the bank has given a loan of Tk 26 crore to 33,850 distressed women.

The number of loanees in the Krishi Bank is more than 16 lakh, the press release added.



Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Kenneth W Aspinall called on Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak at his office yesterday. — PID photo

What's on today.....

Film show: Blue Remembered Hills, a TV play written by Dennis Poffler, will be screened. Venue: British Council auditorium, Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Ramna: The installation ceremony of the board of director of the club will be held. Chief guest: Prof Dr Iqbal Mahmud. Venue: Sonargaon hotel. Time: 5 pm.

Weather

Moderate rainfall likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Sylhet, Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen forecast increase in rainfall activity. Giving extended outlook for another five days Met Office predicted little change.

Meantime, Bogra experienced the highest 88 mm rain yesterday. Srimangal had 51 mm rain, Jessore 43, Satkhira 32, Sylhet 19, Barisal 17, Feni and Dinajpur 16 each and Rangpur 13 mm shower.

Country's highest temperature 34.1 degree Celsius was recorded at Dhaka yesterday and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21 am.

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	
Dhaka	34.1	27.3	78	86
Chittagong	33.6	26.7	73	73
Rajshahi	33.4	26.7	85	86
Khulna	33.8	26.2	74	92
Barisal	32.5	25.0	85	87
Sylhet	31.4	24.0	100	97
Cox's Bazar	34.0	25.8	78	78

Chinese press delegation meets Samad Azad

The visiting Chinese press delegation, headed by Jiang Ping, member of the Council of All China Journalists' Association and president of Zhejiang Journalist Association, called on the Foreign Minister, Abdus Samad Azad, at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting, the delegation members congratulated Abdus Samad Azad on his appointment as the foreign minister of Bangladesh.

They discussed with the foreign minister matters of mutual interest. The Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka, Zhang Xu Jiang, was also present.

Meanwhile the visiting Chinese journalist delegation also called on State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed at his secretariat office.

The minister informed the delegation that a cultural co-operation agreement was signed between the two countries to reinforce the bilateral relations and under this agreement executive programme for 1995-97 has been launched.

This includes exchanges of visits by information, broadcasting and television personalities, exchange of TV programmes and mutual cooperation in the field of motion picture.

The minister said that the present government under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina is keen to expand this cooperation.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang was present in the meeting.



DCC Ward Commissioner Nazir Hossain (seated) speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the Islamic Relief Agency (ISRA) Gonoshikha School at Aga Sadeque Road in the city yesterday. The school, funded and run by the ISRA Health and Welfare Centre in the same area, will provide mass-education and vocational training to underprivileged women. — Star photo

Australian envoy calls on Razzak

Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh Kenneth W Aspinall called on Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak at the latter's office in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters relating to mutual interest, says a PID handout.

Issues relating to water and flood problem of Bangladesh also came up in the discussion.

Govt-BRAC accord on nutritional programme

An agreement was signed in Dhaka recently between the Government of Bangladesh and BRAC for assisting the government in implementation of community based nutritional programme in the country, says a press release.

Under the first phase, the IDA-finance Tk. 9.89 crore programme will be implemented in 6 thanas, one in each division, for two years. It includes training of Government, NGOs and BRAC field staff, strengthening information, education and communication, social mobilisation for creating awareness about nutrition and providing assistance in production, purchase and supplementation of food for malnourished pregnant women and children under two. The second phase of the programme will be taken up in 34 thanas later.

F H Abed, Executive Director of BRAC and Khondaker Mizanur Rahman, Project Director of Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Programme signed the agreement.

Free dividend from income tax BSIF

Small share investors of the country appealed to the government for fiscal concession and declaring dividend income tax-free at a progressive rate, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Share Investors Forum (BSIF) urged the Ministry of Finance to incorporate the measures in the upcoming Finance Bill to be placed in Parliament.

The Forum suggested that the exemption limit on dividend income for the purpose of deducting tax be raised from the present Tk 10,000 to Tk 20,000.

It also proposed that the present limit of tax-free income from dividend upto Tk 30,000 and interest from debentures upto Tk 20,000 should be raised to Tk 1 lakh.

The Forum thought that the raise would help encourage small investors to enter the market as well as come forward to report the true income from these two sources.

Mohakhali station to get 250 more overseas circuits

Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said that 250 overseas circuits would be added to the existing circuits at the Mohakhali Satellite Earth Station to provide additional facilities to overseas subscribers, reports BSS.

Nasim was addressing the T and T engineers while visiting the Mohakhali Satellite Earth Station.

The minister said a total of 1500 overseas circuits have been working through four satellite earth stations and microwave system to effectively maintain telecommunication services with foreign countries.

Out of these, 558 circuits are now working under the Mohakhali station, the minister was informed.

The minister said due to lack of facilities, most of the Bangladeshis working abroad fail to communicate with their relations at home. "We are still lagging far behind in this (telecommunications) sector, in comparison with neighbouring countries, which have achieved tremendous developments in this area," the minister said.

He said one more antenna would be installed in the Mohakhali Satellite Earth Station to make it more powerful.

