

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Through Young Eyes

by Fayza Haq

Young artists are being constantly encouraged by the local cultural centres. One of these is Mostafizur Rahman Rubel, whose solo exhibit was accommodated by the Goethe Institut recently.

At the expose the young man had presented the different faces of Bangladesh — both in the city and in the countryside. The colours were often raw and the effect was sometimes lacking in suavity. Yet the final result was a fair portrayal of Dhaka city and the countryside in the vicinity.

The melange of depictions included various subjects that varied from weddings and football playing to floods, tempest and the incessant rain in the Bangladesh of late. The artist had a lot to learn as regards technique, style, composition, texture and even selection of themes.

Yet his endeavour was not something to be scoffed or sniffed at. Rubel was presenting what he had seen, thought and understood and for an artist of his experience this was some commendable feat.

His entire entitled "Contented pigeons" reminded you of the New Year's cards, or the T.V. screen report of a sports or cultural extravaganza. The pristine white pigeons were seen flying in ecstasy in the sky, forming an oval pattern. The backdrop remained of subtle hues of various brushwork.

There was a depiction of a freedom fighter in "Victory" and it depicted the subject with the Bangladesh flag in hand. The flag was hoisted and presented in such a bold fashion, with deep colours, that the viewer's attention and concentration went to the flag with the map of Bangladesh in gold, encircled in red, with the raw green backdrop.

The subject of the "Rakhal Chelcy" was delineated with bullocks plodding before the farmer boy, and the patched boats nearby, on the sailing in the vicinity of the subject. The sky, which held the composition together, occupied half the space of the paper on the display. The "skyscape", however, was an entertaining experiment in blues in water-colour.

In the "Village Market" was an interesting combination of figures, boats, palm trees, and

the atmosphere of village activity in general. The palm and banyan-trees, in the background, completed the picture.

"After the Storm" was the effect of the flood or cyclone, presented as best as possible and probable for the painter. It was full of colours and done with careful strokes. "Flood" showed women and children taking shelter on planks. Men and children were seen on top of the roofs of the houses. Many families were depicted as fleeing in their makeshift boats — all of different shapes, sizes and colours.

Rubel's "Harvesting" depicted man at work in the villages. Here the beautiful countryside of Bangladesh was neatly and clearly delineated. The composition was mostly in brown, yellow,

and green. The blue of the river and the brightness of the sky had been included too.

"Pakhi" was an exotic piece in bold black strokes. It depicted three birds perched on branches, with a tiny fledgling soaring overhead. The hues in the backdrop were soft and soothing — soft and soothing orange, yellow and light green.

The painter's "Football" had depicted children playing with great enthusiasm. Girls were seen playing near at hand. There may not have been a great mastery of strokes and the entire presentation remained more photographic than what one expected from a painter. Yet realism has its own importance in Bangladesh and overseas.

"Baul" was a depiction of an important character in the life of people in our country. It is the "baul" who has entertained the poor and neglected, both in the countryside and even in the city of Dhaka. The singer was in a pink "punjabi", while the blue "tungi" completed his portrait. The "teen-tara" was in his hands. There was the conventional tree to balance the composition and the background of the soft blue sky, used for eye-relief. "Wedding" was depicted with the bridegroom with his tin box and "handi" of sweets.

The water-colour solo exhibit has proved that young artists, with limited skill and art materials, can create interesting cultural displays.



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## Work of BAC project reviewed

An evaluation meeting was held yesterday at the Scouts Headquarters to review the work completed under the Bangladesh-Australia Children's Health (BAC) project at Azizullah village of Rangpur sadar upazila, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by the National Commissioner (social development) of Bangladesh Scouts and Chairman of the BAC committee Muhammad Fazlur Rahman. President of Bangladesh Scouts and former minister

Mahbubuzzaman was present as the chief guest. The meeting was addressed among others, by the leader of the

### Obituary

A K M Wajidullah, ex-Secretary BADC, died of old age complications on Wednesday.

He was buried at Banani Graveyard. His quikhwant will be held at his residence at 14, Central Road, 'Inuran Mahal', Dhanmondi in the city tomorrow (Friday) after the Asr prayers.

Australian team as Amanda Len and General Secretary of Bangladesh Girls Guide Association Zennat Ahmed.

