

Dhaka Day by Day

All Out to Delight

by Fayza Haq

Jamal Ahmed, in his exhibition at 'La Galerie', 'Banani', is all out to please the viewer. He has no ambition of trying to instruct or guide nor does he have pedantic sociological or economic message in his pieces. 'I try to use colours that please the eye. I also want to depict the specialities of Bangladesh,' the artist comments.

'Every year I go abroad and have an exhibition to ensure a living. I've been to the Scandinavian countries, Poland and Japan. There the people are not aware of the fact that the artists can turn out delightful pieces. They have a fixed idea that Bangladesh is a poor country assailed by floods, cyclones and famines. They marvel at something creative, imaginative, interesting or sophisticated from this place. I feel proud that I can tell the world outside about my country, so that they have some notion of the standard of civilization and culture, despite the rampant poverty,' Jamal says.



Old Man with Sharinda

While in Japan from '82 to '86 Jamal learnt the technique of drawing with a pencil in such a way that it appears like water-colour. 'You draw, erase and rub, and draw again, mixing and mingling the lines, curves and strokes,' he explains his technique.

'Two Dogs' is a fascinating composition of a simple theme of two animals playing. It is modern, vigorous and imaginative. 'Old Man With Sharinda' has all the grandeur of folk music being performed by an expert. The difference in light and shade is magnificently displayed.

Also done with pencil is 'A Religious Woman' which is a portrait of a lady with a 'burqa', her clothes and her body have been clearly delineated. Similarly, 'Man With Umbrella' is another fine pencil sketch which has the village chairman in mind. The portrait has been done with skill and care. 'Rest' shows the old musician at repose. His features, clothes, and musical instrument are once more shown with great sensitivity.

'Model and Artist' depicts a voluptuous and attractive young woman in the nude, seen from the back. There is all the splendour of the hints of a colourful settee, rug and chair to go with the beauty. The depiction of the artist is done with marvellous deft, quick strokes. The two pieces, framed together, side by side, pulsate with life.

This piece could be seen as universal: It could have taken place in Bangladesh or anywhere else in the world.

'Going Home' has a family of fishermen crossing the shore to return home. This is done in an Impressionistic manner. There is the river and a boat at the back, and sandy reef in the foreground. This is a typical Bangladeshi scene.

'Fishing' in water-colour, on handmade paper, shows fishermen working in the early morning. The delineation of the water with the economic strokes, and the depiction of the men at work, have a tranquillising effect on the viewer. 'Fishermen' in mixed media shows men at work with the vast expanse of the grey-blue river in the background.

'Man Racing with a Horse' in acrylic has a sense of speed and action. The blues and greens in the background make the man on the horse, the subject, stand out boldly and beautifully.

'Man with Horse—II' has action that makes you almost dizzy. The inspiration is from photographs. A lot of imagination has also gone in to give the semi-abstract effect.

'Man with a Horse—II' is Impressionistic, once again, and is a riot of colours and has a tremendous sense of action. The dark man is well outlined by the white horse. The completely abstract composition 'No 17' is in acrylic. There is a burst of delightful reds and greens with a central dot of green to hold your focus. It is indeed a delightful optimistic piece that will drive away any blues.

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What's on today...

NMA founding anniversary

The founding anniversary of the National Management Association (NMA) will take place at the auditorium of Planning and Development Academy, Babupura, Nilkhet, in the city today (Thursday) at 4 pm.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will grace the occasion as the chief guest. State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda and Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof M Shamsul Haq will be the special guests. NMA President Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury will be in the chair.

Seminar on Korea's reunification

The Bangladesh National Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification will hold a seminar at the National Press Club auditorium today (Thursday) at 3 pm.

Workers Party General Secretary Rashed Khan Menon will chair the seminar.

Student bodies press confce

Eight 'progressive' student organisations have called a joint press conference at Madhu's Canteen today (Thursday) at 11 am to announce their next course of action.

Those convened the press conference are: Chhatra League (N-S), Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Chhatra Moitra, Chhatra Federation, Chhatra League (S-S), Gonotantrik Chhatra Union and Chhatra Samity.

Homeo students' gathering

Homeo Medical Students Unity Council and Homeo Professionals Association will jointly hold a grand-rally in front of the National Press Club today (Thursday) at 11 am to press their various demands.

The rally will be followed by submission of separate memoranda to the Prime Minister at 1 pm and to the Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor at 3 pm.

The demands include: nationalisation of the country's homeo education, appointment of homeo doctors in the government services, fixation of salaries to the teachers and staff of the homeo colleges as per government pay scale and re-introduction of the DU's homeo medical centre.

Rotary Club meet

The 33rd regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held today (Thursday) at 5.15 pm at 'Chilling Restaurant' at Uttara in the city.

