Dhaka Day by Day

Soaring Spirit with Steel Sheets

by Fayza Haq

Hamiduzzaman, in his seventh solo exhibit at "La Galerie" proved to the world that our artists are outgoing, modern, and not inhibited or uncumbered by their Third World environment.

"They are outdoor sculpture in which the sunlight and ground come together. I have scattered leaves all around to get the effect of nature around. In Bangladesh today there is still not the mentality of accepting garden sculpture. I would like my pieces to have been 30 feet by one inch sheets; but I need sponsors for that, which I do not have," he added.

"In the skyscrapers with their plaza there is plenty of space for such sculpture, but this has not been introduced in our country. In our parks and in our vast buildings these metal sculptors would add character. They are not outside the sensibility of our country. They are inspired by the flowers, bird and boat motifs of our country," the sculptor added.

Assemblage (2).

"Earlier people thought that realistic sculptor was the done thing. When people see my modern work they ponder over them and try to understand them. The simplicity that I have introduced into my work, is slowly being understood and appreciated," Hamiduzzaman continued.

"Welding and cutting of metal has gone on for years in Dhaka. In this century fabrication of sculptor from steel is popular and contemporary. The paints, used for cars last for ten years at least," the artist explained.

"I myself first work on paper and then progress to steel. My masters' degree in Barodha, India, in '76 and my training in New York in '82, for eighteen months, has given me confidence. The reason why I work in metal is, it is permanent. Stone is available but you have to import it from India or Italy. In Sylhet there are boulders but they can be used only for building constructions. I worked in Sylhet Cantonment for two years, making one metal sculptor. I found it tiring and I failed to get adequate help from the engineers, who could not quite comprehend what I was aiming at." Hamiduzzaman narrated.

"Spirits of Boats" was like a red twisted flying object from one's dreams. Inspired by a boat, this angular object had triangles on all sides. Triangles are something that has predominated the artist's work from the outset.

In "Assemblage-1" the shapes had not been made but assembled. The protruding yellow pipes symbolised an unfolding flower. One got the effect of an oriental, exotic creation from twisted rods and pipes.

There was a massive combination of triangles with semi circulars cuts in "Circle". The artist had tried to create an illusion. "If the triangles were left alone there would be an element of ennui. The circles carry one's imagination into the infinite," Hamiduzzaman explained.

Rounds, triangles and cubes were combined in "Assemblage-3". The idea was to present something solid and then to taper it off into something lyrical. It appeared a combination of spatula, a tin container and a giant knob combined into something poetic and imaginative.

In "Assemblage-2" the sculptor had wanted to depict tension. The shapes were implements that one found in everyday work by the builders such as chisels and other instruments. The effect was again oriental and mystic.

In "Spirits of Lines" you once found a blaze of red, and you got the feeling of movement as you examined in from the different angles. It could have been a bird or an animal.

One found something purely lyrical and oriental in "Spirit of Stars". The lines were the most important in the mind of the sculptor. Bits of metal sheets were twisted and put together. This romantic piece took you out of this mundane existence.

Hamiduzzaman, in his energetic and restless search for pure form had done a magnificent work of mystery and magic out of metal sheets.

Maintain communal harmony : Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called upon all-irrespective of religion, caste or creed to maintain the existing unique example of communal harmony in the country, reports BSS.

He said the country has a long tradition of communal amity and it must be continued at any cost.

The President was addressing a big gathering of the members of Hindu community at the Dhakeshwari Temple premises on the occasion of Durga Puja festival.

The gathering was also addressed by State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan and President of Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee Anil Chandra Nath. State Minister for Textile M A Mannan, Jatiya Puja Udjapan Committee President K B Roy Chowdhury and general secretary Swapan Kumar Saha were present.

President Biswas said a social evolution with humanity getting predominance was going on in society.

He said the human race was created by the almighty with love and so this race should serve the humanity with love.

The President said the present democratic government was aware of the problems of different religious communities and those would be solved.

He urged all to extend cooperation to the democratic government to resolve all problems faced by the nation and help implement the development programmes in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the state minister for religious affairs said the Durga Puja was always observed in the country in a peaceful atmosphere with the cooperation of all.

The President also inaugurated a blood donation programme at the Dhakeshwari Temple premises.

Earlier on his arrival at the puja mandap, the President was warmly received by the leaders of the Puja Committee and the devotees.

President Biswas saw the image of goddess Durga and the rites being performed.

He talked to the devotees freely and exchanged greetings with them.

The President also went round different sections of the Dhakeshwari Temple.

Dr K W H Haris, Secretary General of the International Union Against Tuberculosis called on Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Minto Road office yesterday (**Story on Page-1**). — Star photo

'Dhaka-Beijing amity deeply rooted in people's hearts'

Chinese Ambassador Chen Songlu yesterday said the Sino-Bangladesh friendship which is deeply rooted in the hearts of the two peoples, was developing constantly and playing a positive role in promoting prosperity and well-being of the two countries and peoples, reports BSS.

The Ambassador was speaking at a function held on the occasion of the 43rd founding anniversary of China.