The rovers and rangers of the two countries have completed project work for the development of children's health in 16 villages in the different parts of the country since December 16 of the last year and reduced the rate of child mortality to zero per cent at the project areas.

Twelve rovers and rangers from Australia took part in the programme.

## Fog halts 8000 passengers at Aricha

About 8,000 passengers on seven ferries were stranded at Aricha-Daulatdia and Aricha-Nagarbari ghats for four and half hours due to thick fog on Wednesday, reports UNB.

They said ferry services remained inoperative from 4.30 to 9 am due to the fog which reduced surface visibility.

Eighty trucks, 4000 passengers, 4 ferries at Aricha ghat, nine buses, 1,500 passengers and a ferry at Daulatdia and two ferries, 3 buses, 21 trucks and 1,500 passengers at Nagarbari ghat were stranded. About 1,000 passengers were stranded at Nagarbari terminal.

Ferry services resumed at 9 am.

## BCU freshers' reception

By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) held a discussion and a cultural function at TSC auditorium on Wednesday to accord reception to the freshers of Dhaka University.

The discussion was addressed, among others, by BCU President Nasrudin, Laki Inam, Kamrunnahr Dana, Khadiza Khanam, Mujahidul Islam Salim, Dr. Wazed Ali, Bazlur Rahman with Sunil Das, President of BCU, Dhaka University Unit, in the chair.

Speakers called upon the students to be aware of the campus terrorism and to devote themselves into study.

Vice Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Dr. Kamal Hossain, Advocate Samshul Haque and Kamal Lohani sent greeting message on the occasion of 'Nabeen Baran' (Freshers reception).

## Rotary Int'l dist confce begins today

By Staff Correspondent

The district conference 1991-92 of Rotary International begins in the capital today.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will inaugurate the three-day conference at Hotel Sonargaon to be taken part by some 1200 Rotarians from across the country.

M Ravindra Reddy, representative of Rotary International President Rajendra K Saboo, will be present at the conference, while Prof Jalal Uddin Ahmed will preside over the function.

Speaking at a press briefing on the eve of the conference Wednesday, Prof Jalal Uddin Ahmed, Governor of the District 3280, the host of the conference, said the 79 Rotary Clubs with 2200 Rotarians took up various social development programmes.

Ravindra Reddy, who was present at the briefing, outlined the socio-development programmes by the Rotary International in 172 countries.

The past Rotary district governors AFM Abdul Huq, Iftekharul Alam, M Mashur Rahman, Azizul Ilum, M A Wahab, Dr Md Moniruzzaman, Iqbal Ansari Khan, Habibullah Khan, Abdul Mannan, Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, the district governor nominee LK Siddiqui, Dr M Ahsan, Md Quadiruzzaman, A K M Shamsuddin, KK Ekram and Farid Hussain were present at the press briefing.

## Load shedding begins

Power Development Board (PDB) has resorted to load shedding from Wednesday in view of reduction in power generation, reports BSS.

PDB sources said that due to low pressure in gas supply, Ashuganj Power Station Complex will have to reduce generation resulting in short supply of power. Under this circumstances, the Board will have to resort to load-shedding in phases during peak load hours from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The power supply will, however, be normal following increase of pressure in gas supply to the power station, the sources added.

## Thursday

5.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran Programme summary  
5.10 News in Bangla  
5.20 Recitation from the Geeta  
5.30 Jana Ojona  
6.00 The New Three  
6.30 Stobner Alo  
7.05 Antarranga  
8.00 News in Bangla  
8.30 Drama of the week  
10.00 News in English  
10.25 Parliament Roundup  
10.40 Drama series: Twin Picks  
11.30 Khabar/The news  
11.40 Friday's programme summary  
11.45 Closing



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presided over the fourth meeting of the Defence Services Command and Staff College Governing body yesterday.

## Different uplift aspects of Staff College discussed

The fourth meeting of the Governing Body of Defence Services Command and Staff College was held here Wednesday with its chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presiding, reports BSS.

The meeting held at the college, in the city, after two years, discussed different development aspects of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister called upon the Governing Body members to uphold the stature and prestige of the institution which is the highest seat of learning military affairs.

The college offers courses for Army, Navy and Air Force officials.

