

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Painting the Landmarks of History

by Fayza Haq

Four young enthusiastic and hard-working artists won the coveted awards at the 9th Young Artists' Exhibition at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The theme of the exhibition was Bangladesh - from the Language Movement to the Liberation War. The subject was chosen, according to Syed Jahangir, Director of the Fine Arts of the Academy, not only to remind viewers of the landmarks of history that shaped the destiny of the nation, but also to seek ideas to represent the rebellious mood of the time in December '90 against autocracy.

The most outspoken of the artists is Prashanta Karmakar, who won the best award for graphics. Twenty-four year old Prashanta has taken part in 12 exhibitions at home and abroad. He used to study in Rajshahi Art College, but gave it up early as he prefers freelancing. "I'm a student I make only three paintings a year. As a free-lancer I make and sell forty. I don't hate the art institutes but find the curriculum tedious and unimaginative," he says.

The promising graphic artist, who works under his brother Kalidas Karmakar, declares that he will remain an artist and will not go in for advertising or any such connected profession. "I will try to get trained abroad and have many exhibits there. But I would not like to leave Bangladesh permanently," he confides.

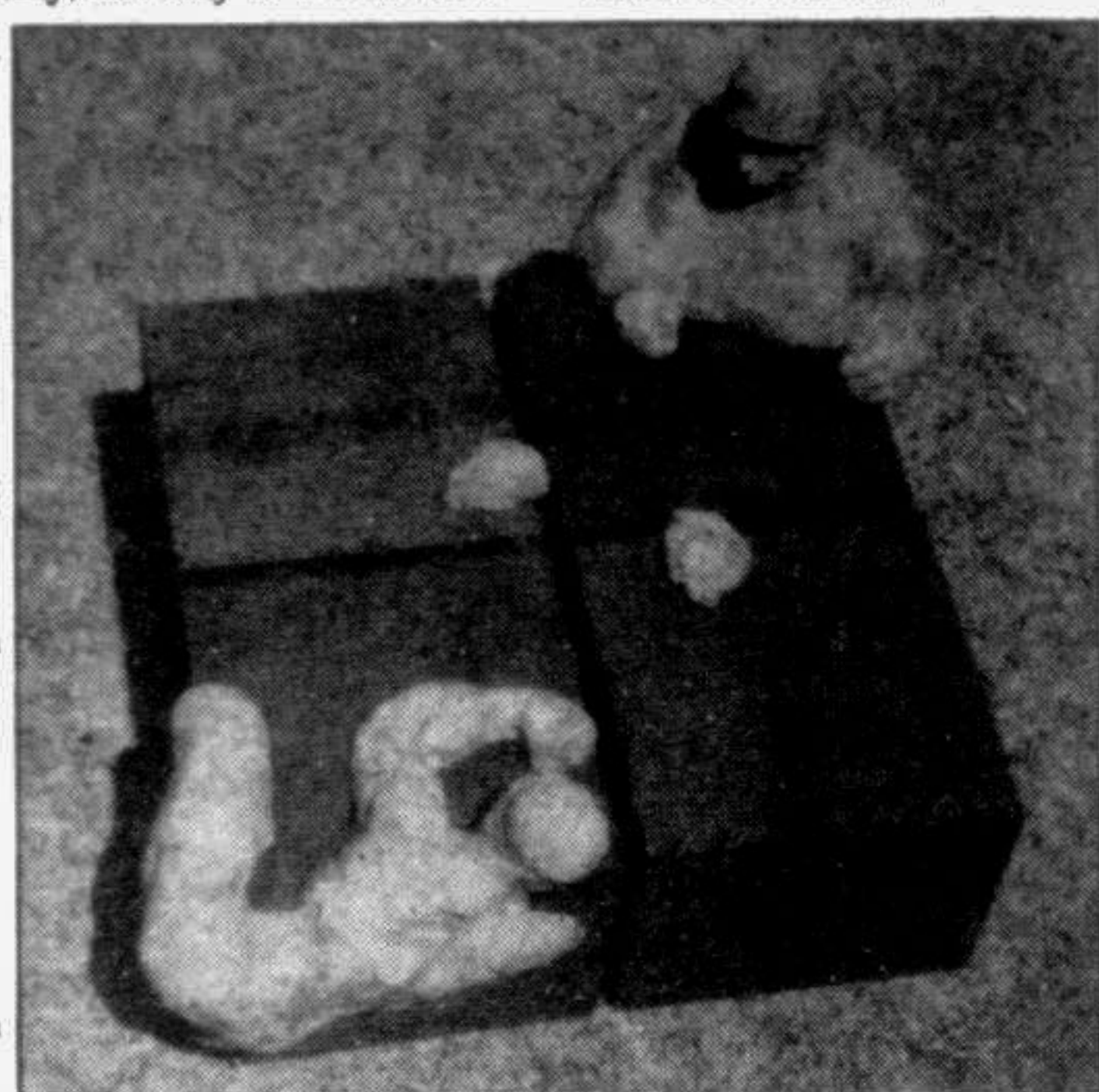
Prashanta's graphic work was purely abstract and brought in the struggle for Bangladesh in progressive sections of his work. The piece was not decorative, unlike many of his other well-known prints.