He said the visit of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to China last year had ushered a new chapter in the history of friendship between Bangladesh and China.

Organised by Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA), the function was also addressed by Begum Shamsunnahar Ahsanullah MP, Abdur Rob Chowdhury MP, former Foreign Secretary Tobarak Hossain and Secretary General of BCPFA S A Sikder.

Public Service Commission Member Prof M A Mannan was the chief guest on the occasion while BCPFA president Dr Mirza A Sobhan was in the chair.

Songlu said China was pursuing an independent foreign policy and maintaining relations with foreign countries on the basis of mutual cooperation and respect. China had diplomatic relations with 154 countries, he added.

Referring to the new stage of socio-economic development in China, the Ambassador said Chinese people were going all out to quicken the pace of reform and expand the opening to the outside world.

Participatory planning needed : Minister

. RAJSHAHI, Oct 6: Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan today said the new development perspective of the present democratic government laid utmost emphasis on participatory planning, accountability in all spheres of development process and people's participation in development activities, reports BSS.

He was talking to the officials of Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) while visiting RDA office here.

The Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu was also present.

The Minister said the present government had taken a pragmatic approach toward development, based on priority, utility and welfare of masses.

He urged the RDA officials to work with sincerity and honesty for the development of Rajshahi city.

Earlier, RDA Chairman Sirajul Haque informed the Minister about various problems of the organisation. The Minister assured them for providing necessary assistance.

Saheed President Ziaur Rahman had established RDA in 1976 for the improvement of Rajshahi city.

Later, the Minister went around different areas of the city to see for himself the water stagnation situation. City Mayor accompanied the Minister during the visit.

US Navy aircraft arrives in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 6 : A maritime patrol aircraft (P-3 Orion) of the US Navy arrived here this morning on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The aircraft has a complement of 20 crew including 7 officers.

During its stay in the country, the aircraft will take part in maritime surveillance, search and rescue exercises with Bangladesh Navy Ships in the Bay of Bengal.

Other programmes include receptions in honour of the visiting crew members and their visits to naval training establishments in Chittagong.

Earlier, on the aircraft's arrival at the Chittagong Airport, the crew members of the aircraft were received by senior naval and air force officers and officials of the US Embassy in Bangladesh, the press release added.

রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড
রমনা শাখা, ঢাকা-১০০০।

টেণ্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্যাংক ঋণের বিপরীতে দায়বদ্ধ নিম্নবর্ণিত মালামাল "যাহা যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণের নিকট হইতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণ তাদের প্রস্তাবিত মূল্যের ৫% টাকা ব্যাংকের নামে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে আর্নেষ্টমানি সহ আগামী ২৫-১০-৯২ইং তারিখ বেলা ১টার মধ্যে ব্যাংকের দোতালায় সংরক্ষিত বাক্সে দরপত্র জমা করিবেন। ঐ দিন ২-৩০ মিঃ সময় দরখাস্তকারীদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে। দরদাতাকে ৭ দিনের মধ্যে সমুদয় টাকা পরিশোধ করিয়া মালামাল সরবরাহ লইতে হইবে। অন্যথায় তাদিগের আর্নেষ্ট মানি বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হইবে। অকৃতকার্য দরদাতাদের আর্নেষ্টমানি যথাসময়ে ফেরৎ দেওয়া হবে। নিম্নবর্ণিত গুদামে রক্ষিত মালামালের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ অত্র ব্যাংকের ঋণদান শাখা হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পাওয়া যাইবে।

ব্যাংক কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা প্রত্যাখান করিতে পারিবেন।

আগ্রহী দরপত্রদাতাগণ পূর্বাহ্নে মালামালের পরিমাণ/রকম/মান ইত্যাদি সম্পর্কে অবহিত হইয়া দরপত্র দাখিল করিবেন। উল্লেখিত পণ্যের বিবরণ ব্যাংকের রেকর্ড অনুযায়ী দেওয়া হইয়াছে। এই ব্যাপারে ব্যাংকের কোন দায় দায়িত্ব নাই। আগ্রহী টেণ্ডার দাতাগণ টেণ্ডার দাখিলের পূর্বে পণ্যের পরিমাণ এবং গুণাগুণ সম্পর্কে পরিদর্শন ও অনুসন্ধান অন্তে নিশ্চিত হবেন। এই ব্যাপারে পরে দরপত্র দাতাগণের কোন অভিযোগ বা আপত্তি ব্যাংক কর্তৃক গৃহীত হবে না।

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— সহকারী মহাব্যবস্থাপক

Ensure congenial atmosphere during UP polls : CEC

The Chief Election Commissioner, Justice Mohammad Abdur Rauf, has directed the concerned officials and employees to ensure congenial atmosphere so that the voters could exercise their right of franchise freely and spontaneously, reports BSS.

He was addressing a gathering of the district and thana-level officers and employees related to the conducting of polls, members of law enforcing agencies and candidate's contesting the on-going Union Parishad elections at Daudkandi under Comilla district yesterday.

Among others, Secretary of the Election Commissioner Secretariat A Z M Shamsul Alam, Joint-Secretary S M Zakaria and high officials of the commission were present on the occasion.

