

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Enthusied by Environment

by Fayza Haq

Ruhul Amin Kajol, based in Scandinavia, is caught by the bug of concern for ecology and environment. Having had his displays in Denmark, Finland, Canada and Spain, he has paused to have a display at 'La Galerie' in the city.

In his 'Visionless Hunter-1' which was acrylic on canvas, one saw mankind destroying the world around him in a merciless way. The hunter series were all connected with the theme of preservation of environment. The outlines of the features had traditional lines, as seen in ancient Indian or Graeco Roman art. The final presentation, however, was extremely modern with red gazing dogs, cows, deer and various other animals, which were presented in cubistic overtones.



The finishing of the delineation of the hunter, with blue and red leaves on his chest, with legs and knees folded to one side, had been done with swift, bold strokes. The sky and the forest had merely been suggested. Although the colours used were raw, yet the strokes were subtle and the work was far from naive. The riot of colours — carmine, yellow, ink blue and green were balanced and created an aesthetic composition.

'Visionless Hunter-8' had once again the eyesless, energetic hunter, laying havoc over the world, with his hurling of bows and arrows. Hind parts and faces of animals were seen in sketchy pink and grey. The forest that was shown in pink and black dots in the foreground — continued on to the chest of the hunter — was seen again in the background in a symbolic and impressionistic yellow and blue. The limbs of the hunter were contorted. He could have been part of the setting of the forest. A few black strokes suggested a sheaf of arrows, that made him stand out.

The hunter was seen sitting and waiting for his prey once more in 'Visionless Hunter-9'. His red hair was jagged and sat atop his head like a crown of mockery. Panthers and jaguars were seen in bright red. The jungle was shown in a simple row of trailing leaves. Although simplified, this was no work of a child, as a lot of thought had gone behind each stroke. The green hills and blue sky were there, too, and to complete the composition were, massive grey pillars in the forefront, sobering down the raw colours and speaking of civilization that had marred the

duty of simple nature.

'Visionless Hunter-3, 4 and 5' showed the heartless and mindless destructive mankind with the endangered species in pink. In No 4 one of the animals had been delineated in details, with nose, ears and mouth, although camouflaged with blue, green and red leaves. We repeatedly saw the hunter as cruel, selfish and pigheaded. These were seen with the contours of the masklike face and the wild array of the proud red locks. Whether brandishing a pistol or bow and arrow, he seemed in a wild, desperate frenzy to get his aim. His decisive chin and cruel lips spoke of callousness of mankind. The forest was brought on to the body in each of the depictions. Squiggles, scratches and smears completed the pictures of destruction of natural beauty by man. The vibrant colours, blue, green and pink were juxtaposed without any jarring sensation. The world was being destroyed so why should not the colours be loud and bewildering?

In 'Modern Peace-10', the artist had shown two pupils in one eye, one blue and the other brown. The eye stood for the unity of the races, whether dark, fair, tall or short. The eye had been presented in an arresting manner. It was set with swirls of red, blue, grey and black, with geometrical harmony. The blood pouring from the eyes and the red rimmed eye itself spoke of the constant toll of mankind.

'Modern Peace-11' had the same theme but it was even more ornate and surrealistic with splashes of vibrant greens, blues, and reds, contrasted with black.

'Modern Peace-13' continued in the same vein and was perhaps more idyllic with the curls, loops and poetic lines. While the right side of the canvas was heaped with black and red squiggles, the left end was left blank and had a definite soothing effect.

Outside the studio was a massive depiction on canvas with fish, birds, animals and women's faces and arms of men in conflict. The colours were once again bold decisive and dramatic. Mankind and nature were brought together to show how man was in constant conflict with his surroundings and his fellow beings. This had been displayed earlier at the 'Ekushay'.

## Pak population team calls on Health Minister

An eight-member Pakistani delegation, led by its Population Affairs Division Secretary Mahbub Ahmed, called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf at the latter's Secretariat office Saturday, reports BSS.

Deputy Minister for Health Sirajul Hoque, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed and DG, Family Planning, M Rafiquzzaman were present on the occasion.

They discussed matters of common interests, mutual cooperation and development issues of family planning sectors of both the countries. Mahbub Ahmed also informed the Health Minister in detail about the present situation of family planning activities in Pakistan.

The team had shown keen interest on the success of Bangladesh's present population programmes and achievements. They enquired about the future target and population policy of Bangladesh.

Earlier, the team had a meeting with the Health Secretary Syed Ahmed at his office today and they visited the office of DG, Family Planning.

## PIB Workshop on political reporting begins

Information Minister Bariar Nazmul Huda Saturday said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is determined to uphold press freedom, reports UNB.

He was inaugurating a 10-day workshop on 'political reporting' organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) here in the morning.

The Information Minister said the government has lifted restrictions imposed by the past governments curbing the rights and privileges of journalists.

He held out the assurance that the BNP government would not interfere in the working of the press as its aim was to give democracy an institutional shape.

Presided over by PIB chairman Gazi Shamsur Rahman the function was also addressed by Director General of the Institute Ahmed Hameed.

Eighteen reporters from various newspapers and news agencies are taking part in the workshop.

