

Dhaka Day by Day

Gearing up for a Gadabout

by Fayza Huq



Visitors admiring photographic works at the exhibition at the Alliance Francaise.

—Star photo

The Bangladesh Photographic Society has now got its sight on having an expose at Paris. As a preliminary attempt the society had an exhibition held at the Alliance Francaise recently.

The expose was fairly impressive as it contained the work of senior photographers and others who had won acclaim abroad.

Among the important entrees was "Relaxation" by Anwar Hossain, with a worn hand reaching for the "paan" "chun" and "khor" box. This was clearly impressive and well composed.

Similarly his "Labour" showed a tired foot leaving a pair of worn out rubber slippers. This was realistic and the photographer had thought deeply before proceeding with his work.

Anwar, who has been a photographer since '65 has won 50 international awards. He is a cinematographer and an architect as well. He is the author of "A Journey Through Bangladesh" and served as the editor of "Bangladesh: Land and People" and "Life and Culture".

Shaheedul Alam's "Chittagong Hill Tracts", "The Official Version" and "The Unofficial Version" was a political statement, as the photographer explained. One showed a peaceful home with the mother weaning, and tending to her children in perfect composure, while the other showed massing of soldiers with their weapons and water-bottles.

Shaheedul Alam has a Ph.D from the University of Liverpool in biochemistry. Along with five other British photographers he was awarded the "Norvel Shield" in '83.

Manzoor Alam Beg, who has been working for about 30 years, had an entree to depict the old-fashioned instant photography that is still practised in places like Sadarghaat. It showed a shy subject being manipulated by the old camera man - poor but diligent and confident.

Manzoor Alam Beg, who has his training in photography from India and UK, is the author of six books on photography, and has published over a hundred articles on photography. He has been awarded an honour from the Internationale De L'Art Photographique.

Rashid Talukdar's photo of soldiers attacking the Razakars had socio-political importance for the viewers. His second photo also dealt with violence, trucks and soldiers.

Rashid Talukdar was born in 1939 in India, worked under Motahar Hossain. He worked for three years as a photo technician in the Press Information Department. He worked of 13 years as a press photographer with "Dainik Shabbar" and for the last 16 years he is with "Ittefaq".

Bijon Sarkar's two entrees had human beings and animals in a semi abstract presentation. One would think that the figures were paper collage creations. Born in '39, Bijon has held group exhibitions at least 30 cities. He has won a gold medal from PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) and has won a first prize in '77 at Tokyo.

Hasan Saifuddin's entree showed a man asleep in his pushcart. The weariness, fever and the fret of the worker was well depicted. Saifuddin said that he was concerned with people and environment. He has worked in a workshop with the visiting British photographer Peter Fryer. He won a prize in the Nikkon Photo Contest in '91.

Abul Malik Babul had an absorbing exhibit in the picture with the fishing net. The twirling of the net caught the impact of the energy of the fisherman very well. There was a poetic quality in his work. He has recently won a prize in the Lensview Photographic Society.

There was Shezar Noorani, a freelance photographer, who had an exhibit about an old tailor. The composition was informative and interesting. Educated in Karachi, Pakistan, he took photos for calendars, dairies, and cards. He said he did considerable work for the UNICEF and the American School.

All the pieces that one confronted at the Alliance Francaise exhibit were mature and promising. There was ample thought behind each photo. They would surely make a fairly good representation of the skill of our local photographers. It was a relief that the craftsman had not gone in for the obviously decorative and picturesque. Goodluck to the enterprising shutterbuggers.

DU 1st year (Hons) viva-voce begins from Apr 28

By DU Correspondent

The viva-voce of the admission seekers of First year (Honours) classes of Dhaka University of 'Ka and 'Ga' units will begin from April 28.

The viva-voce for the students of 'Ka' unit will be held at the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Science from 9 am and for the students of 'Ga' unit under Commerce Faculty will be held at Dean's office of the Commerce Faculty from 10 am everyday.

