

Dhaka Day by Day

When Arthritis Cannot Hold Back Artistic Urges

by Fayza Haq

A. A. Sultan had been a victim of arthritis for decades. But that was not the reason why he had abandoned his painting career years ago.

Thirty years back Sultan could not make ends meet with his painting alone. He had his first solo painting exhibition in '57 and had Zai-nul Abedin as his teacher and later his brother-in-law. Yet his contacts did not help him earn a living.

Now that his two grown-up daughters are well established abroad Sultan has indulged in the luxury of painting on a grand scale once again. In the bridging 30 years the artist had done scores of paintings and sold them overseas in places like USA.

But he never managed to accumulate enough pieces, or to gather the gumption to have a solo exhibit for a second time, until recently.

"Today the art movement is progressive and we have a few buyers. But these usually remain the French, German and other foreign patrons. The large commercial houses in Bangladesh could easily patronise local artists but they fail to do so except on rare occasions," said Mr. Sultan, who sold over 20 pieces out of his 39, to mostly European buyers.

Most of Sultan's work at his solo exhibition at the Goethe Institute appeared variations of the French Impressionists. He admitted being influenced by Van Gogh. He had used his palette knife and large quantities of decorative paints.

His "Kitchen Corner" was the conventional pleasing piece with a style that was a combination of Cubism and Impressionism. He had a corn cob, onions, a bottle of wine and dishes juxtaposed in a pleasant and entertaining manner. If and when it sat on someone's dining-room it certainly brightened up the surroundings.

"History and Horses" had the subject of cleaning of horses by the keeper. The blue and

purple horses reminded you of the animals in Picasso's works. In "Senorita with the Rooster" the style remained the same. It was an extremely colourful composition with the vermilion of the cock's head dominating the scene.

An elephant with its young one was depicted with deft strokes of pink and yellow. There was only a hint of a tree with the black sketches in the background. But it delineated the theme of the forest in the background quite aptly. Once again, the intention was to please the eye rather than teach a didactic lesson or convey some message of socio-economic or of political interest, which is what one finds in the works of young artists in Dhaka today.

"In Winter" showed a bare tree with dead leaves tossed about. It was done in a clever and skillful style, and the effect was pleasing to the eye. In the "Fishseller" despite the Cubistic attempt to delineate the subject, the piece had remarkable realism. The colours were once again buoyant and full of enthusiasm.

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Tk 135 cr hides, skin unsold

Bangladesh Tanners Association on Saturday urged the government to withdraw ban on export of wet blue leather, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at a hotel Mansur Ahmed, Chairman of the association said because of the ban on the export of the wet blue leather the leathers industry was on the verge of the extinction and the nation was being deprived of Taka 215 crore a year as export earnings.

Ahmed said, hides and skin worth Taka 135 crore had been lying in godowns since the ban in January 1990.

Alhaj Syedul Haq, Alhaj Shahajahan Vice-presidents of the association, Abdul Hye and other leaders were also present.

The leaders of the association demanded withdrawal of the certificate cases filed by different commercial banks against defaulting borrowers, formulation of the guidelines of the industry and, constitution of an enquiry committee, comprising representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, and industry to probe the prevailing situation in the industry.

70,000 children died in cyclone

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Human Rights Commission said that 70 thousand children died and other 30 thousand had become orphan in April 29 cyclone in the coastal areas.

The commission also expressed that the children of the Third World were neglected.

At a meeting held at its Purana Paltan office in the city on Saturday on the occasion of World Children Day, the speaker said that poverty, increase of children labourers, and lack of education and nutrition created a stumbling block in the progress of future generation.

Executive President of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission Dr. A. K. Khalilur Rahman presided over the meeting which was addressed, among others, by Monirul Chowdhury, Sajnuh Chowdhury, Tipu Sultan, Advocate Nazrul Islam, Abdul Matin, Farid Ahmed, Farhana Rahman Luna, Narayan Karmakar, Anwar Hossain and Hafez Ahmed Kawser.

