

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Teaching Them About Style, Shades and Tones

by Fayza Haq

Murtaja Baseer, who is working at Chittagong as a professor of Fine Arts at the university was asked to hold the first painting workshop by the Shilpakala Academy. For this he chose ten students from Dhaka, three from Chittagong, one from Rajshahi and one from Khulna. The minimum qualification was a BFA degree and the age limit was 35 years.

The first lessons were about style — figurative and nonfigurative — the students had total freedom that they were given a formula of colours. "I had the old masters in mind like Da Vinci, El Greco, Rembrandt and the Impressionists. I wanted them to adopt their principles of colour application but not the style or the technique. In the first course the young artists had to work without black," the artist elaborated.

In the second assignment he gave them the colour black and shades of it as in Rembrandt. In the highlights they could use pure colour with white. "Once they know the techniques they could play. This was a workshop and not a camp," the artist explained.

In the third course he made the artists use shade, tone and white. "To get a tone you have to mix black. The finished portions are bound to be chalky or grayish as in El Greco. Generally, with my lectures I showed the photos of reproductions of the masters for the young painters to learn from," Murtaja Baseer added. "These were invented by Da Vinci but they are carried on even today."

The target was for each artist to finish four paintings. The colours,

turpentine, linseed oil, easels and brushes were all provided by the Shilpakala Academy. The third course was to begin on September 14th but the artists were well ahead of schedule and the teacher found this amazing. The fourth course was due on September 21st but the artists began it on September 14th. Within 12 days the painters had got together 45 pieces.

In the fifth course the teacher had fixed the subject matter as still life. This comprised bottles, jugs, mugs, fruits or edible vegetables. "But I wanted something different. The banana could be red and the apple could be orange as

in Morandi. I didn't want convention. The students enjoyed themselves and were very sincere. They were eager to learn and they showed no fatigue. As a teacher this gave a tremendous sense of satisfaction to my ego," the artist explained.

"I have taught the students the things I have learnt myself. If they can get any benefit I will think that my work will have been a success. I feel an unsuccessful person myself. This is although I have written a novel, four anthologies of poems, and four articles on numismatics (playing with coins). I intend writing a book 'Indian Art and its Social Background from 3000 BC to 1200 A.D.' I have so far finished up to the Sunga period and have to deal with the Guptas, Pals, Sens, Gandhara, Mathura, Cholas, Chalukyas, Moenjodaro and Harappa. I hope to go to West Bengal for two months and work on the terracotta art of Bengal. I must visit districts like Howra, Hugli, Bankura and Morshedabad," the artist added.

Among the 15 students was Mustafizur Rehman, who was working at the Rajshahi University, who has had a solo exhibition of his water colours at Chittagong. He said that he loved to combine nature with figures in an impressionistic manner and play with light and dark shades.

There was Atiya Islam, who had done her masters from the Institute of Fine Arts in Dhaka in '89 and she had interesting figurative works such as a man pondering in the bathroom with his toilet. "I feel we have learnt tremendously about colour composition in the short time. We were allowed to keep to our

own style and subject matter," the 30 year old artist who worked at an art school said.

Utom Borua from the Chittagong University was there too and he had a figure in the sleeping position in orange green and pink. He had also done a landscape with a tree against a wall with the sky.

All the young artists appeared engrossed in their work and the teacher appeared to have excellent rapport with them.

Murtaja Baseer has had 17 solo exhibitions and one joint show with Hamidur Rehman in '60 at Karachi.



## 'Press freedom to be upheld at any cost'

Commerce Minister MK Anwar here yesterday said that freedom of the press as enjoyed under the present democratic atmosphere should be upheld at any cost, reports BSS.

The minister said the reports published in the newspapers and journals should be objective and factual and at the same time be placed within a given context.

He was addressing a function arranged on the occasion of the first founding anniversary of the fortnightly 'Bank-Bima' published from the metropolis.

Describing the institution of press as an essential component of a democratic society, Anwar said no society could achieve its desired progress denying the freedom of opinion and expression.

## General Corns meets Noor Uddin

The Commanding General, US Army Pacific Lt General Johnnie H Corns called on Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the army headquarters yesterday, reports BSS.

He stayed with the Chief of Army Staff for some time and discussed matters on mutual interest.

General Corns also called on Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at the Air Headquarters.

General Corns who arrived here Saturday, left yesterday afternoon ending his two-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh. Senior army officers and US Embassy officials were, among others, present at Zia International Airport to see him off.

