

Dhaka Day by Day

The Painters do Their Bit

by Fayza Haq

The artists of Dhaka were not sitting idle as thousands suffered from the recent cyclone. They held a three day painting exhibition at the Hotel Sonargaon and used miniature paintings as the focus of the exhibit. Twelve artists donated 80 paintings for the relief purpose.

Gayum Chowdhury's 'Girl with a Bird' was a fine sketch of a young woman, holding on to a bird. The blues and greens were bold and far from muted, yet not garish. His 'Nature is Beautiful' had leaves and petals, one intermingling with another. Here soft pastel colours were used.

Samarjit Roy Chowdhury had the 'Bird Lover' beautifully done in earth brown, greens and reds. It showed a woman playing and admiring a bird in a cage. His 'Love' had the picture of a man and a woman. The details of the faces were presented with great care. It was a dark creation like the earlier tempera work.

Bulbon Osman had four creations, 'The Blue Flame of the Kettle', 'The Golden Flame of the Kettle', 'The Lonely Fish' and 'The Hook and the Fish' were all done with the light touch one usually finds in Japanese water colour. The figures were simplified and the colours were laid on with great delicacy.

Abdus Shakoor Shah had four pen and ink sketches. They were semi-abstract visions of men and women seen at different angles. The artist had used the pen with economy, skill and imagination.

Six water colours in the oriental style by Nasreen Begum had women for their subjects. Nasreen had used the Moghul style for models from present day.

'Baul' singers and nature were highlighted in Sunil Ronjan Howladar's paintings. He had used tempera and mixed media (water colour and pastel).

The artist had highlighted the culture of Bangladesh and presented the theme in an artistic and universal manner.

Itikharuddin Ahmed had done portraits in pastel. They appeared more like caricatures

and were distorted beyond recognition. His 'Angry Cat' had been done with water colour and pen, and had a lot of spirit and joie de vivre. 'The Model' was done in oil on printed paper. It was impressive although the effect was somewhat gaudy, with the mingling of the numerous colours.

G.S. Kabir's 'The Waiting' and the 'Change of Face' showed poverty and problems of lower class city life. They portrayed women with nothing on, waiting for their wet clothes to dry. His 'Tension I' and 'Tension II' were delineations of inner feelings. There was a lot of grey and black, but the preoccupation with the red colour was also obvious.

The artist who had the most sale at the exhibition for the cyclone relief was Kanak Chapa

Chakma. She had tribal women in many of her pieces. 'Dream' had a butterfly and a pretty woman's face. 'Bird and Lady' delineated a woman drying her clothes and playing with a bird, perched nearby. The tribal worker, who is prepared to do almost any work was shown in the piece entitled 'Jumnobl'.

Kanak Chapa's portraits and scenes, in tempera, oil and mixed media — all had a poetic, idyllic air about them.

Khalid Mohammed Mithu's 'Against the Wind' was a fascinating piece. It showed a rickshaw in the rain presented in a romanticised impressionistic fashion. Mithu's 'Hope' depicted a figure against a lot of grey and black. There was, however, soft pink and gentle green to relieve the monotony of the sombre colours.

Shumona Haque's 'Melody of Nature' and 'Love of Nature' showed figures and landscape mixed in a symbolic way. The colours were dark but images of butterflies and grasshoppers brightened the mood.

Added to the collection of the miniature for the cyclone relief sale were four cement with black wax colour items. These included the 'Seated woman', 'Mother and child', 'Thinking I' and 'Thinking II'. They were done by Mukul M. Rana, who had been affected by the recent disaster himself.



Man-I Pen & Ink

Dhaka-Moscow cooperation to expand : PM

The Soviet Ambassador to Bangladesh, Vitali S. Smirnov, on Monday made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Secretariat office, reports BSS.

Smirnov said his country had been extending cooperation to Bangladesh in various fields since its inception. He said the Soviet policy towards Bangladesh had always been friendly and it had never changed.

Begum Zia thanked the Soviet Envoy for the sympathy and concern shown by the Soviet Union for the cyclone affected people of Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that cooperation between the two countries would be further expanded for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

She conveyed greetings of the people of Bangladesh to President Mikhail Gorbachev and the people of the Soviet Union.



Total road blockade at Jatrabari on Monday when drivers sieged the road in protest against detention of a truck driver at Demra Police Station — Star photo

BSCIC suffers loss of Tk 60 cr

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) suffered a loss of over Tk 60 crore in the recent devastating cyclone and tidal bore, officials here said, reports UNB.

The loss includes damages on BSCIC industrial estates and BSCIC-aided projects in the coastal areas and offshore islands battered by the cyclone. Eleven BSCIC industrial estates incurred a loss of about Tk 31.30 crore while 308 BSCIC-aided projects in the private sector suffered a loss of Tk 28.28.

