

Metropolitan

Tables on the road

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If you are a foreigner and a fresher to this legendary city of the east this month, you must have seen one or more of those uncouth, well-laid-out tables along both sides of the city thoroughfares. Nobody would blame you for mistaking those for arrangements for an ensuing wayside party, as distinguished from the garden parties.

look at the items on display, you are sure to discover that most of them happen to be hot-hot with spices—and fried in full-to-the-brim with edible oil utensils. These are Ramadan delicacies, which the fasting people crave for.

tasteful to a mouth that has not tasted anything in the nature of food or drink for long, trying hours! Who are the sellers of these eatables? Mostly people who are in restaurant business. If you care to have a closer look, you would find the uniformed waiters of those restaurants working as the salesmen of those iftari items.



Customers flock a wayside makeshift shop yesterday to buy traditional iftari items. —Star photo

The turbulent days of 1971 The battles of Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Dec 24: Gazipur, 30 kilometres from Dhaka, played a glorious role in the historic Language Movement of 1952, the struggle for autonomy of the Bengalees and the Liberation War, reports BSS.

Students, workers and other common people from the industrial town of Tongi under Gazipur built barricades and created resistance on March 17, 18 and 25 against the Pakistani occupation forces. After that resistance slogans were chanted everywhere "follow the path of Joydevpur, liberate Bangladesh."

They created panic among the occupation forces by sniper attacks and damaging various bridges, culverts, electric poles. They also conducted operations on the Pakistani forces in Pubail, Haidarabad bridge, Joydevpur Rajbari and Gazanbar areas of Rajendrapur, Ordinance Depo, Ahmed Factory and other places.

German assistance 3 seed cleaners, 5 trucks for BADC

The German government under its Technical Assistance to the seed sector of Bangladesh has given three large seed cleaners and five large trucks to the Seed Wing of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC), reports UNB.

At that time, the Commanding Officer was Lt. Col. Masudul Haq and his second-in-command was Major Shafulullah (now an Awami League MP). Major Mainul Hossain Chowdhury (later Maj Gen) played a very vital role in the resistance at Gazipur.

Azan, Qirat competition

The Inter Service Azan and Qirat competition-99 began at Sair's Colony mosque, Mirpur yesterday, reports BSS. Thirty participants from army, navy and air force are taking part in the competition.

After their training, the freedom-fighters took stations in Gazipur in July, August months. These freedom-fighters launched attacks scatteredly at different places. By November, the freedom fighters had intensified their activities.

Disbursement of grant in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Dec 24: Rangamati Unit of Women Affairs Directorate disbursed recently a grant of Taka 93,000 to 13 Women Welfare Associations in the district to beef up their activities, reports BSS.

The grants disbursed vary from Taka 3,000 to Taka 28,000. West Majhar Basti Women Welfare Association was given the highest grant of Taka 28,000.

Prof Abu Sayeed tells Washington Times No restriction on access to foreign news broadcasts

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, now on a visit to the United States, has spoken against 'cultural imperialism' and made it clear that Bangladesh government will do its best to stop cultural aggression, reports BSS from Washington.

and violence to our country should not be allowed," the minister asserted and called such programmes as "cultural aggression against the Muslim society" that "destroys our values and our culture."

Newspaper agents in Rajshahi threaten strike

RAJSHAHI, Dec 24: Newspaper agents here have threatened to stop distribution of newspapers from tomorrow in protest against collection of toll by police from the newspaper carrying vehicles, reports UNB.

Earlier, in the morning an on-duty police sergeant demanded Tk 500 from three newspaper-laden microbuses at Talaimari in the city. After failing to realise the money, the policeman demanded one copy of each newspaper, and released the microbuses only after obtaining them.

Notice Inviting Quotation (2nd Call)

Quotation Notice No-03/99-2000 dt-21-11-99. 1. Sealed quotation is hereby invited from bonafide dealers and suppliers for supply of two number of 4-door, 6-seater double cabin Pick-up (Appendix-A) as per specification and terms & conditions attached with the schedule for Sikarpur-Duarika Bridge Construction Project.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines advertisement including auction notice for used goods/automobile vehicles.

TOEFL advertisement for SAT, GRE, GMAT, IBA, GMAT GRE.

To-Let advertisement for a 3 bed, 3 bath, study, 1500 sqft property.

TO-LET advertisement for a 2050 sqft luxury apartment.

Job Opportunity: Polio Eradication Facilitators advertisement with details on recruitment and requirements.

An Esteemed Remembrance advertisement for Late Akhil Chandra Roy.

Death Anniversary advertisement for Dr. Sofia Hasna Jahan Ali.

Death Anniversary advertisement for Dad, Tapon, Molly Shumon, Malaya, Shovon.

Car For Sale advertisement for a Toyota Corolla LX 92 Model.

NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL advertisement for admission.

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited Tender Notice for construction and engineering works.

Flats To Let advertisement for a 15, Road 3, Dhanmondi 1st to 5th floor property.

PLOT SALE AT advertisement for Basundra Abashik Prokalpo.

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Notice Inviting Quotation (2nd Call) advertisement for Sikarpur-Duarika Bridge Construction Project.

Eating Out advertisement for an Italian and Indian restaurant.

Sajna An Exclusive Restaurant advertisement for Indian dishes.

The Most Exclusive Restaurant advertisement for Italian cuisine.

An Exclusive Restaurant advertisement for Santoor.

FRESH MUSHROOM AVAILABLE AT advertisement for mushroom products.