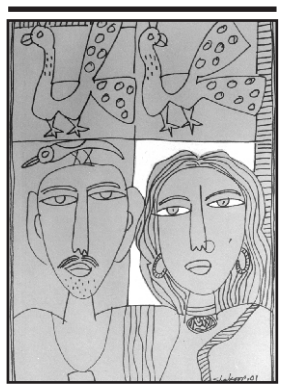


RECOMMENDATIONS



Solo Exhibition
A solo exhibition of the paintings and drawings by Abdus Shakoor is being held at Shilpanang gallery.

Theatre

January 8
Sattik Natya Sampraday comes up with its 9th production Pezgee, an adaptation of the French dramatist Moliere's Le medecine malgre lui.

15th National Fine Arts

Exhibition 2002

The 15th National Fine Arts Exhibition 2002 is being held at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. At the exhibition, several awards including Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award 2002 for the Best Work, Bengal Foundation Award, Arab Bangladesh Bank Award, Deepa Haque Award, Bashundhara Group Award and Pacific Group Gold Medal has been declared.

Exhibition

December 27-January 8

A solo exhibition of paintings by A H M Bashirullah is being held at the Alliance Francaise de Dacca. The exhibition will remain open for visitors up to January 8 everyday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Recitation

Poems asserting the importance of women
Recitation programme in remembrance of Begum Rokeya

RUMMAN UDDIN AHAMED

THE recitation organization 'Shanan' had arranged a recitation presentation of poetry and audio drama at Dhaka University's 'Nat Mondo' on 3rd December 2003 named 'Konna-Jaya-Jonony ebong Nari' (Daughter-Wife-Mother and Woman). This was to honour the memory of Begum Rokeya and the presentation was composed and directed by Annaya Rahaman Putul.

Women should first be considered as human beings. The programme was not a story of a single woman but it was the tale of a couple's miseries and happiness, though, in the last episode of the story a woman's inward cry was intense. This woman's cry is very common in our society. It echoed so much in the programme during the weaving of the story, the cry became only too obvious and apparent, drawing everyone's attention to it.

Though celebrated in a single thread, the programme was still divided in four chapters: daughter, wife, mother and woman. In the first part 'daughter', two poems of Jibonananda Das and Mofazzel Karim, and an audio drama by Sanjeeb Chattopadhyay revealed the sweetness of the eternal relation between a father and a daughter. The 'wife' section contained superb parts of poems and conversations of Jibonananda Das, Amio Chatterjee,



Some of the recitors

Jagannath Chatterjee, Hasan Hafizur Rahman, Premendro Mitro, Buddhadeb Basu, Sayed Shamsul Haque and Purnendu Potri, which were presented with perfection. Two great poems by Rabindranath Tagore, and others by Makid Haider and Shamsur Rahman revealed the perpetual portrait of a mother. The figure of a mother sometimes stands for promise, sometimes bravery, sometimes harmony between the nature and a child, and at times simply a parent. To the 'mother' part was added a letter written by Kazi Humayun Haider to his mother from the war field and remembrance of Nirendranath Chakrabarti.

The last part of the programme pronounced the pain of womanhood and spelled the words of protest

against an unfairness faced by women. Sunil Gongopaddhaya's Na Pathano Chithi touched the innermost part of the heart. The programme ended with the recitation of the fiery writing by Mollika Sengupta's Kathamanabi.

In the programme the participants were Maksuda Shirin, Shekh Abdullah Mamun, Rashed Kanchon, Naima Siddiki, Maskur-e-Sattar Kolloi, Aditi Sadia Rahman, Anannya Laboni Putul, Toufiq Al Mannan Tofa and Sajid Akhand. Sohail Shahriar Rana composed the music. Ishrat Nishat designed the lights. Mojumdar Biplob designed the stage. The programme was truly thought provoking and at the same time entertaining.



Participants of the function



Exhibition

In quest of saving Dhaka's rivers

Kamrul Hossain holds an exhibition of photographs on the misuse of Dhaka rivers

HARUN UR RASHID

AMONG many other factors that help a country to prosper, one very important one is the capability of the country in using its natural resources properly. And being situated at the estuary of many mighty rivers, Bangladesh is gifted with some significant natural resources. Crisscrossed by innumerable rivers both big and small, Bangladesh's greatest natural resources are its rivers. But unfortunately, like in so many other cases, we have not been able to properly utilise the advantage of these rivers.