Members have been requested to attend.

...and tomorrow

Udichi conference

The ninth national conference of the cultural organisation 'Udichi' will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 10 am at the Shilpakala Academy in the city.

Poetess Begum Sufia Kamal will inaugurate the conference as the chief guest.

The session will also be addressed by Poet Shamsur Rahman and actor Asaduzzaman Noor.

Over one thousand workers of the organisation from across the country will attend the conference to be concluded on September 29.

Mass Communication Forum

The Mass Communication Forum of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University, in collaboration with the 'shabdarup' will hold a discussion meeting on an audio cassette containing recitation from Bengali poems of past 400 years tomorrow (Friday) at 4 pm at the TSC of the DU. The cassette is titled 'Ottitvir Ongkar-2'.

Prof Kabir Choudhury will chair the discussion meeting. Other discussants on the occasion include: Dr Golam Rahman, Chairman of the Journalism Department, Golam Morshed, Convener of the 'shabdarup', DU Teacher Naren Biswas, Sardar Fazul Karim, and Kamal Lohani, Director General of the Shilpakala Academy.



The Pakistan Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Yasturul Haq Malik who arrived in Dhaka Wednesday morning on a three-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh called on the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral MM Islam at the Naval Headquarters.

DMC exams begin today

All measures have been taken for holding all the professional examinations of Dhaka Medical College (under Dhaka University) from today, a press release of the college said, reports BSS.

The intending examinees have been asked to appear in the examinations.

Health Minister off to Maldives

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf left here Wednesday for Maldives to attend the 9th meeting of ministers of Health of South East Asia region, reports BSS.

Director General Health Services Prof MAT Siddique accompanied the minister.

Weather

Day temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Met office on Wednesday forecast rain or thundershower with temporary gusty wind and a few moderately heavy falls may occur at most places over Chittagong and Rajshahi Divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Khulna Divisions during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm Wednesday.

Day temperature may fall by one to four degree Celsius.

Rajshahi experienced the highest rainfall 147 mm in 12 hours on Wednesday while it was 72 mm at Tangail, 62 mm at Feni, 35 mm each at Chittagong, Sylhet and Bhola, 58 mm at Srirangal, 39 mm at Patuakhali, 23 mm at Sandwip, and 14 mm at Dhaka.

Sun set at Dhaka on Thursday at 5-52 pm and sunrise Friday at 5-49 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage

	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	28.5	24.6	95	88
Chittagong	29.0	23.8	86	92
Rajshahi	31.2	23.6	89	100
Khulna	28.5	24.6	98	93
Dinajpur	31.4	24.5	87	95
Bogra	30.4	23.9	99	99
Barisal	28.0	23.8	100	95
Feni	27.3	22.8	97	100
Sylhet	25.2	22.0	97	98



Parbatta Chhatragram Bangalee Chhatra-Gana Parishad holding a rally in the city Wednesday demanding trial of the members of Shantibahini for subversive activities.

Khaleda urged to initiate war against poverty in S Asia

The steering members of Independent Group for South Asian Cooperation Wednesday called upon Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to give leadership in initiating war against poverty in the South Asian region, reports BSS.

The members who called on the Prime Minister at her secretariat office expressed their belief that with the collective ability of the nations in the region and Begum Zia's political vision, experience and acumen, poverty — the most common and major problem of this region — could be removed.

They recalled the great contribution of late President Ziaur Rahman to bring SAARC, which was in fact his brain child, into reality for the betterment of 100 crore people of this region. The IGSAAC members hoped that Begum Zia as the worthy successor of Shaheed President Zia would also make significant and remarkable contribution to the uplift of the millions of people of this region.

They urged the Prime Minister to highlight the importance of eliminating poverty from the region in the coming SAARC summit to be held in November in Colombo.

The Prime Minister appreciated the IGSAAC members' concern for eliminating poverty with united efforts and assured them of her all out cooperation in making the SAARC a success.

The meeting also discussed women's development, environment issues and rural development and trade promotion in the region.

IGSAC was constituted in 1990 in Nepal with one eminent people each from seven South Asian countries to give dynamism to the development efforts of SAARC member countries.

The steering members of the IGSAAC are former Bangladesh Foreign Secretary AKH Morshed, former Indian Foreign Secretary MK Ragotra, former Economic Adviser of Pakistan Prime Minister Dr Akmal Hossain, former Finance Minister of Nepal Dr Bhekh B Thapa, former Senior Bureaucrat of Sri Lanka Dr P Wignaraja, Foreign Minister of Bhutan L Dawa Tsering and Foreign Secretary of Maldives IH Zaki.

Australia offers more scholarships

Australia will offer more scholarships to Bangladeshi students for next year, says a press release.