At present, there are 73 officers including 15 from abroad among them are officers from the USA, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Zambia and Qatar in the on-going course of the college.

The members of the Governing Body are Army Chief LT Gen M. Nooruddin Khan, Naval Chief Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam, Air Chief Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Principal Finance Secretary Khorshed Alam, Defence Secretary, Anisur Rahman, Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman, Commandant Staff College Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Moniruzzaman Miah, Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar

University Prof. Saleh Ahmed, PSO to Armed Forces Division Brig. MFA Bhuiyan and member secretary Col Mohammad Faruque Khan.

The members congratulated Begum Khaleda Zia for presiding over the meeting of the governing body as the chairperson, for the first time.

Maj Gen. Mahbubur Rahman said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as the chairperson of the governing body the college would grow from strength to strength in near future.

The Prime Minister was presented with the college crest designed by late President Ziaur Rahman.

## Construction of special Education Complex completed

The construction of the national complex for special education at Mirpur at a cost of Taka 16.99 crore has been completed, reports BSS.

The complex was built with the financial assistance of three voluntary organisations of Norway aided by NORAD and the Bangladesh government to help develop and expand education, training and rehabilitation of the physically and mentally impaired of the country.

Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Tariqul Islam visited the complex and saw for himself the mode of teaching at the school for sight impaired, hearing impaired and mentally impaired at Mirpur in Dhaka Wednesday.

After briefing by the principal of the centre, the Minister called upon the teachers, instructors and supervisors of the school to adopt their profession as a mission.

Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwar Rahman and Secretary In-charge of Social Welfare Ministry Mohammad Faizullah were present on the occasion.

The complex comprises a centre for training college for the teachers of the impaired, one resource centre, cafeteria, play grounds and other allied facilities.

Under the resource centre, there are three schools for the sight, hearing and mentally retarded children upto primary level and two hostels for each school.

The impaired students are imparted pre-primary and pre-vocational training with their primary education.

The centre can impart training to 190 children and 30 teachers simultaneously per year.

The Mirpur complex is the largest of its kind in the South and the South-East Asia.



## Poster on Satyajit

Inter-cut, an exquisite film designing organisation of Chittagong, to mark the occasion of Satyajit Ray's Oscar Award Winning has published a poster, says a press release.

It was designed by Anwar Hossain Pintu, Editor, Inter-cut, on the basis of the photographs of noted photographer Nimal Ghose.

## Weather

### Dry weather to prevail

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather will prevail over the country but the sky will remain partly cloudy over Rajshahi division during the next 36 hours commencing 6pm Wednesday, Met office forecast.

Night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period Met office also said.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree	Humidity in Percentage	Celsius
	Max	Min	
Dhaka	23.2	12.2	84
Chittagong	23.7	12.0	75
Rajshahi	23.2	8.6	83
Khulna	24.0	9.2	88
Barisal	24.4	9.5	89
Cox's Bazar	24.0	12.9	74
Srinagar	24.2	9.9	78
Mymensingh	23.7	11.8	67
Dinajpur	23.0	9.3	93
Rangpur	23.7	10.3	89

The lowest temperature of the day was recorded at Rajshahi.  
Sunset at Dhaka on today (Thursday) at 5-28 pm and sunrise tomorrow (Friday) at 6-44 am.

## B A Siddiky's chehlum tomorrow

The chehlum of Justice B A Siddiky will be held on tomorrow (Friday) after Asr prayer at his Banani residence, reports BSS.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for the departed soul.

## Retrenchment of Nini condemned

The President and General Secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalist (DUJ) Zahurul Haq and Ruhul Amin Gazi Wednesday condemned the retrenchment of the shift-in-charge of the Sangbad, Nasimunnahr Nini, without showing any reason, reports BSS.

In a statement, the DUJ leaders urged the Sangbad authority to withdraw the retrenchment letter immediately. Otherwise the Union would take action for which the Sangbad management would have to remain responsible, they said.

Meanwhile, the Sangbad Unit of the DUJ held an emergency meeting at its news room yesterday condemning the retrenchment order against senior journalist Nasimunnahr Nini.

Presided over by the Unit Chief of the Sangbad, Monib Kanti Roy, the meeting demanded withdrawal of the order by today.