## 'Resist designs of evil-doers'

State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Barrister Aminul Haque today said the BNP government, elected through a world wide acclaimed free and fair election, was implementing various uplift programme of the betterment of the people.

He said, some vested quarters were now indulged themselves to foil the development process creating violence and anarchy. He called upon people to resist unitedly the designs of evil-doer, reports BSS.

The State Minister was addressing a public meeting at Premtaly Degree College ground.

## BCL (M-I) demands Auranga's release

By DU Correspondent

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) yesterday held a rally on the Dhaka University campus demanding immediate release of Hemayetullah Auranga.

The rally held in front of the DUCSU building also demanded withdrawal of the 'false' cases against Awami League MP Auranga who was arrested Saturday afternoon.

Presided over by BCL DU unit President KHM Lazu, the rally was addressed by the BCL(M-I) leaders Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury, Pankaj Nath, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna and Akhter Hossain.

Addressing the rally the BCL leaders condemned the anti-terrorism ordinance and said that the ruling party was trying to harass its political opponents by promulgating it.

## Arrest of Sonali Paper Mills worker's killer demanded

Workers of the Sonali Paper and Board Mills yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the "terrorists" who had killed one of their colleagues and injured some 70 in a reign of terror, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, President of the Workers Union of the private sector mill Abdul Alim alleged that an ousted "terrorist" and his associates unleashed violence under administrative protection in the mill on October 14 and killed Araj Ali.

Since then, the mill at Tarabo in Rupganj thana of Narayanganj has been inoperative as 80 per cent of workers cannot enter its premises as the terrorist band keeps watch on the area, he said.

He named the alleged terrorist as Mahub, a worker of the mill who was ousted by the staff on November 14 in 1990 for his violent activity.

Alim said the troublemakers had also resorted to harassing innocent workers by filing "false" cases against them.

Narrating the grisly killing, he demanded compensation for the family of Araj Ali and withdrawal of the false cases against the workers. Otherwise, he warned, they would announce next programme of action on November 2.



Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus demanding release of Auranga yesterday. —Star photo

## 300-bed hospital planned National Heart Foundation opens tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Some of the country's renowned doctors, businessmen, MPs, high government officials and lawyers have teamed up to combat the number three killer of people — the heart diseases.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia tomorrow (Tuesday) inaugurates the National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh (NHFB), the country's first non-profit heart hospital at Mirpur in the capital.

The foundation was set up with a view to preventing and controlling heart diseases, called cardiovascular diseases in medical term.

Talking to The Daily Star Sunday, members of the NHFB executive council hoped that the foundation would help widen the existing health services to the people.

Cardiovascular maladies are one of the major health hazards of both the developed and the developing countries with high mortality rate, they said.

According to a survey in 1976, the heart disease killed the maximum number of patients at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Explaining the objectives of setting up the foundation, the NHFB members said that in a country like Bangladesh the government alone could do very little to combat cardiac problems unless the citizens and the social workers extend their cooperation.

The private sector, has to take an active role in facing the gross incapacity in the country's health sector, they suggested.

The NHFB, in future, plans to build a 300-bed hospital with assistance from the government and from the private donation. Out of the total, 150 beds would be paying-bed while the rest would be reserved for poor patients without fee.

Renowned heart specialists of the country would volunteer their service at the foundation with a missionary zeal.

At present there are 26-bed, set up from donation of ANH Bari, a businessman died of heart disease.

The executive council members of the NHFB, all of them free from heart diseases, said that the both poor and rich people fall prey to heart

## Police asked to probe into terrorism related cases

The Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan, yesterday asked the thana police investigating officers to complete enquiry of cases relating to terrorism properly within the stipulated time and submit the reports, reports BSS.

While giving the special directives to the field officers, the IG said the superintendent of police of each district would supervise the enquiry of cases related to terrorism and intimate the D I G. He also directed all concerned to ensure presence of witnesses of the terrorism cases in court in time.



**Monday**

5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Geeta
5.25	Sports programme: Football
6.25	Cartoon: Tom the Nasty Cat
7.10	Debate
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Apnar Shashya: Programme on health
9.00	Bhara Nadir Bankey
10.00	News in English
10.25	Parliament round up
10.35	Hill Street Blues
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Tuesday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

## Khaleda greets Austrian Chancellor, Lebanese Prime Minister

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated Franz Vranitzky, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria on the occasion of its National Day, reports BSS.

