

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Looking Inwards Into Your Culture

by Fayza Haq

"Nothing has surpassed the sketches of Zainul Abedin of the '43 period. Why do we then go in for abstractions of the west in the mad hetero-skelter fashion? India, our neighbour, is doing well enough without it. Satyajit Ray dealt with Bengal in his immortal films. He did not rush off for inspirations in ideas to the west. Why can't we present our own culture in an effective way so that the world can marvel at it?" commented Shakoore Shah, who recently had his solo exhibit at the Alliance Francaise.

"I am always concerned about the problems of our people, as are many contemporary artists of Bangladesh and elsewhere. Our traditions and cultures are things I always try and keep in mind," he added.

He continued, "considering their shortcomings, the young artists of Bangladesh are doing well and are contributing their share to the cultural progress of the country," he proceeded to say, "the contemporary painters should be encouraged by the government by having their works exhibited abroad at the expense of the Bangladesh government through the Bangladeshi embassies abroad."

Shakoore added "something like the Museum of Modern Art as in Delhi, could be established in Dhaka. The Shilpakala Academy and the section on painting at the National Museum in Dhaka are not enough. If this does not happen, the best of pictures will be bought and taken abroad by the foreigners who appreciate our culture and art and have the financial backing to buy it for themselves."

Most of the artist's work are experimental, with a lot of semi-abstract going into his work although he professed that he had little penchant for abstractions. In 'Experimental Page' we found a collage, which depicted man and society. An individual was seen standing at repose and dreaming of a tranquil surrounding. He had taken a leaf from a magazine and had added green and blue colours at will, some of the portions of the pictures of the magazine had been left untouched. Shakoore had done a hundred of such experiments of which he exhibited only fifteen.

In the picture of the Australian opera, the artist had played a lib. with colour and form. It was vibrant with pulsating greens and oranges, with ample dots and dashes. "I simply wanted to portray life all round us in this world. This scene could have been in Paris or in New York. I simply wanted the next generation to have something new to see and ponder over," Shakoore commented.

'Experiment Page 8' had the theme of a beauty competition or a dance. All other images were blocked apart from the most beautiful dancer. There was a riot of colours of red, green, and black and it had dramatic and effective. 'Experimental Page 9' dealt with rugby and depicted human joy and expectations. The figures from the magazine were kept intact but touched with black. "I want more than colours on canvas," Shakoore commented. In 'Experiment 12' we saw a Japanese dancer who had been touched with haunting pinks, greens, while the action of the performer was captured with an impact. One marvelled at the intriguing combination of photo and painting.

In 'Experiment 13' we saw a broken gate and window. The printed page formed the back of the wall. One definitely got an impression of abstraction from this piece. 'Experiment 14' showed an aging artist at work. Once again shakoore had created a magnificent semi-abstract piece.

The entries '34', '35' and '36' had used handpaper, acrylic and pastel. Shakoore had played at will with form and shape but once again he was preoccupied with broken doors and windows which symbolised the miseries and struggles of life for the artist. The colours were blue, pink and green. The abstract lines, squares, rectangles and semicircles created images that were thought provoking and imaginative and decorative.

The problems of the third world were dealt with in 'M-05' 'Malaria is supposed to have ended in our country. Yet there are diseases galore that hamper the well being of our countrymen. It is because of the lack of adequate leadership that we are not progressing as we should. It is sufficient to say that natural disasters impoverish our country. We should be ready for any inadvertent situations as people often are in the prosperous countries of the west."

The theme of the torture and subjugation of women had been brought amply in his telling sketches. They were depicted with broken arm, with no future in prospect and having been abandoned by their men. "I want to present what is going on in the east although I do not want to be cut off from the rest of the world," Shakoore commented.

Abdus Shakoore who has an MS. from Barodha, India, has won numerous prizes at home and has exhibited frequently abroad in places like Italy, Canada, India, USA, London, Japan and Africa.



## Planned parenthood must for uplift: Oli

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Communications Minister Oli Ahmad today said planned parenthood was an imperative for the successful implementation of the development programmes undertaken by the present government, reports BSS.

