

Dhaka Day by Day

The Dream is Over but Life Goes on

by Fayza Haq

Mahmud, a promising photographer, who had his exhibition at the "La Galerie" is a bohemian at soul and in his deeds. He is wrapped up in poetry and philosophic thoughts. His ideas and speech are idealistic and he is outspoken although he gives the impression of being a taciturn introvert. He has a firm grasp of the situation of photographic achievements in Bangladesh as well as outside — both in the east and west. His dream, at one time, was to make a motion picture, but he had to abandon it to compromise with his family, help run a drug-store, and take pictures in the time he can eke out.

"I want to see the happy side of life," Mahmud commented. "There are enough sorrows and sufferings around. One can do without a lot of

and bare portrayal of life. It may not be a true depiction of life in Bangladesh but I chose to see the beauty in life around me, the photographer explained.

"When I took the pictures I wanted to capture the mood of the people. I went into the countryside in areas such as Marmara Tipra. There is not much beauty of clothes or jewellery in the delineation. I go for the face. I believe the visage tells you the inner reflection of individuals. People are happy only for a few minutes of their lives. You can comprehend and analyse people through their faces and their eyes. As for the background and atmosphere it enters the picture naturally."

In "No16" there was the mother and the child theme with woman shown working. A soldier was seen in the background in a blurred manner. The soldier is a part of the life there. One feels both the security and the tension of their existence. You can interpret the situation the way you want. I leave the interpretation to the people," Mahmud commented.

What did he feel about the use of symbolism in the photographs such as in the work of those of the photographer-Mithu? Mahmud replied "Symbolism can be useful if you are trying to depict deeper meanings of life and living. A picture is never enough to be simply decorative."

The old and the adolescent are Mahmud's favourites. What I find fascinating in aging people is the beauty of their age, strife and struggle. I admit, however, that even a child has to struggle," the photographer commented.

The market place of Khagra Chari in Tippra

in a place in Chittagong Hill Tracts, was the subject of another incisive photograph. "I enjoy travelling, and studying life. I sit, talk and move around with people. I find them very different from the city residents. There is a misconception about the people from the countryside. They are not as simple as they are believed to be. I learn from them and enjoy their company. As long as you live you learn, no matter what your age," Mahmud elaborated about his work.

Was he escaping from the city life of Dhaka? "I like to stay close to nature but cannot do that everyday. Maybe some day I'll go and stay in the countryside permanently, if I get the chance," replied the photographer, whom the English Romantic poets would surely have embraced.

The photo from Kushitia brought in the image of a dead river.

Yet this too was idyllic with its blue, grey and shimmering shades. When Mahmud took the picture the people were waiting for the rain to come and for life to be reactivated again. The rickshawman in "No 13" was a realistic and beautiful picture of the people in action. It was grey, blue and black. The simplicity of the reproduction of the narration of everyday life moved you without any artificial embellishments of any nature.

Mahmud did not give names to his photographs. "I left it to the imagination of the people. He used handmade paper from the Menonite Central Committee to elevate the beauty of many of his photographs. "I left it to the imagination of the people. He used handmade paper from the Menonite Central Committee to elevate the beauty of many of his photographs."

Talking about the training of the photographers Mahmud felt that it was not poor, but that it was a pity that there were not adequate jobs for the photographers. "It is an expensive pursuit and I've had to scrimp to continue with it. The sale of the photos is minimum. Only the foreigners patronise. It would help to have more workshops on film making," he commented.

Mahmud used a simple Nikon FM2 camera and complained that cameras were expensive. He had a child called Lara open his exposure. "I make good friends with them. I was not tempted to get any important personality for the opening of my show."

Mahmud, with more training and endeavour, should go far, if he continues to pursue his interest in photography. This was his second solo exhibition and undoubtedly by an impressive one.



Mirza Abbas, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation inaugurating tree plantation programme organised by Pallabi Sangha in the city Friday.

What's on today....

Seminar on Fermat's Last Theorem
Chief scientific officer and the Director Physical Sciences of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Dr Muhammad Ahsan will offer a proof of the three and a half century old mathematical problem known as "Fermat's last theorem" in a seminar organised by the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (Saturday) at 9.30 am at the auditorium of the atomic energy centre.

World Population Day
In observance of the World Population Day today, Bangladesh Family Nursing Centre holds a seminar titled 'Marital System and Population Control' at the centre's 295 Elephant Road office in the city. Prof Noor Mohammad Kazi will present a paper in the seminar beginning at 4 pm.