He went round different sections of the earth station and urged the T and T engineers to ensure proper management and maintenance of the station.

Seeking Job


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OBITUARY



Samina Choudhury (Shaty) wife of Mr. MEH Choudhury (Anam) died of prolonged illness on 14th July '96. She left behind only daughter Samira. Qualkhani will be held on Wednesday the 17th July '96 after Asr prayers in their residence No. 33, Sonargaon Janapath, Sector-7, Uttara, Dhaka. All relatives and well wishers are cordially invited.

MEH Choudhury & Samira Choudhury S-365



বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ
প্রধান কার্যালয়
ঢাকা

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নবনির্মিত বহুল ভবনের ধাতব ফ্রেমের আসবাবপত্রের ডিজাইন, স্পেসিফিকেশন ইত্যাদি এবং এতদসংক্রান্ত দরপত্রের সিডিউল প্রস্তুতির জন্য উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগ।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের নবনির্মিত বহুল ভবনের কর্মকর্তা/ কর্মচারীদের জন্য সিডিউল মোতাবেক উন্নতমানের ধাতব ফ্রেমের আসবাবপত্রের ডিজাইন, ড্রয়িং, স্পেসিফিকেশন, ব্যয়-প্রাককলন এবং এতদসংক্রান্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রস্তুতির নিমিত্তে উপদেষ্টা নিয়োগের জন্য এতদ্বিষয়ে অভিজ্ঞ এবং খ্যাতনামা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আনয়ন করা যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য, নিয়োজিত উপদেষ্টা ভবিষ্যতে উপরোক্ত আসবাবপত্র সর্বস্বত্বের টেন্ডারে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুপস্থিত বিবেচিত হইবেন।

কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও বিস্তৃত নিয়মাবলী সম্বন্ধিত দরপত্রের সিডিউল প্রতি স্টেট নপদ টাঃ ৪০০০/= (চার হাজার) মাত্র মূল্যে আপামি ২৭-৭-১৯৯৬ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা হইতে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। ইতিপূর্বে এতদসংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তির প্রেক্ষিতে যে সকল প্রতিষ্ঠান দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করিয়াছিল তাহারা নতুন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিনামূল্যে সংগ্রহ করিতে পারিবে।


মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা কর্তৃক লিখিত সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আগামী ২৮-৭-১৯৯৬ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১১-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, কক্ষ নং-৩ (৬ষ্ঠ তলা) এ রাখিত টেন্ডার বাল্লের দাখিল করা যাইবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ১১-১৫ মিনিটে দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

দরপত্রের সহিত যে কোন ভ্রমসিদ্ধি থাকে হইতে মহাব্যবস্থাপক, ব্যয় ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে টাঃ ৫,০০০/= (পাঁচ হাজার) মাত্র এর ব্যাংক ডাকট/পে-অর্ডার/সিকিউরিটি ডিপোজিট বিসিপি দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো বাতিলের ক্ষেত্রে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র পূর্ণভাবে বা আংশিকভাবে গ্রহণ ও বাতিলের ক্ষমতা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক সংরক্ষণ করে।

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Senior General Manager, Construction Division, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, BCIC Bhaban 20th floor, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka invites applications in the corporation's prescribed form for 1996-97 financial year annual renewal of corporation's all classes of existing contractors and A-1, A-2 & A-3 class fresh enlistment of interested contractors. Application form will be available from this corporation's Accounts Department and BCIC Branch office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong at Tk 100/= (one hundred) only (non-refundable) during office hours up to July 31, 1996. Only new enlistment applications with original/attested copies of all documents/evidences/certificates will be directly received at Construction Division of the Corporation (at 20th floor of BCIC Bhaban) latest up to 15th August, 1996. Only the applications for renewal/promotion of the existing contractors should be deposited at their respective ongoing projects and of those who have not worked at any project yet, at their respective area projects latest by August 15, 1996. The matter of renewal/promotion of existing contractors will, under no circumstance, be considered without the recommendations of project, and no application for renewal will be directly received at the Construction Division. It may be noted that, in case one fails to purchase application form for renewal/promotion by July 31, then he may purchase it on payment of Tk 100/= as fine and deposit only the lately purchased application at respective project up to August 31. Projects should send all applications for renewal and promotion to the Construction Division of the corporation with their recommendations latest by September 30, 1996. It is further notified for information of contractors that only except new enlistment/promotion, in case of renewal the existing contractors shall have to take necessary steps at their own initiative for renewal of their respective enlistment licence and no correspondence will be made from the Construction Division for depositing the renewal fee. Correspondence will be made only in case of new enlistment/promotion, to the competent applicants for depositing their fees. In case of renewal arrangement will be made to receive the renewal fee from the contractors without fine from October 1, '96 to December 31, '96. Enlistment can be renewed with 50% fine from January 1, '97 to March 31, '97 after this 3-month within 1 year, with 75% fine and within 2 years, with 100% fine. But if the licence is not renewed for consecutive 2 financial years, then it will be treated as cancelled. The authority reserves all rights regarding renewal and new enlistment.

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