In a message to Franz Vranitzky, the Prime Minister wished continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Austria.

In another message, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has congratulated Rafik Hariri on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Lebanon.

In the message, the Prime Minister hoped that the people of Lebanon would achieve their cherished goals and continue speedily the task of national reconstruction and rehabilitation.

## HERE and THERE

### Sarbajanin Puja committee

Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee staged a drama 'Ratnakar Girishechandra' produced by the Sanskriti Chakra on the second day of its three-day programme in celebration of Bijoysa Sammelan "A get together function" at Dhakeswari Mandir Melangan premises here Saturday night.

The drama, directed by Amal Bose, a renowned television drama artist attracted the audience and got much appreciation.

### IUBAT

Speakers in a seminar held at the International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) on Saturday last, emphasised the need for practicing high ethics in business for collective sur-

vival, democracy and market economy. Poor attention to ethics has been identified as a major cause of industrial sickness, lack of competitiveness in the global market place and loss of home and foreign markets.

The seminar leader Dr Kazi Firoz Alam, Visiting Faculty to IUBAT from Massey University, New Zealand presented his research findings on business ethics in New Zealand and Malaysia. He observed the poor environment of business ethics in Bangladesh. The need for including business ethics as subject in business educational curricula was emphasised.

### ADAB

The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) yesterday began a two-day workshop on fish cultivation at the Bangladesh Management Development Corporation in the city.

Chaired by Dr A K M Nuruzzaman, member-secretary of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, the inaugural function of the workshop was also addressed by the Director General of the Bureau of NGO Affairs Md Fatzur Rahman Chowdhury as chief guest, A K M Ataur Rahman and Mahub-ul Karim.

### CPB

Nurul Islam Nahid, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), in a statement yesterday called upon the countrymen to make all the programmes announced by the Samannaya Committee including tomorrow's public meeting in front of the Institute of Engineers and a march toward the Jatiya Sangsad.

### ICLARM meet today

The Consultative Committee meeting of the International Centre for Living Aquatic Research Management (ICLARM) will begin today (Monday) Singapore says a press release.

On the invitation of the ICLARM Dr. M. Sujayet Ullah Chowdhury, Executive Vice Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) left Dhaka yesterday to attend the meeting.

The Consultative Committee meeting will discuss the strategic plan for the ICLARM and its future programme of collaborative research with BARC.

## What's on today . . .

### Shilpakala Academy

The concluding function of a fortnight-long workshop on performing arts organised by the Shilpakala Academy will be held at 6 pm today (Monday) at the newly-constructed training building of the academy.

I U Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs will attend the function as chief guest and distribute certificates among the participants of the workshop.

### Bangladesh-Libya Friendship Assoc

The Bangladesh-Libya Friendship Association will hold a discussion meeting today (Monday) at 6.35 pm at the Nightingale Restaurant (35/1, Kakrail, Inner Circular Road) in the city.

The meeting has been organised to express the association's solidarity with the Libyan Arab brethren for the martyred and banished Libyans during war with Italian colonialists in 1911.

Justice Chowdhury ATM Masud, former Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh, will grace the occasion as chief guest while Charge d'Affairs of Libya in Bangladesh will speak as special guest.

### Rotary Club of Dhaka Central

427th regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central followed by Club Assembly will be held today (Monday) at 1.00 PM at Family Lounge, Dhaka Club. Dr Salahuddin Ahmad will be the guest speaker.

### Rotary Club of North

The 1144th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today (Monday) at 5-30 pm at Sonargaon Hotel. Christopher R Willoughby, Chief of World Bank Mission in Bangladesh, will speak on "The role of World Bank in the context of Economic Development of Bangladesh" as guest speaker.

## Weather

### Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Weather will remain mainly dry over the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today (Monday).

Met office says day temperature is expected to fall slightly during the period throughout the country.

Yesterday's maximum temperature in Dhaka was 31.4 degree Celsius and the minimum 19.10 degrees. Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Shatkhira and the lowest 15.8 degree at Rajshahi.

Percentage to humidity was 75 in the morning and 69 in the evening.

Sun sets today (Monday) at 5-23 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 6-02 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.4	19.0	75	69
Chittagong	31.0	21.0	80	62
Rajshahi	31.7	15.8	72	73
Khulna	31.7	21.3	88	67
Barisal	31.5	20.5	79	87
Cox's Bazar	31.7	20.8	73	53
Sylhet	29.6	20.2	75	79
Dinajpur	29.0	18.0	97	83

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