Dhaka Day by Day

A Melange of Man and his Environment

by Fayza Haq



"Horror '71" by Masooma Khan

since the 70's and holds regular workshops for 'tion for any artist in Bangladesh is to find an adchildren throughout the year on Fridays, at equate gallery for people to view, and the artists Alliance Francaise, has tried to bring in her con- to make an sufficient income. 'La Galerie' reception of the environment around her in mains too far for the average middle-class buyers Dhaka. This will be viewed at the exhibit, due to and connoisseurs. Apart from the Shilpakala be inaugurated by the Information Minister, Mr Academy, there are only the Goethe Institut and Nazmul Huda, on March 5. This exhibition will Alliance Francaise. There are hurdles for disalso include the best works of her students. plays at the Shilpakala Academy. The Fine Arts There will be about 50 entrees in all.

used bright green to depict joy. However, when which is not easy," Masooma elaborated. I portrayed the city, I presented the congested life found there and the lack of sympathy of the teacher she said, "Often children cannot obtain people for then fellow men," Masooma said. It the colours in the market, as they may not be was colourful semi-abstract composition in blue, available, or they might be beyond the budget of red and varied colours. Although the depiction the children's parents. The arrival and deparwas a colourful acrylic, there was a purposeful ture at the Alliance Francaise of the students void in the middle.

geometrical forms such as squares and rectan- handle weekly 10.30 am till 12 pm. Incidentally, gles. Bright blue, yellow, green and red hues I began my teaching in '86 ,and each course were utilised to depict the peaceful nature comprises 3 months costing Tk 450. around them. "I have tried to bring home the one, "the artist explained.

by 5 ft., had three tiny screaming young birds in them, and make the human beings tiny in proa nest. A sinister snake was poised over their portion. This. I find, both interesting and heads, and this was obviously a symbolic piece. amusing for the artist as a teacher. More than The artist wished to depict the fear of the the human beings," the artist explained. This Bengalis during the Pakistan Army occupation. has been done by the young painter Annono. This too was an impressionistic acrylic venture, in which the birds were in blue, while the the children, whom the artist has taught reguone. Tree leaves surrounded the nest.

Masooma had continued to project the nature of the works as their age range is five to fourteen Bangladesh, with green used in the leaves, fruits years. The medium that they have used is waterflowers a butterfly and a bird in her piece colour and pastel, using bright hues of yellow, "Youth." Meanwhile, the artist's creation called blue, green and red. "Peace" depicted a dove that was shown as taking a flight. While the background was blue, the showing farmers and fishermen. Eight - year old dove was depicted as white, by which the artist Abir has depicted the procession with masks wished to convey the viewers that the prospects brought out by the Fine Arts Department, D.U. of hope for the world was increasingly at a low. The young artist has powerful strokes in his anebb. In her mind the artist had the Subcontine imal depictions. Meanwhile, Drubo has done nt. Middle East and Bosnia-Herzegovina crises.

Shahabuddin and Hamiduzzaman. This is be- used acrylic and pastels. cause their subject matter and base of inspira-

our level best." Dwelling on the problems that Masooma awards to her credit.

Masooma Khan, who has been a professional faced as an artist, she said, "the major frustra-Department, D. U. gallery is there too, no doubt, "In Ridoye Ghobierey" she has tried to cap- but the government has done little to encourage ture the emotions of the people of the youth ."I or inspire the artists. Bookings at the private have attempted to depict this in clear forms so galleries remain an almost insurmountable hasthat it is comprehended by the average viewer. I sle. The artists have to stockpile materials,

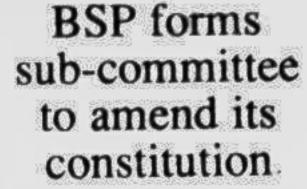
Discussing the problems she faced as a have also to coordinated. However, I enjoy my "Worried Women and Nature" had arranged work with approxamately 25 students ,that

About the pleasure that she obtained from point that our women remain perplexed and her work Masooma has always found it interestoppressed, despite the fact that nature around ing. There is an ad. on TV on the 'magic-box' on them, specially in the rural areas, is a peaceful '7-UP', and one of the young artists Abir, had done this in a comic manner. They will, for in-"Horror '71" which was a large picture, 4 ft. stance. make a huge bird cage, with pets in

