Dhaka Day by Day

Claiming Land Rights Through Art

by Fayza Haq

Australian Aboriginal art was here in the city for the first time, as was witnessed in the print exhibit at the National Museum.

This form of Aboriginal art is probably the biggest school of art, geographically, in the world. Its experts may number only a thousand but they are spread over thousands of kilometers of Australian outback settlements.

The basic designs of Aboriginal art include curved lines, dots and dashes. The patterns are artistic and symmetrical and use such colours as stimulating yellow, brilliant red and dramatic black.

Art authorities are finally recognising Aboriginal art as something completely different, and a style undoubtedly good. The rest of the paintings that emerge from Australia are often

pale imitations and variations of what one sees in Europe. and USA.

The artists' work show the link of the people with the land, and the rights and responsibilities of the Aborigines. The art pieces prove that the country is theirs. "The visual arts of the Aborigines play a vital role for the recognition for their land rights and selfdetermination", says Roger Butler, the **Curator of Australian** prints,. Australian National Gallery. who helped organise the exposition at Dhaka.

Although there is the present move to popularise Australian Aboriginal art, yet the industry remains insecure and uncertain. According to Dr. Jon Altman, who heads a Federal government inquiry into the

works are taken from the deserts and sold at a price many times higher in places like Melbourne and Sydney.

Even the best of Aboriginal artists do not normally earn more than a few thousand dollars a year. The average white Australian in the capital cities, on the otherhand, gets \$1000 a month in superannuation alone.

In 1985 the Aboriginal Arts Board told a parliament enquiry that Aboriginal craftswomen worked for as little as eighty cents an hour, although the industry was worth seven million dollars a year for the revenue of the Northen Territory.

As for the prints on display at Dhaka, they were a natural extension to Aboriginal painting and culture. The engraving of linoleum blocks was a process similar to the wood and stone

carving. The colours had the same opaqueness

Robert Cambell Jr., who had "The Hunter in linocut, was a self-taught artist, encouraged by the better-known print-maker Tony Cole ing. He is now introducing his technique to other Aboriginal artists living near his home His creations were absorbing pieces with sim ple but effective dots and lines. Ellen Jose, who had travelled in Japan, China, India, the Pacific region. Europe and Egypt, had an equally dramatic "Landscape" as his pride piece. The semi-abstract creation was a charming combination of representations of leaves, plants, rivers with cacti growth dominating. His "The cliffs" and "The boulders" were similarly lyrical.

> Sally Morgan, who is a novelist, and is now working on her second book had a delightful and picturesque screenprint "Men and ducks". Its colours were vibrant and romantic. Banduk Marika, who now holds the positions of the Curator of Yirrkala Museum and Assistant Manager of Buku Larrnggay Arts, had a fascinating linocut included in the exposition called "Gsungaiung". This had a pattern of vegetables in the form of radishes and bee-

Jimmy Pike, who once belonged to a nomadic family of hunters and gatherers, had a gorgeous abstraction in "Larripuka Main Country". It was as subtle as any abstract piece one sees in Europe. Pooarar's Kangaroo Spiritman" was a magnifi

troots.

cent and overwhelming creation in linocut. It contained images of kangaroos, emus. lizards and turtles. Presently studying at the Canberra School of Art, he does etchings, linocuts and lithographs.

Bede Tungtalam's "Man Hunting Dugong" was another engrossing piece. It was a neat dramatic and stylised creation in woodcut Trained at Darwin and Canberra, he produces screenprints for furnishing and clothing fabrics. He also does traditional wood sculpture.

The 28 prints of the seven artists expressed the philosophy and outlook of the fascinating original people from Downunder. The lithographs, linocuts, woodprints and screenprints also reflected a remarkable combination of the contemporary world with that of the Aborigines.

available early to farmers.

They proposed establishment of a bank for the development of the small farmers in loan without mortgage and there should not be any delay

The economists said powcent. They also urged for the

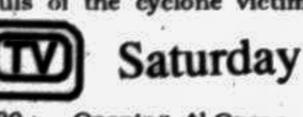
policy should be drawn up on which the Fifth Five-Year Plan should be based. They also called for formation of a council to take quick decisions on different aspects of agricultural policy.

Office-bearers

unanimously re-elected President of New Government High School Old Boys Association at the annual general meeting held at a city cafe Thursday evening, reports

Other office-bearers elected at the meeting were: Vice-President-Abdus Samad, Bir Pratik, General Secretary-M. Ajmal Ali, Joint Secretary-Faiz Shirazee, Treasurer-Syed Zaker Hossain, and members-Syed Taqi Mohammad, K.M. Anwar, Modassar Hossain, M. Hashem, Kamran Rashed Alt, Taher Khan, Khorshed Alam, K. Waliullah, M.Anam and K. Fariduddin.