Mahbubur Rahman, 26, a fourth year student from the Institute of Fine Arts, who won the prize for sculpture, says he learnt his craft originally at the Bulbul Academy from M. A. Latif. Mahbub, who has taken part in 10 exhibitions so far, believes, "The senior artists are being patronised but it is difficult for the younger ones to get a backing. So far I have not bothered about selling my work but I'm sure there will be a stage when I will have to be concerned about that."

The sculptor had used symbolism, like most of the other young artists who won the awards. In his "Language Movement" he had fat massive figures that represented the cruel and greedy

rulers. On the other hand there was the depiction of the common people who were shown as individuals who barely had enough.

His other piece on the Liberation Movement of '71 had similar gross figures to symbolise the Pakistani Army. He moulded the piece in clay and next put it in plaster of Paris. He finally cast it in cement.



1971 Liberation Movement, a prize-winning sculpture piece by Mahbubur Rahman

Kazi Rakib, 35, who taught at Rajshahi Art College for six years, indulges in painting almost as a hobby. Yet he managed to bag the award for painting. As a teacher he was often not paid. "You can't live off your sale of painting alone," he complains.

Although he has exhibits in places like Malaysia, Yugoslavia, West Germany, China and Russia, today he makes a living by painting silk and cotton "saris" for shops like "Kanishka" and "Bhushon." He also makes papier mache

decorative pieces for "Arong." His wife Masuda, and brother Iqbal, both of whom are artists, help him with his commercial tasks at the workshop at Uttara. He is perhaps one of the few artists in Bangladesh who has a large house to himself and has access to a car.

In his winning entry Rakib told his story in the form of reproductions of old manuscripts. His piece was 8 feet by 5 feet. It contained representational pictures of Bhashani, Sheikh Mujib and General Zia talking about independence at different times, at varied places.

The painting began with the delineation of the University students' meetings, and went on to depict the killing by the army. There was the mass exodus of the people to the village, and more pictures of the war. Yahya's cartoon by Gamrul Hassan was also included.

Nilufer Chaman from Chittagong won the best entry award. Her work was thus the finest of the 116 selected exhibits by 94 young artists. Her painting had used a lot of muddy red and bright, glaring yellow. Her figures were symbolic. In her painting, which she had divided into four sections, she had brought in the slaying of the thousands, the Pakistan army, and the Razaakars with bold, dramatic and economic lines.

The four skilled and imaginative artists showed impressive stylisation and admirable visual power.

## Proceedings of trial of Anis Mahmud stayed

A Division Bench of the High Court Division on Tuesday stayed all further proceedings of the trial of Anisul Islam Mahmud, former Foreign Minister, in Special Tribunal case No 121 of 1991, before the Special Tribunal No. 3 and Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, till July 10, reports BSS.