The exhibit will also include the paintings by twisted snake was a black and yellow venomous larly. They have brought in festivals, and images that they have seen during their holidays to the Apart from the entree on the Liberation War, countryside of Bangladesh. They were all realis-

They have also delineate the countryside, some hills, which he saw at Chittagong . Shahid, In answer to the question of what Masooma meantime, has depicted the city. Nandini has felt about the state of art in Bangladesh, she painted the exchange of sweet-meats between replied. "What ever we do, in our country, we houses during "Shabe Barat." Meanwhile Esha keep in mind our own culture and heritage, as Sraboni had created a promising piece of the found in the works of Kalidas Karmokar, game of hide and seek. The students had al

Having studied to the Bachelor's Degree at tion remains Bangladesh. They may not have the Fine Arts Department, D.U. in '72, Masooma gone beyond what the western artists have has today established herself by her 9 solo exhiachieved, but we are experimenting and trying bitions at private galleries, apart from being a successful teacher. She has also various national



By Staff Correspondent An extended meeting of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) Sunday formed sub-committee with Barrister Mainul Hossain as Chairman to bring about necessary amendments in the constitution of the parishad.

It was also decided that the election to the BSP will be held within six weeks of the amendments. The report of the sub-committee will be placed before the executive committee by March.

Other members of the subcommittee are Ahmedul Kabir, Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Anwarul Islam Boby, Mahfuz Anam, and Enayet Ullah Khan.

The meeting presided over by Barrister Hossain also expressed satisfaction at the parliamentary standing committee on Information Ministry had discussed the advertisement policy for the newspapers. But it also observed that the committee held only two meetings and could not arrive at any decisions over the advertisement

The BSP also expressed its desire to present its position on the advertisement policy to the parliamentary standing committee.

BSP also demanded withdrawal of ban on government advertisement from Dainik Bhorer Kagoj and some other newspapers.

The meeting also condemned the recent attacks on the offices of United News of Bangladesh (UNB) and Banglabazar Patrika and demanded the punishment of the criminals.

Khaleda greets **ROK PM**

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has congratulated Hwang In Sung on his assumption of the office of Prime Minister of South Korea, reports UNB.

In a message yesterday, Begum Zia expressed her conviction that during his tenure the existing close and beneficial cooperation between the two countries would further be strengthened and developed.

Begum Zia also hoped to work with Sung for peace and progress in the region and the world at large.

BSTI realises Tk 11 thousand fine during Feb RAJSHAHI, Feb 28: Bang-

ladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) realised fine amounting to Taka about 11 thousand from the illegal users of weights and measures in different hats and bazars of 10 thanas of the division through conducting five mobile courts and six police raids during the month of February. reports BSS.

A total of 51 cases were filed during the raids in Dinajpur Sadar, Parbatipur, Sariakandi, Manda, Ullapara, Thakurgaon Sadar, Pirgani. Joldhaka, Chapainawabganj Sadar and Comastapur Thana of which 39 cases were settled realising the fine.

During the raids about 17 maunds of old batkharas, 104 illegal KG weight measures, 487 faulty scales and 13 yard sticks were setzed.

Fisheries Deptt

Fisheries Department has realised fine amounting to Taka over 25 thousand from the fishermen for disobeying fish preservation law in sixteen districts of Rajshahi division during the year 1992.

A total of 931 cases were filed in this connection of which 400 cases were settled realising the fine. Three persons were also sentenced to jail for the offence.

Meanwhile, The Fisheries Department distributed fish loan worth Taka about six lakh in Rajshahi division during 1991-92.

Weather

Meteorological office forecast.

the period over the country.

row (Tuesday) at 6.20 am.

and towns on Sunday were:

Cities/Towns

Chittagong Rajshahi

Cox's Bazar

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

railway back-shop soon: JS body registrars sion in view of certain complaints received on the con-

structural obligations for the construction of the back-shop. Earlier, convenor of the Sub-committee on Parbatipur Railway Back-shop, Whip Mohammad Abdul Karim presented the report before the standing committee.

The members of the committee, Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, Mohammad Shamsul Hug, Abdul Wahab and Alhaj Mohammad Golam Hossain attended the meeting.

BCL (M-I) held a rally in front of Arts Faculty building of Dhaka University in observance of

Secretary Railway Division Syed Shameem Ahsan, Secretary Road and Road Transport Division Syed Rezaul Hayat and senior officials of the ministry were present.