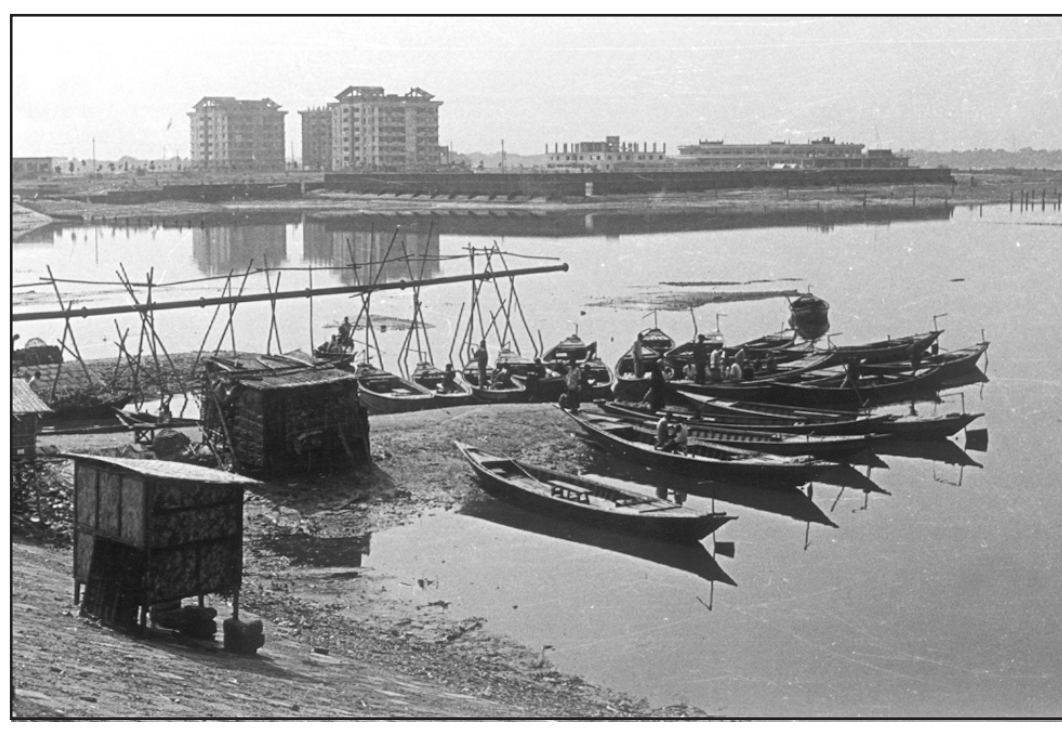
Focusing on such some improper treatment of the rivers in Dhaka, Kamrul Hossain held a solo photography exhibition at the BPS National Gallery from January 3 to 5. Entitled Nodi Bileen (vanishing of rivers), the exhibition displayed photographs of how our unplanned and illegal activities have caused damage to the Buriganga and many of its branches. Kamrul's photographs are blazing witness of these unwanted activities performed at both the government and private levels.

Not only is Dhaka situated on the bank of the Buriganga, but it is also a city encircled by several branches of the river. This has created an encircling riverway around Dhaka.

To protect the city from floods, however, an encircling dam has been built along this waterway from Sadarghat to Gabtoli. And at different places along this dam, a lot of ghats (quays) have been built for communication purpose. Boshila, Kamrangichar, Keraniganj, Pagla, Sadarghat, Lalbag, Hazaribag, Mohammadpur, Rayer Bazar are the places that are now playing a vital role in communication in Dhaka for transporting goods.

Since trucks and lorries are prohibited to ply through Dhaka at daytimes, an enormous amount of necessary goods, from vegetables to construction materials like brick, sand, stone, iron-rods etc. are carried down to the city through this waterway. And this has reduced the carrying cost significantly. But some imprudent acts by the people have brought uncertain fate to this privilege.

In his photographs, Kamrul shows how illegal high-rise structures have been built on the east of