The Court comprised Justice Faezle Hussain Mohammad Habibur Rahman and Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury.

Rokonuddin Mahmud appeared for the former Foreign Minister.

Hasan Arif, Deputy Attorney General and Q. A. Hossain, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the state.

## Hena's wife to receive award today

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal has been awarded with Sadat Ali Akhand Literary Award, 1991 (posthumous). The late litterateur's wife Halima Mostafa will receive the prize on behalf of Dr Kamal at the seminar room of Bangla Academy on Thursday at 5 pm. Bangla Academy Director General Professor Mohammed Harun-ul-Rashid will preside over the function.

## Theatre to stage drama in aid of cyclone victims

By Staff Correspondent

Theatre, a cultural organisation, will stage their new drama 'Rakkhushi' June 4 at 7 pm at Mahila Samity auditorium. The drama, based on a short story of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, will be staged in aid of cyclone victims. Over 50 artistes of the Theatre will take part in the drama.

## 7 sunken ships salvaged

Bangladesh navy ships have helped in restoration of safe navigation in Chittagong harbour by removing the sunken vessels in the river Karnaphuli, an ISPR press release said Wednesday, reports BSS.

The Naval personnel in co-operation with the Chittagong Port Authorities and other concerned agencies so far salvaged seven ships and craft which became a serious navigation hazard. Naval divers and surveyors in coordination with other agencies have managed to locate and mark the remaining sunken vessels and craft and navigational dangers within the harbour.

## Wildcat strike in Khulna

From Khulna Bureau

KHULNA, May 29: Some 20,000 rickshawpullers of Khulna city went on a wildcat strike Wednesday after one of them received serious injuries following an altercation over rickshaw fare. The injured rickshawpuller was admitted to Khulna Sadar Hospital where his condition was improving.

## Wage Board writ hearing continues

The hearing of the writ petition challenging the implementation of the Wage Board Award for the journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies continued on Wednesday before a Division Bench of the High Court Division, reports BSS.

The court comprised Justice M. Abdul Jalil and Justice M. Heduzzaman.

A R Yusuf, the Counsel of the BFUJ, BNPWF and BNEF submitting his arguments said that the petitioner had no locus standi to file a writ petition.

He said the responsibility for making the award vested on the Chairman of the Wage Board, whose decisions are to be construed as the decision of the board under Section 12 of the relevant act.

He also submitted that the petitioner never challenged the First, Second and Third Wage Board Awards. Besides, the constitution of the Second and Third Wage Boards in 1982 and 1985 were never challenged on this or any other grounds.

Hearing will resume today.

A R Yusuf, Akhtar Imam with S K Habib-ul-Alam and Md Khaluazzaman appeared for the respondents BFUJ, BNPWF and BNEF.

Zainul Abedin appeared for the petitioner, BSP.

Syed J R Modesser Hossain, Deputy Attorney General, appeared for the Ministry of Information.

## More doctors, engineers, skilled workers to be recruited

# Kuwait to take back 60,000 Bangladeshi returnee workers

All Bangladeshi migrant workers employed in government sectors of Kuwait will be taken back to their jobs by the Kuwaiti authorities, an official handout said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Two expert committees will be set up, one in Bangladesh and the other in Kuwait also to take back 60 thousand returnee workers who were employed in private sectors there.

This decision was taken at a meeting between Kuwaiti Labour and Social Welfare Minister and Bangladesh State Minister for Labour and Manpower, Rafiqul Islam Mia, held in Kuwait city on Tuesday.

Labour Ministers of both the

countries will lead the Expert Committee in their respective countries.

The Kuwaiti authorities also assured Bangladesh State Minister for Labour that they would take doctors, engineers and skilled workers from Bangladesh to new jobs in Kuwait.

The Bangladesh Labour Minister, who was a member of the entourage of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, also had successful meetings with the Labour Ministers of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates during the visit.

Another report says: A high official gave the current scenario in the war-ravaged Kuwait and said American and

British firms and firms of other countries were being given the contracts for reconstruction of Kuwait.

