When Paintings Fail to Bring Home the Bread

by Fayza Haq

were also unusual.

work.

birds, flowers, and animals. The themes were

nothing dramatic. The beauty lay in the fact

that they were not entirely realistic. The

leaves, birds and plants all had a smudged ef-

fect, which the artist had picked up from Chi-

na, where he had obtained his bachelor's de-

gree. The proportions of his flowers and birds

cial way. He uses the paper he has brought

back from China. A friend of his, on vacation in

Dhaka, brought him 100 more pieces of this

unique paper. "The trick is not to let it dry and

not to move it while it is still wet. Next I apply

flour and 'tuita' boiled together with a brush. I

then place a paper at the back to give the orig-

inal piece strength. I dry it on the wall and

then cut it to size, " he explained about his

black paint with him, which he uses lavishly.

His other paints are all foreign such as

"Windsor and Newton", "Guitar" or "Panda".

The artist first wets his paper with a thick Chi-

As for colours, he has brought gallons of

nese brush ."When

you work on the wet

paper the painting

has to be very

swift", the artist

"Manju" as he is bet-

ter known among his

colleagues, hates to

admit that he gains

very little from his

exhibits, as he feels

that if he stresses

too much on this, his

students back in Raj-

shahi would get de-

pressed and deject-

ed, and would

branch out to some

commercial work

that would bring

the fact that paint-

ers, writers and

poets in the past

have had to suffer

and struggle but this

gives me little com-

fort," Talukdar com-

mented.

"I am aware of

quick returns.

Talukdar or

stressed.

The painter prepares his material in a spe-

Abdul Matin Talukdar had a fascinating exhibition of watercolours at the Goethe Institut. What was eye catching and new in the dis-

play were the nudes. In the last two years the young Dhaka artists have not gone in for much figure work - and certainly not nudes - unless

presented as minute sketches.

Figure 24 was a voluptuous piece, as moving as any made recently in the Subcontinent or Europe. The style was universal. Along with his favourite black the artist had used touches of brown and red to highlight his work. There was nothing shocking or vulgar about his piece. It appeared as natural as the trees and the wind that surround us. The young woman's long tresses formed a good setting for the face, breast and limbs. The curves of the body had been done with precise care and in fine de-

The paper had been crumpled after the drawing had been made in Figure 21. The artist had added colour and then opened up the paper. Here too the woman's figure was rounded and delectable as a Renoir piece. It was de-

lightful even though viewed from the back. "I believe that if nudes merge with the background the effect is subtle," the artist added. When straightened out there were no crumples finally left on the paper. With the folds of the paper the texture that was formed added interest to the figure painting.

The artist had first done the outline with the brush in Figure 22. Sometimes the figure appeared dark and at others light. He had wetted the space of the figure with the brush before filling it with colours. Along with black the painter had used blue and green. At times he added touches of

The face and body of the woman was completely turned away in figure 19. Yet it was perfectly delightful." If I

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hails budget

Parishad Monday hailed the

national budget and said it was

a pragmatic one in considera-

tion of the present socio-eco-

nomic and political situation.

President of the organisa-

tion Prem Ranjan Dev and Vice

President Sudhin Roy Narayan

in a joint statement said the

expectation of the people was

more on the present demo-

cratic government and the

budget had shown positive di-

rection in materialising the

democratic spirit of the peo-

reports BSS.

Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu

had kept the clothes on I would not have been able to express the beauty of the woman's body ". Talukdar commented. His "Dead Warrior" had the Liberation War in mind. The different colours in the back-

ground stood for various memories. "Dream of Freedom" showed a man lying down and indulging in flights of fancy. The human anatomy had been carefully delineated. The background had used a lot of red, blue and black. The subject of the recent cyclone was

brought into "Victims". The anguish, suffering and the despair of the cyclone had been shown with tremendous impact, although the artist had used only grey, black and yellow. Talukdar had done many paintings of

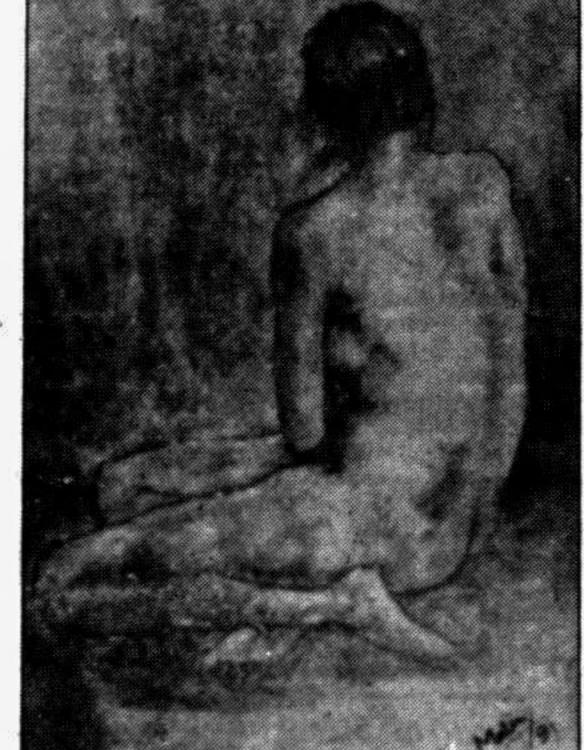


Figure Study

Six months ago he had held another solo exhibition at the Soviet Culture Centre, but he had sold only five pieces. This time, despite Tk 10,000 spent by the Goethe Institut and Tk 8,000 which he spent himself on 500 catalogues alone, he has

