

Dhaka Day by Day

Combining Convention with Experimentation

by Fayza Haq

Abdul Hai, who had his exhibition of paintings at the La Galerie, combined traditional art with experiments. The display showed how a painter of the sixties could cope up with the demands of the present time.

His "Composed Verse" had many colours from nature which he had combined together in a subtle fashion. The magenta, blue, and yellow represented youth while delicate lace work patterns broke the monotony some dark colours were used in the backdrop to highlight the bright colours.

"Madonna" which was again an oil on paper, showed a mother with a child. Paints were dripping at the sides and forefront. His subject was the care that the women from the countryside have for their children.

"Cave Painting" was inspired by what the artist had seen in the caves of India and Malaysia. A buxom woman was presented in semi-abstracts of browns, blacks and yellow.

"Still Life" had used red and yellow to create an abstract creation of a flower vase with a mass of colours. The artist had used some of the flowers in the background as well.

There was a collection of green and gold striped fish in "Under sea". The artist had tried to depict the unity and the sense of contentment in the fish. "This unity and contentment is so often absent in human beings," the artist commented. Saw dust had been combined with oil.

The crucifixion of Jesus was brought in "Sacrifice". There was rain and darkness while the red point brought in the element of melancholia. "I wanted to show how an individual could make tremendous sacrifice for his fellow beings," the artist elaborated. He had used oil, water colour and acrylic for this piece.

There was relief work in "Woman with a smile". White with touches of simple green and pink brought out the beauty of the woman. The dark blue background set off the painting well.

Another delineation of a beautiful woman from the village was "Sweet look". The artist had used rice husks in the backdrop, and saw dust on the face.

"My village" depicted a father and daughter sauntering out to go out shopping. "Here you feel the absence of need and the hectic struggle for existence," the artist explained. There were neat haystacks at the back, while the clouds, trees and thatched huts had been done in a realistic way.

Kerosene light post highlighted the horse carriage in "Old Dhaka". "I am contemplating on this lane as it was 30 years ago, when there were few people and no rush of rickshaws. The houses were not high-rise and there were no dustbins. Only a few electric wires were to be seen," the artist commented. The painter had used blue, red, yellow and green to complete the idealised image.

"Rice husking" had women preparing rice for cakes for winter. The movement of the women were captured with effect. The workers were clad in orange and pink. Fog was shown in the background. A lot of grey and beige had been used.

"Hair dressing" showed a woman combing her hair. There was a bottle of oil, "kajal" container and an entire scenario of a woman's village home corner. It was done in brown crayon work on paper.

"Buttermilk and sweet seller" had also its charm in its realism. There was gaiety in the movement of the middle-aged man which had been captured in black crayon.

One came across more interesting details in "Sweeper" which was a pen-and-ink sketch. It showed the ornaments of the woman and her clothes with vivid accuracy.

The "Chakma woman" with her basket on her back was another adequate job with swift strokes. "In search of peace" had fakirs and bauls with "ek tara", "khama", "kartal", "chimta", "khanjan" and "dhol". The artist was totally fascinated by the singing and dancing in search of peace.

Hai has participated in numerous group exhibitions at home and abroad, and is also, incidentally, a reputed singer and composer of lyrics.



Butter Milk & Sweet seller (Drawing on paper)



The newly appointed Ambassador of the Russian Federation Eduard Stepanovich Shevchenko called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo

Russian Fed envoy meets Khaleda

Newly appointed Ambassador of the Russian Federation Eduard Stepanovich Shevchenko yesterday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and discussed the possibilities of further expansion of trade between the two countries, reports UNB.

During the meeting at the Prime Minister's office, Shevchenko said his country is considering to provide further cooperation in the energy sector, particularly for the expansion of Ghorashal Thermal Power Plant built with the assistance of the Russian Federation.

Welcoming the new ambassador, the Prime Minister assured all-out cooperation to him and hoped that the friendly relations between the two countries will be further strengthened during his tenure.

Begum Zia also conveyed good wishes to the President and Prime Minister of the Russian Federation through the ambassador.

Anniversary of Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda's death observed

The 15th death anniversary of eminent scientist and educationist Dr Muhammad Qudrat-e-Khuda was observed here yesterday, reports BSS.

A discussion meeting on the life and activities of late Qudrat-e-Khuda was held at the auditorium of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) in observance of the day.

Speakers at the meeting termed Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda as the pioneer of culture of science in Bengali and said that the nation was immensely benefited by the sincerity and dedication of this versatile genius.