Dacoit with arms held

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested one Makim Gazi alias Mott (38), a convict dacoit, with four fire arms and a huge quantity of stolen goods, in the city on Saturday, police said.

He escaped from Dhaka Central Jail with 12 others in last April during jail riot.

Makim Gazi was engaged in robbery in the city in guise of police.

Several cases were filed against Makim with different police stations.



Chairman of Upazila Chairman Association addressing a press conference at a local hotel on Saturday.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Moderate rain showers with moderately heavy falls accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Dhaka divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, and Khulna divisions, according to Met office forecast valid till Monday morning.

On Saturday the highest temperature recorded in Rajshahi was 34.2 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded in Dinajpur was 20.2 degree Celsius. They day temperature till Monday may fall by two to four degree Celsius.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rainfall may increase. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.11 am. Heavy rainfalls warning: Heavy to very heavy falls likely at a few places over Khulna, Chittagong and Dhaka divisions during the next 48 hours commencing 6 pm on Saturday.

Temperature and humidity of some Cities and Towns of the country on Saturday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Maximum	Minimum
Dhaka:	28.4	26.2
Chittagong:	30.8	26.6
Rajshahi:	34.2	23.3
Khulna:	27.3	26.2
Jessore:	20.8	26
Cox's Bazar:	29	25.5
Sylhet:	28.5	23.5
Comilla:	28.3	26.6
Barisal:	27	25
Ishwardi:	31.4	24
Srimongal:	29.4	23.5
Rangamati:	30.5	25.5



Abdur Rahman Biswas, Speaker of the Parliament and a founder-member (4th from right) addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Bangladesh Institute of Human Rights and Legal Affairs with Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, President of the Institute in the chair (first on left). Also on the dias are Barrister K S Nabi, Secretary-General, Khondkar Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Vice-President of the organisation, S I Khan, Chartered Accountant and Dr Mustafizur Rahman, an eminent eye specialist.

Call for united efforts to restore peace on campuses

By Staff Correspondent

Institute of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Bangladesh at a resolution of its Annual General Meeting Saturday expressed deep concern over the prevailing unrest at universities and appealed to all concerned for united efforts to restore peace and sanctity.

Held at a local hotel in the city, the AGM of the institute was chaired by Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, President of the organisation.

Another resolution of the meeting welcomed formation of a democratic government in the country through a free and fair elections and hoped that

this would usher in a new era of peace, stability and progress in all spheres of our national life.

The meeting expressed deep shock at the deaths caused by the recent devastating cyclone and tidal surge in the coastal belts and off-shore islands.

It also appreciated the 'sincere' effort of the government to bring the relief and succour to the distressed and suffering humanity.

The meeting also urged the government not to impose any fresh tax on the people in the ensuing budget and to observe

strict austerity in all spheres of the national in view of the severe economic crisis, caused by the cyclone.

The meeting was attended among others, by Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas, State Minister for Land Jamiruddin Sircar, and institute leaders including Justice Abdul Malek, MA Haider Choudhury, Barrister KS Nabi, SI Khan, Director of IFIC Bank Fazlur Rahman, heart specialist Dr. RK Khandaker, Eye specialist Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Advocate Salma Ali and Sayeeda Khan. At the outset, prayers were offered for the salvation of departed souls of the cyclone-victims.

TV Sunday

- 5:00 : Opening, Al Quran ;
- 5:15 : Reading from the Bible ;
- 5:20 : News in Bangla ;
- 5:30 : Jhili Mili : Songs programme ;
- 5:55 : Cartoon film- Abbot and Costella ;
- 6:20 : Sports programme ;
- 7:05 : Tagore Songs ;
- 8:00 : News in Bangla ;
- 8:30 : Prabaha ;
- 9:00 : Drama Series ;
- Oshin ;
- 10:30 : Programme on relief activities ;
- 10:40 : Rag Rong : Classical programme
- 11:30 : The News ;
- 11:45 : Closing.