The meeting observed oneminute silence and prayed for the peace of the departed





to Heaven

11-30: The News

11-40 : Closing

Education Week programme begins June 2

The National programme of the Education Week, 1991 will begin in Dhaka from June 2, an official source said on Friday. reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate programme at the Shilpakala Academy at 10-30 am. Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs, Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury and State Minister for Education Principal Md. Eunus Khan will be present on the occasion as special guests.

A seminar on "education and democracy" will be held at 11-30 am on the same day.

Prof Shamsul Haq. Chairman of the University Grants Commission will present the main paper in the seminar. The first session of the seminar will be presided over by Education Secretary A N M Yusuf.

An open discussion will be held in the second session with Dr Al- Mute Sharafuddin in the chair while Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed will conduct the opening discussion.

On the second day, a prize distribution ceremony will also be held at the Academy at 10-30 am. Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs will distribute prizes among the best teachers, best educational institutions and competitors of different cultural functions.

Jamaat demands arrest of Nizami's attackers

Jamaat-e-Islami, Dhaka City Unit, Friday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those responsible for assaulting Jamaat Secretary General Moulana Mattur Rahman Nizami, MP, in the Dhaka University campus, reports

The demand was made at a protest rally held at the South Gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque after the Juma prayer. The rally was presided over by the Jamaat Dhaka City Unit Secretary A T M Azharul Islam.

The rally was held as part of 'Doa Day' Friday observed by the party throughout the country to pray to Almighty Allah for the speedy recovery of Moulana Nizami from the injuries he received due to the assault.

It was addressed, among others, by Jamaat's Naebe Amir Shamsur Rahman and Secretary of the Jamaat's Parliamentary Party Advocate Sheikh

A protest march was brought out by the party which paraded the city streets chanting slogans against the attackers of their leader.

PROGRAMME

Seminar on cyclone

Civil Engineering Division of the Institution of Engineers will hold a seminar on 'recent cyclone an tidal surge in the coastal region of Bangladesh background and possible mitigation' on Sunday at 3.30 pm at the auditorium of the insti-

The annual Urs of Hazrat Shah Sufi Amanat Khan (RA will be held on June 13, Thursday, at his Daragh Sharif at Chittagong, reports BSS.

Milad mahfil, halkai zikir and special munajat will be held seeking divine blessings for the Muslim ummah as well as for those who were killed in the recent cyclone in the coastal areas. All the followers of the Sufi

have been requested to attend

tive Dr. ANA Abeysundere, Khaleda visits ailing BNP leader

Bipasha Hayat rendering song at a charity show organised

by Rishiz Shilpi Gosthi in aid of cyclone victims at Shishu

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Friday night

Academy on Friday.

Education and Cultural

Affairs Minister AQM

Badruddoza Chowdhury Friday

said the government included

anti-smoking education in its

mass literacy programme to

make the people aware of the

danger of tobacco use, reports

and the anti-smoking move-

ment can only be made effec-

tive by educating people." he

as chief guest at a seminar on

"World No-Tobacco Day" in the

Jatiya Press Club auditorium

Ministry of Health. World

Health Organisation (WHO) and

Adhunik, an anti-smoking or-

ganisation, the seminar was

also addressed, among others,

by WHO's country representa-

Jointly organised by

here in the afternoon.

The Minister was speaking

"Smoking is an obsession

visited the ailing Organising Secretary of the City BNP. Fazlur Rahman, at the Post Graduate Hospital.

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain on thundershower with moderate to heavy falls accompanied by temporary gusty wind or Kalbaishakhy (Nor'wester) squall is likely at many places over Dhaka and Chittagong Divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Khuina Divisions, according to Met Office forecast valid till 6 pm Saturday.

Day temperature is expected to remain nearly unchanged. Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall activity likely to increase.

Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The seen sets today (Saturday) at 6.42 pm and rises on Sunday at 5.11 am.

The maximum temperature of 36.5 degree Celsius was recorded in Satkhira Temperature and humidity of some towns on Saturday

Town/City Temperature in Celsius Humidity (%) Min 9 am 6 pm 32.0 24.0 Dhaka 26.0 78 23.5 78 34.4 35.4 26.4 74 26.5 Cox's Bazar 31.0 32.8 21.3

Bangladesh contributes only 0.4pc carbon di-oxide in atmosphere

A leading Bangladeshi expert has said Bangladesh contributes only 0.4 per cent of Carbon di-oxide while its effect on this part of the world is 10 per cent, reports BSS.