## Sarwari visits Agro training centre

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman visited the Agro-based training centre for rural women at Gazipur Saturday, reports BSS.

The centre has been run by the Women's Affairs Department since 1979.

The objectives of the programme of the centre include imparting skill development, practical training on poultry farming, horticulture and pisciculture to the destitute, landless and illiterate rural women.

This training-cum-production centre has so far imparted practical as well as theoretical training to 933 women.

Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Women's Affairs Ministry accompanied the State Minister.

They also visited a training centre on assembly and repair of small electronics item at Saver.

## Harun Ahmed Chy accredited to Angola

The government has decided to concurrently credit Major General Harun Ahmed Chowdhury, at present High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Zimbabwe as Ambassador, Angola with residence in Harare, according to an official source in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

## TV Sunday

- 5:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:15 Recitation from the Bible
- 5:30 Make Nite
- 6:00 TV series: Rock Sport
- 6:30 Sports Programme
- 7:05 Tagore Songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Probaha
- 9:00 Drama series: Oshin
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Chhayachhanda
- 11:30 Khabar/The news
- 11:40 Monday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing



President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing a function organised by Bhoja Government College Students Union Saturday. —PID photo

## 'No uplift possible without coordinated efforts'

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Saturday called upon all to extend their spontaneous cooperation towards government's efforts for meeting the basic demands of the people through a coordinated way, reports BSS.

'Development of the country will be a difficult task without the coordinated efforts of all to meet all basic demands of the people including food, cloth and education,' he said.

The President was addressing a function organised by Jatiya Bandhujan Parishad a socio-economic organisation in Bhoja, on the occasion of its 11th founding anniversary.

State Minister for Irrigation and founder of the Parishad Mosharrar Hossain Shahjahan presided over the function. It was addressed, among others, by Secretary of the Parishad Mia Mohammad Yunus, General Secretary of local BNP Aminul Islam Khan and Editor of Weekly Muktibani Nizamuddin Ahmad.

The function was attended by imams, newly elected members and Chairmen of Union Parishads under the district and a large number of social workers.

President Biswas said the present government was striving hard to unite the people to make them as a po-

tential working, force for implementing the development programmes and strengthening the democratic institutions in the greater interest of the nation.

He called upon the newly elected members and Chairmen of Union Parishads to help the government achieve overall progress in the country through implementation of the development programmes.

The President told the function that cyclone shelters would be set up in Bhoja, Patuakhali and Barguna districts for the safety of the people during cyclonic disasters.

He said cyclones and other calamities in the national life impede the national progress repeatedly while demands for basic needs are on increase with the birth of new faces everyday.

President Biswas termed the role of non-government organisations important in ensuring people's participation in the development programmes and said the country would be greatly benefited if real problems of the people could be identified and accordingly a development atmosphere could be created.

He appreciated the activities of the Bandhujan Parishad which had implemented vari-

ous projects from their own fund for the poor's in the area since 1981.

He said this Parishad had earned love for its services like treatment of children, distribution of oral saline, health, education and mass education programmes, human rights activities and afforestation programmes.

He called for adopting this instance of voluntary services all over the country and strengthen the movement for economic progress through devotion and sincerity to change the lot of the common man.

He hoped that various government, non-government and foreign organisations in cooperation with voluntary organisations like Bandhujan Parishad would come forward to contribute in the rural socio-economic development.

President Biswas said educated youths, imams and Union Parishad Chairmen and members could greatly contribute in the nation building activities because they could better understand the poor people and their requirement.

They can also unite and engage them in development activities in the rural areas, he said.

## Clarification

The office of the Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Saturday issued a clarification regarding a news titled 'Session opens tomorrow' carried by the Daily Star's Saturday issue.

The clarification said: In the news item it was told that the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina was absent from the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee.

The clarification said that, the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina was represented by Opposition Chief Whip and Publicity Secretary of Awami League Mohammad Nasim.

## Newspaper holiday Apr 14

The newspaper offices will remain closed on April 14 (Tuesday) on the occasion of Bangla new year, according to a Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) press release, reports BSS.



## Hunger Project official due today

Global Executive Director of 'Hunger Project' Joan Holmes will arrive in Dhaka today (Sunday) to begin groundwork of a project for sustainable end of hunger by the year 2000, reports UNB.

During the 6-day visit, the Hunger Project official is expected to meet Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, other ministers, high officials and academicians.

She will also exchange views with different NGO leaders, voluntary organisations and donors of the Hunger Project-Bangladesh, a press release said.

Holmes will visit Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) in Comilla and address the national board members, patron and advisors of the Hunger Project-Bangladesh.

She will address a press conference on April 17 at National Press Club to outline the launching of the project, Strategic Planning -In-Action (SPIA), in Bangladesh.

## JS body on post, telecom meet held

The third meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Post and Telecommunication Ministry held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Post and Telecommunication Minister Muhammad Keramat Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

Matters, relating to Bangladesh Rural Telecom Authorities (BRTA), Bangladesh Telecom Ltd (BNTL) and Telephone Shilpa Shangstha (TSS) were also discussed in the meeting.