Corrigendum

Bangladesh Agricultural Institute in a rejoinder to a report headlined 'Agri Instituted closed' which appeared on our Friday issue said, the news is not true. It said no such clashes among students took place. The examinations were suspended as per the decision of Bangladesh Agricultural University authorities.

Seminar on cyclone

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

3 killed in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

Three persons were killed and two others injured in different incidents in the city.

Torab Ali (30) a resident of Kalihati upazila of Tangail, was knocked down by a minibus near Purana Paltan while he was crossing the road. He was brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and died there. The killer bus was seized and the driver was arrested.

In another accident Kabir (18), a resident of Sabujbagh fell down from a tree at Kakrail Saturday morning. He was admitted to DMCH with serious head injury where he died.

Abul Kalam (10) was admitted to DMCH with severe abdominal pain while he was playing with his friends at Alukanda, Keraniganj on Wednesday evening. He died on Thursday night.

Two businessmen of Free School Street Jasim (22) and Jahangir (18) were trapped within their residence when dacoits attacked them with knife, ramdao and fire arms. The miscreants opened fire and also blasted crackers.

They however, managed to escape as local people rushed there.

Jasim received serious head injury and Jahangir was stabbed at his thigh. Both of them were admitted to DMCH.

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Plan to abolish post of UZ chairman slated

By Staff Correspondent

Upazila Parishad Chairman Samity on Saturday condemned the government's plan to abolish the post of Upazila Chairman terming the decision as undemocratic and unconstitutional.

Addressing a press conference held at a local restaurant in the city, Convener of the samity Feroze Kabir said that people of the country did not expect such a decision from a democratic government.

He told the conference that the association would hold a rally on June 7 in the capital to protest the plan.

People's aspirations will be thwarted if the post is abolished, he said, adding that chairmen were elected through free, fair and impartial

election held in March last year.

'It is a violation of people's right' Kabir said arguing that Upazila Parishad is a non political organisation through which local people can participate in the administrative function.

The Samity also demanded by-elections to 30 posts of Upazila Chairmen, fell vacant after parliamentary election as a number of chairmen contested for Member of Parliament.

The samity criticised the government for ignoring the chairmen in the coastal districts in relief a rehabilitation operation for the distressed people.

Joint Convener of the

samity Hafez Mukhter Hossain and Ahsanaullah also spoke at the conference.