dous regret.

so far sold only two items. "There is no commercial job to be had in Rajshahi to supplement the Tk 1,500 which I get as my monthly salary. And that pay too is not regular. Since I have to rely on my father for a living, it is not easy at my age. My parents are constantly arguing with me to abandon this Fine Arts job and go in for something steady and paying," Talukdar confided with tremen-

It would be a pity if artists with talent took to abandoning the country or took refuge in commercial work.

Milk & Migration

FM visits Moscow July 9

Possibility of garments exports may be explored

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will pay a four-day official visit to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) from July 9, it was officially announced in Dhaka on Monday, reports

The visit will take place at the invitation of the Soviet Foreign Minister A A Bessmertnyth.

Mustafiz, during his stay in Moscow, will discuss with his Soviet counterpart and other officials, matters relating to bilateral interests, particularly expansion of trade and economic cooperation, said a senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

They will also exchange views on regional and international issues of common con-

Additional Foreign Secretary A H Mahmood Ali told UNB that there exists a good market for Bangladeshi goods. specially garments in the Soviet Union.

Parties patronise hooligans: CPB

By Staff Correspondent Saifuddin Ahmed Manik.

General Secretary of Communist Party on Monday critisised the budget placed by Finance Minister terming it as 'Ershad style budget'.

He said this budget would deteriorate living standard of people as it was what he said prescribed by World Bank and other donor countries.

He was addressing a rally in front of its central office in the city on Monday organised on the occasion of 'demand day' of the party. Manik also demanded implementation of joint declaration of three alliances to establish an accountable government.

Demanding autonomy of television and radio he stressed the need for bringing back normalcy in the educational institutions.

Manik said terrorist activities by armed hooligans under the patronisation of different political parties should be stopped immediately.

The rally presided over by Maniruzzaman, General Secretary, Dhaka City Unit and it was also addressed by Habibuddin. Later a procession of the party paraded the city

Signed in the Soviet capital last year, the 19th Barter protocol, set trade target at 14 million pound sterling each

Bangladesh exports jute, jute goods, tea, leather, skins and garments to the USSR and mainly imports machinery and equipment from that country. The balance of trade is in

favour of Bangladesh. Soviet Union provided assistance in establishing Ghorasal Thermal Power Station and G

E M Plant in Chittagong. The last high level visit took place in 1987 when the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Roganchev visited Dhaka.

UZ Chairmen rally in city July 7

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Upazila Parishad

Chairman Samity on Monday ended its three-day protest meetings and demonstrations which were started all over the country from June 15 in protest against the government move to abolish the posts of Upazila Chairmen.

The samity decided to hold a grand rally of Upazila Chairmen in the city on July 7. Speakers in the protest meetings said that it would be an undemocratic move if the Chairmen who were elected by people are removed from their legal positions.

Awarded PhD



Begum Selima Khaleque, lecturer of bengali, Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Phi-

of the University of Dhaka recently for her thesis entitled "Jasim Uddin-er Kabita: Alankar O Chitrakalpa (Rhetoric and Images in the Poems of Poet Jasim Uddin).

Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman. Professor and former Chairman of the Department of Bengali, Dhaka University, was her research supervisor. This is for the first time that research was undertaken on the Rhetoric and Images of Poet Jasim Uddin.

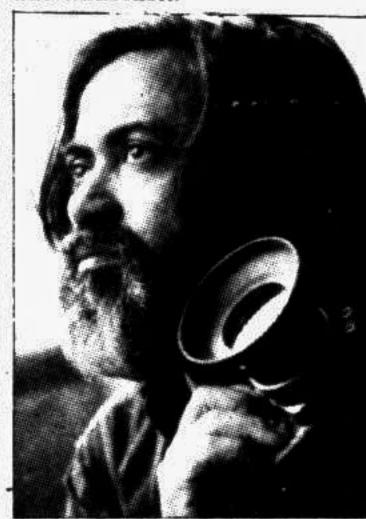
Dr Begum Selima is the wife of M A Khaleque Bhutyan, Director Public Relations and Publications, Bangladesh T&T

- the prize-winning photo

Anwar Hossain bags gold for photography

Eminent Bangladeshi photographer Anwar Hossain has received the prestigious VFF gold medal in the VBF International Salon of Photography in Belgium recently.

