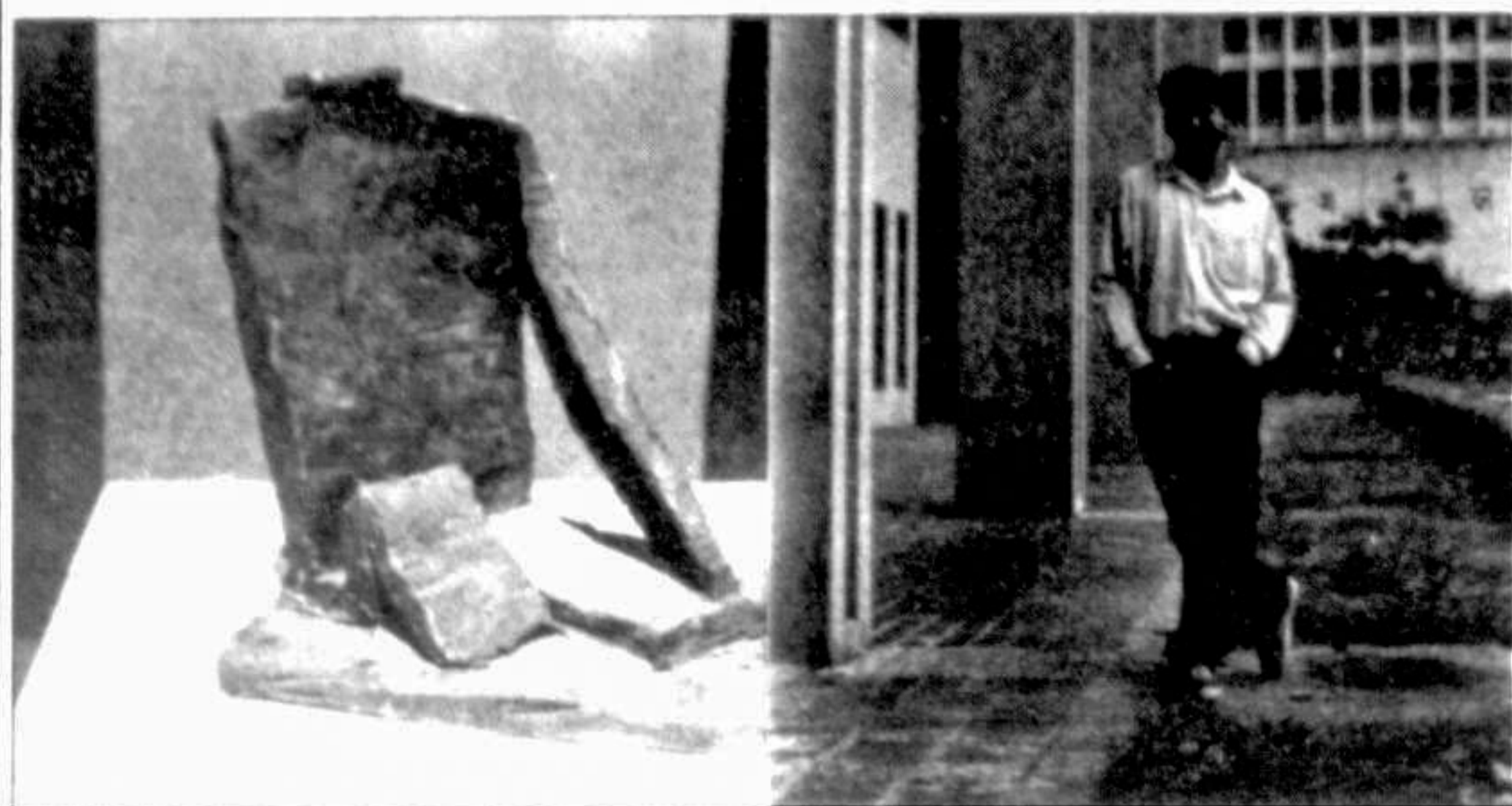


Dhaka Day by Day

Penchant for Fame in a Sensitive Sculptor

by Fayza Haq



Inset: show artist Bulbul

Bulbul, a 26-year-old student of M.F.A. from the Institute of Fine Arts, had held an interesting and impressive solo exhibition, at the Dhaka Museum.