In addition to existing Australian Government Scholarship Schemes for undergraduate and postgraduate students from developing countries, the Australian Development Cooperation Scholarship Scheme, (ADCSS) will operate next year through the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB). The new scheme is a once only, special program to help eligible students in developing countries. Scholarships will cover tuition fees only.

Students from eligible

Fresh DU exam schedule

Dhaka University authorities at a meeting of Deans and departmental heads Wednesday refixed the schedule for various examinations under the course system, reports UNB.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Muniruzzaman Miah chaired the meeting which observed that the examination schedules had to be changed many times due to violence and unrest on the campus causing irreparable loss to students.

The meeting sought cooperation from all concerned quarters in maintaining congenial academic atmosphere in the University.

Following is the date for commencement of the examinations according to the new schedule.

- 1st year Honours (Science) of 1990 - October 9
- 1st year Subsidiary (Science) of 1990 - October 24
- 3rd year Honours (BA/BSS) of 1989 - October 24
- 3rd year Honours (B Sc/B Pharm) of 1989 - October 26
- 1st year (MA/MSS) of 1989 - October 28
- 1st year (M Sc) of 1989 - October 29
- Final year (MA/MSS) of 1988 - October 24
- Final year (M Sc/M Pharm) of 1988 - October 26.

First-part BUET exams now Nov 16

The first-part examinations of all classes of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) of session 1988-89 and 1989-90 which were earlier scheduled to be held on September 28 will now be held on November 16, a BUET Press release said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Timing of all other examinations will remain unchanged, the press release said.

First meeting of JS body on estimates Sept 30

The first meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad 'Standing Committee on Estimates' will be held at 10 am on September 30 in the Public Accounts committee Room of the Sangsad Bhaban with its Chairman, Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, MP, in the chair, reports BSS.

All members of the committee have been requested to attend the meeting in time.

The members of the committee are Salahuddin Yusuf, Abdur Ruzzaque, M Hamidullah Khan, Khurram Khan Chowdhury, Dr Abdul Moim Khan, Shahidullah Khan, Md Abdullah, Saiful Azam and Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

Applications should be received in Australia by September 27, 1991 and applicants should attempt to meet this deadline. However, late applications may be considered. Successful applicants will be announced in mid-December. Scholarships will be awarded on academic merit and research capacity.

Further information can be obtained from the front gate of the Australian High Commission, 184 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka, between 1100-1330 hours until 3 October 1992.

URGENT NOTICE

The written test for appointment to the post of Group Animator of Upazila Resource Development and Employment Project (URDEP-2nd Phase) under Directorate of Youth Development scheduled for Sept 27, '91 Friday is, under unavoidable circumstances, suspended till issuance of next order by order of the authority.

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BCL provokes terrorism on campus: JCD

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of the ruling BNP held a rally at the Madhu's canteen premises Wednesday demanding violence-free campus.

The rally was addressed by Ritvee Ahmed and Ali Akkas Nadim.

They accused Chhatra League (S-A) of provoking terrorism on the campus and said JCD had shown much restraint despite repeated provocative acts. Further provocations would be duly replied, they said.

They alleged that the Awami League and its student front were out to destabilize the BNP government.

They also demanded arrest of all 'armed hoodlums' sheltered by BCL to restore academic atmosphere on the campus.

JCD creating violence at DU: BCL

By DU Correspondent

Chhatra League (S-A), the student wing of Awami League held a rally in front of the national Press Club Wednesday demanding repeal of the indemnity Ordinance.

The rally addressed by Shahe Alam, Ashim Kumar Uki and Golam Mostafa Suen said politics of killing, coup and conspiracy started with the killing of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and it would not stop till the killers were tried.

They alleged that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), has been creating violence in Dhaka University and other institutions in the country under the protection of the ruling BNP. They called upon the BNP leadership to take effective steps to control violence on the campuses for the sake of sustenance of democracy.

The rally was followed by a procession.

25 injured in road mishap

By DMCH Correspondent

At least 25 passengers were wounded when a Dhaka-bound Mini bus from Tongbari collided head on with a truck coming from opposite direction at Pagla Bazar on the Dhaka-Narayanganj highway Wednesday at about 2.30 pm.

All the injured persons were admitted to the Narayanganj Hospital from where Mujibur Rahman, a critically injured patient was shifted to DMCH.

Humanitarian work by Dhaka Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga has recently saved the promising life of a young woman by funding a delicate operation.

