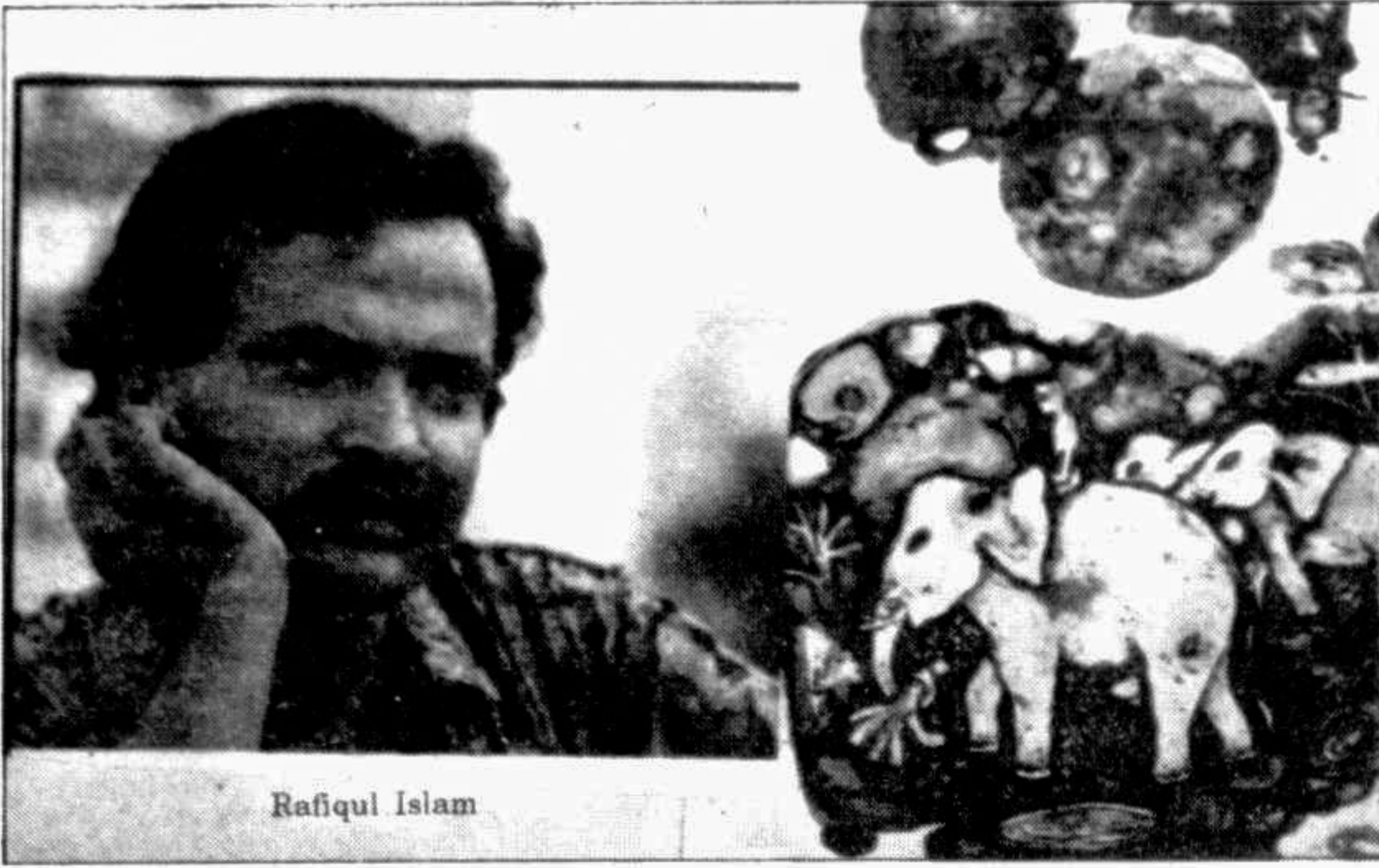


Dhaka Day by Day

Delineating Life with Delectable Designs

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Rafiqul Islam

Rafiqul Islam, who had his exhibitions of oils and mixed work at the "La Galerie" is basically a designer of patterns and motifs. However, his expose was fairly remarkable and going by the sale, a successful one, in the commercial way. This was even if, aesthetically, he may not have surpassed artists of his age and experience in the country.

His paintings dealt mainly with matters such as fishing boats, women bathing in the river in the villages, and elephant rides. Nevertheless, he did have some more mature efforts in presenting contemporary life in Old Dhaka, and in other places in the city. His colours might have appeared a little garish, but the artist blamed the lighting effect of the gallery for it. He was confident and elated with his work, although one might not have found any psychological insight or deep analysis in them.

In "Rakkhal" one saw the romantic scene of a village. In his presentation the artist had combined realism with abstraction. The presentation involved detailed brushwork, which heightened the beauty of the composition.

The was a straightforward representation in "Bird and Nature" with detailed patterns, involved in the work, once again heightened the elegance of the work. The poetic representation of the leaves and birds were pleasant even if it may not have carried any profound meaning or great interest except for the environmentalists and those still enamoured with a romantic vision of life.