Mushrooming of illegal apartment buildings ruining the surrounding river

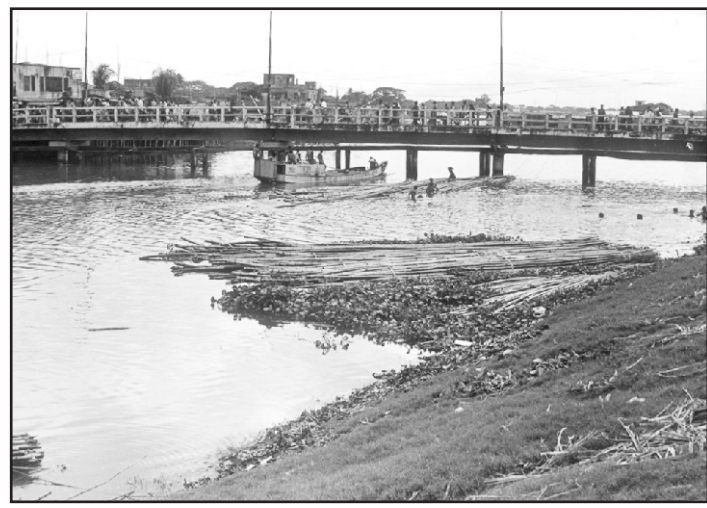
Kamrangichar. At one place Kamrangichar seems almost to have merged with Lalbag due to these construction activities. Moreover, these adjacent places have been linked by bamboo-bridges so that people can reach across. But these bridges have been built so low, that big size boats and trawlers cannot cross beneath

them. One photo at the exhibition shows a narrow strip of road stretching through the river from Boshila to Mohammadpur dam, thus dividing the waterbody into two. There is no link between the two parts, which has drawn an end to the communication with Gabtoli. Taking this opportunity, on the Gabtoli side of

the river, a few housing estates have grown filling up the riverbed. As a result, the encircling dam has become pointless now.

At Rayer Bazar, similarly, a medical college, fuel station, and apartment buildings have been built by filling up the riverbed. For supplying gas to distant places like Boshila, Kamrangichar, Keraniganj, the government has built several gas fields by filling up rivers. Again, work of earth filling near Mohammadpur dam is going on for building play-ground and children's park. A signboard bearing the authority of Dhaka City Corporation clearly says this.

Kamrul Hossain points out the fact that both our government and the general public are totally callous about the future effects of these activities. Often seminars, processions and other campaigning activities are being held in the city to save our environment. But the opportunist money-mongers, it seems, have turned a deaf ear to these outcries. The government has also remained completely silent. If things go on like this, it will not be very far when it will be too late to mend any damage.



Bridges link two areas only by bringing an end to communication by river

TV GUIDE

CHANNEL i

- 7.00 Prothom Sur
9.30 Music Plus
10.35 i Sports
10.50 Drama Serial: Durer Akash
11.25 Mega Serial: Grihagalpo
12.00 Drama Serial: Britter Baire
12.30 i Focus
2.00 Bengali Feature Film: Sath Bhai Champa

Evening

- 5.35 Jonopoder Khabor
5.45 Chithi Pelam
6.10 Music Plus
6.45 Chaya Zankar
7.15 Channel i News Ispahani i Tele Quiz
7.45 Drama Serial: Bhul
8.25 Drama Serial: Tritia
9.00 Channel i News Ispahani i Tele Quiz (Question)
10.00 Drama Serial: Ek Zalak Alo
10.25 Channel i Mobile Quiz 2525
10.30 Channel i News
11.15 Shangabdpotre Bangladesh
11.30 Live Telecast of BTV's News Telecast of BTV's 10 o'clock English News
12.20 Channel i News

HBO

- 6:30 Death Wish II
8:15 Code Name Phoenix
10:00 Mother
12:00 Instinct To Kill
1:45 The Birds II: Land's End
3:30 Bloodfist V: Human Target
5:15 For Love of the Game
8:00 Fangs
10:00 The Art of War
12:15 Final Destination
2:15 Forbidden Sins
3:45 For Love Of The Game

SET MAX

- 7:30 Mini Movies: Chupp
8:30 Caravan
9:00 Hotlist
9:30 Geet
1:00 Caravan
1:30 Jai Vikranta
5:00 Hotlist
7:00 Sarddari Begum
9:00 Current Bollywood
11:00 Sangam
1:30 Chambal Ki Kasam

AXN TV

- 6:30 Movie: Jaws
9:30 VIP
10:30 Cold Squad
11:30 Marital Law
12:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
1:30 VIP
2:30 Movie: Jaws
5:30 Ripley's Believe It Or Not!
6:30 Marital Law
7:30 Beastmaster
9:30 Guinness World Records: Primetime
10:30 Alias
11:30 Fear Factor
12:30 The Hunger
1:30 Queen of Swords
2:30 Marital Law

SONY

- 6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Just Mohabbat
7:00 Dil Ka Dwar Khol
7:30 Amrit Varsha
8:00 Sant Asaram Vani
8:30 Chartbusters
9:00 Good Morning Disney
10:00 Music Mantra
10:30 Shaheen
11:30 Chamatkaar
11:30 Family No. 1
12:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain
12:30 Bachke Rehna Zara Sambhalna
1:00 Kkusum
1:30 Current Bollywood
2:00 Kutumb
2:30 Kuchh Jhuki Palkain
3:00 Om Namay Shivay
4:00 Just Mohabbat
4:30 Chhoti Si Asha