Solution to CHT problems

Probe into Parbatipur

Participation of hill people stressed

Speakers at a seminar in Rangamati yesterday stressed the need of motivating the hill people to participate in the ongoing peace process for a solution to the longstanding CHT problems, reports UNB.

the Selim-Delwar day yesterday.

The parliamentary standing

committee on Ministry of

Communications yesterday de-

cided to conduct an enquiry

into the whole gamut of the

railway back-shop constructed

pertise from Bangladesh

University of Engineering and

Technology (BUET) and other

agencies as and when neces-

sary for thorough investiga

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tions into the whole extent of

meeting of the committee held

at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban

with State Minister for Com-

Rahman in the chair.

munications Mohammad Fazlur

The meeting took the deci-

The decision was taken at a

It also decided to seek ex-

at Parbatipur, reports BSS.

Tribal and non-tribal intellectuals, journalists, local elite, educationists and government officials participated in the seminar on "Role of Intellectuals and Journalists in Establishing Peace and Harmony in the Troubled Chittagong Hill Tracts.

AKM Magsud Ahmed, President of the local Press Club and Editor of the Giridarpan, presided over the meeting in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board Rest House.

Parizat Kushum Chakma. Chairman of the Local Government Council, and Brig Ahsan Nazmul Amin, Rangamatt Region Commander of Army, and Mohammad Hasan, Deputy Commissioner, attended the seminar as chief and special guests respectively.

Directive to improve civic services

The Mayor of Dhaka, Mirza Abbas, MP, yesterday gave directive to the personnel of the city corporation to gear up an improve civic services to the residents of the city, reports

The Mayor gave the directive to gear up the corporations' service to make the city clean, free it from the mosquito menace and also ensure hygienic facilities.

Addressing a coordination meeting of the Dhaka City Corporation's departments of conservancy, health as well as zonal officers, the Mayor asked for cleaning up the dereliet ponds.

Humidity in

percentage

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"The present democratic government is very much sincere and active in bringing out solution to the long-standing Chittagong Hill Tracts problems," Brig Ahsan said

Lauding relentless efforts of the journalists, he urged them to play a positive role seconding government initiatives in sorting out the national prob-

participate in the ongoing peace process. Parizat urged all to play an

and Mukhlesur Rahman

He stressed the need of motivating the hill people to

effective role in establishing peace and harmony in the Hill The DC, ASM Shahidullah

Bhutyan, General Secretary of the Press Club, also spoke on the occasion.

Ensure collection of revenue, Hafiz tells

- Star photo

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Gholam Haftz called upon the concerned officials to ensure due collection of revenue by curbing the increasing trend of under valuation of land in documentation of deeds, reports

He was addressing a rally of registrars and sub-registrars at the Registration Complex Bhaban at Tejgaon in the city yesterday.

Presided over by Dhaka district Registrar AKM Fazlul Haq Chowdhury, the rally was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Barrister Aminul Huq. Law and Justice Secretary Mirza Asaduzaman Al-Faruk and Ispector General, Registration, Siddiqur Rahman.

Mirza Hafiz asserted that concerned rules would be amended to re-fix the highest fine for undervaluation of land from Taka five thousand to fifty thousands and so as to stop this kind of malpractice.

It was informed that so far about eighty thousand cases of undervaluation of land had been detected and palced before the competent authority to take necessary action against such malpractice.

He called for safeguarding the rights of the land owners by decenmenting their deeds with care and caution. He also haid stress on upgrading the staff of sub-registrars to class one to give them incentive and inspiration.

Student bodies observe death anniversary of Selim, Delwar

By DU Correspondent Different student organisations yesterday observed the ninth death anniversary of Selim and Delwar who were: crushed under a police van in an anti-autocracy procession near Fulbaria bus station in 1984.

H M Ibrahim Selim and Kazi Delwar, the two Chhatra League leaders were the final year students of the Department of History and Political Science of the Dhaka University respectively.

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession and held a rally at the foot of Aparajeo Bangla of DU in the morning yesterday to mark the day.

Speakers at the rally said that the dreams of Shaheed Selim and Delwar had not been fulfilled yet.

BCL (M-I) General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim urged the government to fulfil the students' 10-point demand

The rally was addressed among others by Ataur Rahman, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, KHM Lizu and Igbal Hossain

Earlier, the BCL laid wreaths to the Selim-Delwar memorial monument on DU

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) also held a rally in front of the DU Arts Faculty Building yesterday to observe the day.