Debate on 'Budget-1992'
Bangladesh Young Economists' Association has organised an open debate on 'Budget-1992' at the ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon in the city today (Saturday).
Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will open the debate, beginning at 9 am, as chief guest. Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan will be the special guest on the occasion while Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed will act as moderator for the debate.

Workshop on Mobilisation of Landless
A four-day workshop on 'Mobilisation of Landless for Participatory Development: Role of Mass Media' begins in the city today (Saturday).
The inaugural session of the workshop will take place at CDL auditorium (House No 39, Road No 14A, Dhanmondi residential area) at 9.30 am.
Organised by the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), the opening function will be attended by Law Minister Mirza Golaam Hafiz as chief guest.

Satyajit Film Festival
The Jahangirnagar University branch of Zahir Raihan Chalachitra Sangsad holds the show of Satyajit Ray's film 'Satranj ki Khilari' at the Indian High Commission auditorium today (Saturday) at 6 pm.

CPB central body meet
A two-day meeting of the CPB's central committee begins today (Saturday) at 10 am at the party central office. All the central body members have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

W Rahman Jute Mill Workers
W Rahman Jute Mill General Employees and Workers Council has convened a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club today (Saturday) at 11 am to announce their next course of action demanding resumption of production at the mill.

Tree plantation programme
Bangla Academy and Commitment, a non-government organisation, will jointly hold a tree plantation programme at the academy premises at 10 am today (Saturday).
State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum will inaugurate the programme by planting a sapling. The programme aims at making the government's current tree plantation programme a success across the country to protect environment from pollution and imbalance.

Jamaat's submission of memo to PM
The Dhaka Metropolitan unit of Jamaat-e-Islami has decided to submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in demand of release of the party chief Golaam Azam this morning.
A rally will be held at the Maghbazar crossing at 10 am prior to submission of the memorandum.

Seminar on Ashura
Islamic Foundation Bangladesh has arranged a seminar on 'Significance and Teaching of Ashura' at its auditorium today (Saturday) at 5 pm.
Managing Director of Rural Employment Foundation Mohammad Ismail Hossain will chair the seminar. It will be addressed by Moalana Ruhul Amin Khan and Manjurul Ahsan. Principal Abul Bashar Khan will present a paper.

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Symposium on Using Endangered Birds
A Symposium on 'Using Endangered Birds as Titres of Endangered Ecosystems in Asia' will be held at the USIS-American Centre auditorium in the city tomorrow (Sunday).
The three-hour symposium beginning at 10 am, has been organised jointly by the Centre for Nature Studies of the Institute of Life Sciences, Jahangirnagar University, the Environmental Survey and Research Unit of the Geography Department, Dhaka University and the USIS-American Centre in Dhaka.
The discussants include: Prof Kazi Zaker Hossain of the Zoology Department, Dr K Sajjadur Rashid of the Zoology Department, Prof Shahadat Ali of the Zoology Department and Prof K Nizamuddin of the Geography Department of the Dhaka University and Dr Mohammad Anwarul Islam of the Zoology Department of the Jahangirnagar University.

Ganatantrik Biplobi Jote
A meeting of Ganatantrik Biplobi Jote's central steering committee will be held at 68/2, Purana Paltan office tomorrow (Sunday) at 7 pm.

Medical service to all a constitutional obligation, says Badruddoza

The Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad, Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called upon the physicians to discharge their responsibilities in serving the ailing humanity with a sense of dedication, reports BSS.

Prof. Chowdhury was speaking as an Eid reunion and a session of voluntary blood donation organised by Bikrampur Chikitsak Samity at the auditorium of Ibrahim Memorial Diabetic Centre at Sha-bhagh here Friday evening.

Presided over by the president of the samity, Dr. Mohammad Mantruzzaman Bhuiyan, the function was addressed, among others, by Food Minister M. Shamsul Islam, Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Hal, Begum Shamsunnahar Khawja Ahsanullah MP, Vice President of Bangladesh Medical Association and Associate Prof. of Dhaka Shishu Hospital Dr. Strajul Islam, Vice President of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Alhaj Siddiqur Rahman, General Secretary of Munshiganj-Bikrampur Samity Mohammad Shajahan Miah, Dr. Mohammad Babar Hossain and Editor of the Weekly Prescription Asaduzzaman.

The General Secretary of the samity presented his report while the Treasurer Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Alam gave a vote of thanks on the occasion.

The Deputy Leader of the House pointed out that providing medical service to all citizens was one of the fundamental and constitutional obligations.