The viva-voce of the students of 'Ka' unit bearing serial numbers from 1 to 300 will be held on April 28, 301 to 600 on April 29, 601 to 850 on April 30, 851 to 1050 on May 2, 1051 to 1250 on May 4, 1251 to 1400 on May 5, 1401 to 1600 on May 6, 1601 to 1800 on May 7 and 1801 to 2000 on May 8.

The viva-voce of the students of 'Ga' unit bearing serial numbers from 1 to 125 will be held on April 28, 126 to 250 on April 29, 251 to 375 on April 30, 376 to 500 on May 2 and 501 to 620 on May 4.

The admission seekers have been asked to attend the viva-voce board with two copies of photographs, original mark-sheets of SSC and HSC examinations and the admit card of the Admission Test.

Muktadhara book fair begins today

A fortnight-long book fair organized by 'Muktadhara' on the occasion of Bangla New Year begins in Dhaka today at the Central Public Library premises, reports BSS.

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury will inaugurate the book fair while the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. M Maniruzzaman Mia will preside over the inaugural session.

The fair will be opened to the public from 10 am to 8 pm, the press release added.

Rima trust fund

The family members of Shaheed Sharmin Nizam (Rima) have decided to set up a trust fund to establish scholarships for the needy female students of Dhaka University, reports BSS.

Rima's sister Samana Hussain (Sybil), had recently met the Vice Chancellor Professor Maniruzzaman Mia to work out the modalities of the trust fund.

Rima, daughter of Shaheed journalist Nizamuddin Ahmed, was brutally murdered by her husband, Monir Hossain, in April 1989. Hossain's Khuku, Monir's lover assisted him in executing this ghastly criminal act. Both Monir and Khuku have been sentenced to death by the Dhaka session judge.

Baishakhi Folk Festival begins from today

A week-long Baishakhi Folk Festival 1988 and books fair of Bangla Academy books begins today (Friday) at the academy premises in Dhaka with due enthusiasm and fanfare, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the festival, while Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will attend it as the special guest.

Addressing a pre-festival press conference at the conference room of the academy, the Director General of the Academy Prof. Haroon-ur-Rashid said, the objective of the festival was to uphold the folk culture and the tradition of the country and familiarise the next generations with these.

The total cost of the festival was estimated at take two lakh eighty-six thousand. Prof Rashid added.

The week-long festival will be featured by discussion, ball, kab, jar, Pala and marfati songs.

Bangla Academy has arranged for the sale of its publications on the occasion of the festival. The books, published by the academy till 1985, will be sold at 60 per cent commission at the book stall during the week-long festival, while the books published since 1986 and onward will be sold at 40 per cent commission.

Anniversary of Kazi Kamal's death Apr 28

By Staff Correspondent

The fourth death anniversary of litterateur Barrister Kazi Kamal Ahmed will be observed on Sunday, a press release says.

Kazi Kamal Smriti Parishad, Kendria Jhntuk Kuri and Munshiganj Zila Nagaria Adhikar Committee will jointly hold a Milad mahfil and a discussion meeting in memory of him at Purbasa Guest House in Dhaka in the afternoon.

Dhaka asks IOM to help resettle workers in ME

A high-powered delegation of International Organisation for Migration arrived in Dhaka on Thursday on a 7-day "assessment mission" on resettlement of evacuated Bangladeshis in the Gulf region.

The 3-member IOM team, after arrival in the morning, called on Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman and other senior officials of the Ministry.

A Foreign Office spokesman told UNB they held detailed discussion on the intergovernmental organisation's involvement in re-expatriation of the returnees. About 65,000 Bangladeshis returned from the Gulf after the August 2 occupation of Kuwait by Iraq last year.

The Geneva-based humanitarian organisation spent 23 million US dollar to execute an "Action Plan" operating 161 flights for evacuation of about 50,000 of the returnee Bangladeshis from the troubled Gulf countries.