Meanwhile, seven heavy industrial units of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) were partially damaged and the loss was estimated at Tk 42.71 crore, according to an official preliminary assessment.

The affected industries are: Chittagong Urea Fertilizer, TSP Complex, Karnaphuli Paper Mills, Karnaphuli Rayon and Chemicals, Chittagong Chemical Complex, Osmania Glass Sheet Factory and Chittagong Cement Clinker Factory.

Among them, TSP Complex, suffered a huge loss amounting to Tk 22 crore. The complex went under 4 to 5 feet water which damaged heavy electrical equipment and computers. The tidal bore also washed away huge quantity of fertiliz-

ers and gypsum, jetty tower, cooling tower of sulfuric acid and other materials of the TSP Complex.

A large stock of paper, estimated at Tk 7.25 crore, was fully damaged in Karnaphuli Paper Mills.

Meanwhile, 111 private entrepreneurs till Friday responded to the call by Board of Investment (BOI) for reporting industrial damages caused by the cyclone. BOI was entrusted with the task of damage assessment both in private and public sectors.

Private sector entrepreneurs estimated their total loss from cyclone and tidal surge at about Tk 188.55 crore, a figure which the BOI termed as exaggerated.

BOI conducted the assessment in 225 industrial units of Chittagong district using 10 survey teams and found the loss at around Tk 105.16 crore.

Officials said assessment of loss of the Chittagong Steel Mills was yet to be completed and it would take two months for the unit to resume production.

Chittagong Dry Dock, Chemical Carbon Company, General Electric Manufacturing Plant, Gazi Wire Ltd, damaged by the April 29 cyclone, would also require between one and two months to resume operation, officials

Uneasy calm prevails at JU

JU Correspondent

SAVAR, May 20: An uneasy situation prevails at the Jahangirnagar University Campus following Sunday night's collision between two rival groups of the Jatitabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Most of the students have already left the A.F.M. Kamaluddin Hall and Shaheed Salam Barkat Hall fearing further attack from the local people.

It is worth-mentioning that these two halls are adjacent to the village Pathalia and in 1988 the inhabitants of this village attacked Salam Barkat Hall and injured several students.

Urdu poet dead

Eminent Urdu Poet Asghar Rahi died of heart attack at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital last Monday (May 13). He was 58, reports UNB.

The deceased left behind his wife, children and hosts of friends, relatives and admirers to mourn his death, according to a message received here today.



PROGRAMME Anti-drug fed

A general meeting of Bangladesh Anti-drugs Federation will be held today (Tuesday) at 4-00 pm at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra 14, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.

Council meeting

The council meeting of the Engineers Institution Dhaka unit will be held today (Tuesday) at 5.30 pm at the council room of IEB.

Agitated truck drivers block city road

By Staff Correspondent

Movement of traffic through Jatrabari crossing remained paralysed for about six hours on Monday due to barricade of roads by a group of truck drivers. After a feud with police around noon, the agitated drivers blocked traffic with their trucks on all the roads approaching Jatrabari crossing.

As a result, Dhaka's road communication with Narayanganj, Demra and southern districts was suspended.

Leader of Bangladesh Inter-district Truck Drivers Union alleged that Md Siddique, a truck driver, was assaulted by a police sergeant at Jatrabari crossing and he was dragged to Demra police station. The union leaders said the driver was beaten by police as he re-

fused to pay bribes. When contacted, police authorities said the truck driver was asked to show relevant traffic documents, he was then taken to police station, as he failed to produce necessary documents.

To protest the assault and arrest of Siddique, other truck drivers blocked the roads and demanded his immediate release. After negotiations with the leaders of the union, police authorities assured them of taking necessary steps. Siddique was released unconditionally.

The truck drivers withdrew barricade at about 4 pm, but it took another two hours to clear the traffic jam.

DIRECTORATE GENERAL DEFENCE PURCHASE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-15.

TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed Tenders are invited from bonafide suppliers (not necessarily enlisted with DGDP) for evaluation of latest model of Blood Bank vehicle for adoption in the Bangladesh Army. The budgetary offer both in local and foreign currency duly supported with necessary quotation/offers for the subject vehicle are required to be submitted.

2. Tender schedule with details specification will be available (Free of cost) from 20-5-91 to 15-6-91 on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The Tender will be opened on 17-6-91 at 1000 hours in presence of all tenderers present (if any).

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Bangladesh Rice Research Institute Joydevpur, Gazipur TENDER NOTICE (No-82/1990-91)

Sealed tenders are invited from 1st class enlisted contractors of government/semi-government and autonomous bodies for the following works.