They expressed the firm determination to follow the ideals of Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda and maintain high standard of scientific and industrial research for the national interest. Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda was the founder Director of BCSIR.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest, BCSIR Chairman Dr M Waliuzzaman urged the scientists to follow his ideals and dedicate themselves to their respective works and get rid of mental disappointment.

Organised by BCSIR the meeting was presided over by member of the Council Dr M Eusuf. It was addressed among others by G K Joarder, Dr Saydul Haq, Azizur Rahman, Parveen Noor and Dr Zahrul Haq.

In his presidential speech Dr Eusuf said the guidelines of Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda should be followed to materialise his dreams on scientific and industrial development. Qudrat-e-Khuda Foundation observed the day through holding a milad mahfil.

'Women can play role to resist terrorists'

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam yesterday said women of the country could play a vital role to resist terrorism as they are the half of the total population of the country, reports BSS.

The Minister was speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "role of women in resisting terrorism in the society" at the premises of Mohammadpur Mahila College here.

The seminar was addressed, among others, by Mir Showkat Ali MP, City President of BNP, Ehsanul Huq Setu, Organising Secretary of City BNP, Shahidun Nahar, Principal of the college.

Criticising the leader of the

opposition in the parliament, the Minister said that Anti-terrorism Ordinance passed by the parliament would not be used for political purposes but be used only against the criminals. He said there were some conspirators who were trying to undo democracy but elected government of Begum Khaleda Zia would face the conspirators politically with the cooperation and assistance of the people who fought to establish democracy against the autocratic rule of the past regime.

The Minister urged the women to come forward to resist terrorism and make the society free from corruption and exploitation.

Passage of Anti-terrorism Bill hailed

Four office bearers of Zia Academy yesterday hailed the passage of the Anti-terrorism Bill by the Jatiya Sangsad, saying that this law would save the people from the terrorist activities of undesired elements, reports BSS.

In a joint statement they asked the authorities concerned to see to it that no innocent people, irrespective of their political affiliations, were harassed unnecessarily while instituting cases against terrorists.

The joint statement was issued by Advocate M A Zaman, President Zia Academy, Syed M A Hashem, its Executive Director, Anwar Hossain, Director (International) and Engineer Mukhlesur Rahman, Director (Health Care).

Saudi donation for school

The government of Saudi Arabia has donated Tk 11,13,941.25 for the development of Taaleemul Islam Academy (Adarsha School) at Jatpurhat, says a press release.

All Ahmad Abul Wahab, Charge d' Affaires, Saudi Embassy handed over the cheque for the amount to the Principal of the Academy, Mohammad Maqbul Hossain, in Dhaka on Monday.

Air Chief meets Gen Liu

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury, now on a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of the China called on General Liu Huaqing, Vice Chairman of the Military Commission of the central Communist Party, at the Great Hall, reports BSS.

He also met his counterpart General Wang Hai at the People's Liberation Army (air force) headquarters.

They discussed matters of bilateral interest. Shafti Sami, Bangladesh Ambassador in the People's Republic of China also present during the occasion.

BUET workshop on debate

By BUET Correspondent. Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Debating Club has organised a three-day workshop on debate beginning from Friday.

The workshop, under the auspices of Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) and Bangladesh Debate Federation (BDF), will be inaugurated by the Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Ittefaq Barrister Mahmud Hossain at the university auditorium.

Students from the different colleges and universities will take part in the workshop.

Dr Kamal off to Colombo

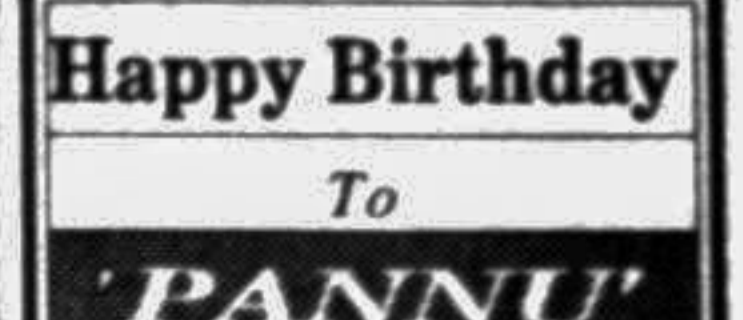
Dr Kamal Hossain, convener of Democratic Forum, left here yesterday for Colombo to participate in the Second South Asia Regional Dialogue due in the capital of Sri Lanka on November 4-7, reports UNB.

UN urged to safeguard independence of Bosnia

Federation of Islamic Organisations in Bangladesh yesterday called upon the United Nations to protect the independence of the newly established republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina from the continued aggression by Serbia, reports UNB.