Vertical lines, circles, squares, and spots created an abstraction in "Composition 4" in which the artist experimented with forms. The walls of Old Dhaka were his inspiration. The work was alive with colours as in the case of all the entries.

Butterflies were involved in a creation of a semiabstract form in which white semicircle in the background were used as eye rest. The painter had once again combined light with dark hues with satisfactory impact.

"Four Women" had an impressionistic depiction of village beauties who were drying

themselves after having had a bath in a pond. The black sweeps of hair and the swirl of the "sari" brought out the elegance of the women of Bangladesh.

Three women were shown contemplating romantic thoughts and sharing secrets and discussing other mundane matters in "The Moonlit Night". A fair measure of maroon had been used, along with black and white. It was a more mature effort than many of his other works at the exhibit.

Stripes of pink and blue, along with pink and a semicircle — which represented the moon — along with bold sweeps of black and white in the forefront were found in "Moon and Nature".

Rafiqul Islam had gone into specialising in designing as a child, as an adult and an artist who must earn his living he has experimented with designs of folk art and patterns from nature. Green and turquoise were his favourite colours. "We should have new designs with experimentation in mind. One design should definitely be markedly different from the other when we produce handicrafts" Rafiqul Islam, who works for the Design Centre of BISICIS.

In his BISICIS department, the artist handles textile printing, batik, skin printing, block printing, ceramics, cloth and cotton figurines. He also deals with reed, leaf and leather products.

Discussing art in Bangladesh, Rafiqul Islam said, "I believe contemporary art is not lagging behind of late too much. However I feel too much of the western world is being reflected in our work."

The painter who has been to India and China has Zainul Abedin as his favourite artist. "He has truly represented our culture," he commented, "I myself wish to remain close to my own culture in my work," he added.

This was Rafiqul's second solo exhibition and he has participated in eight other joint exhibitions before. His works are to be found in various collection both here in Dhaka and in foreign capital cities.

Interaction of ocean, atmosphere still a mystery to scientists

Scientists are still unable to understand the mystery behind the interaction of ocean and the atmosphere that influences the world climate, reports ISS.

This was stated in Dhaka Tuesday by the Deputy Director of the French Institute for Sciences of the Universe, Dr DL Cadet, at a conference on "climatology and hydrology of Bangladesh — the monsoon phenomena."

He said the scientists were also unable to understand properly the connection current affecting the aero dynamics of the atmosphere due to lack of enough climatological data.

Dr Cadet said a small change in the energy dynamics of the ocean or the atmosphere had a very big change in precipitation affecting the monsoon phenomena.

Organised by the Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of the French embassy, the conference was held at the Alliance Francaise.

Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Reazul Hayat was the chief guest and Chief Engineer of Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (EPCO) H Siddiqui was the special guest at the conference.

Head of French development agency at the embassy Alain Vanden Abele also

spoke on the occasion. Dr Cadet said that the interaction between air flow and topography of the earth was not well understood by the scientists as yet. He said scientists also had no idea about the origin of pressure waves in the atmosphere.

The French scientist said his institute was working on different aspects of monsoon phenomena. However, he said knowledge of global climatological and atmospheric phenomena was needed for long range meteorological forecast even for more than a week.

He stressed there should be a balance between climatological and hydrological research having link with meteorological forecast.

He mentioned that the climatological aspect of Bangladesh was different from rest of the sub-continental peninsula. On the basis of 15 years data

Noman, Obaidullah discuss tree plantation

AZM Obaidullah Khan, Assistant Director General of the United Nations, FAO and Representative in the Asia and Pacific region, called on Environment, Forest and Livestock Minister Abdullah al Noman in the city Tuesday, reports ISS.

They discussed different issues including the tree plantation programme in Bangladesh and the projects in which the FAO is involved.

The FAO official assured Bangladesh of greater help in the relevant fields in the light of the outcome of the earth summit in the Rio de Janeiro last month.

BPMPA of Dhaka metropolitan branch polls Oct 23

The election of the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA), Dhaka Metropolitan branch, will be held on October 23, reports UNB.

Candidates will be considered as eligible to contest the election on the basis of membership renewed or enlisted on or before July 23.

The three-member election commission was also constituted with Dr Mirza A Sobhan as its Chairman for election purpose.

he said when there was drought in most of Indian peninsula heavy precipitation was over Bangladesh and vice-versa.

Reazul Hayat said over abundance of water when it does not require and scarcity of water when it was badly needed was creating great problem affecting agriculture, industry and overall economy of the country.

Siddiqui predicted that for the next 50 years Bangladesh would have to depend critically on agriculture which is dependent on water. But the country had no control on the flow of its major rivers.

Bangladeshi artist gets int'l prize

Md Maniruzzaman, a Bangladeshi artist, received 3rd prize for the Third International Postage Stamp Design Contest held at Japan recently, says a press release Tuesday.



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The name of his design is "The Bird". The prize money of the award is of 3,00,000 yen.

About 27000 entries were received from 117 countries for the contest.

Maniruzzaman passed MFA degree from the Institute of Arts and Crafts under the University of Dhaka, and now working at the Shilpangan, a contemporary Art gallery at Dhaka.