- 5:00 CATS
5:30 Star Yaar Kalakaar
6:30 Disney Hour
7:30 Chartbusters
8:00 Music Mantra
8:30 Boogie Woogie
9:00 Goong Ateet Ki
9:30 Kkusum
10:00 Kutumb
10:30 Achanak 37 Saal Baad
11:00 Aahat Dehshat Ke 6 Saal
11:30 Kuchh Jhuki Palkain
12:00 Chhoti Si Asha

ADVENTURE E ONE

- (Thirty minute plus)
00:30 Across The Line - S2
1:00 Extreme Science
1:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
2:00 Surfer's Journal
2:30 Explorer's Journal
3:30 Adventure Of The Quest
4:30 Tracks
5:30 Danger Diaries
6:30 Mixed Strand
7:00 Extreme Science
7:30 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
8:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
8:30 Explorer's Journal
9:30 Adventure Of The Quest
10:30 Tibet Wheel Of Life
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14:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures
14:30 Explorer's Journal
15:30 Extreme Science

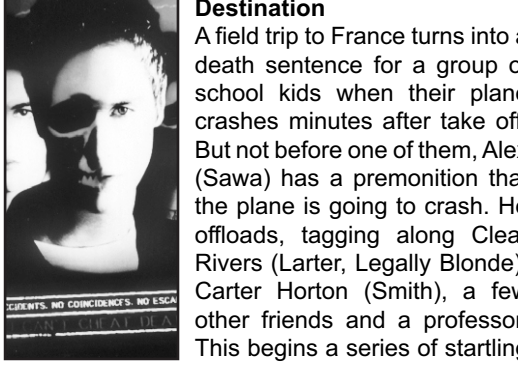
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(Thirty minutes plus)

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 12 midnight
When Danger Follows You Home
A psycho intern in the county jail bonds with a brilliant paranoid schizophrenic who shows up dead in her basement. She must solve his murder to clear her

HBO: 12.15 midnight Final Destination
A field trip to France turns into a death sentence for a group of school kids when their plane crashes minutes after take off. But not before one of them, Alex (Sawa) has a premonition that the plane is going to crash. He offloads, tagging along Clear Rivers (Larter, Legally Blonde), Carter Horton (Smith), a few other friends and a professor. This begins a series of startling



- 00:00 [V] Hit Machine
1:00 [V] Hit Machine
3:30 [V] Hit Machine
7:00 [V] Hit Machine
7:30 [V] Back To Back
8:00 [V] Jumpstart
9:00 [V] Hit Machine
9:30 [V] Back To Back
10:00 [V] Hit Machine
10:30 [V] Back To Back
11:00 [V] Hit Machine
11:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
12:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
12:30 [V] Fdfs
13:00 [V] Hit Machine
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14:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
15:00 [V] Back To Back
15:30 [V] Hit Machine
16:00 [V] Hotline
17:00 [V] Hit Machine
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17:45 [V] Hit Machine
18:00 [V] Very [V]
19:00 [V] Ctrl [V]
19:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
20:00 [V] Back To Back
20:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
21:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
21:30 [V] Fdfs
22:00 [V] Chosen One

STAR GOLD

- (Thirty minutes plus)
2:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
3:00 Champakali
6:30 Geet Bahar
7:00 Hare Kanchan Ki Chooriyan s
10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
11:00 Mere Hamdam Mere Dost
13:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
14:00 Geet Bahar
14:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
15:00 Meraa Ghar Mere Bachche - Sundaymatinee
18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
18:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

STAR PLUS

- (Thirty minutes plus)
0:00 Film Toppers
0:05 Shagun
0:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
1:30 Kasautii Zindagii

PICK OF THE DAY



The Art of War

On HBO at 10:00 PM
At the dawn of the millennium, the UN will sign a trade treaty with China that will catapult China into the big league. But someone is trying to sabotage the summit, and secret agent Neil Shaw (Snipes) and his boss Elenor Hooks (Archerr) believe that Chinese UN Ambassador Wong is behind everything. But when he is assassinated at a formal banquet, Shaw is mistaken for the assassin. he manages to get away with the help of 'terrorists' and his only hope of innocence is eyewitness Julie Fang (Marie Matiko). Together they discover that dead people are alive, and the ones that are alive, are actually dead inside.

