

Dhaka Day by Day

Admirable Know-how and Undoubted Enthusiasm

by Fayza Haq

The Annual Photographic Exhibition '92 of the "Bangladesh Photographic Society" was recently held at the Alliance Francaise. It contained photographs of unusual quality as their compositions have not been surpassed before.

The gold medal winning piece "Knight" by Imtiaz Alam Beg, depicted its subject, wearing glasses, sporting egret white moustache and a carefully clipped beard. While a part of his face had been highlighted, the rest of the portrait appeared to have used negatives, before the final positive of the fine piece of work was assembled. This was done in monochrome.

"Women and Glamour", which won a silver medal by G. Mostafa, had also used "trick photography" in a carefully composed, partially silhouetted portrait. The lady was depicted as wearing hat, with a subtle rose to show it off. Her dark clothes highlighted the bracelet on her left hand, while a triangle of beam, almost like a piece of a thunderous sky, were all balanced with the highlight of subject being on the right. This too was belonged to the "Colour Section".

Abdul Kadir's untitled piece, which had won a silver medal showed a man and woman, talking to each other from separate rooms. The figures remained dark against the clear background of the rectangles of the rooms. The images were tiny and appeared to be taken from a distance, as old, huge steps, seen in grey and white, which led to the subjects. A figure of a reposing man was carefully included on the steps.



"Oh Mom! Oh Dad" by Enamul Karim Nirjhar

Another untitled entree, which won a bronze medal, was Laik Mohammed Jaisi's entree. This depicted a white rectangular path, which was lined by wooden, fluted pieces, which one finds in building constructions. The luminous path, which held more similar bars, but not so well chiselled, led to a conglomeration of further wooden pieces. The most interesting piece of the entree was a young woman covered with a heavy "ghomta" of her "ari". Her "mehjabeen" face was seen in all its details despite the subtle inclusion of her peeking figure. The contrast of light and shade was indeed the work of a skilled craftsman. This again, was a coloured piece creation.

"War Lord" by Kashef, which was another bronze prize, showed a young fisherboy in black, posing with his bamboo-edged patched fishing

net. The dark colour on the top of the photograph and dark shade at the bottom of the entree, was a superb piece, the subject being an impeccable silhouette. This again, was included in the "Monochrome Section".

Out of the 119 displays, 50 of them were in black and white, while 49 of them were with colour acceptances. Shaiful Alam Kiron's untitled piece which depicted a delicate ladder, with only a tiny bird next to it, the black and grey hillocks and roof hangings which appeared to have been cut from positives, before the final piece was created with another tiny bird on the far left of the entree.

Its modern approach with the opaque rectangular bar, with its sharp outlined edges, held by the darker hues of the top and bottom, was undoubtedly a lyrical creation. It came close to the impact of some local modern painting.

So was Paul David Baridar's photograph which depicted glass a window and a large dark mirror, which were registered with admirable subtly. The focal point in the photo appeared a mirage of a cracked mirror juxtaposed with a nailed frame. The mirror and the apparent painting on the wall created an admirable photographic piece, going by local standards.

"Some Where out There" appeared to be taken by a wide-angled camera and presented a vista of a highway, with its neon lights, high walls, pavements and a heavy metal fence. The play of light and shade was admirable for a product of a third-world country, with its limited cameras, films, paper, and finishing techniques.

G. Mustafa's "Sparrows" showing the birds at rest on bent telephone poles, both horizontally and vertically, against a backdrop of a sky which gave the effect of sharks in deep water, was again impressive.

To culminate the splendid work of the photographers was again a gold medal winning piece "Oh Dad! Oh Mom!" by Enamul Karim Nirjhar, which depicted the distorted face of a poor man in agony on the right to contrast with the bespectacled face of a well-to-do individual, taken in motion. This coloured piece, had a few tiny flower petals and rings, placed between one portrait and another.

This exhibition delineated well the know-how and enthusiasm of Bangladeshi photographers, despite all the professional problems that they face daily.



Painting exhibition of Maruf Ahmed began at La Galerie in city yesterday. — Star photo

China to help develop agriculture sector

China will provide all possible cooperation in the development of agricultural sector and irrigation system of Bangladesh which would accelerate the process of increasing of agricultural production, reports BSS.

This was stated by the newly appointed Chinese ambassador in Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang, while he called on the Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Hoq at his office. They discussed various fields of cooperation specially the outstanding contribution of Chinese experts in different agricultural research institutes in Bangladesh.