The Foreign Minister expressed gratitude to IOM for its help in their return to places where they had left jobs and valuable belongings.

The spokesman said the IOM officials had free and frank discussion with the Foreign Minister on Bangladesh proposal for taking the Bangladeshis back to the Middle East.

On return to Geneva, the delegation, led by Marco Gramigna, Special Adviser of the organisation, will submit to

the headquarters its report on assessment of the problem, he added.

Other members of the team are Special Adviser Yahya Maroofi and Jose Pires.

During the talks, the IOM officials were informed that Bangladesh missions in the Gulf region were in constant touch with all authorities concerned so that Bangladeshis could be engaged in large scale reconstruction of the war-ravaged states.

The delegation members also called on Foreign Secretary Abul Ahsan. They also exchanged views with Additional Foreign Secretary Riaz Rahman on bilateral matters.

The delegation is scheduled

to call on State Minister for Labour and Manpower Rafiqul Islam Mian on Monday.

Bangladesh joined IOM in its 61st session in November last year, raising its members to 39. It was founded on December 5, 1954 with the objective of ensuring orderly migration of those in need of international migration services.



Sher-e-Bangla's death anniversary tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The 20th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq will be observed on Saturday placing wreaths at his mazar (graveyard) in the morning, a press release says.

A milad mahfil will be held at 8.30 am and a discussion meeting at 9 am on the premises of his mazar.

Four organisations — Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Bangladesh Manabdhikar Sangasthan, Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Gabeshana Kendra and Jatiya Foundation will jointly hold the meeting.

Poet Sufla Kamal will preside over the meeting while two former Chief Justice of Bangladesh Kamaluddin Hossain and Badrul Haider Chowdhury will attend the function as Chief guest and special guest respectively.

Eminent lawyer Gazul Haq, Prof Dr AQM Karim, Prof Kabir Chowdhury and Sayed Maksud Ali will take part in the discussion.

Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Smriti Sangsad will name eight prominent personality for Sher-e-Bangla national award which includes a gold medal and a certificate for this year at a function on Saturday at 4.30 pm at mazar premises. The press release said. The Sangsad will also hand over the awards to those who were named in 1989 and 1990.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, Poet Ataur Rahman and Poet Khondkar Khalek had been named in 1989 and Prof Sayed Maksud Ali, Al-Haj Taher Ali, Al-Haj Mohammad Makbul Hossain and Mohammad Jaqub Ali were selected for 1990.

Speaker of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas will be the chief guest of the function while Chairman of Press Council Justice Ruhul Islam will preside over the meeting.

A programme to publish the life sketch of Sher-e-Bangla in five volumes had been taken.

Bangladesh Jatiya Baktika Gabeshana Kendra and Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Gabeshana Kendra have jointly organised the programme. Sher-e-Bangla specialist and Poet Muhammad Abdul Khalek is editing the biography.

Zimbabwe may recruit Bangladeshi workers

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka on Thursday that Bangladesh was willing to send skilled manpower to Zimbabwe to help the country in its development efforts, reports BSS.

Begum Zia told this to the Zimbabwean High

Commissioner in Bangladesh, Mr Tirivafa John Kanga, who called on her at the Secretariat office here.

Mr Kanga, who is also accredited to India, conveyed personal felicitations of Zimbabwean President Robert Gabriel Mugabe to Begum Zia on her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

He said the expanded cooperation between the two nations would bring welfare to them as peoples of the two countries had similarity in so many aspects of their socio-economic life.

He thanked Bangladesh for helping the Zimbabwean people in their struggle for independence.

Mr. Kanga also expressed

96 clinics in city

Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf informed the Jatiya Sangsad Thursday that there were 96 clinics in Dhaka city, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Nurul Islam Monir (Ind-Barguna), the Health Minister said of these, 90 were registered while the registration of the rest was under consideration.

