

Dhaka Day by Day

Fantasy, Innovation and Beauty

by Fayza Haq

The pottery and graphics exhibition held by Fareha Zeba and Adriana Hernandez at the Institute of Fine Arts was a display of realism and fantasy blended in a unique and innovative way. While Fareha has combined satire and philosophy in her paintings, Adriana has added a bit of fantasia and exotic flavour to her pottery.

In most of Fareha's pieces, women have been shown as the suffering sex in a male dominated society. Unlike many other painters, she has not touched on any political crisis. My husband is a painter too, who brings in political satire in many of his works, and mine would suffer in comparison," she explained.

There were five arresting series by Fareha: a) Family (woodcut), b) Occupation (lithograph), c) Family and society (woodcut), d) Couple (lithograph), and e) Germination (mixed media). In all the creations the artist has used a large measure of brown, green and burnt sienna.

In No 6, which was a part of the "Family" series, Fareha has delineated how an aging man is dominated by his son, who browbeats all the women members of the family as well. This is in blue, black and ochre. The second piece shows

lowed to go beyond the door, while the room is strewn with male apparel, highlighting the independence of men. A brothel has been depicted in the next piece, where women are delineated as waiting for their clients within the confines of the house. The economy of colours, mostly beige and yellow ochre, apart from brown, dominate the scene.

Adriana Hernandez, from Chile, living in Bangladesh for 18 months, has worked with terracotta and porcelain and has used different oxides to put colour in her works. Adriana has combined tradition, local Bangladeshi influence, and modern concepts.

The pottery expert said that she began work on ceramic in Chile in an Art college. First she worked with stone but then she had the problem of rheumatism. She used the same technique as people used in Chile and Peru before the Spanish came. She has been working on pottery since '72.

Adriana has always been fascinated by the lizards that she found in abundance in her house. Birds have also crept into her work as well as masks of human faces. She has brought



the blind trust in "pirs". Here the artist has depicted how the religious heads often make a living out of the gullibility of simple people. The "pir" has been shown as sitting confidently, while others flock around him. The third entrance in the series brought in the scene of death. The dead man is emphasised by being placed in front, while individuals with little sympathy for the dead man, have been shown as struggling with their own life. It is a scene of pessimism and indifference.

Feminism plays a dominant role in Fareha's "Dream" series. Here she has shown how women wish to achieve something concrete in life and establish themselves in the sphere of their careers. The crown on the figure's head is symbolic, as are the ancient columns and arcs. In the "Occupation" series, Fareha once again has brought in the "pir" and his overwhelming prowess over a family, who has paid him for his efforts. The lines in the composition are smooth and spontaneous.

In one of the pieces of the "Family and Society" series, which has been exhibited in Canada and China, a girl is shown as not being al-

ligned too, like the magic flying jackals and the mermaids. She has brought in patterns of leaves and birds seen in ecstatic flight. "In clay you have to simplify the figures," she remarked. Exotic fish and geometrical patterns, as well as mythical animals are common motifs.

In one of her pieces she has depicted the story of a man whose wife has abandoned him. In another piece she has depicted her own contented life with her husband and their two blonde daughters. These have been done in blue, black, burnt sienna and brown. She has brought in the mother and child theme with cranes in another creation. The artist has converted the traditional "haris" from Faridpur with decoration of faces. Adriana has made a Chilean mask with dogs and cats done in the Indian Chilean manner. Geckos, snakes and mermaids have prevailed in her other works. She has done an enormous Bangladeshi horse too and decorated it with flowers and geometrical motifs.

The heavy symbolism in both Fareha and Adriana's works drew a great deal of attention and many pieces were sold.



BCCI depositors demonstrating in the city yesterday demanding immediate reopening of the bank. —Star photo

Certain quarters out to create anarchy, Huda warns people

Information Minister Nazmul Huda Thursday said the present government was implementing various welfare oriented programmes to meet the five basic needs of the people, reports BSS.

The Information Minister said, people had voted BNP under the leadership of Begum Zia to power to implement the dreams of shaheed Zia.

He called upon the people to be vocal against indiscipline and destruction and said certain quarters were attempting to create anarchy and destruction so that the elected government could not work for the welfare of the people.

The Information Minister was speaking as chief guest at the re-excavation of Gobindapur-Shankarkhali canal and distribution of khas lands among the landless farmers in Nawabganj Thursday.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan was special guest on the occasion.

As part of the programmes and making the country self-reliant in food, country-wide canal digging programme is being implemented and khas land distributed among the landless, the Information Minister said.

The Minister handed over documents of khas lands among 50 landless families. Nazmul Huda said the government believed in politics of production for the twin goals of ensuring people's welfare and making the country self-reliant.

He said late President Ziaur Rahman on the basis of his 19-point programme had begun the politics of production through the implementation of the country-wide canal digging programme.

The Minister said the autocratic government in its nine-year rule by abandoning Zia's programme had crippled the economy and caused obstruction to real development by making the country dependent

on other. Listing various achievements of the government in this brief period of time, the Information Minister said the government would stay in power as long as people have confidence on it.

When completed, the canal would provide irrigation facilities to nearly 150 acres of land and produce addition 60 tons of crop.

The function was also addressed by Atauddin Khan, Khurshid Ali Mollah, Hafizur Rahman and Md Islam Khan.

Later the Information Minister inaugurated the newly-constructed Churnai Tehsil office under Nawabganj Thana.