Najmul Huq gets ILO award

Najmul Huq, Director General, NIPORT, has been awarded a plaque by ILO in recognition of his invaluable support and outstanding contribution to the work of the ILO Labour and Population team for Asia and the Pacific (LAPAT) in promoting family welfare as an integral part of labour welfare and a better understanding of population, human resources and development activities in the region, reports BSS.

This award is given only to a selected personalities for their outstanding contributions in the field of labour welfare, family planning and human resources development.

Ultrath Jatra observed

Ultrath Jatra, the traditional Hindu religious festival, was held yesterday at Rathkhola of the city under the auspices of Bangladesh Jatiya Rath Observance Committee, reports BSS.

Presided over by Rathan Kumar Sarkar the religious gathering was addressed, among others, by the chairman of Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Sangram Committee Barister Nihilsh Datta, Advocate Samarendra Nath Goswami, Advocate Parimal Biswas, Suvash Datta, Krishna Sarkar and Chitta Ranjan Das Gupta.

Addressing the function, the speakers said that over the ages the people of the country had involved themselves in nation building activities through maintaining the religious harmony.

The speakers called upon the people irrespective of caste and religion to maintain the harmony to set an example before the world.

tion and said the present government was making all out efforts in this connection.

Prof. Chowdhury advised the voluntary physician associations to organise makeshift camps at the remote rural areas for popularising the health education and preventive knowledge against diseases.

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Notices with copy of Resolutions and of the businesses to be transacted in both the meetings alongwith Directors' Report, Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report thereon, are being sent directly to the Shareholders at their Registered addresses recorded with the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors
MD. ZAFAR HAMID
Executive Vice President & Secretary

The 11th July 1992.



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Acute poverty a threat to fragile democracy: Dr Poona

Dr Poona Wigneraja, Vice Chairman of the South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation, has warned that democracy is heavily vulnerable to the acute poverty situation of the region, reports UNB.

"We won't be able to sustain the fragile democracy in our region if we fail to alleviate its widespread poverty," the Sri Lankan professor told the inaugural session of the third meeting of the Commission yesterday.

The independent commission headed by former Nepalese Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai came into being after the sixth SAARC summit in Colombo last year to study the extent and character of regional poverty and prescribe policy measures for its alleviation.

Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan opened the six-day meeting at a local hotel Friday morning.

Wigneraja, who is the Adviser of the United Nations University on South Asian Perspective, said successive political leadership in the region have "grossly underestimated" the extent and complexity of poverty.

"Forty per cent poor are too much burden for us," he said.

The Sri Lankan researcher was critical of low level efforts so far made for effective poverty alleviation in the region. "The kind of response is totally inadequate."

He strongly recommended for preparing a separate national poverty alleviation plan for the South Asian nations.

Also he suggested beginning of "continuous social contact" between political leadership and the people of the countries of South Asia.

"Poverty alleviation issue has to be brought beyond party politics," he said.

Endorsing Wigneraja's views, Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan said successive

political leadership and bureaucracy in the region have always "underestimated" the potentials of the people keeping them aside development planning.

He said the South Asian countries have to ensure political commitment, stability and dedicated leadership in the efforts of poverty alleviation.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Planning Commission Member Dr Sheikh Maqsood Ali and former Health Minister for Maldives Abdus Sattar Mosaddi.

LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar, State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan and senior government officials were present.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Light or moderate rain or shower is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong division, at many places over Khulna division and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 am today (Saturday).

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country, the Met office forecast.

Yesterday (Friday), the country experienced rainfall at many places. The rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm were: Pataukhali 33 mm, Teknaf 27 mm, Sandwip 29 mm, Iswardi 26 mm, Sylhet 20 mm, Chittagong and Kutubdia 15 mm each, Faridpur 14, Barisal 13, Sitakund 11 and Khulna 10 mm.

The maximum temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was reported from Chuadanga yesterday (Thursday) and the minimum of 22.5 degree was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.50 pm and the sun rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.19 am.

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

Cities/Towns	temperature in degree Celsius		humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.8	26.5	92	78
Chittagong	30.5	23.8	97	92
Khulna	27.7	23.1	92	100
Rajshahi	31.5	25.1	97	94
Rangpur	31.5	25.5	90	87
Sylhet	31.0	22.5	98	78
Cox/Bazar	28.8	24.5	90	93
Barisal	27.2	24.6	100	93



Saturday

- 5.00 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5.30 Sports world
- 6.00 Drama series: Tom's
- Midnight Garden
- 6.30 Maati-o-Manush
- 7.05 Banbarhi
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Probaha
- 9.00 Ontbaan
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Drama series: Dallas
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Sunday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing