

# Dhaka Day by Day

## The Lense Says It All

by Fayza Haq

THE devastating cyclone has come and gone. But people will not forget it even if it is only because the lenses of shutterbuggers have recorded it for all time.

Seven photographers banded together and had an exhibition at the Alliance Francaise, with the title "After the Storm". These included Dr Shahidul Alam, Stephen Perry, Shehzad Noorani, Peter Fenton, Nafis Ahmed Nafis, Nafis Ahmed Nafis, Nafis Ahmed Nafis, and Mohammed Mizan.

Stephen Perry, born in '61 at Calgary (Canada) had four entrees which were all laudable. His photographic technique was purely self taught. He was, however, involved in a camera club at High School. He was respon-

sible for food distribution at Hatiya (Noakhali) and all his pictures dealt with this place and the problems the people faced.

Perry's piece captioned "Water Water Everywhere....." showed how Hatiya island had been turned into a giant salt water pond 3 to 4 feet deep. The rotting carcasses of cattle and humans floating in the fields made the water unsuitable even for washing. The photo showed how a small boy in Oshkhali had collected water from the nearest deep-sea pump on a bamboo raft that he had made himself.

Another interesting entree by Perry was the photo of the engineer drying travel money on a lantern. He went down with a boat carrying relief goods and was rescued from the sea. The inside of the cot, lantern and other necessities of life.

Peter Fenton, 26, born at Hull, a volunteer with CARE, was another amateur photographer in the group. His interest in Bangladesh began with his learning Rabindrasangeet in Leeds. "I followed my teacher Benu to Bangladesh and fell in love with the country and stayed on to be an information cum training officer," he recounted.

When in Chittagong with CARE, he found himself mentally and physically tired at the end of three weeks of non-stop work. Fenton depicted in one of his photographs how helicopters had played a special role in the relief operations when there were no other means of communication to many places. He showed how they carried food, water and life saving drugs and even ferried critical patients to medical centres.

Talking about the problems of photography, Fenton spoke of the limited good quality processing, and the fact that one cannot easily get a variety of films. He also spoke of how due to the temperature and humidity the film and slides had to be kept in the refrigerator and in air conditioned rooms. Lacking these "I just have to put up with the lower quality," he commended.

Shehzad Noorani, who was one of the major contributors to the success of the show, began

photography in '84. He too is a self-taught photographer yet his daily income today as a freelancer is Tk 3,500. Sometimes he makes money solely through the sale of his copyright. Although he has not attended any photography school he has always wanted to be a photographer. He had two interesting entrees, one a portrait of a destitute girl, whose home had been swept away by the cyclone. The other was a depiction of the making of "roti" for distribution in Cox's Bazaar.

Many of the main entrees were that of 36-year-old Dr Shahidul Alam. He has been a member of the Bangladesh Photographic Society since '84 and has been involved with

DRIK since '89. Dwelling on the problems he faced while photographing the scenes of the aftermath of the cyclone he said, "There was the matter of mobility. At first I didn't know where to go and how to get there. I faced the problems of food and water like everyone else. This was my first experience of aerial photo."

Speaking about the state of photography in Bangladesh he commented, "The average person is not aware of good photography and doesn't appreciate this art as a functional medium. There is also a dearth of availability of quality materials and professional photographic service." He won the Harvey Harris trophy and the Norvel shield in '83.

Among the important contributions by him was the picture of two sisters, who had come a long way to collect relief goods at Bheulamanik Char.

Another of the shutterbuggers in the stimulating exhibition was 33-year-old Mohammed Mizan. He had studied photography in the Soviet Union in a polytechnical institute. He has joined workshops run by Richard Kaplan of USA and Peter Fry of UK. He has also done a film appreciation course. He remains yet another individual who has turned his hobby into a career.

Mizan, who has had exhibitions in the Soviet Union, New Zealand and some Far Eastern countries, has been making TV documentaries for NGOs. He is basically a photographer but he has turned to working with the video for a living.

He too spoke of the problems of marketing and getting assignments in Bangladesh. "It is difficult to be a freelancer here", was his observation. In one of his entrees he showed a man working well after sunset in Cox's Bazaar, making his home, a shelter for himself and those around him.

Yet another photographer, whose contribution was essential for the success of the exhibition was 28-year-old Shaiful Alam. His pictures too were ones dealing with the rebuilding of lives after the cyclone.

The photo display was sponsored by the Canadian High Commission, CARE, DRIK and two other organisations.