He urged the government to play effective role in international fora including the United Nations and the OIC to safeguard the interest of the Muslims across the world.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club, federation President Moulana Muhammad Habiburrahman suggested Kuwait style operation in this respect. He expressed concern over "a well-planned design" to annihilate Muslims from the Balkan peninsula.



To Abbu, Ammu On your 25th marriage anniversary



From: Asif, Asad & Rochi

Tender Notice

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA — sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for Works" are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/Agents/Dealers/Suppliers/Contractors of Bangladesh for the works of "Supply of incandescent lamp for the session 1992-93 for Dhaka University" and will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on the 15th November 1992 and opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the Manufacturers/Agents/Dealers/Suppliers/Contractors who may remain present. Manufacturers/ Agents/Dealers/Suppliers/ Contractors will have to deposit as Earnest Money a sum of Tk 15,117.00 only in Demand Draft or Pay Order from a scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. Tender form, schedule and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned up to 12 Noon on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender on payment of Tk 100.00 only (Non-refundable) to the Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch, Dhaka after obtaining permission from the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. The manufacturers/agents/dealers/suppliers/contractors are liable to abide by the decision of the authority.

Md Mazir Hossain Khan
Executive Engineer(Elec. Incharge),
University of Dhaka.

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Biswas seeks world bodies' help for poverty alleviation

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for taking up far-reaching global programme to make the world a healthy living place for the future generation, reports BSS.

The President was inaugurating a two-day national symposium on "people, development and environment," jointly sponsored by Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) and IUCN-the World Conservation Union here yesterday.

He said poverty alleviation and preservation of a healthy environment are inter-related and called upon the international community to extend further support to the programmes of poverty alleviation and curbing population growth.

At the same time, the President pleaded for international support to the preservation of forest and bio-diversity.

Forest, Environment, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mohammad Abdul Hai and MS Ock-Kyung Kim of the World Conservation Union also spoke at the inaugural session.

LRGD and Cooperatives Secretary, HM Abdul Hye presided over the session. Director

General of BRDB Marghub Morshed presented a key-note paper speech on "people, development and environment."

Over sixty participants drawn from different government departments, voluntary organisations and international bodies are attending the symposium.

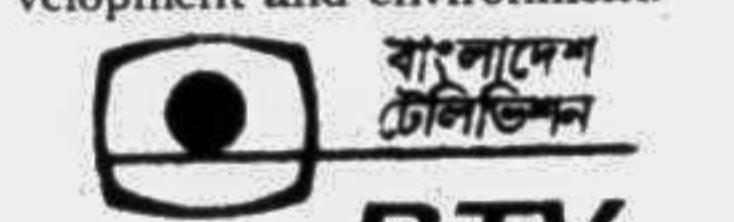
President Biswas said the present democratic government had evolved a comprehensive environment policy and a strategy for national conservation.

While dealing with the issues of the preservation of environment and conservation of resources, the President emphasised that the human being should be the focal point of this processes.

In this connection, he pointed out that about 11 (eleven) crore people were living in 1 (one) crore 44 thousand square kilometres of Bangladesh with a density of 750 people per square kilometre, which is a record of highest density in the world.

He said the high growth rate of population together with extreme poverty had been impairing the process of development in the country.

President Biswas said mea-



BTV Wednesday

- 5.00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.20 Recitation from the Tripitak
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 6.30 Cartoon: The New Three Stooges
- 7.05 News in Bangla
- 8.00 Writer Taley Taley
- 8.30 The Fall Guy
- 9.00 News in English
- 10.00 Parliament round-up
- 10.35 Ujjiban (Religious Programme)
- 11.30 Khabar/The News
- 11.40 Thursday's programme summary
- 11.45 Closing

Weather

Light rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light or moderate rain or shower is likely to occur over the regions of Chittagong, Noakhali, Patuakhali, Barisal, Khulna, Faridpur and Comilla and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Wednesday), according to Met office.

The Met office forecasts, night temperature during this period is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The maximum of 33 degree Celsius was reported from Satkhira yesterday (Tuesday) and the minimum of 17.5 degree was reported from Ishurdi.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 5.18 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 6.07 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	32.5	21.0
Chittagong	31.3	23.0
Rajshahi	31.1	18.0
Khulna	31.8	22.0
Cox's Bazar	30.4	23.6
Sylhet	31.0	21.5
Dinajpur	30.4	19.2
Barisal	31.5	23.0



The Secretary General of Motamar Ali Alam Al Islami (World Muslim Congress) addressing the meeting at a city hotel yesterday. — Star photo

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