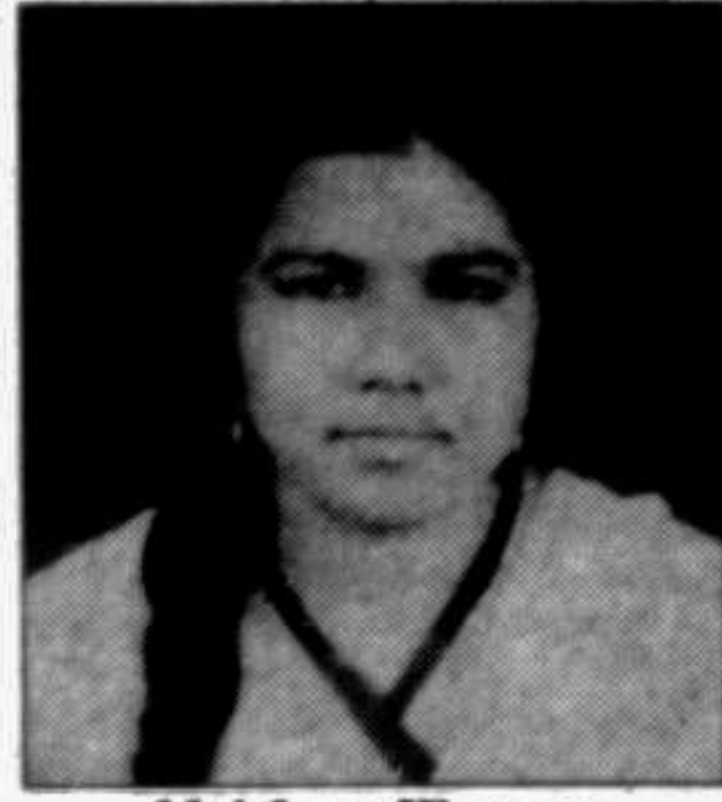
Miss Mahfuza Khanam, daughter of Shaikh Noor Ahmed of village Char Shahapur in Pabna and a student of 1st year BSc class of Isurdi College had damaged heart valve which needed replacement or repair. The news was published in a daily and Rtn. Amirul Islam of RC Dhaka Buriganga appealed to the members of his Club for help in the early part of January.

The members donated lavishly and the total amount of donation received was Tk 89,000 which included Tk 15,000 from Rotary Club of Dhaka, says a Press release.

It took a very long time for Bangladesh Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases to prepare Mahfuza for her operation which was ultimately done on August 3 and she was discharged from the hospital 23 days later. She attended a regular meeting of RC Dhaka Buriganga as a guest of Rtn A. Islam on August 29 and left for her home.

At the time of her operation the Surgeon, Prof Nabi Alam Khan decided to repair the damaged valve of her heart rather than change it. This, he explained, would make it possible for her to have a normal life, get married and have children in future. Accordingly Prof Khan did the repair work and medical accessories worth Tk 42,300 remained unused.

The mother of Miss Rukshana Parveen, another patient in the same hospital sought the unused accessories and also some funds. The matter was discussed with Prof Nabi Alam Khan who agreed to the proposal and accordingly RC Dhaka Buriganga handed over the unused accessories together with Tk 10,000 in cash for the operation of Miss Rukshana Parveen which will be done by the Surgeon very soon.



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Pak Navy chief arrives

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Admiral Malik called on the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohamminul Islam at the Naval Headquarters at Banani Wednesday afternoon, according to an ISPR press release.

The Pakistan Chief of Naval Staff remained with his Bangladesh counterpart for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest. The Pakistan High Commissioner in Bangladesh, Anwar Kemal, members of the visiting goodwill delegation and senior officers of the Naval Headquarters were also present on the occasion.

Prior to his visit to the Naval Headquarters the Pakistan Navy chief went to the Shikha Anirban (the eternal flame) and placed floral wreath in memory of the martyrs of the armed forces in the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Smart contingent of BN personnel presented guard of honour while naval buglers played the last post at the time of wreath laying. He was also given guard of honour by smartly turned out BN personnel dressed in traditional naval ceremonial attire at the Naval Headquarters.

The victim, a resident of 49, Jigatola was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

PDB contractor stabbed

By DMCH Correspondent

A gang of miscreants stabbed Koser, a contractor of the Power Development Board (PDB), at Jigatola Bazar in the city and snatched Taka 17,000 from him Wednesday Afternoon.

The victim, a resident of 49, Jigatola was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

TV Thursday

- 5-00 Opening announcement, Al-Guran, programme summary
- 5-15 Recitation from the Gorta
- 5-20 News in Bangla
- 5-30 Esho Gaan Shikhi
- 5-55 cartoon Film: Captain Planet and the planeters
- 6-30 Jiboner Alo
- 7-05 Katha-O-Sur
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-40 Drama of the week
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Mini series: Tender is the Night
- 11-30 Khabar/The News
- 11-45 Close down