"Our ambassadors in all these countries had taken up the issue of recruiting Bangladeshis during these works," he said.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry and the Labour Ministry were having regular meetings on the late, future and problems of the returnees from Kuwait and Iraq.

The official said the problems of those who returned from Iraq were different since there is no question of their going back as the country is being convulsed with internal

strife after its war with multinational forces is over.

He said Bangladesh would do everything possible to resolve the issues relating to the returnees and was also in touch with international organisations like the International Organisation of Migration and the International Labour Organisation.

He said about 75,000 Bangladeshis returned from Iraq and Kuwait since the Iraqi action and many of them had to leave those countries empty-handed leaving their belongings or with little money.

Their jobs, bank accounts etc were certainly a matter of concern and Bangladesh government had already established contacts with Kuwaiti authorities once the country had been freed, he said.

Kuwaiti authorities had assured Dhaka that they would take back the Bangladeshis nationals to their jobs, said the official.

He, however, pointed out that only 20 per cent of the Bangladeshis in Kuwait were hired by the government and rest by private companies. Most of these companies themselves had not returned to Kuwait from Saudi Arabia and other places, he added.

## Directive to open up job opportunities for seamen

Shipping Minister M K Anwar on Wednesday underscored the importance of increased employment opportunities for Bangladesh sea men in foreign vessels and asked the Shipping Department to take immediate steps in this direction, reports BSS.

The Minister was presiding over a review meeting on various development projects of the Ministry of Shipping held at his conference room.

It was disclosed in the meeting that out of the nine development projects taken up by Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) during the current Annual Development Programme, (ADP) one project "feasibility study on construction of container facilities in Dhaka-Narayanganj area" is expected to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

It was also revealed in the meeting that ADP allocation for BIWTA during the current Fiscal year was Taka 29.61 crore out of which Taka 16.40 crore had already been spent till April 1991.

BIWTC on the other hand received an allocation of Taka 11.91 crore for five projects but the actual expenditure till April last was Taka 16.30 crore.

It was further revealed that Department of Shipping undertook one Technical Assistance Project during the current ADP with a projected expenditure of Tk. 58 lakh but till now Taka 26 lakh has been spent.

The meeting was attended among others by Shipping Secretary M Azizul Haq, Chairman of BIWTA and BIWTC and Director General of the Department of Shipping.

## Patenga embankment being repaired

CHITTAGONG, May 29: Emergency repair work of Patenga embankment here is going on in full swing under Food-for-Work Programme and about one kilometre of the embankment has so far been completed, according to official source today, reports BSS.

Patenga embankment, a vital protection for the entire industrial area including the Chittagong Export Processing Zone and several coastal villages was washed away by tidal surge on April 29 exposing entire Patenga to tidal surge.

A total of 955 metric tons of wheat has been allocated under Food-for-Work Programme to undertake partial repair

work of the 35 kilometre embankment on emergency basis.

About 450 labourers were engaged initially to carry on repair work. The work is being interrupted by bad weather and high tides but Water Development Board engineers are making all-out efforts to complete the work at the shortest possible time, the sources said. The labourers are given 32 per cent higher rate of wheat in view of the inclement weather and urgency of the work. They are also supplied with spades and baskets free of cost.

The repair work is expected to be completed by June next.

## Anniversary of Dr. Kasiruddin's death observed

The 20th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr. Kasiruddin Talukder was observed Wednesday, says a press release.

On this day in 1971 Dr. Talukder, a renowned physician of Bogra and MLC of undivided Bengal, was brutally killed by the occupation army for treating the wounded freedom fighters of Liberation War by opening a free clinic for them and leading the physicians procession during non-cooperation movement of March 71.

To mark the occasion, the Memorial Committee organised a milad mahfil and distribution of alms amongst the poor.

## Children urged to follow ideals of Shaheed Zia

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury Wednesday called upon the children to be imbued with the ideals of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman and build themselves as the true and patriotic citizens of the country, reports BSS.

