Dhaka Day by Day

Mastering Techniques of Videos and Short films

by Fayaza Haq

Members of the video and short film course with D. Danquardt at the Goethe Institute.

Didi Danquardt from Germany, who held a fortnight long workshop recently at the Goethe Institute had this to say about his work, "I gave the young people my experience by showing seven of my films and some of my favourite ones from Germany, UK and Argentina. I can't say that I know all, and the video makers know little. I had to understand how they were thinking and dreaming. I saw a lot of Bangladeshi films and learnt a tremendous amount of the views of the participants. I found the people friendly and curious and all with 'Sunday faces'. I had a lot in common with Murad, better known as Manzar-e-Haseen. We hatl a lot in common and he was a great guy."

It is our aim that a lot of our people should work in the documentary mode in films and videos. Danquardt is an expert in modern documentary essay films. His was of representing his subjects are experimental rather than orthodox," Manzar-e-Haseen commented about the outcome of the workshop.

Tariq Shahriar, a member of the Short Film Society executive body, 29-year-old, and from Pabna said, "Officially each group is doing a film. There are three groups in all with four people each. Our group made a film on Old Dhaka horse-cart making and it took us three days to shoot and two to edit. Here, in Bangladesh, the documentary is not developed much. The ordinary man thinks of the news reel or commentary when you talk about video or short films."

"In this workshop we have been taught the technical know-how. We learnt to project feelings and elements like environment. Danquardt's German techniques and subject may have varied from our own, but we had mutual understanding. In every society there is a different social, historical and economical background which differs from another. Our sense of aesthetics is different from that of the West.

Yet as regard to techniques, we have learnt a lot and we must adapt that to our society. In feature film we deal with paid artists but in documentaries we have to deal with real characters. We were taught how to handle our subjects with care.

Nurul Alam, 27, from Mymensingh, said, "We learnt about methods of shooting. I have worked as a camera man for the Community Development Library, Dhanmandi. I will now have more confidence when I get on with my work."

Nargis Jehan Banu, 37, from Dhaka, the coordinator of "Proshika" that was organising the workshop with the German Cultural Centre commented, "The people in the village are illiterate and for them films and videos are important method of communication. I know all the process although it is my colleagues who do the shooting and editing."

Maqbul Chowdhury, 26, from Sylhet, remarked, "This workshop has been a great episode in my life. I am a student of journalism and I have participated in many short courses. I am deeply involved in film aesthetics and other primary technical knowhow. In my own film I dealt with the problems of female students. I learnt how the camera can create information with visuals and I was also taught how to visualise the content matter in depth.

Hanufa Ahmed, who works with her husband at the Bari studios commented, "I did not completely agree with Danquardt's philosophy of his prize-winning film, but I learnt to improve my techniques, and he has been patient and guided us methodically all along."

Amin Rafiqul Islam, 30 from Bikrampur and Md. Sayem, 26, from Mymensingh, also told of how they learnt to spot their mistakes and improve their techniques, compositions, editing, and original perception in the fortnight-long workshop.

It is always informative and useful to have such workshops in the city.

Painting show of Shilpachariya Jainul Abedin at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. — Star photo

'Vested quarter out to foil uplift activities'

Speakers at a seminar here Saturday called for ensuring effective enforcement of the anti-terrorism ordinance in curbing the latest-style terrorism, reports UNB.

Highlighting different provisions of the ordinance that provides death as the maximum punishment, they said it has been promulgated to root out terrorism from the society, not to harass political opponents.

The seminar on the "Necessity and Application of Law in Curbing Terrorism" also called for mobilising public opinion in favour of the ordinance framed to protect lives and property of people.

Organised by pro-government Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, an organisation of lawyers, at Dhaka District Sports Auditorium (DDSA), the seminar was presided over by Zulmat Ali Khan, joint convenor of he forum.

It was addressed by the State Minister for Shipping Harun-ar-Rashid, acting editor of Dainik Dinkal Syed Zafar, BNP leader AK Firoz Noon, Kazi Golam Mahbub, MS Wahab, Abdul Wadud Khandkar and Fazlur Rahman Khan.

Refuting the contention that existing laws are enough to deal with the situation, the speakers said the ordinance was promulgated as the century-old Bangladesh Panel Code enacted during the British period was not enough to contain the ever increasing crimes.

