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Dhaka Day by Day

Of Rickshaw Chains and Spoons

by Ekramul Kabir & Fayza Haq

A solo painting exhibition of Mrinal Haq was held at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Speaking to "The Daily Star" he expressed his feelings about art, his techniques, and revealed the various problems of the artists in Bangladesh. The eye-catching aspects of Mrinal's works were his unusual materials as automobile spares, clay and metals.

Except for one or two experimental works, he tried to portray Bangladesh. In these pieces he chastized the greedy individuals, autocrats, and the "Razakars", who were against our War of Independence. In this context, he was asked about a figure of "Sukum Ali". Mrinal explained it to be the emblem of "Razakars". With symbolism he portrayed the mass killing of women, artists, intellectuals and litterateurs during the March nights of 1971.

There was the depiction of hunger-stricken Bangladesh, the hardship and struggle of slimy rickshaw-pullers and trolley workers in the pieces like "Creature of Steel City," "Life in

A painting by Mrinal Haq

Iron City" was also praise-worthy in which he used worn-out automobile parts, welded and rusted chains.

There were experimental pieces also. Spoons and forks were used in a girl's portrait. This using of spoons as a media here was unusual. In "My Table" where he illustrated his memories of student life, the piece was made of clay.

When he was asked to explain his intention to use clay in a painting, he said enthusiastically that he tried to show how many things can be done with that particular media. He also depicted the natural way of life. Of the common people, placing a farmer and his wife in the backdrop of the village in another piece. In "Silent Beauty" and "Fair Dressing", Mrinal tried to express the beauty of common Bangladeshi girls and their life-style.

The artist's craving for democracy was noticed in "Leave Us Alone". While giving his point of view about autocracy, he brought in historical contexts. He revealed the nature of oppression in the context of Pakistan and Bangladesh. The darker sides of life were rejected.

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While sorting out the problems of an artist, he mentioned the scarcity of galleries and financial solvency. He thought one could produce good works if one had enough money. He did not consider material problem as a real barrier because he could work with anything, and could find the materials easily.

He even worked with a bark of a tree. Mrinal did plenty of mural works at various places in the city for instance, at the entrance of the airport, in the VIP lounge, in the BDR campus and at Motijheel.

Speaking to "The Daily Star" he said that he had high hopes about the young artists. But he was suspicious that the senior artists were not evaluating the younger ones correctly. In this context he mentioned the competition on the Liberation War Movement at the Rajshahi University where the young artists had been rejected.

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BCS Information Assoc polls held

Fariduddin Ahmed and Abul Hashem Muhammad Abdullah were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the Executive Committee of BCS Information Association, reports BSS.

Habibur Rahman and Kamalur Rahman Bhuiyan were elected Vice-Presidents while Helaluddin Ahmed and Bijon Lal Deve were elected Joint-General Secretaries.

The other office-bearers are: Muhammad Abdul Mannan-Treasurer, Mohammad Abu Abdullah-Organising and Inter Service Secretary, Hosne Ara Akhter-Office Secretary, Mustafizur Rahman-Publicity, Publication and Training Secretary and Muhammad Akhtarruzzaman and Cultural Secretary.

Contribution of Mozammel Montu recalled

Participants in a discussion on the life and works of acting news editor of the Sangbad Mozammel Hossain Montu on Tuesday demanded of the government to arrest and give appropriate punishment to the driver of the truck which had crushed the noted journalist, reports BSS.

Organised by the Munsiganj district unit of Sammilana Sanskriti Jote, the discussion marking the second death anniversary of Montu was held at Harandralal Public Library premises in Munsiganj.

Presided over by the chairman of Munsiganj Pourashava Mr Khalequzzaman Khoka, the discussion was addressed, among others, by chairman of the now defunct Munshiganj Sadar upazila.

He paid tributes to Shaheed President Ziaur

Killers of Mujib out to undo independence'

Veteran freedom fighter Kader Siddiqui said the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman were moving freely and making conspiracy to undo the hard-earned independence of the country, reports BSS.

He urged the government of Begum Khaleda Zia to repeal the Indemnity Ordinance to pave the way for the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He also urged the government to write authentic history on the War of Liberation for the guidance of the generation of tomorrow.

The future generation would be confused and misinformed unless a true history is written based on facts on the War of Independence, he added.