## Seminar on Nazrul held

By Staff Correspondent

More socio-cultural organisations observed the 92nd anniversary of birth of rebel Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

On this occasion, Bangladesh Jatiya Sahitya Sangsad, Nazrul Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Nazrul Jatiya Sangskritik Academy and Nazrul Jatiya Sahitya Kendra jointly held a seminar on "politics in the sub-continent and Nazrul Islam" followed by a cultural function on May 26 at Mohammadpur in the city.

Chaired by Poet and Researcher on Nazrul, Shah Mohammad Matur Rahman, the seminar was attended by Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf as chief guest. Former Communications Minister M Matur Rahman inaugurated the programme while Advocate Nurul Huq Majumder, astrotrologer Prof AK Howladar and Poet Abdul Khalek were present as special guests. Litterateur Nahid Rokhsana read out the key-note paper prepared by Azraf.

In the second session, Poet Shamsur Rahman, Md Akhteruddin, Jahan Mamataz, Begum Mamata, Latifa Yasmin Lily recited poems composed by themselves. Later a chorus song was also rendered. Tapan Kumar Devanath conducted the function.

## Three killed, 10 hurt in mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

At least three persons were killed and ten others injured in separate mishaps in and around the city on Wednesday.

Babul (30), a labourer was electrocuted while working in a house in west Razabazar Wednesday evening. The incident occurred when Babul's wet lungi came in touch with a live electric wire.

His body was sent to DMCH for autopsy. A case has been filed with Dhammondhi Thana.

In another incident, Abdur Razzak (25), a labourer was killed under the wheels of a minibus when he fell from a Titas Gas car at Pagla of Fatulla.

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## Amendment to International Tender Notice

Subject: Amendment to International Tender Notice No. DP/F-49/IR/90-91/15 dated 22-05-1991, for Design, Supply, Installation, erection and commissioning of Microwave Tower at Chittagong on full Turn-key basis.

Amendments to the above subject International Tender Notice is hereby made as follows:

- 1) S1. No.2 (E) for provision of T.V. antenna fixing may now be read as follows:  
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- 2) The BTB authority reserve the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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## Weather

### Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind likely to occur at few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Chittagong and at a few places in Rajshahi division.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged. The highest temperature of Wednesday was 35.8 degree Celsius. The temperature of four major cities recorded on Wednesday were:

	max	min
Dhaka	33.4	24
Chittagong	33	25.6
Rajshahi	33.6	24.5
Khulna	34.8	23.2

## Japan to provide Tk 38.66 cr food aid

Bangladesh and Japan in Dhaka on Wednesday signed an exchange of notes concerning Japan's financial aid to Bangladesh amounting to 1,500 million yens (Equivalent to Taka 38.66 crore) for purchase of food, reports BSS.

Under the notes the government of Japan will provide Bangladesh with this grant assistance under Kennedy Round Food Aid programme which will be utilized by the Ministry of Food for purchasing wheat from USA including transportation and insurance of the wheat up to the ports in Bangladesh.

The Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, Mr. Toshio Saiki, and the Additional Secretary of

Economic Relations Division, Dr. AMM Shawkat Ali, signed the notes on behalf of their respective governments.

Japan has been providing Bangladesh with food aid under the Kennedy Round Food Aid programme every year. This year in consideration of the urgency of the requirement of the foodgrains and the magnitude of the devastation caused by the cyclone and tidal bore on April 29, the government of Japan promptly responded to provide this grant assistance to Bangladesh for purchase of wheat.

The amount of the food aid this year has been increased by 200 million yens over the last year's grant of 1,300 million

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**Chehlum**

Chehlum of architect Hasan Mustafa Huq Mura will be held tomorrow (Friday) after Jumma Prayers at his residence at House No-51, Road No 9/A, Dhammondhi, Dhaka.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the Chehlum.

Milad Mahfil on account of chehlum of Mrs Meherunnessa Abed, mother of Dr. Enayetullah of 53, Purana Paltan, Dhaka, will be held at her daughter's house at 8/1, Aurore Road, Mohammedpur (near Mohammedpur Thana) tomorrow (Friday).