Bulbul had been so short of funds — and had no inclination to go cap in hand, as he had done earlier, in a combined venture — that he made no brochure. The sculptor was a sensitive and dedicated worker, who had developed a bald patch, worrying about the travails of society, around him, and even overseas.

A winner of the best award for "Creative Work" at the recent annual exhibition at the Fine Arts Institute, he showed one his prized award which depicted a man resting with his legs held up. It was geometrical in conception and presentation, and was the only other one kept in a glass case.

In "Ill Thoughts", one saw figures that had been moulded and twisted by the hand before the firing of the clay. This had been touched up with subtle silver metal paint. "I want to depict the problems that grip our society. However, I am not basically a pessimist. I cannot help it if what I see around me is not harmonious or peaceful," Bulbul commented, when asked why he had used such a profusion of black hue.

One had felt that "Torture" was almost some archaeological piece, viewing it from a distance. The beauty of a woman's figure had been maintained despite the apparent torment, and limbless presentation. This too was flecked with silver, but you noticed that only when you examined it closely. "I am a firm believer of the fact that women are downtrodden in the third world countries. In the West they have much more freedom and equality," the artist had commented.

A figure had been presented in the piece "Torture 71". The effect of agony was conveyed to you by the head that had been placed on one side. When I asked the artist why he had used black colour only, he replied, "I want to establish my own identity, and this is my style. I do not want to use colours and enough has been used by others."

The clay figures in "Adda" had the subjects presented in the modern form. Yet one could comprehend them quite easily, examining from

nearby. Bulbul had truly captured the mood of the people relaxing on the green fields of Dhaka, and even smoking hashish.

There was certainly beauty, grace and harmony in the barely relieved black creations. In "Dream" two figures had been placed side by side, and they were depicted as sleeping, with their respective heads placed in different directions. This too had slight touches of silver paint.

"Walking of Paths" showed ordinary people. One had been depicted as thinking and walking, while a second had his hands at the back and was pondering, while taking a brisk walk. A third portly figure had also been depicted as weighed down with concern, while he was speeding to get to his work. In yet another creation, and the last piece that one had the time to examine and view, last August 4, was "Composition 1". The new rules made since August 1, '92, caused one to swelter in the heat for half an hour before entering the gallery, despite keeping the set appointment.

The final creation that one viewed had a woman's seated figure. It appeared as if it had been carved out of black wood. It was of clay, as had been the rest of the work. Squares and rectangles were obvious and apparent in the display. By beating the clay with a wooden stick, the sculptor had achieved the effect of the torso, which spoke of malnutrition. The poverty of the subject delineated was enhanced by the bony limbs and a general tortuous state of health of the subject.

Dwelling on his style and theme, one realised that while his style had been obviously influenced by his trip to Paris in '86, when he was in the Preliminary Degree, his subjects had remained his immediate environment. Bulbul said, "I have been influenced by Michelangelo and Rodin from Europe, while I admire Zairul Abedin, Shahbuddin, and Iftekharul Alam, who is four years senior to me in the academic field."

Talking of his family and how they viewed his dedication to art, he had added, "I do get pressurised by my kith and kin to do commercial work. They fail to realise the urge for fame in a sculptor. They certainly help me try and sell but they do try to divert me to more lucrative jobs."

CHT leaders want to participate in govt peace move

RANGAMATI, Aug 21: Traditional tribal leaders of Chittagong Hill Tracts have demanded that they be allowed to participate in the government's peace motivation programme for the early solution of the CHT problems, reports UNB.

"We, the grassroots level leaders, can play a vital role in accelerating the peace process," said Binoy Kumar Dewan, former presidential adviser on CHT affairs and President of Headman Association, at a press conference here on Thursday.

The Headman Association is an organisation of traditional tribal leaders of the hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban.