Shahidul Alam/DRIK/CARE

## Faulty embankments cause flooding in 'protected areas'

Speakers at a seminar in Dhaka on Saturday opined that the primary objective for development of Flood Control and Drainage (FCD) facilities was to establish condition for the adoption of high yielding variety (HYV) and fertilizer technology, reports BSS.

The speakers were addressing a seminar on "Impact of Flood Control and Drainage Projects on Bangladesh Agriculture," held Saturday afternoon at the seminar hall of the Institution of Engineers.

The seminar was jointly organised by the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Dhaka Centre, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and International Group (IG) Bangladesh.

IEB former President Engineer M F A Siddiqui attended the seminar as chief guest, and Prof Hamidur Rahman Khan of IEB presented the key-note paper on the topic while IEB, Dhaka centre Chairman Engineer A K Azad presided.

The discussion on the key-note paper was participated by a panel of experts including Arifur Rahman Khan of Bangladesh Water Development Board, Tutar Rahman Khan, Chief Engineer, master plan organisation, Dr Kazi Shahabuddin of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), D. Sajjad Rashid, of the Department of Geography, Dhaka University and Prof Anun Nishat, Department of Water Resources, BUET.

In his paper Prof H R Khan said FCD projects in Bangladesh did not produce noticeable benefits.

Listing a number of reasons for poor functioning of FCD projects Prof Khan said frequent breaches in embankments due to river erosion and public cuts had caused flooding in "protected areas."

Besides, he said, inadequate design standards and specifications for embankments along medium and minor rivers had also caused frequent failures to stop flooding.



Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University visiting polling centres during JUCSU and Hall Union polls on Saturday. Related story on page 1

## Science, technology week begins

# 150 young scientists take part in national contest

More than 150 young scientists from 64 districts are displaying their innovations at the central competition of the 14th National Science and Technology Week, now being held at the Science Museum premises at Agargaon in the city, reports BSS.

These young competitors got first positions in both senior and junior groups at the district level competitions, held in January this year. About 35,000 budding scientists, representing different schools, colleges and science clubs,

participated in different activities of the week, including the competitions on innovations.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated the central competition at the Science Museum this morning.

Indigenous resources and waste materials were used in most of the innovative projects at the competition.

M Atiqul Alam from Setu Science Club, Rangpur manufactured low cost sand paper using the wastes of metal foundries as the basic raw materials.

He also prepared a gum by himself from fish scales. The gum is required for fixing the powdered foundry wastes on the paper to get the sand paper.

Kazi Mahfuzul Karim of Pabna Zila School has demonstrated a project where electrolysis of water creates water vapour which pushes water from underground reservoirs into overhead tanks. He claimed that this low cost system could push water upto 34 feet high and would be suitable for use at the upazila headquarters.

Eman-ul-Huq of Feni Government Pilot High School has manufactured carbon paper from the carbon rod of used dry cell batteries.

M Monir Hossain of K K Government School Munshiganj has developed automatic fire extinguisher which reacts at the smoke and heat and go into action.

Atiqur Rahman and Rajiv of Bigghyan Khelaghar, Shantinagar, have innovated digital thermometer while Tanjinur Rahman of Chetana Biggan Club, Korotia, developed a variety of rice called 'patan' suitable for cultivation in saline water.

Abdullah al-Mamun of Ibra-Tahmia High School, Comilla has innovated Bangla Telegraph system where Bangla alphabet are transmitted in telegraphic codes.

Majid-ul-Haq said 50 million US dollars were required for protecting five major towns of Bangladesh from river erosion. He sought cooperation and assistance from foreign countries in this regard.

He stressed on greater cooperation among the River Research Institute at Faridpur and similar Institutes of China.

Programmes on training and research activities among those institutes will increase knowledge and expertise of our engineers and river experts, he said.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA conducts SHORT COURSE IN ENGLISH a 60-hour course open to outsiders

## What's on today . . . .

### Lecture on cancer control

Dr Stephan Tanneberger, MD, PhD, Professor of Medical Oncology and Representative of the World Health Organisation (WHO) will speak on "Cancer Control Today" at the premises of Ahsania Mission Cancer Centre, House No 57, Road No 27 (old), Dhanmondi Residential Area in the city today (Sunday) at 7.30 pm. Interested medical practitioners have been requested to attend the lecture.

### Rapport seminar on salesmanship

M Mosharrar Hossain, Managing Director of Rapport Bangladesh Limited, Management Consultants and Trainers, will inaugurate management training programmes on 'salesmanship' and 'practice and law of banking' today (Sunday) at 3 pm and 5 pm respectively. Sponsored by Rapport, the programmes will be held at the Rapport Seminar Hall at 98, Malibagh (DIT road) in the city.