SL No.	Name of work & location	Earnest money	Price of tender	Time limit for work
1.	Construction of RCC Road and drain for the C-3, C-4, D-1, D-2 buildings (Joydevpur)	24,500/-	500/-	1 1/2 months
2.	Construction of RCC Road and drain for E-1, E-2, F-1, G-1 buildings (Joydevpur)	26,500/-	500/-	1 month
3.	Maintenance and re-construction work of old RCC Road (Joydevpur)	6,900/-	200/-	1 month
4.	Expansion joint bituminous filling work of RCC Road	2,500/-	100/-	1 month

- Tender documents may be purchased from the Accounts Department, Joydevpur, Gazipur, during office hours upto 25.5.91. Tenders will be received by the office of the Executive Engineer, Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Farmgate, Dhaka, on 26.5.91 upto 12 noon and will be opened the same day at 12.15 pm in presence of tenderers (if any). Before purchasing tender schedule, contractors will have to take permission of the Superintending Engineer, BRR, on production of the original copy of the following certificates and photostatic copy will have to be submitted along with tender.
- Renewed enlistment book or enlistment of the contractor firm.
- Certificate of satisfactorily completing work of similar type of work of minimum worth Tk 10 (ten) lac for Serial No 1 & 2 and Tk 2 (two) lacs for Serial No-3 in a single work order and work order.
- Bank certificate regarding financial solvency.
- Renewed copy of trade licence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Double earnest money will have to be submitted if the quoted value becomes 5% less of the estimated cost and supportive analysis must be submitted along with tender.
- Detailed analysis of rate, support and must be same with current rate otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.
- Rate should be quoted both in words and figures.
- Programme chart in supporting tender by the fixed time must be submitted along with tender.

Earnest money should be submitted along with tender in Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay Order, issued from any scheduled bank in favour of the Director General, B. R. R. I.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.

Kafil Uddin Ahmed
Superintending Engineer,
Building & Construction Department,
BRR, Gazipur.

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Diarrhoea claims 696 so far

The authorities so far supplied over 50 lakh oral saline and one lakh intravenous (IV) fluid bags to the cyclone battered areas of the country to treat diarrhoeal patients, reports UNB.

About 32 lakh water purifying tablets were also distributed in the affected areas.

