

Dhaka Day by Day

The Storm and the Lull in Our Environment

Fayza Haq

An exhibition on environment was held at the Shilpakala Academy, and it had been organised by 'Commitment'. The week-long exhibition of paintings of various medias was declared closed by the French Ambassador Serge Degallix on 3rd September.

The paintings included Abdul Razzaque's 'Tornado Devastation', which showed nature and human beings destroyed and reduced to remnants beyond recognition. The strokes were bold and decisive, while the composition was impeccable in harmony.

To counteract the arresting piece, mentioned earlier, was Qamrul Haasan 'Nature' and such entries, which delighted the eye, and idolized the boats, skies and simple trees — which we often take for granted and fail to ponder over and take pleasure in.

Hamiduzzaman

Khan's 'Composition-1' was an interesting abstraction of careful and simplified lines and squiggles, which left one mystified and yet agog with wonder as to what the images could possibly symbolise.

There was Mustafa Monwar's 'Nature' with its dark sky and pale huts in the forefront, with trees in the centre and more strokes to balance the composition of the creation. The entire by Debbas Chakraborty was even more interesting and delineated a true image of the poverty and struggle in the environment in the country. The confident and deft strokes, the pale colours, blended with the dark, brought out the theme with an impact.

'Winter Morning' by Samjit Roy Chowdhury was an interesting combination of semi-abstract figures, which had been delineated with precise splashes, circles and balancing squares. The hues were blended well. The combining of the light and dark colours had been presented with dexterity and ingenuity.

Shamsul Islam Nizami's 'to force to go' remained a creation in dark hues with abstractions and ambiguity to capture the imagination of the viewer. 'Thirst' by Quazi Hasan Habib had the image of a dark inverted goblet, done in an impressionistic manner, with figures of flying birds, with outspread wings, and portraits of men and women in the forefront. The base of the goblet, placed on the top of the piece could have been taken for forest and foliage.

'Nature-1' by Joabul Islam was a colourful and tranquil composition with leaves, flower buds and butterflies, along with ferns and stems. The strokes were delicately done and would have soothed any disenchanted mind. The

colours, light, dark and a pale in-between, were cleverly thought out and composed.

Saada Kamal's 'Nature-1' was a relatively conventional but a realistic piece with palm trees, ferns, and a sky clearing towards the horizon. The colours and lines were placed with care. However, it remained academic. In contrast was Abdus Salam's 'Urbanisation' with his preoccupation with the buildings in Dhaka presented in circles, lines, squares and arches. One has always been amazed as to how Abdus Salam found the time to indulge in painting, despite his tight schedule, as an architect.



Eager audience are seen looking at the exhibits.

serious artist, with a pessimistic vision, but hopefully a bright future for himself.

Shamim Shikdar's 'Composition' was experimental, with a figure with two heads and a cut out centre. Shamim has been bold and experimental for at least the last ten years, after her training abroad.

Prosanta Karmakar's 'History 71' showed destruction and havoc, with abstractions and symbols. It stood out in sharp contrast to many of the serene and idyllic pieces at the exhibition. Similarly, Shamim Ahmed's 'Fate', done on squares of work pieced together, had symbols. These were a hand and the crescent moon, with starving and dejected men as the main subjects.

'Man and Nature' by Farcha Zeba, with women and flowers for its subjects, was a true representation of the theme of the exhibit. The style was admirable, while the colours remained relevant and meaningful.

Nasreen Begum brought in the wave of fresh breath with her 'Boat' in its semi-abstract form and pale colours, touched up with experimentation in texture. In the same manner, Tandra Das's work, with children and flowers, had a famine touch, and was interesting in both theme and composition.

The exhibition labelled 'Art and Environment' had brought together many important representation of a serious and vital subjects by experienced artists of the country. Displays of such nature are always welcomed.

Book traders won't cooperate with govt-run book centre

The Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers' Association has decided to non-cooperate with the government-run national book centre for non-payment of huge arrears bills, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a general meeting of the standing committee on literature of the Association with its President Hamidul Islam in the chair.