299 bottles of phensedyl recovered

A group of officials of the Department of Narcotics Control, Dhaka Sub Zone in a raid Wednesday recovered 299 bottles of phensedyl and 2.5 litres of country made wine from the Board Bazar area of Gazipur district and arrested two persons in this connection, reports BSS.

Separate cases have been filed against the accused persons at the Gazipur Upazila Court.

What's on today . . .

Exhibition and saree sale

An exhibition and sale of saree will be held today (Friday) at House 91/A, Road 12/A, Saimasjid Road, Dhanmondi Residential Area, between 10 am and 5 pm.

Peace For All

The regular weekly meeting of the 'Peace For All' will be held today (Friday) at Peace For All office at 7 pm.

Rotaract Club of Dhaka North

The Rotaract Club of Dhaka North has arranged a Rotaract philatelic exhibition 'Rotapex-92' at the General Post Office auditorium today (Friday) on the occasion of celebrating the 24th anniversary of the Rotaract.

Islamic Research Bureau

A seminar on 'development strategy based on marketing assistance' will be held today (Friday) at 3.30 pm. The Islamic Economics Research Bureau has arranged the seminar at its office at Katabon Mosque premises at New Elephant Road.

SIPHSA general meeting

The general meeting of Spoking and Intoxicant Preventive Human Service Association (SIPHSA) will be held today (Friday) at 4 pm at Malibagh Bipont Bitan (first floor) in the city.

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Rotary Club of Utara

The 56th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Utara will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at 5.30 pm at Chilling Chinese Restaurant, Utara, Dhaka.

Installation

The annual re-union and installation ceremony of new office-bearers of International Relations Alumni Association (IRAA) of Dhaka University will be held tomorrow (Saturday). Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, Sheikh Razzak Ali, will be the chief guest at the function while Iranian Ambassador, Muhammad Ganjdoost, and Prof Muniruzzaman Miah, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University will be the special guests.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Sylhet during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Thursday, according to Met office.

Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Day temperature may rise by one to two degree Celsius during the period.

The sun sets in Dhaka today (Friday) at 6-07 pm and rises tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-09 am.

Temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns on Thursday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.2	23.0	88	44
Chittagong	30.4	20.9	83	65
Khulna	30.5	22.5	88	53
Rajshahi	33.6	14.5	100	46
Dinajpur	31.4	15.4	70	31
Sylhet	29.8	16.0	71	79
Cox's Bazar	30.0	21.8	80	-
Barisal	31.6	22.4	95	65
Chuadanga	34.2	20.6	89	38

Temperature recorded in important cities of this regions were on Thursday:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	
	Max	Min
Kathmandu	25.3	5.4
Colombo	32.0	21.9
Male	31.8	26.4
New Delhi	31.5	18.4

Cases filed during autocratic regime under consideration

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Home Affairs Thursday gave priority in discussing various aspects of withdrawing the cases or commuting the convictions of the people who had been harassed by the last autocratic government for their participation in the anti-autocracy movement, reports BSS.

Presided over by Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, the meeting, held

at the Sangsad Bhaban, also laid emphasis in discussing the possibilities of providing legal aid and arranging funds for repatriating Bangladeshis now captive in different foreign jails, an official source said.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee took a number of decisions on adopting stern measures against smuggling, trafficking of women and children. It also decided to take prompt actions against the violators of traffic laws in Dhaka, Chittagong and other towns by

forming mobile courts. Decisions have also been taken to take prompt actions against damage of vehicles.

The meeting was attended by parliament members — Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Shahjahan Chowdhury, Wing Commander (Retd) M Hamidullah Khan, Abu Yusuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, Rahmat Ali, Abdul Hasnat Abdullah, and Whip Mahbul Alam Tara and Home Secretary Lutfulhah Majid.



The installation ceremony of Dhaka Greater Metropolitan Leo Club was held at a local hotel recently. Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah (2nd from right) was present as chief guest while Prof Ilaazuddin was special guest.

Miscreants kill three

Three people were killed by miscreants in the city and on its outskirts Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Police and hospital sources said Thursday Nawfal (17) of Jurain was called out from his residence at about 10 pm by some unknown miscreants and stabbed.

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

In another incident, a gang of dacoits broke into the house of Mofazzal (32) at village Beakur near Kanchpur bridge and stabbed on his left-chest. Mofazzal succumbed to his

injuries on way to hospital. The dacoits decamped with valuables worth about Taka 2 lakh.

The bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue. Separate cases were filed.

Another report says: A young man was stabbed to death by some hoodlums just after Iftar yesterday evening at Savar.

Relations of Mustafizur Rahman (30), an employee of a private firm, said a band of miscreants called him out of his house and stabbed.

Friday

Morning Session

- 8.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 8.10 News in Bangla
- 8.15 Amra Natun
- 8.40 Cartoon: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 9.10 Ashy Pasher Manush: Documentary
- 9.30 Film: The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.05 Moner Mukure
- 11.15 Popular films
- 12.15 Closing

Evening Session

- 3.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 3.15 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 3.20 Alore Dishari
- 3.40 Movie of the week
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.30 Sports programme
- 5.50 Mahey Ranzan
- 7.05 Malancha: Songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 The Cosby Show
- 9.00 Antarranga
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Film: LA Law
- 11.15 Khabar/The News
- 11.25 Saturday's programme summary

Depositors demand reopening of BCCI Bank

A meeting of BCCI (O) Depositors Association on Thursday demanded the reopening of the bank immediately.

The meeting presided over by the President of the Association, Md Ismail Hossain Hawladar also demanded the publication of name of borrowers from the bank.

The association announced that it would hold a press conference on March 17 at the National Press Club on the issue.

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