

Dhaka Day by Day

Of Clouds, Dragon and Tiger's Nest

by Fayza Haq

Mary Czechan Coldren held yet another exhibition, this time at La Galerie, bringing out her famine touch and her eye for detail. A lot of the exhibits were pastels and this was something new for her.

In "Spectrum Clouds - I" she depicted orange, white and blue sweeps of romantic clouds over the grey landscape with palm trees. "Spectrum Clouds II" was more in detail, and one could see the most fascinating colours in the sky, which one could hardly believe existed in Dhaka. It was an exotic splash of orange, brown, blue and white.

"My favourite time is the period of the moon-son clouds because the sky is full of gorgeous colours. They keep changing from minute to minute," Mary commented.

Her "Moon and Palm" was a romantic combination of a tree with moonlight. The moon-glow had been portrayed in a vertical strip and it was quite dramatic. Another two creations had masses of idyllic brown, beige and white clouds along with the blue sky. Mary had given a different dimension to the traditional Bangladeshi landscape.

"Paddy Bird" was another poetic piece with muted red, purple and yellow flowers, all combined in a soothing manner. The art work had been mounted in an oval form and this made it even more romantic and nostalgic.

The Patchwork "Sail" were memories of a river trip. The sail of the boat was bouncing with colours as in an American traditional quilt - red, blue, brown and green.

"Tornado near Dhaka" had neat houses in brown and white with the mounting tornado in deep green, while the sky was black. It was a scene of horror and fear, and yet it was depicted with neatness and the delicate touch of a woman.

There was a street cow, goat and a medley of hooded crows done in black and brown etching, depicted in precise details. They brought in the beauty of the ordinary things in life in Dhaka, which one takes for granted or chooses to ignore. Mary had etched the Armenian Church too and every stroke was precise and minute.

There was the mausoleum of Pari Bibi seen

through the niche of a door. The artist had applied various techniques and it was a delight in brown, with flowers and palm trees, delicately arranged.

Mary had been for a holiday to Bhutan and from this she was inspired to make quite a few lively creations which portrayed human beings and nature. The was the "Tiger's Nest, Taktsang Monastery," which was believed to have been built by a priest who came to the edge of the grey mountain, on the back of a flying tiger. The temple's simplicity with the pristine white walls and grey roofs were accurately captured. The emerald leaves of the surrounding trees made the oil pastel even more eye-catching.

"Young Monk" had the seriousness, dedication and humility of a Buddhist priest carefully delineated. The artist had done the features with soft, gentle strokes.

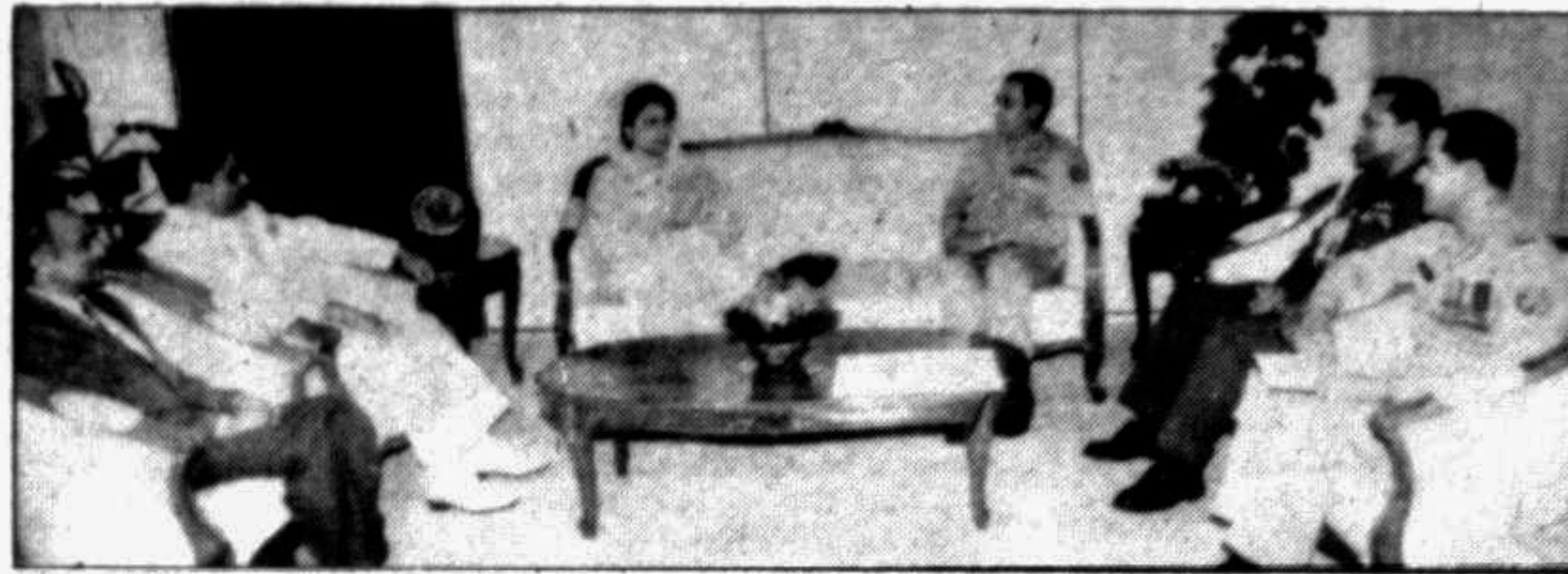
"Watchtower at Tongsa," another oil pastel, showed what an artist could do with a conventional scene. From the watchtower could be seen the acres of the beautiful green below. The town itself was a careful creation of white, red, blue, with ochre and black forefront, with brown twigs.