### Civil servants' meet

A meeting of the central executive committee of Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination Committee has been convened today (Sunday) at 5 pm at the Council Room of the Institution of Engineers. All members have been requested to attend the meeting.

### BATA conference against VAT

Bangladesh Anamel Traders Association (BATA) has arranged a press conference against imposition of the Value Added Tax (VAT) at the VIP lounge of the Jatiya Press Club today (Sunday) at 7 in the evening.

The BATA leaders will brief the newsmen on the impact of imposition of VAT on anamel trading in the country.

### SIPHSa Eid reunion

A general meeting followed by Eid reunion of Smoking and Intoxicant Preventive Human Service Association (SIPHSa) will be held today (Sunday) at 5 pm at Malibagh Biponi Bitan (First Floor) in the city.

Members of the SIPHSa have been requested to attend the meeting in due time.

### Rotary Club meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka West will be held today (Sunday) at 5.30 pm at Hotel Sonargaon in the city. Clare Humphrey, a consultant from the USA, will be the chief guest on the occasion.

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### DU officers' strike

The Dhaka University Officers Association (DUOA) observes one-day work abstention tomorrow (Monday) demanding fulfilment of its 13-point demand.

The university officers will hold a meeting at the Seminar Room of the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) on the day (Monday) at 10 am and announce its next course of action from the meeting.

The 13-point demands include: Revision of the officers' downgraded pay-scale, officers' representations in various bodies including the Senate and the Syndicate and materialise the principles relating to the officers' promotions earlier approved by the Syndicate.

### Jatiya Sramik Party

An emergency meeting of the Jatiya Sramik Party central committee is scheduled to be held tomorrow (Monday) at 4 pm at the party's central office at 123 New Kakrail Road, Shantinagar, in the city. All the central committee members have been requested to attend the meeting. NA

## Weather

### Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind with a few moderately heavy fall is likely at most places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Khulna divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Sunday.

Met office said day temperature during the period is expected to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Meanwhile, many parts of the country experienced widespread rainfall during the last 12 hours till 6 pm Saturday with the highest 62 mm recorded at Bogra. Bhola had 58 mm, Cox's Bazar 32, Dhaka 20, Rangpur 12, Dinajpur 10, Sylhet and Faridpur 5 each, Rangamati 4, Mymensingh 2 and Rajshahi 1 mm rain during the same period.

Saturday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 32 degree Celsius and the minimum was 26 degree.

Percentage of humidity was 83 in the morning and 88 in the evening.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: No marked change.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.51 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.17 am.

The temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of the country on Saturday were:

Cities/Towns Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
max	min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32	26	83
Chittagong	31.4	26.6	78
Khulna	34.8	26.4	86
Rajshahi	30.6	24.6	95
Bogra	29	24.1	100
Jessore	35	23.8	84
Sylhet	32	25	80.7
Barisal	29	24.4	86
Cox's Bazar	28.6	25.5	89
Rangpur	28.6	25	100
Comilla	32	26	90

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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## Steps to popularise potato

The government will take various steps to popularise potato rich in vitamins A and C, as one of the food items and decided to make some recommendations in this regard, reports BSS.

This was stated at a meeting of the cabinet sub-committee on "potato" held with Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury in the chair.

State Minister for Information Nurul Huda, State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda, Agriculture Secretary K M Rabbani, Food Secretary Ataul Haq and concerned high officials of the different ministries attended the meeting.

## TV Sunday

- 5-00: Opening announcement, Al-Quran.
- 5-15: Reading from the Bible.
- 5-20: News in Bengali.
- 5-30: Jhilmili: Songs programme.
- 5-55: Cartoon film: Abbot and Costella.
- 6-20: Sports programme.
- 7-05: Tagore songs.
- 8-00: News in Bengali.
- 8-30: Probaho.
- 9-00: Drama series: Oshin.
- 10-00: News in English.
- 10-25: Parliament round up.
- 10-40: Rag Rong: Classical programme.
- 11-30: The News.
- 11-40: Monday's programme, verses from Al-Quran, closing, national flag, and national anthem.

WE REMEMBER TODAY

WE REMEMBER TODAY WITH FOND MEMORIES, OUR DEAR MOTHER, MRS. AYESHA AZIZ, ON HER SIXTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY. FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND WELL WISHERS ARE REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR HER ETERNAL PEACE.

MAJ. GEN. NURUL ISLAM (RETD.)

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