The Association has already served a notice to the National Book Centre for immediate payment of Taka about 50 lakh as arrears bills, which have been accumulated over the years.

Osman Ghani, Secretary of the Standing Committee, said that the Association might stop supply of books of the centre or go for other tougher actions if it fails to ensure payments within next 10 days.

Out of seven thousand members of the Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers' Association, the Standing Committee on creative literature consists of more than one hundred publishers. They alleged that the non-payment of arrears bills by the National Book Centre has been causing acute problem in publishing creative literature.

WB team, RCC Mayor talk slum problems

RAJSHAHI, Sept 16: A five-member delegation of energy and infrastructure division of World Bank called on mayor of Rajshahi Mizanur Rahman Minu at his office today, reports BSS.

The visiting team led by Jonathan Kamkwala discussed with the mayor the existing civic facilities and infrastructure including water supply, drainage, sanitation, health care and financial management of Rajshahi City Corporation.

The Mayor apprised the team of various existing problems and on going development programmes of Rajshahi City Corporation. He sought cooperation of World Bank for extending civic amenities for the city residents.

They also discussed the problems of the slums.

To study the problems of the slum, the development of Rajshahi City Corporation is the objective of the visit by the World Bank delegation.

Saleheen laid to rest

Mushfeq-us-Saleheen, who died, at the Brompton Hospital in London of lung cancer Friday, was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard in Dhaka yesterday evening, reports UNB.

The body of the eminent banker arrived here from London yesterday morning and was first taken to Agargaon Lions Club where the Lion District-315 arranged a namaz-e-janaza.

It was then taken to his New Eskaton residence where scores of his relatives and well wishers paid their last homage.

The main namaz-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Asar prayer which was attended by Ministers, state Ministers, bankers, social workers and a cross-section of people.

Saleheen left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters, six brothers and one sister and host of relatives, friends and well wishers.

The quikhwani of late Saleheen will be held at his New Eskaton residence tomorrow after Asar prayer.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light rain or shower may occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet and weather may remain mainly dry else where over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday).

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

The maximum temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was reported from Jessore yesterday (Wednesday) and the minimum of 23.2 was reported from Sylhet.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6.00 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5.46 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of 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	34.5	25.6	75	61
Chittagong	30.5	24.3	100	83
Rajshahi	34.0	25.6	78	73
Khulna	34.6	26.6	81	71
Cox's Bazar	29.0	25.6	87	92
Barisal	34.0	25.6	92	82
Sylhet	30.7	23.2	85	82
Dinajpur	32.0	24.2	88	82



State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan speaking as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the 12th system marketing conference of Biman Bangladesh Airlines at Biman head office Tuesday. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Managing Director and Director Marketing and sales of Biman are also seen in the picture.

HERE and THERE

Int'l Pen-pals Club

Mahabuddin Chowdhury and Md Sharif were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the International Pen-pals Club at its annual general meeting held in Dhaka recently for the year 1992-93.

The club also formed an 11-member office bearers body along with a 12-member executive committee.

The club also elected Dr Mohammad Muniruzzaman and Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury of the Dhaka University. Journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and others as advisors.

Khilgaon dwellers' rally

Residents of the Khilgaon area of the city held a rally Tuesday to protest the killing of Mohsin.

The rally was attended by Khandkar Shahadat Hossain as chief guest.

Speakers in the rally demanded arrest of the killers of Mohsin within seven days. Otherwise a hartal would be observed at Sabujbag, they said.

Azad Newsmen

The journalists and employees of Dainik Azad held a meeting Wednesday at the



The United Kingdom Association of Bangladesh handed over a power tiller to Valerie Taylor, Principal of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed at Savar recently.

UK Assoc donates power tiller

The United Kingdom Association of Bangladesh, an organisation of the British community which aims at supporting charitable causes in Bangladesh, last week made a donation to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed at Savar, says a press release.

At an informal gathering, the committee handed over a power tiller and drawing equipment to the Centre's Principal, Miss Valerie Taylor.

The tiller will enable the Centre to develop their self sufficiency through growing vegetable, the surplus of which can be sold on the local market.