"Laya Women Shopping" was a realistic depiction of a special type of Bhutanese women. Care had been taken to depict the black, ochre and purple gowns and the unusual flowing long hair, along with the unique conical hats.

"Feathers, Tongsa Monastery" was a delightful collection of ritual feathers, with their orange, blue and green hues, along with the natural white.

Mary's trip to Indonesia brought in "Komodo Dragon" done on an oval white and mounted on deep green base. The fine lines showed a fantastic eye for detail. The winged figures of the Garuda in two other pieces showed mythological figures done in browns and oranges so that they appeared to be like dazzling gold.

The artist, who has had 15 shows, has been having exhibits for two decades. It is marvellous how she combines her household chores with fine artistic works in pastel, oil, water colour and etching.



The chiefs of three services Lieutenant General Noor Uddin Khan, Rear Admiral Mohaiminul Islam and Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia at her office on the occasion of Armed Forces Day yesterday. —PID-photo

21 projects to be implemented in rural areas: Salam

LORD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder yesterday called upon the engineers of the Local Government Directorate to put in their hard labour and sincerity to ensure best utilisation of the resources for development in the country's rural areas, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the annual conference of the Local Government Engineering Directorate here at the Engineers Institution auditorium, Salam Talukder urged the engineers to change their old outlook, if any, and cater to the changing need of the democratic Government which was running the administration after the overthrow of the nine-year autocratic era.

Talukder said the present Government was fully aware of

the problems of the rural areas and devoted itself to remove their problems through implementation of development projects. He said the Government had placed a total of 21 projects under the Local Government Engineering Directorate for implementation in the rural areas and those must be implemented on time.

Presided over by Mushiqur Rahman, Secretary, Local Government Division, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy Minister for LORD and Cooperatives Abdul Hye, Chief Engineer of the Directorate Kamrul Islam Siddique and Superintendent Engineer Manwar Hussain Chowdhury.

The LORD and Cooperatives Minister said Bangladesh, a

poor country, was passing through resource constraints and its bulk development resources were given by the friendly countries and aid agencies. He said these resources provided by the donors should be properly utilized and there should not be any tendency of corruption in the develop activities, like that of the regime of Gen. Ershad.

Expressing his indignation over delay in project implementation, he urged the engineers to see whether projects under their disposal were implemented right on schedule. He also advised the engineers to discuss problems of their projects and find out their remedies, so that each and every rural development project was completed without obstacles.

Tk six cr allocated for publication of Bangla Academy books

Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam said yesterday that Taka six crore and Taka 3.7 crore had been allocated under the Fourth Five Year Plan for the publication of books and the modernisation of Bangla Academy press respectively, reports BSS.