He was speaking at a reception accorded to him by Kader Siddiqui reception committee at DIT Market BB Road in Narayanganj on Friday.

Presided over by Abdul Kader, convenor of the reception committee, the function was addressed, among others, by Nazimuddin Mahmud, former chairman, Narayanganj Paurashava, Olifur Islam, President Narayanganj city unit of Bangladesh Awami League, Ashrafuldin Ahmed Chunnu, former national footballer, and Rehan Uddin Rehan, President Adamjee CBA.

Mr Siddiqui recalled his struggle during the days of the War of Liberation and said he felt sad for losing many of his co-freedom fighters in those days.

He paid tributes to Shaheed President Ziaur

Rahman for his glorious contribution in the Liberation War and said the nation will remember his contributions forever.

He also lauded the role of former chairman of Narayanganj Paurashava late Ali Ahmed Chunka as a brave freedom fighter.

Noujansramik strike postponed

Bangladesh Noujansramik Federation has postponed its proposed country-wide strike scheduled for today, according to a press release signed by secretary general of the federation Protapuddin Ahmed here on Friday, reports BSS.

The decision of the postponement of the strike was unanimously taken at a meeting of the delegates of the federation from Dhaka, Narayanganj, Barisal, Khulna, Mongla, Ashuganj and Chittagong, the press release added.

Bhasani Award for Nasreen Noyeem

Nasreen Noyeem, a prominent poet, has got Maulana Bhasani Gold Award of 1990 for poetry, reports BSS.

The award was handed over to her by Bangladesh Krishtri Sangsad at a function at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Dhaka yesterday evening.

Nasreen, who is a senior teacher in Viquarunnissa Noon School, also got Parabar Shahitya Purushkar and Bikash Shahitya Purushkar earlier for poetry.

Press Appellate Board constituted

The government has constituted the Press Appellate Board with Press Council Chairman Justice Ruhul Islam as the Chairman, according to Bangladesh Gazette published on December 5, reports BSS.

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He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Rafiqul, a farmer, hailed from Bhavantpur village of Gazipur district.

His body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

Body recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Police Friday recovered body of an unidentified old man from a passengers' shed near Ananda Cinema Hall at Farmgate in the city.

Police said some people informed them about the body. Later they recovered the body at about 4 pm. The man was about 70.

Several hawkers told police that they saw the man coming under the shed to take repose in the morning.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

An unnatural death (UD) case has been registered with Tejgaon police.

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Noman leaves for Delhi

Training course on development concludes

An 18-day training course for socio-economic development in Ansar VDP development village ended at Shafipur under Gazipur, Thursday, reports UNB.

The course was designed to provide the indigents of the village with the scientific knowledge of poultry rearing, animal husbandry, fish cultivation, tree plantation, family planning, mass education and maintaining law and order in the society.

Addressing the concluding session of the course as chief guest, Deputy Director of Ansar and VDP Ruhul Amin urged the trainees to apply their newly acquired knowledge in their personal life to attain self-sufficiency.

They invested Tk 19,200 as capital to run their cooperative society by saving from their daily allowance of Tk 300. This capital was disbursed among 10 co-operators to run small-scale trade.

Saturday

Morning session

8.45 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary

9.00 Live telecast of inaugural programme of 6th SAARC summit from Colombo

1.30 Closing

Evening session

4.15 Opening announcement, Al Quran, Programme summary

4.30 Live telecast of 6th SAARC summit concluding programme from Colombo

5.10 News in Bangla

5.35 Sports World

6.00 Documentary programme

6.30 Life and Technology

7.05 Banshali (Folk songs)

8.00 News in Bangla

9.00 Ujjiban

10.00 News in English

10.30 Drama series : Dallas

11.30 Khabar/The News

11.40 Sunday's programme

11.45 Closing

Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Rajshahi experienced the season's lowest 9 degree Celsius temperature on Friday, Meteorological source said.

Met office forecast dry weather across the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Friday.

Night temperature may fall by one to two degree Celsius during the period.

Sunset at Dhaka on Saturday at 5.16 pm and sunrise Sunday at 6.38 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	26.5	13.5
Chittagong	27.2	15.1
Khulna	26.7	14.6
Rajshahi	25.6	9.0
Bardia	26.5	11.0
Srimangal	25.6	9.6
Cox's Bazar	28.2	15.8
Mymensingh	26.8	13.4
Dinajpur	25.6	11.0