- 2:00 Kay
2:30 Bol Baby Bol
2:30 Kaahin Kissi Roz
3:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
3:30 Shanti
4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:30 Saans
5:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
5:30 Bhabhi
6:00 Geet Bahar
6:30 Geet Bahar
7:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
7:30 Aatma
8:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:00 Fox Kids
9:40 Hit Geet
9:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:00 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
10:30 Hera Pheri
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:25 Film Toppers
12:00 Shanti
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
13:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
13:30 Bhabhi
14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
14:30 Shagun
15:00 Kahaani Ghar

- 4:30 Suddenly Susan
5:00 Hollywood Squares
5:30 The Brady Bunch
6:00 Cheers
6:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
7:30 Bugs
8:30 The Drew Carey Show
9:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
9:30 J.A.G
10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Law And Order - S.V.U
12:30 Suddenly Susan
13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
13:30 Hollywood Squares
14:00 The Brady Bunch
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 The Simpsons
16:00 Cheers
16:30 Starnews Asia
17:00 Frasier
17:30 Charmed
18:25 Starnews Asia
18:30 Ally Mc Beal
19:30 Titus
20:00 Two Guys And A Girl
20:28 Star Asia Travel
21:00 Frasier
21:30 Charmed
22:00 Ally Mc Beal
23:00 Titus
23:30 Two Guys And A Girl

STAR MOVIES

- 10:15 Red Heat
12:00 Beneath Loch Ness
1:45 Incognito
3:30 Flying Virus
5:30 Skeletons In The Closet
7:00 The Ticket
7:30 Black River
9:00 When Danger Follows You Home
10:30 Enemies A Love Story
12:30 Fart The Movie
2:00 Deadly Little Secrets

STAR WORLD

- (Thirty minutes plus)
00:00 The Drew Carey Show
00:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
1:00 J.A.G
2:00 Cheers
2:30 Creflo Dollar Daily
3:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries
3:30 The Simpsons
4:00 World News

- 5:00 Taking Back Our Town
7:00 Scholastic Clifford - Little Clifford / Welcome To Birdwell Is
7:30 Caillou - Episode # 26
8:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 98
9:00 A Mother's Gift
11:00 The Infinite World Of H.G. Wells - Part # 2
1:00 Touched By An Angel Vii (25 X 1hr) - Episode # 8
2:00 Reasonable Doubt Early Edition - Season Iii - Collision
3:00 Scholastic Clifford - Little Clifford / Welcome To Birdwell Is
3:30 Caillou - Episode # 26

STAR SPORTS

- (Thirty minutes plus)
0:00 Hopman Cup Hyundai Hopman Cup Xv Perth, AUSTRALIA Belgium Vs Spain (T)
3:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R)
3:30 Rally Racing Telefonica Dakar 2003 Day 4 Highlights(R)
4:00 World Cup Swimming World Cup Swimming 2002/03 Rio De Janeiro, RJ BRAZIL (T)
6:00 Cycling Tour Du Faso 2002 Burkina Faso, AFRICA
7:00 Team India Programming India Glorious London, ENGLAND India Vs West Indies World Cup Final H/Ls(R)
8:00 International Motorsports News International Motorsports News 2003 (R)
9:00 Rally Racing Mrf

- National Motocross C'Ship 2002 Goa, INDIA Event Highlights(R)
9:30 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League San Sebastian, SPAIN Real Sociedad Vs Malaga (R)
11:30 Table Tennis 2002 Itf Pro Tour Grand Finals Stockholm, SWEDEN Men'S & Women'S Singles Semifinals(T)
14:30 Rally Racing Telefonica Dakar 2003 Day 5 Highlights(T) 00:30:00
15:00 Hopman Cup Hyundai Hopman Cup Xv Perth, AUSTRALIA Australia Vs Slovak Republic (T)
18:30 Max Power Max Power 2003 (T)
19:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)

ESPN

- (Thirty minutes plus)
00:00 Western Union World Football (R)
00:30 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Queenstown, NEW ZEALAND New Zealand Vs India 4th Odi, Highlights(R)
2:30 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
3:00 Boxing Series Espn2 Friday Night Fights Lemoore, CA USA (T)
4:30 Football Focus (R)
5:00 NFL'S Greatest Moments Love And Hate (T)
5:30 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
6:00 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, NEW ZEALAND New Zealand Vs India 5th Odi Preview(L)
6:30 New Zealand Cricket National Bank Series 02/03 Wellington, NEW