Tariqul Islam was inaugurating a book-selling centre and a week-long book fair organised by Bangla Academy at

Kushtia public library premises yesterday.

The Minister said, the Prime Minister had taken measures to develop and modernise the activities of Bangla Academy.

He said, Taka 1.5 crore has been earmarked to help flourish the latest talent of the young writers and poets. Forty young writers will be given training for the purpose, he added.

Int'l seminar on theatre ends

The three-day international seminar on 'Impact of international interaction in contemporary theatre' ended in Dhaka yesterday with a call for reappraisal of the cultural attitude of both the west and the non-west so that an atmosphere conducive to genuine bilateral interaction and co-operation could be created, says a press release.

In the third session of the seminar the foreign delegates exchanged views on different subjects relating to theatre with the playwrights and directors from Bangladesh. Ramendu Majumdar acted as the moderator while Syed Shamsul Haq led the Bangladesh side.

In the symposium held in the afternoon, three papers were presented 'Use of international/non-native themes in the original plays of a particular country by Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam, 'Exchange of views through workshops and seminars on theatre' by Ataur Rahman and 'Exchange of views on status of women in a society and its implications in theatre' by Sara Zaker.

Dutch Envoy meets Hasina

Ambassador of the Netherlands Henricus Gajentjan called on Awami League chief and leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her parliament office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed socio-economic and political affairs of the two countries. Hasina's office sources said.

Deputy leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad and MPs Dr Mizanul Haq and Abuj Hasan Chowdhury were present.

Biman hangar complex to save \$ 25m a year


The 9th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with its Chairman, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting confirmed the minutes of the eighth meeting.

The meeting reviewed the activities of the Bangladesh Biman's hangar complex at Zia airport. It was informed in the meeting that the country's only self-supporting hangar complex was built with the assistance of the Australian company John Holland. The construction of the hangar complex Biman is now performing F-28 and ATP aircrafts all kinds of checks. Besides this the C-check of DC-10 aircraft has already been done in the complex successfully.

nanced through interest-free supplier's credit from export finance and insurance corporation of Australia. The project with a length of 100 meter and a clear span of 87 meter is capable to simultaneously accommodate one DC-10-30, one wide-bodied boeing and two F-28/ATP aircraft.


With the commissioning of the hangar complex Biman now is in a position to save about 25 million US dollar annually and reducing maintenance cost by a reasonable percentage. The meeting also informed that in the hangar complex Biman is now performing F-28 and ATP aircrafts all kinds of checks. Besides this the C-check of DC-10 aircraft has already been done in the complex successfully.



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Re-Auction Notice

No 103 (5)/ Engg. Dated: 18.11.92


DHAKA UNIVERSITY: It is notified for information of intending buyers that the old godown house of the Institute of Fine Arts will be sold in public auction "as is where it is basis" on 3rd December, 1992 at 11.00 AM. Intending bidders can participate in the auction by attending the Institute of Fine Arts on the day at 11.00 AM. Prior to participating in the auction bidding, minimum Taka 12,000/- should be deposited as security to the undersigned through Pay Order or Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned. The University authority reserves the right to accept or not to accept any bid without assigning any reason. The decision of the authority will be treated as final. The whole amount of the accepted bid should be deposited with Janata Bank, TSC branch, within 3 (three) days of receiving Work Order and on obtaining permission from the undersigned the godown house can be dismantled away. The house must be removed within 15 days from the date of issue of Work Order. After satisfactory removal, the said Bank Draft or Pay Order can be taken back. Before taking back the Bank Draft, site levelling, dressing must be properly done.

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Justice Anwarul Haq Chowdhury addressing the seminar on 'Women's Rights, Law Reforms and Uniform Family Code' organised by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad at the National Museum auditorium yesterday. Story on Page 1 —Star photo



Tender Notice

University of Dhaka — Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the 1st and 2nd class enlisted contractors (Electrical) of Dhaka University for the works of "Installation of main underground cable line from new 200 KVA transformer and transfer and re-installation of underground cable line of different Buildings of Ruquyyah Hall" and will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on the 29th November, 1992 and opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of Tk. 6,016/= only in Demand Draft or Pay Order from a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Dhaka University. 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/= only (Non-refundable) to the Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch after obtaining permission from the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. The contractors are liable to abide by the decision of the authority.