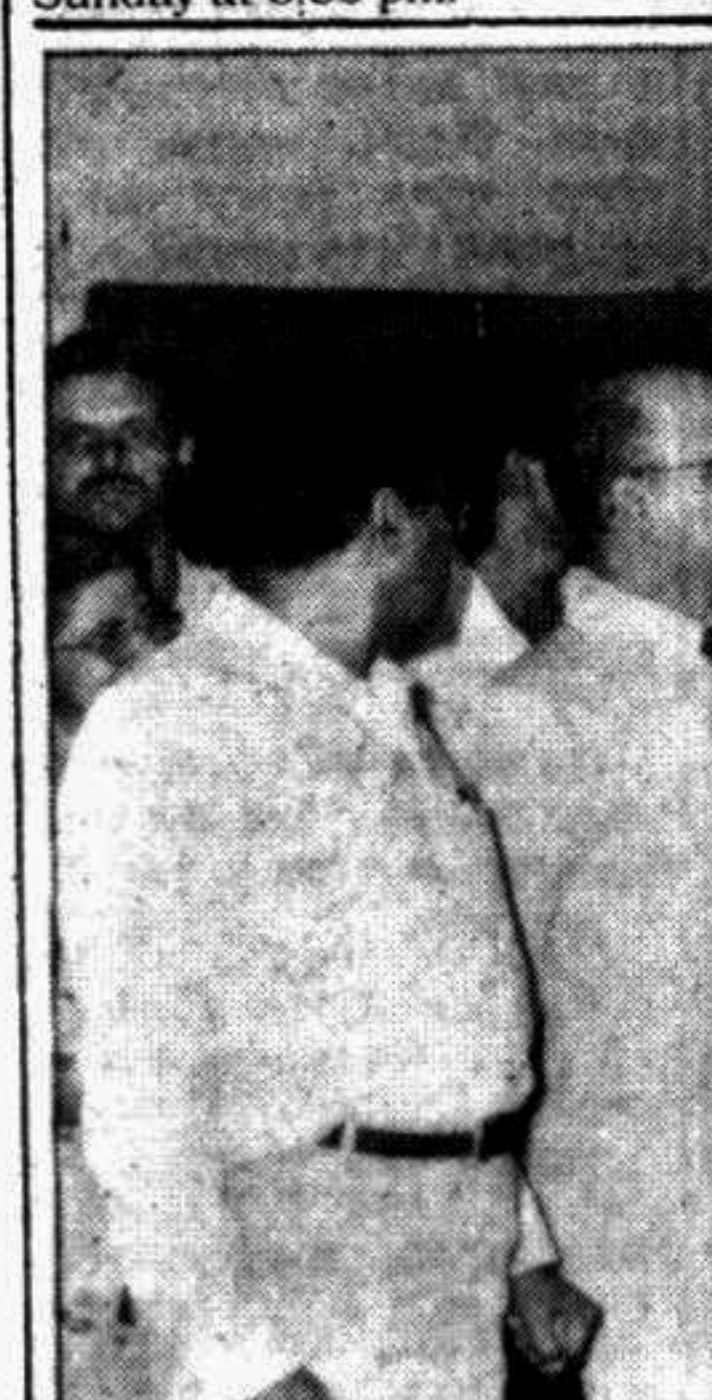
Taxes Bar ex-President dead

Ahaj Sultannuddin Ahmed, aged 74, died in Dhaka on Monday afternoon after being ill with broncho-pneumonia.

He was the founder-member and former President of Bangladesh Taxes Bar Association and a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association. His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Tuesday) at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Zia Aref, wife of late K M Aref will be held today (Tuesday) after Asr prayer at 10/A Ispahani Colony, Maghbazar in the city. Zia Aref died of Cardiac arrest at Sahrawardy Hospital on Sunday at 6.30 pm.



The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, Professor Moniruzzaman Mia formally inaugurating a two-week exhibition of prints by seven Australian Aboriginal artists on Monday, 20 May 1991 in a ceremony held at the National Museum of Bangladesh, Shahbagh, Dhaka.

Prints of aboriginal artists on show

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, Professor Moniruzzaman Mia formally inaugurated a two-week exhibition of prints by seven Australian Aboriginal artists on Monday in a ceremony held at the National Museum of Bangladesh, Shahbagh, Dhaka, says a Press release.

The Australian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, Mr Richard Gate was present as special guest on the occasion, while the Additional Secretary-in-Charge, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Mr Islamuddin Malik presided. The Director-General of the National Museum was also present to welcome the guests.

The exhibition is organised jointly by the Bangladesh National Museum and the Australian High Commission under the Australian Government's Cultural Relations Program. The exhibition and Laos commenced in the Soviet Union, was last held in Vietnam/before coming to Bangladesh. The exhibition will remain open to members of the public during the Museum hours (10 am to 4 pm) until June 3.

The exhibition is assembled

by the Print Council of Australia Inc., for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Australian National Gallery compiled the catalogue, which will be available to visitors at the Bangladesh National Museum during the exhibition.

The projection and promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures is an important element in the objectives of the cultural relations programmes of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The idea of an Aboriginal print exhibition was developed with the assistance and expertise of the Print Council of Australia.

The exhibition is intended to recognise and encourage the expansion of the skills of Aboriginal artists in representing their culture in what is for them a new and challenging medium. The results are an eloquent expression of their success and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Australian Government is proud to be able to present their works to the Bangladeshi audience in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind or Kalbatshaki squall likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions

BRDB exempts loan upto Tk 6,000 in cyclone-hit areas

Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has decided to exempt agricultural loans upto Taka 6,000 in the cyclone-hit areas, Information Secretary Kazi Manzur-e-Mowla said on Monday.

during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

Met office said, day temperature is expected to remain nearly unchanged.

Mondays maximum temperature in Dhaka was 30.2 degree Celsius and the minimum was 21.6 degrees.

Percentage of humidity was 77 in the morning and 78 in the evening in the day. Sakhira experienced the highest temperature of 34 degree Celsius and lowest at Peri 20 degrees.

The Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.37 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.13 am.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Spruce
- Leases
- Military groups
- Lawmaking body
- Roman gods
- Model
- That man
- Doctrine
- Lasso
- Concealed oneself
- Check
- Rodent
- Moccasins
- Cat
- Citrus fruits
- Shoshonean Indians
- Crucifix
- Emits vapor
- Spanish pot
- Prophet
- Goal

40 Trade for money

42 Those holding office

43 Scottish landowner

45 Expire

46 Agave plant

47 O'Hare or LeGuardia

49 Father

50 Omits from pronunciation

52 Ached

54 Surgical thread

55 Unwanted plants

DOWN

- Lowest point
- Gets up
- Thulium symbol
- Gratuity
- 12 months
- Wife of Zeus
- Hostelry
- Sun god
- Science of moral duty
- Sows
- Mix
- Hunting dog
- South
- African Dutch
- Treated
- Saltpeper
- Bodies of water
- Edible seed
- Cry of cow
- Besmirches
- Pertaining to old age
- Cut
- Wing-footed
- Locations
- Let fall
- Conducts
- Hold on property
- Win, Lose or
- Fuss
- Even score
- That thing
- Neon symbol

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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