He called upon the personnel engaged in family planning and family welfare activities to integrate their programmes with government-run and international programmes to achieve the goal of planned family.

The Communications Minister was inaugurating a five-day international seminar on

'Micro-Surgery in Gynecology Practice and Reversal in Female-Sterilisation' here. It was jointly organised by Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) and International Planned Parenthood Foundation.

The Communications Minister said, though the campaign of family planning was launched in 1965 it was far beyond universal acceptance because of religious impediments. "It was President Zia who made all out efforts in 1976 to popularise the programme throughout the country and it got real momentum during the period upto 1981," he said.



Jatiya Party Acting Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury inaugurates a mass signature programme demanding the release of its Chairman Ershad. — Star photo

## What's on today . . . .

**Imam Certificate Awarding Ceremony**  
On completion of training of imam, certificate awarding ceremony of the Islamic Medical Mission will be organised today (Sunday) at 10 am at its Mirpur Training Centre.

Commerce Minister MK Anwar will be present on the occasion as the chief guest and Secretary for Religious Affairs Abdul Awal and chief of Energy Department, IIRO, Abdullah Ibrahim Al-Abdan will be special guests.

**Rotary Club of Dhanmondi meet**  
The 302nd regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today (Sunday) at 5.30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. Members are requested to attend the meeting in time. Lions Club of Dhaka Oriental meet.

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Oriental will be held today (Sunday) at 7 pm at the Officers' Club. All members are requested to attend the meeting in time.

**Jubo Union joint meet**  
A joint meeting of the central leaders of Bangladesh Jubo Union and the fourth National Conference preparation committee will be held today (Sunday) at 7 pm at the organisation's central office in Topkhana.

**BISS discussion meet**  
A lecture on the 'Foreign Policy of the Netherlands with Special Reference to Development Cooperation' by Henricus Gajentaan, Ambassador of the Netherlands in Dhaka, will be delivered today (Sunday) at 4 pm at the BISS auditorium. AKH Morshed, Chairman, BOG, BISS will preside over.

**Workshop on small scale water control**  
The Bangladesh Water Development Board and the Canadian International Development Agency will jointly hold a workshop on 'Design of Small Scale Water Control Structure' today (Sunday) at 10 am in the banquet hall of the Hotel Abakash, Mahakhali in the city.

Bangladesh Water Development Board Chairman MA Razaque will inaugurate the workshop while Susan L Brown, Counsellor (Development) SIDA and Saeed A Rana, Head of Agriculture, World Bank Resident Mission, will be present as special guests.

**Central Women's College Alumni Assoc**  
Central Women's College Alumni Association will hold a get-together on the college campus today (Sunday) at 4 pm.

**Filmshow at Goethe Institute**  
The show of the film titled 'The Red Stocking' directed by W Tumler will be held at the Goethe Institute in the city today (Sunday) at 6 pm.

## . . . . and tomorrow

**Sachibalay Hisabrakhan Samity rally**  
A Secretariat accounts section employees rally will be organised by the Bangladesh Sachibalay Hisabrakhan Karmachari Samity tomorrow (Monday) at 10 am on the premises of the Joint Council office of the Secretariat. The Samity will hand over memorandum to the Prime Minister after the rally.

**Social Sciences Seminar**  
A seminar on 'The Practice of Local History of the War of Independence' organised by the Higher Social Sciences Research Centre will be held tomorrow (Monday) at the centre's seminar room at 4 pm. Lecturer of the History department of the Dhaka University Abu Md Delwar Hossain will read the keynote paper in the seminar while it will be presided over by Professor of the Bengali Department Anisuzzaman.

**Discussion Programme on American Independence**  
The USIS-American Centre will hold a lecture-discussion programme on "American Independence: a harbinger of democratic revolution" tomorrow (Monday) at 5.00 pm at the USIS auditorium, Jibon Bima Bhaban. The lecture on the subject will be delivered by Professor of History of the Dhaka University Dr Syed Anwar Husain. The programme will be followed by a video show.

## Weather

### Day temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent  
Light or moderate rain or showers with temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 am today (Sunday).