Publication ceremony

By Staff Correspondent

A publication ceremony of a book called 'Nayan Samukhey Tumi Nai,' written in remembrance of late Akhtary Begum Ruby was held yesterday (Wednesday) by the National Women's Action Programme Formulation and Implementation Committee.

The function held at the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra was presided over by association president Jahanara Haq.

It was attended by Professor Mozaffar Ahmed as chief guest while Professor Anisuzzaman was the main discussant. Selma Hossain, Dr Shakhawat Ali Khan, Abed Khan, Dr Hamida Akhtary Begum and Prof Nayem Uddin were present as discussants.

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Speaker releases fish fry

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali released fish fry in the Sangsad Bhaban lake yesterday, reports UNB.

In order to encourage the fish culture in the country, Jatiya Sangsad MP Club organised the programme, said an official source.

Some MPs and officials were present on the occasion.

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Dateline Rajshahi

Make Mass Literacy Programme a success: President

RAJSHAHI, Sept 16: President Abdur Rahman Biswas today called upon all to make the mass literacy programme, initiated by the present democratic government a success through evaluation and pragmatic approach, reports BSS.

He said, education is the sine qua non to achieve socio-economic progress and to build an ideal nation.

The President was inaugurating a day-long conference on compulsory primary education of the officials of Rajshahi division at the local Zila Parishad Hall here.

He said the present government had attached priority to education and maximum budgetary allocations had been given in this sector.

The President said Taka 503 crore had been earmarked for universal primary education and for the welfare of the primary teachers.

President Biswas said sixty per cent of the jobs of teachers had been preserved for the female to be recruited in the primary schools to ensure their massive participation and solve their unemployment problem.

He called upon the educated women to come forward to avail this opportunity and help spread education among the posterity.

Referring to the mass literacy programme, the President said that it was essential to include the unemployed educated youths in this initiative

40 DU teachers hail govt move to curb terrorism

By DU Correspondent

Forty Dhaka University teachers Tuesday congratulated the government for its steps to curb terrorism.

The university teachers in a joint statement urged the govt to identify the patrons of the terrorists and to arrest them.

The future of the newly-achieved democracy and the democratic government had become uncertain due to continual violence in all over the country including the Dhaka University, the statement observed.

3 food officials retire

Three officers of the Ministry of Food have been given retirement following completing of 25 years of service, according to a PID source in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

They were given retirement under section 9 (2) of the Public Servant (Retirement) Act. They are Deputy Chief of food cell of the Ministry ASM Rashidul Haq, Food Controller of Khagrachari district Maniruzzaman Mia and Assistant food Controller of Dhaka district Mahfuz Ahmed.

schools in the division.

Earlier, President Biswas visited the holy shrine of Hazrat Shah Wali Miamutullah (RA) at Gour in the Shibganj Thana of Chapainawabganj district and offered Fateha here. He also released fish fries in the ponds of the mazar.

The President also visited the graveyard at the historic Sona Masjid where two bodies of Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Bir Shrestha and Major Nazmul Haque Tulu who embraced martyrdom during the country's Liberation War, are laid.

Addressing a gathering at the Sona Masjid premises the President called upon all to imbue themselves with the ideals and sacrifices of the martyrs of the Liberation War.

He said the freedom fighters sacrificed their life for democracy and country's peace and progress and to enable us to hold our heads erect as an independent nation.

He said democracy had been achieved and now all should dedicate to bring progress and prosperity by strengthening the hands of the democratic government established through free and fair election.

He also addressed a gathering of the local chairmen where he urged them to work for the upliftment of the rural areas.

Professor Shahjahan Miah MP also spoke on the occasion. President Biswas is on a two-day visit to northern districts and arrived Rajshahi this afternoon.



Thursday

5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Geeta
5.30	Sabar Sath
5.40	Jiboner Alo
5.50	School debate
6.00	News in Bangla
6.10	Drama of the week
6.20	News in English
6.30	Film show: Family
6.40	Khobar/ The News
6.50	Friday's programme summary
7.00	Closing