Tree plantation programme inaugurated

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has formally inaugurated the tree plantation programme of Roads and Highways Department under the auspices of arboriculture unit in Sarak Bhaban premises through planting a Nageshwar (iron wood) sapling, reports ISS.

In all forty two saplings were planted on this occasion while chief engineer and other high officials planted different varieties of saplings.

Dhaka WASA started Tuesday a tree plantation programme at its sewerage treatment plant premises at Pagla as part of the nationwide afforestation campaign, reports UNB.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives M Abdul Hye inaugurated the programme in the morning.

What's on today . . .

Tree plantation at Ahsan Manjil Museum
State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum will plant sapling at the Ahsan Manjil Museum premises today (Wednesday) at 11:00 am.
A press release issued by the national museum last night said that the Prime Minister will soon inaugurate the Ahsan Manjil Museum. Preparations for the museum's opening are nearing completion, it added.

Juba Union
The joint meeting of the central committee of Bangladesh Juba Union and the preparatory council of organisation's fourth conference will be held today (Wednesday) at 7:00 pm at union's central office.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West
The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel.

Solidarity with Cuba
To express solidarity with Cuban people, a meeting will be held today (Wednesday) at 5:00 pm at the Institute of Engineers. The meeting has been jointly organised by the leaders of different political parties.

Madrasa students
The grand rally of Bangladesh Madrasa Student Movement Council will be held today (Wednesday) at 10 am at the Institute of Engineers premises. Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz will attend the rally as chief guest.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga
The club assembly of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held today (Wednesday) at 3:30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. The regular meeting of the club will be at 5:30 pm.
The guest speakers of this week are A M A Kabir, President, Family Planning Association of Bangladesh and S K Alok, Country Director, UNFPA. They will speak on observance of the World Population Day.

and tomorrow

Seminar at BIISS
A seminar on 'Climatic changes in the world and in Bangladesh: impact on Bangladesh' will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 4:30 pm at the auditorium of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) at 1/46, Elephant Road in the city. The seminar has been jointly organised by the Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) and BIISS.

Tree plantation
The tree plantation programme of Bangladesh Milk Producers Cooperative Union Limited will be inaugurated tomorrow (Thursday) at 9:00 am at the Dhaka Milk Factory at Mirpur.

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210 canals' digging completed

Digging of 210 canals completed and 80 per cent work on another 153 was done between January and May this year, reports UNB.

Officials said the completed projects would provide irrigation facilities to an additional 4 lakh acre of land where about 7 lakh tons of additional food-grains are expected to be produced. Besides, there will be pisciculture facilities.

The total length of the dug canals is about 936.19 kilometre and the quantity of earth cut is nearly 1.56 crore cubic metre.

They said the incomplete projects would be completed on priority basis in the coming dry season.

The government took up a programme for re-excavating 363 derelict canals and ponds, of which 339 are canals.

Fifty per cent of the project works were done with voluntary labour and the remaining under the Food for Works Programme.

For this programme, 19,914 metric tons of wheat was allocated. So far, about 16,725 metric tons have been utilised, the officials said.

BAUCSU election Aug 9

The election of Bangladesh Agricultural University Central Students' Union (BAUCSU) and nine Hall Unions will be held on August 9, reports UNB.

According to varsity sources, the following schedule will be maintained in the election: publication of draft lists of voters on July 21, publication of final lists of voters and distribution of nomination forms on July 28, submission of nomination forms on July 30, scrutiny of nomination forms and announcement on candidature on August 1, withdrawal of nomination forms by intending candidates on August 4.

The voting will continue from 8 am to 12.30 pm without any break.

Promotion of govt college teachers hailed

President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association Tuesday congratulated the government for promoting 712 assistant professors, 103 associate professors and 58 professors, reports ISS.

In a statement, Muzaffar Hussain and Mohammad Hasanul Bari, President and General Secretary of the association demanded of the government to fill up the vacant posts created following these promotions.



5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Ghurab
	Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Geeta
5.30	Tarannam
6.00	Sports Programme:
	Gillette World Sports Special
	Moder Garab Moder Aasha
6.30	News in Bangla
8.00	Film show: MacGyver
9.00	News in English
10.00	Parliament round up
10.25	Kissa Kahini
10.35	Khabar/The News
11.30	Thursday's programme summary
11.40	Closing
11.45	



Meena Bazar at Sir Salimullah Medical College. —Star photo

Weather

Dry spell will prevail

Light rain or shower is likely at one or two places over Chittagong division and weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday.

Meteorological office forecasts that day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country during the period.

Little change in weather will be noticed in subsequent two days, Met office also forecasts.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) in Dhaka at 6-49 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5-21 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in Degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.8	36.8	77	72
Chittagong	31.5	24.8	77	87
Rajshahi	33.7	25.7	81	74
Khulna	34.0	24.6	81	96
Barisal	32.0	26.0	85	90
Cox's Bazar	31.2	25.5	85	80
Sylhet	30.5	25.2	100	89
Rangpur	32.8	26.5	89	77

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