Stressing the need for holding free, fair and impartial elections for giving democracy an institutional shape, Justice Rauf said all people irrespective of party and ideology would have to nourish the democratic trend which the nation has achieved through untold sacrifices and hard struggle. "Otherwise we would have to stand on the dock of offenders to our posterity", he cautioned.

Justice Rauf said if there was any incident of terrorism and use of muscle force for influencing poll results, the commission would not only cancel the poll results but also take stern action against the persons related to such unlawful activities.

He called upon the concerned persons and members of law-enforcing agencies to perform their responsibilities with dedication, honesty and impartiality. He referred to the 'Election Officers (Special Regulation) Act 1991," and said punitive action under this law had already been taken against several officers.

Plea to stop use of Asian children in camel races

Bangladesh Gana Angikar Samaj, a social welfare organisation, has appealed to Saudi King Fahad for his intervention in stopping inhuman use of Asian children in some Arab countries, reports UNB.

The organisation in an open letter to King Fahad alleged that Asian children, most of them aged between four to ten, are being inhumanly used for camel races in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Arab Emirates, said a press release.

It said the children are tied to the racing animals to make them run faster. The cry of the frightened children make the camels run faster to the pleasure of the Sheikhs.

Children are sometimes crushed under the feet of the running camels or they die out of fear, the press release added.

The Samaj said that it was a responsibility of the Muslim community to protect the child abuse and look after their welfare.

'Steps taken to change lots of common people'

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said present democratic government had taken pragmatic steps towards improving the conditions of the common people, reports BSS.

The people had given their verdict in favour of BNP once again because BNP had fulfilled its commitment made to the people in the past.

The Education Minister was addressing a public meeting at Banibaha under Rajbari district. Presided over by Rustom Ali Khan, the meeting was addressed by State Minister for Cultural Affairs Professor Jahanara Begum.

What's on today....

Rotary Club of Dhaka South

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka South will be held today (Wednesday) at Hotel Purbani International at 5.30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga

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

K Raghunath, the High Commissioner of India will speak on "Bangladesh-India relation" as a guest speaker.

Gana Azadi League discussion

In observance of the 16th founding anniversary of the Bangladesh Gana Azadi League, a discussion meeting will be held at the Institution of Engineers, Dhaka, today (Wednesday) at 4:00 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North West

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

Rail Workers', Employees League

The Central Council of the Bangladesh Rail Workers and Employees League will be held today (Wednesday) at Colonel Taher Auditorium, at 10:00 am.

Training Course on acting

The interview for selecting trainees of a fortnight long training course on 'Acting' will be held today (Wednesday) at 10 am at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The training course organised by the academy will begin from October 8.

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Seminar on Zia

The Zia Smriti Prachar Parishad will arrange a seminar titled 'Bandhu Zia' tomorrow (Thursday) at Biswa Shahitya Kendra, Dhaka at 4:00 pm.

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Temporary light rain or shower is likely over the regions of Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhali and Chittagong during the next 36 hours commencing 6 pm Tuesday.

Meteorological Office forecast weather would remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the period over the country.

On Tuesday Bhola experienced 7 mm of rain while Dhaka 4 mm only in 12 hours.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 5.40 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5.33 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentange	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.7	21.4	83	69
Chittagong	33.0	24.8	80	70
Rajshahi	32.4	22.4	80	93
Khulna	32.5	25.3	78	85
Barisal	33.2	25.0	85	86
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.5	71	80
Sylhet	31.8	21.2	84	80
Mymensingh	—	26.6	86	—
Dinajpur	32.4	24.3	86	80

Employment

The Export Promotion Bureau invites applications for selection and appointment as National Consultants for the following assignments under the main phase of the UNDP/ITC/EPB "Export Development and Promotion Project." The project on approval by the Govt of Bangladesh will be financed by UNDP and implemented by the International Trade Centre (ITC)/UNCTAD/GATT and Export Promotion Bureau.

The positions for the National Consultants are:

A. Export Product and Market Development:
1. Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers — 15 W/M.
2. Ceramic Tableware — 4 W/M.
3. Jewellery — 15 W/M.

B. Export Services:
1. Trade Information & Market Intelligence — 24 W/M.
2. Trade Documentalist — 12 W/M.
3. Human Resources Development — 24 W/M.

2. Terms and conditions of service and emoluments will be followed according to UNDP rules and procedures with regard to National Consultants.
3. Copies of the job descriptions and prescribed application forms can be obtained from the ITO/Training Branch of the Policy and Planning Division of the Export Promotion Bureau, Chamber Building (1st floor), 122-124, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka. The last date for receipt of applications in the Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka is 31st October, 1992.

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BTV — Wednesday

5.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Geeta
5.25	Sports programme
6.00	Samachar
6.30	Cartoon: The New Three Stooges
7.05	Pallab
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Nritter Tale Tale
9.00	Film show: The Fall Guy
10.00	News in English
10.30	Ujjiban
11.30	Khabar/The news
11.40	Thursday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

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