They said the ordinance would help greatly to free the society from terrorism if it is applied accordingly.

The State Minister for Shipping said critics of the ordinance, particularly some opposition leaders, don't want democracy to take an institutional shape, their sole aim is to destabilise the government, he added.

"Those who are patronising terrorism are criticising the ordinance", he said adding that a vested quarter was active to foil the development activities of the government.

He called upon the opposition not to criticise the government only for the sake of criticism and sought constructive suggestions from them to check terrorism.

Talking in favour of the ordinance, Zulmat Ali Khan hoped the people would resist terrorism as they resisted the autocratic regime. "People would be benefitted by the law if authorities apply it properly, he said.

Terming promulgation of the ordinance as a timely step, he urged the government to apply the ordinance strictly.

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Sunday

5.00	Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Bible
5.25	Sports programme: Cricket
6.20	I Want to Know
7.05	Tagore songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Probaha
9.00	Oshin
10.00	News in English
10.25	Parliament round-up
10.35	Chhayachhanda
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Monday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

Razzaque addresses Baahamas confce

JS to cooperate with Commonwealth MPs

Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali has said that after nine years of autocratic rule Bangladesh had established an effective and functioning Parliament, according to a message received in Dhaka, reports BSS.

Addressing the plenary session of the 38th Commonwealth parliamentary conference in Baahamas on October 8, the Speaker said the people of Bangladesh exercised their right to franchise and elected a Parliament to guide their destiny in a democratic framework through a free and fair election under an impartial caretaker government last year.

He said the Jatiya Sangsad of Bangladesh was now busy in strengthening and institutionalising Parliamentary democracy. "On the basis of a broad consensus we have changed the Presidential system to parliamentary one. Now the challenge is to consolidate the democratic system," he added.

The Speaker also highlighted the measures adopted by Parliamentary for ensuring effective functioning of democracy, including formation of Parliamentary Standing Committees.

He said each and every ministry of the government was now monitored by a Parliamentary committee and the committees submit their reports to parliament. "In this manner, we hope to make the administration transparent to the people," he pointed out.

Shaikh Razzaque Ali said the Bangladesh Parliament looked forward to cooperating with the commonwealth Parliamentarians through the good offices of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The Speaker leaves Baahamas for home tomorrow morning.

1.25 lakh consumers to get power connections

Some 1,25,000 new consumers will get power connections throughout the country within this fiscal year with completion of PDB's augmentation scheme, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Power Development Board is implementing the "Augmentation of Grid Sub-station" project at a cost of Tk 78 crore.

Of the total project cost, Tk 45 core will be provided by the donor agencies like ADB, Kuwait Loan and IDA.

Under the comprehensive project, the load capacity of 22 grid sub-stations in different parts of the country is being expanded to meet the increasing demand for power lines, PDB sources said.

On completion, the project, designed and implemented by local experts, will augment the total load capacity of the sub-stations by 450 megawatt to around 666 MW, enabling them to feed an additional 1.25 lakh subscribers.

The capacity of 11 grid sub-stations in the eastern zone has already been increased to 400 MW from 120 MW. The capacity of 9 sub-stations in the western zone has been raised to 266 MW from 92 MW.

The completed sub-stations are at Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Chandpur, Feni, Comilla, Jamalpur, Kabirpur, Shikalbaha, Sylhet, Srimangol, Ishwardi, Barisal, Bogra, Rangpur, Palashbari, Syedpur, Thakurgaon, Purba Sadipur, Chhatak and Bagerhat.

Expansion of the remaining sub-stations is expected to be completed soon, sources said.

What's on today....

Rotary Club of Dhaka West

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka West will be held today (Sunday) at Gulshan Club at 5.30 pm.

Sammyabadi Dal (ML)

The central representatives meeting of Bangladesh Sammyabadi Dal (ML) will be held today (Sunday) at the Institution of Engineers at 10.30 am.

Begum Jahanara Imam, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan, Muhammad Afzal and Abdus Samad, among others, will also address the meeting.

JAGPA

Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (JAGPA) will hold a rally today (Sunday) at the National Press Club at 4 pm. A procession will be brought out following the rally which will march towards the Jatiya Sangsad to hand over a memorandum to the Speaker.