Dr Atiq Rahman, while presenting his key-note paper in a seminar on Global Climate Change and Bangladesh in ning Dhaka on Thursday, said the globe is getting warmer increasingly due to Green House effect and abuse of energy in various forms. "If the temperature increases by 1.6 degree, the Himalayan Glacier will melt down, releasing more water to inundate more land in future," Dr Atiq, Director of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies said. State Minister for Informa-

tion Mohammad Nurul Huda Thursday urged the country's scientists and environmentalists to extend their whole-

hearted cooperation and expertise towards government efforts to effectively face natural calamities in Bangladesh.

The State Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the seminar organised by Lions Club of Dhaka Solidarity at Hotel Sonargaon Thursday eve-

The club President Ln ATM Rafique presided over the seminar while it was attended, among others, by Governor of Lions District-328 Ln Jalal Ahmad, Ln Anwar Hossain Khan MP and Club Secretary Ln Emy Gonzales. Terming the effects of natu-

ral calamities as close to number one problem in Bangladesh, Nurul Huda said that the government would raise the issue in international forums to draw the attention of the developed world as well as the world-renowned scientists

to this grave situation that the country had been facing time and again.

Quoting a study report, the State Minister said only one lakh people had died in natural calamities during the last 100 years in the world except in Bangladesh. "In Bangladesh alone, the deaths are much more higher in at least 60 storms and tidal bores that lashed this part of the globe between 1797 and 1991," he said adding that the damage to property was more than one's imagination due to such

calamities. He said, Bangladesh had fallen victims to cyclonic storms and tidal surge for 34 times during the last 30 years and the intensity of the wrath of nature was increasing fast with the passing of days.

He said the equatorial zone of the globe was increasingly

prone to such natural calamities which resulted from Green House effect. As Bangladesh is close to equatorial zone, he said, the country will face this

problem time and again. Dr A'Atiq Rahman said. "The nature has its own propensity and relaxation" and as the Green House effect is violating this process, the climate is getting changed resulting in various calamities in the

"Human activities should not cross a certain limit and if it is not followed, we do not know what will be the consequence," Dr Rahman said adding that energy in various form in the world was being abused leading to heavy concentration of carbon di-oxide in the atmosphere which was standing out as a danger for the human being as well as the animals.

Plea to create greenbelt along coastal embankments

vironment' on its concluding day here Friday called upon the government to announce an environment policy soon, reports BSS.

plan future programmes for agriculture, industry, health, education, forestry, shrimp cultivation and other sectors keeping the policy in view.

level development workers. and journalists took part in the two-day seminar which was organised by Naree Pakkha - a women welfare organisation, in cooperation with Londonbased Panos Institute.

dations, the seminar called upon the political parties to include environmental issues in their programmes. It urged the government to create greenbelt along the coastal embankments through massive afforestation programmes to save life and properties there from the onslaught of recurring cyclone and tidal surge. Terming poverty and illiter-

The participants urged the

A seminar on 'man and en- orders limiting the use of pesticides and totally stopping its use in future. The indiscrimi-

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acy as two of the main causes behind environmental degradation, the seminar opined that both the curses would have to be eliminated from the society on priority basis.

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"We are fighting for pollu-

The National Professor

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called upon the government to

include anti-smoking educa-

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protect environment, role of mass media in sustainable development and environmental condition in the coastal areas - were read in the seminar.

Different sessions of the semi nar were presided over by Dr Yunus of Grameen Bank, eminent economist Prof Rehman Sobhan, Jawadur Rahman, a senior journalist of the Bangladesh Observer and Fazila Banu Lily of Naree Pakkha. Task Force

service lauded

CHITTAGONG, May 31: Chittagong City Development Council here today commended humanitarian services rendered by American Task Force in rehabilitating cyclone and tidal surge affected people of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar. a council press release said, reports BSS. A meeting of the council

held at its Momin Road office with the council Chairman Shah Nurul Alam presiding expressed gratitude to US President George Bush and Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for their commendable role in this re-

The meeting was of the opinion that if the US Task Force had not come to the aid of the cyclone and tidal bore hit people of Bangladesh then many more lives would have been lost.

The meeting was addressed among others by Syed Khaled Hayat, M Yakub. M A Suban and Advocate Shihabuddin Mahmud, all council leaders.