There are 386 headmen in the three districts, each representing one mouza. They used to collect land revenues on behalf of the government in exchange of 25% commission and Tk 200 as monthly honourarium.

Dewan said since the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman they are being neglected and the government is being deprived of a huge revenue. The payment of their monthly honourarium has also become irregular, he alleged.

He urged the government to pay proper attention to the headmen of CHT, who can help the government in restoring peace in the region besides collecting a substantial amount of revenues for the government.

Criticising the government's afforestation programme in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Dewan said, if implemented, it will render about 1.5 lakh people homeless and aggravate the situation in the CHT.

He suggested that the afforestation programme should be started after making proper arrangement for the rehabilitation of those who would be affected by it.

Jelay Dal holds discussion on Janmastami

The city wing of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jelay Dal held a discussion meeting Friday in observance of the Janmastami, at the Kallmandir in Dayaganj.

The meeting was presided over by its Convener Yogesh Chandra Das while it was attended by its Central Convener Chhatra Narayan Das as chief guest, Nazrul Islam as special guest, Sudipt Kumar Das as the main speaker, Sachin Chandra Das and Sunil Kumar Barman as discussants.



Five-party leaders Nirmal Sen, Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan and AFM Mahbul Haque addressing a press conference at National Press Club yesterday (Story on Page One). —Star photo

Saifur underscores coordination of govt, opposition

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman Friday underscored the need for coordinated and integrated approach by both government and opposition political parties to augment development and sustain the process of democracy earned after great sacrifices and struggle, reports BSS.

"If the present democratic system is shattered, the nation will fall to attain its much coveted objective of peace, progress and prosperity for the posterity," he said.

The Finance Minister was addressing as the chief guest three functions while unveiling the plaques of the newly constructed Moulvibazar Collectorate Bhaban, Moulvibazar Zila Parishad Bhaban and laying the foundation stone of district police line complex in Moulvibazar.

Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner the functions were addressed among others, by Azizur Rahman, MP, and Whip of Opposition in Parliament, Md Abdus Sahid, MP, Begum Khaleda Rabbani, MP, and BNP District General Secretary Advocate Abdul Khaleque.

The construction work of the new Collectorate building was started in January, 1987 on an area of 3 acre at a cost of Taka 4.30 crore. The building will provide accommodation to all administrative offices including a bank, mosque, canteen and three shops on a floor space of 68,000 square feet.

The Zila Parishad building was constructed at a cost of Taka 42.85 lakh on an area of 1.49 acre having a floor space of 9,865 square feet.

The police line complex project on 9.5 acres will involve an outlay of Taka 7 crore and it will provide all facilities for district police administration.

Saifur Rahman said a strong opposition in Parliament and

constructive criticism from it was a healthy sign for nourishment of democratic system. He said tolerance and respect for opponents' opinion and views are pre-requisites for establishing peace, order and congenial atmosphere for development.

He called upon all to shun petty partisan differences and help untiedly resolve outstanding national problems on priority basis.

The Finance Minister said the present government had given priority on a national development by best utilizing the limited resources.

Rahman planted saplings in the premises of Collectorate building and Zila Parishad Bhaban.

Later, the Finance Minister inaugurated Mokambazar agriculture rally and exhibition of agriculture equipment and appliances. While addressing, he said agriculture is the prime sector of our national economy. He called upon the farmers to best utilize the agricultural inputs and equipment for boosting production.

BCIC Tender Notice

Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed tender No PD-18.51/92-93 for purchase of "SODIUM SILICATE" which will be opened on 05-09-92 at 3.00 PM. Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 100.00 per set from (1) KNM Ltd, Khulna (2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka and (3) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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DFP (G) 15317-17/8 G-1034 Deputy General Manager (Admin)

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'Be unite to ensure development'

CHITTAGONG, Aug 21: Communications Minister Ohi Ahmad today called for united efforts of all to ensure development at all stages to translate the nation's dream into reality, reports BSS.

There should not be any difference of opinion in upholding the national interest above everything," he said while laying the foundation of the diabetic complex building here.