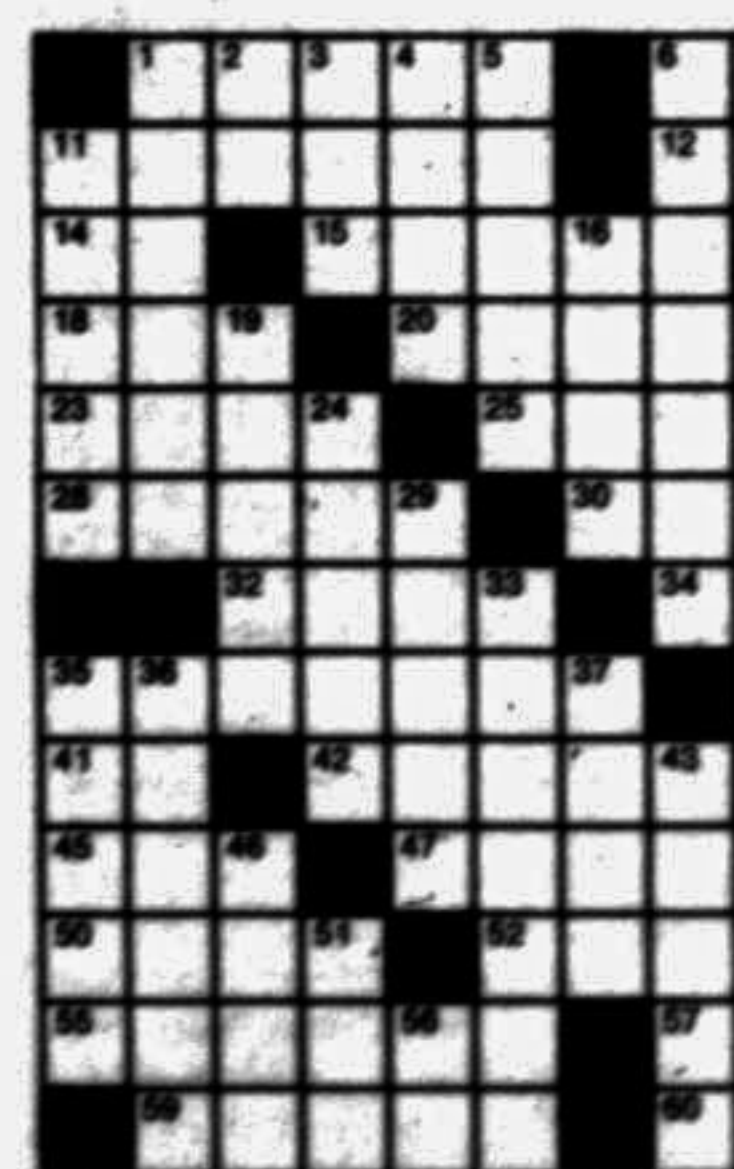
Among others, Upazila Chairmen Emdadul Haq, Ali Akbar, Maj (retd) Md. Jasim Uddin, Kabir Ahmed Khan Sadek, Md. Mahbubur Rahman and Sirajur Khan Rahman were present.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS
- 1 Jury list
 - 6 Bury
 - 11 Last act
 - 12 Loose
 - 14 Mr. Pacino
 - 15 Geradine
 - 16 Harrison and Harrison
 - 17 South
 - 18 African Dutch
 - 19 Kind
 - 20 Lowest point
 - 22 "Born in the..."
 - 23 House top
 - 25 Dips and
 - 27 Breeze
 - 27 Flamingo
 - 28 Young peasant
 - 30 Encounter
 - 32 Country of Asia
 - 34 Wines
 - 35 Beamish
 - 38 Leaks

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ROAN	SAP	CHAR
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DRAG	RES	EATS
SERAPE	STATUE	
TON	EON	
TEREVE	SYSTEM	
ELA	ORA	
ALPINE	FORMAT	
MEN	LIE	
ELOPES	ELECTS	
RENO	USE	FORE
IDES	ROY	EMIT
CAST	EGS	RAMS



- DOWN
- 1 "Talk"
 - 2 Newlay ID
 - 3 Short steep
 - 4 Verve
 - 5 Lauluf
 - 6 Interiors
 - 7 Bond
 - 8 Small child
 - 9 Brother of Jacob
 - 10 Cause
 - 11 Saccars
 - 12 Cent of thives
 - 16 Kind of cheese
 - 19 Australian
 - 21 Wallis
 - 24 Precipitous
 - 26 Precipitous
 - 29 Famed
 - 31 Mental images
 - 33 Indefinite number
 - 35 Bridges
 - 36 Sets firmly
 - 37 Nerve network
 - 39 Trimmed
 - 40 Prophets
 - 43 Hot wine drink
 - 46 Intertwine
 - 48 Flaw
 - 51 Meters
 - 53 Fitnesshood
 - 56 Myself
 - 58 Tellurium symbol

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সম্পূর্ণ শপ ইঞ্জি
বাজারে
বিদেশে সংযোজিত
কোনো সনি
টেলিভিশন নেই!

স্বনিদূরত মানুষের পাশে স্যামসং
বিতর্কিত স্পার বগস স্পোর্টস টেলিভিশন
স্যামসং-এর সৌজন্যে দেখুন
স্বনিদূরত সনি স্পোর্টস টেলিভিশন।



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 - চ্যানেল কন্ট্রোল ডিএইচএফ: ২২-২১২ চ্যানেলস
ইউএইচএফ: ২১-২৬৯ চ্যানেলস
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