He also lauded the role of today

Adhunik in its campaign against smoking. Enayetullah Khan said the

anti-smoking movement spearheaded by Adhunik attained considerable success because it aimed at national welfare. Adhunik's programmes will

soon be expanded to upazila level, he said.

knowledge, vision'

The City Unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) organised a discussion and milad mahfil at its office to mark the 10th death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS. Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia attended the func-

MP, the function was State Minister for Textiles Abspectively of Lalbagh Thana BNP and Sutrapur Thana BNP.

Mir Shawkat Ali said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman would be remembered by the people of this country as his love for them was immense.

Mir Shawkat Ali recalled his long association with "the valiant Freedom Fighter" who had never compromised his ideals and love for the people and the country.

Ali said the soldiers of Shaheed President Zia could

translate his ideals into reality only if they contribute their mite for the welfare of the people without expecting any-

to power twice. The people have tremendous faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and so they voted her party to power.

should not be any controversy regarding the announcement of the Liberation War. Zia was the first man to do so, he de-

Abdul Mannan paid rich tributes to the memory of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and said Bangladesh could emerge as a happy and prosperous country if his (Zia's) ideals were translated into

with President Ziaur Rahman, the Textiles Minister said he was a man with knowledge and

was killed in a road accident here Thursday, police and hospital sources said, reports Joint rally at Press club

By Staff Correspondent A joint rally of the working journalists, press workers and general employees will be held today (Saturday) at 10 am at the National Press Club premises to press home the demands for implementation of the Wage Board Award.

The union leaders called upon all concerned to attend the rally which will be followed by a procession.

Moitry demands withdrawal of cases against student leaders

ory of Jamil Akhter Ratan, reports UNB. Ratan, a leader of Moitry

and a student of Rajshahi Medical College, was allegedly killed by Shibir workers during the movement against 8th amendment bill in 1988.

Moitry brought out a mourning procession in the campus and placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.

the Shaheed Minar, which was addressed by Nur Ahmed Bakul and Ragib Ahsan Munna, President and General Secretary of the organisation respectively.

Moitry leaders demanded expulsion of Golam Azam from the country and withdrawal of false cases against some student leaders filed by Jamaat Secretary General Mottiur Rahman Nizami MP. Nizami was assaulted by some students when he went to attend a meeting in the Vice-Chancel-

They also demanded immediate arrest and trial of the killers of Jamil.

The economists said and setting up a special loan giving agency to the small although 33 per cent of the development funds should be devoted to agriculture, the al-Dr Jahangir Alam, former location in this sector is only 9 per cent. The subsidy taken

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Additional allocation

By Staff Correspondent

president of the association, told the press that the recommendations formulated in the 8th national conference of the association held in February should be implemented in the Fourth Five-Year Plan

Bangladesh Agricultural Ec-

onomists Association on Friday

demanded additional alloca-

tions to the agriculture sector

(FFYP) and the coming budget. The press briefing was also attended by Prof Moazzem Hussain. President of the new executive committee of the association. Dr Shahadat Hos-

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the FFYP. The bank should give in loans to the poor farmers.

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Anti-smoking education included

in mass literacy programme

Adhunik President National

Professor Dr. Nurul Islam,

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No Tobacco Day is "Public

Places and Transport: Better

involves social, political and

economic policies. Badruddoza

Chowdhury said and added

that mass movement against

smoking would eventually help

in ensuring a smoke-free envi-

ronment for the new-borns".

theme on no-tobacco day Prof

Nurul Islam said everyone's

right to breath air should not

be violated by smoking in pub-

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Prohibiting smoking by law

Dr. Haroonur Rashid.

Be Tobacco Free".

framing such law.

Presided over by City BNP President, Mir Shawkat Ali dressed, among others, by

dul Mannan, Mayor of Dhaka Municipal Corporation, Mirza Abbas, MP. General Secretary of City BNP, Salahuddin Ahmed, MP. Abdul Wadud Master, President Tejgaon' Thana BNP, Kazi Abdul Bahar, President Sutrapur Thana BNP. Satfuddin Ahmed Milon and Advocate Habibur Rahman Mandal, General Secretary, re-

thing in return. He said the BNP is the only nationalist party which came

Mir Shawkat Ali said there clared.

Narrating his association

One killed in road mishap

An unidentified old man

Chhatra Moitry on Friday paid rich tributes to the mem-

To mark the day, Chhatra

It also arranged a rally at

lor's office on Monday.