He told the House that there was a government ordinance called "the Medical Practice and Private Clinics and Laboratories (Regulation) Ordinance 1982" for running the clinics.

Khulna Medical College

Health and Family Welfare Minister told the Jatiya Sangsad that the construction work of the proposed Medical College at Khulna would begin during the current fourth Five-Year Plan.

Replying to a question from Abdul Khalek Talukdar (AL-Bagerhat), the Health Minister said the government had allocated Taka two crore for the construction of Khulna Medical College.

Agri policy soon

A complete and comprehensive agriculture policy will be formulated soon for making the country self-reliant in food production and to strengthen the rural economy of the country, Minister for Agriculture Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Development Majedul Haq said Thursday, reports BSS.

The Minister said that the aim of the proposed agriculture policy would be all-out socio-economic welfare of the farmers by organising them and to strengthen the present pace of agriculture development.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the closing ceremony of a three-day workshop on "rice-based cropping pattern to maximise agriculture output" at the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute at Joydevpur.

The Minister said the present government had already waived tax on land upto 25 bighas and the development tax and agriculture credit with interest upto Taka 5,000. The government has also decided to suspend all certificate cases filed against the farmers for their greater interest," he said.

The Agriculture Minister also said that the present government was encouraging farmers to utilise high-yielding varieties of seeds and balanced fertilizers for maximising agricultural output.

French tech centre opens

The French Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) set up at the Alliance Francaise in Dhaka was inaugurated by Minister for Education and Culture Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Thursday, reports BSS.

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Dr Maniruzzaman Mia, who is also President of Alliance Francaise, Ambassador of France Serge Degallax, Director of Alliance Francaise Andre Raynourd and Counsellor for Development and Cultural Affairs of the French Embassy Alain Vanden Abeele also addressed the function.

Academics, scientists, researchers and professionals attended the inaugural function.

Weather

Depression in Bay

by Staff Correspondent

A depression has been formed in south-east Bay and adjoining south-west Bay on Thursday. It move north-north-westward and was deep and centered at 6 pm on Thursday at about 1240 km (770 miles) south-south-west of Chittagong Port.

The depression was likely to intensify further and move initially north-north-westerly direction. Maximum sustained wind within 48 km of the depression centre was about 50 km/hr arising to 60 km/hr in gust squall.

Maritime port of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted distant cautionary signal no 'one'.

All fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay have been advised to remain closed to the coast so as to take shelter at a short notice.

Workers' party

Workers' Party of Bangladesh on the occasion of 121th Birth Anniversary of Lenin will hold a discussion meeting today (Friday) at 4 pm at its office at 31/F, Tophkhana, a press release said.

Central leaders of the party will take part in the discussion.

Science confce

The 16th Annual Bangladesh Science Conference organised by Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science will be held here from May 27-29, reports UNB.

Registration for attending the three day conference will be made May 24-26, a press release of the Association said.



Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of architect Hasan Mustafa Huq (Monir) will be held today (Friday) after Asar prayer at House No. 51, Road No. 9A (old 18), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka.

All have been requested to attend the Qulkhwani. Hasan Mustafa, son of late Engr. Rafiqul Huq died of cardiac arrest on Monday.

Updating of voters' list suggested

The Liberty International, a Bangladesh-based international Human Rights Organization having consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC), Thursday suggested correction and updating of voter list periodically to ensure future elections in Bangladesh more meaningful, reports BSS.

The Liberty International, headed by Advocate M. A. Mutaleb, made some recommendations relating to the country's electoral process on the basis of the recently held parliamentary elections.

Stating that the election expenses of the candidates had exceeded the limits fixed by law, Liberty International suggested to find out an effective way to check such illegal expenses.

Results of junior scholarship out

Results of Junior scholarship examination of Dhaka region has been announced on Thursday, reports UNB.

A total of 12,761 students appeared in the examination held for 272 talent pools and 794 ordinary scholarships.

Names of the awardees have been sent to respective schools and district education offices, an official handout said.

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