He has been awarded this rare honour for his black and white photograph "Milk & migration, Malaysia" symbolising the eternal pain of Third World children. More than 200 eminent photographers from 25 countries participated in this exhibition.



Anwar Hossain It is worth mentioning here

that this is the 51st international award for Anwar Hossain, who is the Secy. Gen of Bangladesh Federation of photography as well as the Vice-President of the Federation of Film Societies. Photo-artist Anwar Hossain has also been recently honoured for his photo-book "a journey through Bangladesh" and his contributions to world photography with the coveted titles ARPS from UK and AFIAP from Belgium and ASIIPC from

Fake Lt Col arrested

By Staff Correspondent A fake Lt. Col was arrested on Saturday from a video shop in Rampura.

One Kawsar Hossain came to a video shop at 356, East Rampura and wanted to hire a VCR by introducing him as a Lt

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30 Bangladeshis detained in Iraq

Thirty Bangladeshis have been detained in Iraq following the Gulf war, an official said in Dhaka on Monday, reports

The Foreign Ministry official said the government had made necessary arrangements to repatriate them from captivity in Baghdad.

"They were taken to custody on various charges following the Gulf war," he said, quoting information received from the Iraqi capital.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has agreed to provide Amman-

Dhaka air tickets to help Bangladeshi bring the detenus back home.

The government will bear other expenditure, the official

IOM sponsored flights to ferry about 40,000 Bangladeshi expatriates from the Gulf to Dhaka after the last August 2 occupation of oil-rich Kuwait

by neighbouring Iraq. A number of Bangladeshis have recently fled Iraq and crossed into Jordon in a fresh exodus from the war-torn country.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that to facilitate journey of the passengers on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Azha special Ferry service has been arranged at Daudkandi Ferry Ghat on Dhaka-Daudkandi Road. Ferry service will remain suspended only for Eid Namz for 2 (Two) hours from 8-00 am to 10-00 am on the Eid

Passengers are earnestly requested to get down from their vehicle before loading on Ferry, to cooperate with the staff of Ferry and to embark on and alight from the Ferry in a disciplined way.

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Separate jails for convicts, under trial prisoners The Government is consid-

ering the proposals for the construction of a prison for the convicted and security prisoners at Kashipur in Gazipur and another prison for the under trial prisoners at Tegharia under Keraniganj Upazila in Dhaka by shifting the Dhaka Central Jail in those two places, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia told Parliament on

Monday, reports BSS. Replying to a question from Mansur Ahmed (AL-Satkhira) Begum Khaleda Zia, who is also in charge of the Home Ministry said the proposals would be implemented subject to the availability of necessary fund.

Answering a supplementary, the Prime Minister said the government also had in mind building a special prison for the political prisoners.

Replying to a supplementary from Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon on whether the present Dhaka Central Jail where leaders like Moulana Bhasani, Bangabandhu Shetkh Mujtbur Rahman and many others had spent long times while fighting for the cause of the people would be converted into a museum, the Prime Minister said a decision on the issue would be taken by



all parties together.

Death anniversary

The 10th anniversary of the death of Dr Muhammad Belayet Hossain a physician of Pabna will be held tomorrow (Wednesday).

Dr Belayet Hossain obtained DTM from All-India Institute of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Calcutta in 1936. He served as District Health Officer, Pabna. He was also an Instructor of Public Health in the erst-while Village Aid Institute and National Development and Training Institute from where he retired in 1962.

A day-long programme includes Khatm-e-Quran, Milad Mahfil and a discussion meeting on the life and activities of Dr Belayet Hossain and feeding of the destitutes will also be held at his Sadhupara residence at Pabna while Khatm-e-Quran and Milad Mahfil will be held at the residence of his 2nd son Hossain Kommol, Chief Sub-Editor of the Bangladesh Times at 10/C Segunbagicha, Dhaka, after Asr prayers.

Gusty wind likely

Weather

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or Thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with a few moderately heavy fall is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka. Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at many places over Rajshahi division till Wednesday morning. Meteorological Department reports.

Heavy rainfall warning: Heavy to very heavy fall likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka and Chittagong and the region of Khulna, Barisal and Patuakhali during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm on Monday.

Heavy to light rain occurred at most places over the country on Sunday which were recorded at Kutubdia 40 mm. Matjdi Curt 34 mm, Hatia 22 mm, Faridpur 18 mm, Tangail 12 mm, Chandpur 9 mm and Feni 8 mm.

On Sunday the highest temperature recorded at Jessore was 35.7 degrees Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Sylhet was 23 degrees Celsius. The day temperature till Wednesday may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days : No marked changes. The Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6.48 pm and rises tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.12 am.

Temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of the country on Monday were :

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