The rally was addressed by its leaders Obayedur Rahman Chunnu, Mostak Alam Tulu, Asiam Khan and Kabirul Islam Chowdhury Rupom.

New schedule of DU honours examinations

Dhaka University authorities have declared the new schedules of some examinations, reports UNB. According to the new sche-

dule the Traditional degree/ honours examination (including Home Economics) of 1991 will be held on October 25, 1993. First part of MA examination (Traditional) of 1991 including Library Science and Home Economics will be held on October 27, 1993 and final part of Masters and Degree (Traditional) of 1990 Including Library Science and Home Economics will begin on October 30, 1993.

Details of the examinations schedule will be announced

DU 'Kha' group test Mar 4

The written test for admission to 1st year (Honours) 'Kha' group in Arts and Social Science of Dhaka University will be held on March 4 (Thursday), reports UNB. The test will be held from

10 am to 12 noon. Seat arrangement will be hung on the notice board on March 3 at the Dean office.



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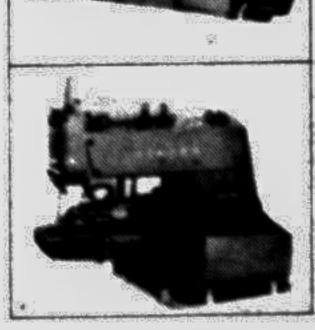
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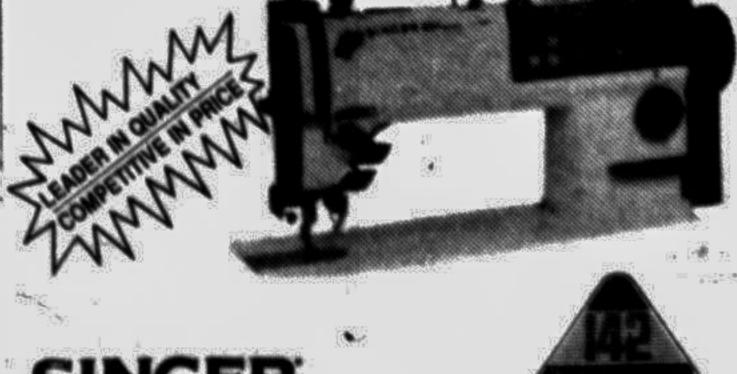
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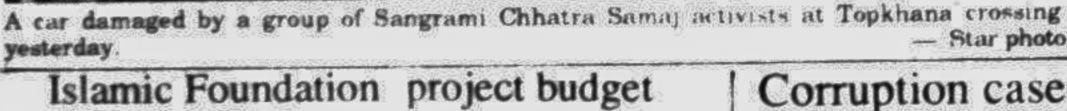
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approved A conference with regard to collection of Zakat Fund from the Zakat payee yesterday decided to adopt appropriate measures for motivating people for paying their Zakat to the Islamic Foundation Zakat Cell for helping the destitute, helpiess and needy people of the society under the provision of the holy Quran and Sunnah,

reports BSS. · Held at the conference room of Islamic Foundation. the conference was presided over by Minister of State for Religion Affairs Prof. MA

proposed budget for 1992-93 fiscal year amounting to Taka 21 lakh 13 thousand for run ning the projects undertaken by the Zakat Board of Islamic foundation. The projects are children hospital at Gazipur. ideal maktab at Haluaghat in Mymensingh, sewing project for the destitutes. Zakat fund scholarship for poor students. rickshaw distribution project. Rehabilitation of destitutes

women project and new

Muslim rehabilitation project.

The meeting approved a

against Rly engr CHITTAGONG, Feb 28: Anti-

Corruption Bureau, Chittagong region, filed a case yesterday against Zafar Sadeq Majumdar, a Sub Assistant Engineer of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) for misappropriation of Taka 1,23,81,100, reports

Corruption Bureau, Zafar Sadeq Majumder misappropriated railway wooden slippers of varlous sizes in 74 items worth Taka 1,23,81,100 between January 1985 and Oct 88

Corruption case

— Star photo

According to the Anti-

13.8 27.7 Dinajpur The highest temperature recorded in the country yesterday was 31.5 at Teknaf and the lowest was 13.4 at Ishurdi.

29.6

By Staff Correspondent

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change.

Temperature in

16.0

16.4

18.0

20.2