Chaired by the chairman of the district Diabetic Samity Abdur Rahman, the function was also addressed by the city corporation mayor Mir Nasiruddin.

Local Members of Parliament and eminent physicians also attended the function.

After completion of the Tk 2.5 crore project, the hospital will have 250 beds and be equipped with modern laboratory and facilities to treat urinary disorders.

Bangladesh Railway today gave an acre of land for construction of the hospital, an official handout said.

Rotary Club of Ctg Down-Town

Rotary Club of Chittagong Down-Town Friday presented a sewing machine to the World University Service and Destitute Women Training and Oppressed Women Legal Aid Centre at a simple ceremony held at the office chamber of the Vice-Chancellor, Chittagong University.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury, formally received the presentation from Rotary Club President Dr Iftekharuddin Chowdhury.

In his brief speech, the Vice-Chancellor commended the role of Rotary Club all over the world and hoped that the ideals of the club would be followed by other organisations which were devoted to the cause of the distressed humanity. Also present on the occa-

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Khetmajur Union

Bangladesh Khetmajur Union Friday expressed their solidarity with the one-week protest programme called by Five Party, Awami League, Ganatantrik Biplobi Jote and other parties in protest of the murder attempt on Menon and anti-liberation forces' politics.

In a statement issued by its President Bimal Biswas and General Secretary Saiful Haq, the union urged the farmers and workers of the country to make the protest week a success.

Bangabandhu Shilpee Goshthee

Bangabandhu Shilpee Goshthee yesterday handed over a copy of the souvenir 'Pitripurush' to the Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Minto Road official residence in the city. The Goshthee published the souvenir as part of its 'national mourning day' programme on August 15.

Blood donation

A blood donation programme was held at T&T club auditorium Friday, said a press release, reports UNB.

Chairman of Pioneer Football League Fazlur Rahman Babul inaugurated the programme jointly organised by T&T Club, T&T Colony Mosque Market Businessmen Samity and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

Saturday

- 5:00: Opening announcement Al Quran Programme summary
5:10: News in Bangla
5:20: Recitation from the Geeta
5:25: Amra Natun
6:00: Cartoon film: Care Bears Family
6:30: Mott-O-Manush
7:05: Bansharec
8:00: News in Bangla
8:25: Prabaha
9:20: Astirban
10:00: News in English
10:30: Drama series: Dallas
11:30: Khabar/The News
11:40: Sunday's programme summary
11:45: Closing

T&T Club

Motijheel T&T Club and the T&T Colony Mashjid Market jointly organised a blood donation programme at the T&T Club auditorium in the city yesterday.

Chairman of the Pioneer Football League Fazlur Rahman Babul opened the programme. Employees of the government and non-government offices, students, youths, club executives and players donated blood on the occasion.

IUBAT

The International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) held a research seminar on Personal Selling on Tuesday in the city.

The seminar was participated by 60 academicians, researchers and practitioners which led by Dr Syeed Andaleeb from Pennsylvania State University, USA, was the main speaker.



Zakia Ahmed, a renowned artist is seen with US ambassador William B Milam at the inaugural function of her painting exhibition at 'La Galerie' in Dhaka recently. The exhibition will remain open till August 30, 1992.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light or moderate rain or shower is likely to occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Comilla, Sylhet, Patuakhali, Khulna, Jessore, Dhaka, and Faridpur. Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country experienced little rainfall over the country yesterday (Friday). The chief amounts of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm were: Majdeecourt 11mm, Comilla and Sylhet 8mm each and Dhaka 2mm.

The maximum temperature of 33.5 degree Celsius was reported from Chuadanga yesterday (Friday) and the minimum of 23.0 degree was reported from Peni.

The sun sets today at 6.26 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.37 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	8am	6pm
Dhaka	31.8	26.7	83	92
Chittagong	32.0	25.0	83	80
Khulna	31.7	25.1	84	92
Rajshahi	33.2	25.5	81	78
Sylhet	33.0	24.5	88	73
Dinajpur	33.0	26.0	83	86
Chuadanga	33.5	25.8	86	-
Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.5	89	87

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