Day temperature is likely to rise by one or two degree Celsius over the country.

The Met Office forecast of increase of rainfall activities under the influence of monsoon activity within five days.

The country on Saturday recorded highest rainfall of 82 mm in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm at Sylhet. Rajshahi had 31mm, Bogra 11 mm, Hatia 9 mm, Teknaf 8 mm, and Srimangal had 8 mm of rainfall.

The maximum temperature of 36.5 degree Celsius was reported from Rajshahi yesterday and the minimum of 20.8 degree was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6.61 pm and the sun rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.17 am.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.7	25.9	86	78
Chittagong	31.1	24.2	91	86
Khulna	34.2	25.3	86	85
Rajshahi	36.5	26.2	81	98
Barisal	33.4	25.6	78	78
Sylhet	28.2	20.8	98	83
Rangpur	32.5	26.0	86	88
Cox's Bazar	30.0	24.6	92	89

## 2 insurgents captured at Rangamati

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Bangladesh security forces today captured two armed insurgents after exchanging fire with them at Garulchari in Rangamati hill district, reports BSS.

According to an official source here, the insurgents and a patrol party of the security forces came face to face at Garulchari this morning. After an exchange of fire lasting over an hour, the insurgents were captured by the security forces patrol.

## Hannan opens Kapasia Telephone Bhaban

Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah Saturday inaugurated the Kapasia thana Telephone Bhaban, reports BSS.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Muhammad keramat Ali was present on the occasion.

The cost of the newly constructed exchange building with Ultra High Frequency (UHF) 150 lines magneto telephone exchange was Taka 84 lakh.

The Telephone Exchange has the facility to dial from Kapasia to Dhaka and Gazipur district headquarters directly.

## Employment opportunities abroad

Some international organizations have invited applications for filling up certain vacancies at their disposal, says a PID handout.

Name of the Organizations along with the post-titles and last date for receipt of the applications by the Ministry of Establishment are given below: United Nations Development Programme: Vegetable Seed Production Specialist; Asia-Pacific Telecommunity: Executive Director; UNESCO: Programme Specialist in Science and Technology (P-4); Chief of Section (P-5); Director (D-2); Translator/Minute Writer (P2/P3); Assistant Treasury Officer (P1/P2) — July 15.

Further details of the posts and procedure of application will be available with the Ministry of Establishment concerned Ministry/Division/Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, District Manpower and Employment Offices.

## Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

বাইপাস বা অবৈধ পানি সংযোগ আজই বিচ্ছিন্ন করুন

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class supplier contractor/bonafide supplier/manufacturers for supply of electrical goods for FM Division at a cost allotment of Taka 81,069/=. Tenders will be received up to 12-00 Noon on 13-7-92 and opened on the same day at 12-30 p.m. in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

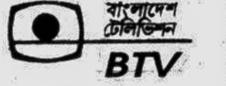
Bill of quantities of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer, Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed information will be available at the office of the undersigned.

Address: WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka

WASA - P I-239/92 Executive Engineer  
DFP (G) 13213-30/6 Procurement Division  
G-838 Dhaka WASA

## Pedestrian killed in road mishap

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Ansar Ahmed (40), a pedestrian was killed by a city bus at OR Nizam Road here today, reports BSS.



## Sunday

- 5:00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from Bible
- 5:30 Make Nye
- 6:00 Rock Sports programme
- 6:30 Sports programme: Cricket
- 7:05 Rabindra Sangit
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Probaha
- 9:00 Drama series Oshin
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:25 Parliament Roundup
- 10:35 Rag Rang
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Monday's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

# At Reliance Your Security Comes First

With its strong back-up of human resources, in-depth know-how and wealth of experience, Reliance is fully geared to meet all your general insurance requirements in a fast changing world

EXPERIENCE \* STRENGTH \* SECURITY

## RELIANCE INSURANCE LIMITED

BSB BUILDING, 8 RAJUK AVENUE  
DHAKA-1000, BANGLADESH  
Phone PABX: 240105-6, 235080  
Telex: 671196 RIL BJ