## Condolence

Expired: Md Mojibul Haque, father of Colam Mohiuddin Faruque of Circulation Dept of The Daily Star.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.  
— Colleagues at The Daily Star

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Applications subject to the following terms and conditions are invited for appointment of 1 (One) part-time physician to Bangladesh Bank, Rangpur office:

- The applicant must be a Bangladesh national and experienced MBBS physician.
- He will be paid honorarium at the rate Tk 75/00 daily (no work no pay basis) or a monthly total of Tk 1,800/00 (fixed). Besides this, no other allowance will be paid. If he, on any account, remains absent from the Bank dispensary, then proportionate amount will be deducted from his monthly honorarium.
- He shall have to attend the Bank dispensary for 3 (Three) hours on each full working day and 2 (Two) hours on half day (Thursday) in the week and provide prescriptions.
- He will be appointed on fully temporary basis and this appointment can be cancelled on 15 (Fifteen) days notice from both the sides or on payment or refund of proportionate amount for 15 (Fifteen) days.
- According to the present medical policy of the Bank, he will have to treat all officers/employees of the bank and their dependents eligible for the facility. For attending patient at the residence of officers/employees on instruction of the bank, he will be paid conveyance at the rate Tk 15/00 per visit. However, under no circumstance this allowance will be paid beyond total Tk 750.00 a month.
- He must abide by the rules of the bank's approved medical policy in providing medicine, prescription for officers/employees of the bank and attending patients at their residence.
- His professional occupation (if any) should under no circumstance intercept his responsibility at the bank and he can treat no patients as come under the purview of the bank's medical facility in exchange of consultancy fee, nor he should involve in any activity detrimental to the interest of the bank.

Applications stating the name of candidate, father's name, temporary address, permanent address, educational qualification, experience, religion/ caste, age, nationality, home district should reach the undersigned directly/by post by 20-01-92. The applicant must attach 3 (Three) copies attested photographs and attested photocopies of all educational qualifications and experience certificates with the application.

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## Bangladesh Railway (Western Zone)

### Paksey Engineering Division/2 Tender Notice

Notice No. 7/Paksey/FDRP/91-92

Dated: 26/12/91

Sealed tenders are invited from Bangladesh Railway Western Zone enlisted "C" class contractors as well as "C" class contractors enlisted prior to bifurcation of Bangladesh Railway in 2 (Two) zones for the following works:-

Sl No	Description of works	Estimated cost	Earnest money
1	Group 'A' Old brick mattrassing work including earth work on downstream side on Ishuri-Sirajganj Bazar KM 246/5 to 250/10 (FDRP/88)	Taka 5,84,000/-	2% (Two per cent) of quoted amount
2	Group 'B' Old brick mattrassing work including earth work on downstream side on Ishuri-Sirajganj Bazar KM 246/5 to 250/10 (FDRP/88)	Taka 5,82,000/-	-do-
3	Group 'C' Old brick mattrassing work including earth work on downstream side on Ishuri-Sirajganj Bazar KM 246/5 to 250/10 (FDRP/88)	Taka 5,82,000	-do-
4	Group 'D' Old brick mattrassing work including earth work on downstream side on Ishuri-Sirajganj Bazar KM 246/5 to 250/10 (FDRP/88)	Taka 6,07,000	-do-
5	Group 'E' Old brick mattrassing work including earth work on downstream side on Ishuri-Sirajganj Bazar KM 246/5 to 250/10 (FDRP/88)	Taka 6,72,000	-do-

- As earnest money two per cent of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft in favour of Advisor & Chief Accounts officer, Bangladesh Railway/West/Rajshahi should be deposited with the tender document.
- Tender documents can be purchased at a non-refundable price of Tk 400/- (Four hundred) per set from Divisional Engineer/Bangladesh Railway/Paksey office during office hours up to 13.00 hours of 18/01/92.
- Sealed tender documents should be dropped in the prescribed Tender Box kept at the office of the Divisional Engineer/2, Bangladesh Railway, Paksey by 12.00 hours on 19-01-92 which will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives. No tender document sent by post will be acceptable.
- The Railway authority reserves all rights to accept or reject any tender in full or part without assigning any reason.
- Other details are available with the tender document.

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