A report on the overall function and activities of the postal department was also discussed elaborately. The meeting laid stress on making the postal department a revenue earning public service oriented organisation by reducing its losses.

State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Md Aminul Haque, Advocate Fuzlee Rabbi, Mizanur Rahman Manu, Salauddin Ahmed, Md Nasiruddin and Barkatullah Bhulu were among others participated in the meetings.

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## Ctg given step-motherly treatment: NDP

CHITTAGONG, Apr 11: NDP Secretary General Salauddin Kader Chowdhury MP today called upon the people to resist those who were out to divide the nation and endanger national independence and sovereignty, reports BSS.

Speaking at the Eid reunion function of the city NDP here yesterday he said it was unfortunate that some elements were ignoring the realities of the present time and resorting to various tactics to mislead and divide the people, an NDP press release said today.

He criticised the government for that he said its failure to maintain law and order in the country. The people have been living in horror and insecurity in the cities and villages, he added.

Chowdhury said it was the responsibility of all to give an institutional shape to the democratic process achieved through nine years of struggle. He regretted that the government was giving step-motherly treatment to Chittagong in matters of its development.

The function presided over by city unit NDP President AKM Abu Bakar Chowdhury was addressed by local party leaders Waliullah Benu, Sekander Hossain Khan, Mozammel Haq and Ashraf Ali Akhan.

## Body recovered

CHITTAGONG, Apr 11: Bangladesh Security Forces recovered the body of an unidentified person from near Anandamoyee School at Barad under Dighi Ala upazila of Khagrachhari hill district Saturday, reports BSS.

The body bore the marks of bullets, while hands and feet of the victim were tied with rope. The sources suspected that the man was killed by tribal insurgents.

## More 1,89,106 tons of wheat from donor countries likely

A meeting on Food Policy and Food Management was held Saturday with the Food Minister M Shamsul Islam in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting held at the Food Ministry discussed elaborately on food production, food stock and the food budget for coming year. It expressed satisfaction on food situation of the country.

Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid ul Haq and State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan also spoke on the meeting.

Food Secretary KM Rabbani

and member of the Planning Commission M Mukammel Haq attended.

The meeting said a total of 3.63 lakh tons of paddy has been procured during the last aman procurement drive and irri-boro procurement will begin soon.

The Minister informed the meeting that two ships named MV Amittee and MV Liberty Velly carrying 84,000 tons of wheat as food aid has arrived at the Chittagong port recently.

He also said that 1,89,106 tons of wheat more is expected to reach by this month and 55,000 tons in the

next month (May) from different donor countries.

The meeting emphasised on reducing dependency on food aid and providing incentives for the farmers in view of boosting up food production.

Shamsul Islam stressed on building food security in the country and the need for coordinated efforts of all concerned for proper food management.

A total of 39,000 tons of wheat has been procured till Friday under internal procurement drive began on March 15.

## AMDA team to stay as long as required

Dr Sardar Abdul Nayeem, a Bangladeshi physician and leader of Japan-based Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) team who are in Dhaka to treat the Rohingya refugees, said they would concentrate mostly on sanitation and immunisation aspect of the Rohingya relief camps.

The four-member AMDA team arrived in Dhaka Friday night. Besides Dr Nayeem, there are three Japanese doctors in the team.

Dr Nayeem told BSS that they would take special care on prevention aspects of various waterborne and infectious diseases which are already there in the camps. He said our emphasis will be on the prevention aspects.

AMDA will be the third medical NGO to work in the Rohingya refugee camps. The team members have brought with them some medicine and few diagnostic equipments.

Dr Nayeem said they will take up immunization on an emergency basis to fight the spread of malaria and different

types of enteritis. French NGO MSF and 'Save the Children' have their medical teams working in the camps.

The AMDA team leader said, AMDA wants to stay as long as the services are required and added that AMDA doctors will be changed periodically. Before proceeding for Cox's Bazar Saturday evening, the team got permission from NGO Bureau to work there, Dr Nayeem added.

## 'Uphold spirit of communal harmony'

State Minister for Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock said in Langalbandh Friday Bangladesh was a unique example of communal harmony and religious tolerance, reports BSS.

He was speaking at a huge religious congregation of the Hindu community on the occasion of the holy bath in the river Brahmaputra — Ashtami Snan.

## Weather

### No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecasts that weather will remain mainly dry over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm Saturday.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country, it adds.

The highest temperature of the country 41.4 degree Celsius Saturday was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest temperature, 22.5 was recorded in Rangpur.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6:19 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:39 am.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in important cities and towns of the country Saturday are:

Cities/Towns	Temperature		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka:	39.2	25.7	78	67
Chittagong:	32.1	25.0	73	74
Rajshahi:	41.4	24.4	30	22
Khulna:	38.7	24.0	75	41
Cox's Bazar:	33.0	25.3	72	80
Rangpur:	35.9	22.5	78	54
Jessore:	40.0	25.4	NIL	NIL
Sylhet:	33.4	24.7	80	70
Comilla:	33.4	24.0	82	81
Ishwardi:	41.0	24.4	30	22
Barisal:	35.5	25.2	84	81

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