Five Party rally

The Five Party Alliance will hold a protest rally today (Sunday) in front of the GPO at 4 pm. Central leaders of the party will address the rally.

HERE and THERE

NAP

The President of Bangladesh National Awami Party, Prof Mozaffar Ahmed and General Secretary, Pankaj Bhattyacharya in a joint statement on Friday urged all to make the October 14 grand rally of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee a success.

Workers Party

The Workers Party on Saturday accused the government of betraying the people who voted them to power.

The party Polit Bureau member Bimal Biswas said this while addressing a public rally in Netrakona.

Ganotantri Party

The acting President of Ganotantri Party, Azizul Islam Khan and General Secretary, Mohammad Afzal in a joint statement Friday expressed grave concern over the epidemic diarrhoeal situation in the Gangachara and Kaunia thanas of Rangpur.

PDF

A meeting of the Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF) with Saifuddin Ahmed in the chair on Friday urged all to make the October 14 grand rally called by the Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee a success.

Unemployed, needy freedom fighters

The President of Bangladesh Unemployed and Needy Freedom Fighters Rehabilitation Parishad, Harunur Rashid at a rally of the organisation Thursday demanded ban on the politics of Jamaat-Shibir.

AMIFO

An 18-member committee of the AIDS Menace Information Forum (AMIFO) was formed recently with Tofazzel Hossain as President and Gazi Rafiqul Islam as General Secretary.

Weather

Dry weather likely

Temporary light rain or thundershower is likely at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Pabna, Bogra and Rangpur during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Sunday, reports UNB.

Met office says weather may however remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country with partly cloudy sky.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country.

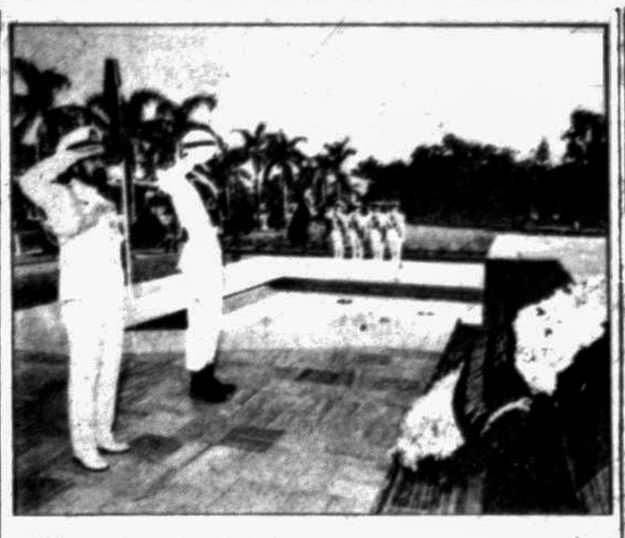
Meantime, parts of the country experienced rainfall during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday with the highest 9 mm at Rajshahi.

Jessore had 7 mm shower, Dhaka 6 and Tangail 1 mm rain during the period.

Yesterday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 32.8 degree Celsius and the minimum 26 degrees. Country's highest temperature 35 degree Celsius was recorded in Comilla and the lowest 23 degrees in Sylhet.

Percentage of humidity was 73 in the morning 83 in the evening.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 5:36 pm and rises on tomorrow (Monday) at 5:55 am.



The visiting Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy Vice-Admiral Dato Seri Mohd Shariff Bin Ishak placed floral wreaths at the Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. — ISPR photo

House To-Let

One-storied house at 22, Banani, Block-1, Road-3 having 2 bed/bath, Living, Dining-Space Servant's room/toilet, big lawn—available from Nov. '92. Foreigner preferable. Advance needed.

Contact: 318876 S-282

Happy Birthday

To

Maria

Farah, Sami, Joy
Ammu & Papa

Happy Birthday

To

Raquef

From

Abbu, Ammu and
Shumit Bhaiya

Happy Birthday

To

Maiaz

Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)

Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar
Dhaka-1215

Subject: Extension of Date for Offer for Consultancy Services

With reference to the consultancy services for study, evaluation and recommendation to improve and develop organisational reforms of an energy marketing company; advertisement for which appeared in different dailies on 30.7.1992; it is informed that the last date for submission of offers for the above consultancy services has been extended up to 12-00 Noon of 29th October, 1992. All terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Tender Notice