Md Mazir Hossain Khan
Executive Engineer (Electrical) (In-charge)
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Truck with rice worth Tk 1 lakh hijacked

A truck loaded with about 280 maunds of rice worth about Tk 1 lakh was hijacked near Ullapara in Sirajganj district while it was on way to Dhaka from Thakurgaon, reports UNB.

According to the truck owner, the vehicle (Dhaka Metro DA-5825) was stopped at Mahasthangarh in Bogra on Wednesday by two local brokers who requested the driver to carry eight bags of papaya to Dhaka. The driver complied with their request.

They offered the truck driver and the helper tea at Chandakona, and after that, they lost senses at Ullapara. The driver was mysteriously found at a boarding near Nagarbari ghat and the helper at the ghat terminal in an unconscious state.

A case was filed with Nagarbari police. But the truck was still missing.



BTV
Sunday

5.00	Opening announcement
	Al-Quran Programme summary
5.10	News in Bangla
5.20	Recitation from the Bible
5.30	Sports programme
6.30	Open University
7.05	Tagore Songs
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Probaha
9.00	Oahn
10.00	News in English
10.30	Geeti Bichitra
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Monday's programme summary
11.45	Closing

What's on today . . .

Zahir Raihan Film Society

Zahir Raihan Film Society has organised a film session of three films by Italian filmmaker Federico Fellini from today (Sunday) till Wednesday at the Goethe Institute, Dhaka in collaboration with the Institute.

Film "eight and a half" will be shown today 5:30 pm.

LAB seminar

The Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) will hold a seminar on "Library resource sharing in Bangladesh" today (Sunday) at 4 pm at the BANSDOC (Science Laboratories) auditorium.

Jody Bales Foote, Fulbright Professor, Library Training Institute, LAB will be the main speaker.

University Grants Commission Chairman M Shamsul Haq will be present as chief guest.

Mohila Parishad

Today (Sunday) is the second day of the seminar on "Women's Right" organised by Bangladesh Mohila Parishad. It will begin at 10 am at the National Museum auditorium.

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 p.m.

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At Shilpakala Academy

The concluding ceremony of two workshops on mime and recitation will be held tomorrow (Monday) at 6 pm in the Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

LORD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar will be the chief guest and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum special guest at the function.

Weather

Night temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday) says, light or moderate rain or thundershower may occur over the regions of Chittagong and Noakhali and weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Night temperature is likely to fall by one to three degree Celsius over the country during this period.


The met office forecasts, weather may improve after two days and night temperature is likely to fall further.

The minimum 13.7 degree Celsius was reported from Dinajpur yesterday (Saturday) and the maximum of 32.0 degree was reported from Satkhira.

The sun sets today Sunday at 5.11 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 6.19 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	30.6	19.8	86	71
Chittagong	27.6	22.0	80	79
Rajshahi	30.0	16.0	78	72
Khulna	30.8	20.2	80	60
Cox's Bazar	27.0	22.5	76	76
Sylhet	30.0	18.5	95	75
Dinajpur	29.5	13.7	72	60
Barisal	28.2	20.8	95	58



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Sl No	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Price of Tender Form	Time Allowed for Completion of the Work	Opening Date
1	Extension of Club building for Office of Teachers' Association, DU	Tk 11,35,041/-	Tk 22,700/-	Tk 500/-	180 days	6th Dec 92
2	Bathroom repairing works at Shamsunnahar Hall extension bldg, Dhaka University	Tk 2,89,295/52	Tk 5,786/-	Tk 150/-	60 days	2nd Dec 92
3	Unfinished repair work of Bldg No 1 at Shibbari, DU	Tk 1,99,998/76	Tk 4,000/-	Tk 100/-	30 days	2nd Dec 92
4	Repairs to Bungalow No 8 (Provost quarters) at JN Hall, DU	Tk 37,245/96	Tk 375/-	Tk 30/-	21 days	28th Nov 92

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