No. 88-10/Engg — Dated: 8-10-92

University of Dhaka: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the enlisted 1st. class contractors of Govt., Semi-Govt. and autonomous bodies who have successfully completed the construction of a single building at a cost of Tk. 45.00 lac in a single tender & single work order during last 5 (five) years for the "Construction of 5-storied (2 nos.) building (20 flats) for class-III employees" at an estimated amount of Tk. 69,32,446/-. The tender will be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned, the Chief Engineer and the Treasurer, DU and the Executive Engineer, Eden building Division, PWD, Secretariat, Dhaka up to 12 Noon on 28th October '92 and will be opened by the undersigned and the Director, Planning and Development/Registrar, Dhaka University on the same day at 12.30 pm. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of Tk. 1,38,650/- in the form of Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned along with the tender. Specification and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender on payment of Tk. 500/- (non refundable) to the Janata Bank, TSC branch, DU after obtaining permission from the undersigned showing the necessary papers. Details terms and conditions may be had from the office of the undersigned free of cost.

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Executive Engineer (2)
University of Dhaka.

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STAR TV

BBC WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION

8 am	World News
8.25	World News Week
9.00	World News
9.10	Assignment
10.00	World News
10.25	The Italians
11.00	World News
11.25	Film '92
12.noon	World News
12.25	Spain On A Plate
1.00	World News
1.25	The Travel Show
2.00	World News
2.25	Floyd On France
3.00	World News
3.25	The Late Show
4.00	World News
4.25	Business Matters
5.00	World News
5.25	World News Week
6.00	World News
6.25	The Travel Show
7.00	World News
7.25	The Crescent and The Star
8.00	World News
8.25	The Late Show
9.00	World News
9.10	Assignment
10.00	News Headlines
10.05	Everyman
11.00	World News
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6.00	World News
6.25	World News Week
7.00	World News
7.25	World Business Report

STAR Plus

8 am	Animated Classics
9.00	Dr Fad Show
9.30	Out of Control
10.00	TBA
11.00	Family Specials
12.noon	International Treasure Hunt New Zealand
1.00	The Spectacular World of Guinness Records
2.00	Hollywood Tribute: Elizabeth Taylor
2.30	Movie Television
3.00	Movie: Legs
4.30	Start of Something Big
5.30	Family Specials: Everyday Heroes
6.30	Eye on Asia (Indonesia): Riding The Tiger
7.30	This Week on STAR Plus
8.00	Crime Story
8.50	Hollywd Stars: American
9.00	Mini: The Mysteries of the Dark Jingle
10.30	Night Voices Hand in Glove
11.30	This Week on STAR Plus
12 MN	Robin Of Sharwood
12.50	Hollywd Stars :
1.30	Movie: Home Is Where The Hart Is
2.30	Videofeshion News Manhatte: Masters
3.00	The Travel Magazine
3.30	The Bold & The Beasutiful
4.00	Santa Barbara
5.00	Donahue
5.30	Women tell how psyche Killera gat into woman's
6.00	Attitudes
7.00	Everyday Workout
7.30	Mac & Mutley

MTV

8 am	120 Minutes
10.00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Asia
12 Noon	MTV Unplugged
12.30	MTV Sports
1.00	VJ Nonie
3.00	Guns & Roses/Metallica Weekend
3.30	MTV Rockumentary Metallica
4.00	Guns & Roses/Metallica
6.00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Asia
8.00	MTV Moon Amour
9.00	MTV Weekend Special Chyi Chin China Tour
10.00	Earth to MTV
10.30	MTV Unplugged
11.00	Yo! MTV Raps
12 MN	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Asia
2.00	MTV Rockumentary Led Zeppelin
2.30	Just Say Julie
3.00	Guns & Roses/Metallica Weekend
4.00	MTV Rockumentary Metallica

PRIME SPORTS

8.30	Matchroom PRO-BOX Eubank v Thornton Plus Clinton v Porter
10.15	Baseball's greatest Games
12.15	Baseball Action
12.45	WWF Primetime Wrestling
2.15	Dynasty Cup
4.15	PGA Magazine Mercedes German Masters
5.15	Trans World Sport
6.15	European Soccer
7.15	American College Football Game of the Week
10.15	Dynasty Cup Final Beijing
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6.30	Dynasty Cup
7.00	Final

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