The ambassador informed that the Chinese government in its 10 years reconstruction

programme has given importance to the agricultural sector.

China will also help in the flood control programme a Chinese flood control delegation had visited Bangladesh in 1991 to identify the ways of controlling the flood of the Brahmaputra River. They followed the technics of flood control system of the Hwangho River and submitted recommendations to the government of Bangladesh.

A Bangladesh delegation headed by Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ul-Hoq will visit China soon to promote the fields of cooperation and strengthen relation between the two countries.

Jobs under int'l organizations

Some international organizations have invited applications for filling up certain vacancies at their disposal, says a PID handout.

Name of the organizations along with the post titles and last date for receipt of the applications by the head offices of the organizations are given below:

International Telecommunication Union: Head, Communications Division (P-5) March 31; United Nations Environment Programme: Associate /Programme Officer (P-2/P-3) March 18; International Atomic Energy Agency: Legal Officer (P-3); Associate Area Officer (P-2); Research Scientist (P-2); Nuclear/Chemical Engineer (P-5); Section Head (P-5) May 14.

Further details of the posts and procedure of applications will be available with the Ministry of Establishment and other Ministries/Divisions, Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, District Labour and Manpower Offices.

Souvenir presented to Biswas

A souvenir published in observance of the centenary of Government BM University College of Barisal was presented to President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday, reports UNB.



Thursday

- 5-00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary.
- 5-10 News in Bangla
- 5-25 Esho Pora Shikhi
- 5-45 Mahe Ramzan
- 6-15 Hamd and Nant
- 6-35 Tarunnya
- 7-05 Debate competition
- 8-00 News in Bangla
- 8-30 Drama of the week: Shesh Prashna Shesh Uttar
- 10-00 News in English
- 10-30 Parliament round-up
- 10-40 Film: China Beach
- 11-30 Khabar/The News
- 11-40 Closing

What's on today

National workshop for the disabled

The concluding ceremony of the national workshop to formulate a national policy for the disabled in Bangladesh will be held today (Thursday) at 10 am at the Academy for Planning and Development at Nilkhet.

Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tarikul Islam will attend the function as chief guest while M Mokammel Huq, Member of Planning Commission and PG Michael, Representative of South Asia unit of Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM), will be present as the special guest and the guest of honour respectively.

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Painting exhibition

A painting exhibition by Masuma Khan and her students will begin tomorrow (Friday) at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road Dhanmondi.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda will inaugurate the exhibition.

The exhibition will remain open everyday except Saturday from 3.00 to 5.30 pm till March 25, 1993.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Dry weather will prevail over the country during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) while the day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The Met office forecasts rainfall activities within a week's period.

The minimum temperature recorded yesterday was 12.6 degree Celsius in Rajshahi and the maximum of 32.3 degree was reported from Sitakundu.

The sun sets today at 6.03 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.17 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	31.0	16.6	63	33
Chittagong	30.4	18.8	62	56
Rajshahi	31.2	12.6	60	-
Khulna	31.2	16.6	62	55
Barisal	31.0	16.4	71	-
Cox's Bazar	30.0	21.2	65	63
Sylhet	30.1	17.1	58	47
Dinajpur	28.9	14.5	83	40

Maruf's art exhibition opens

A week-long exhibition of contemporary abstract art by visiting artist Maruf Ahmed was opened at La Galerie here yesterday, reports BSS.

The exhibition was inaugurated by prominent industrialist Aga Yusuf which will remain open till March 9 at the art gallery at Banani.

A member of the German Artist's Association, Maruf has meanwhile, held numerous exhibits worldwide with 10 of his most recent works.

The inaugural function was followed by an iftar party.

Moroccan envoy hosts reception

Ambassador of Morocco M Saleh Zaimi and Mrs Zaimi yesterday hosted a reception at their Baridhara residence on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of accession of King Hassan II to the throne, reports BSS.

The reception was attended by ministers, political leaders, ambassadors, journalists and elite of the city.

RCC takes steps to meet water scarcity

RAJSHAHI, Mar 3: Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) has taken up a week-long programme from today for supplying water in the city to meet scarcity of water, reports BSS.

The programme includes repair of all the choked-up tubewells and rehabilitation of water pipe lines.

The decision was taken at a meeting of water supply department of city corporation held yesterday with Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu in the chair.

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Chinese envoy calls on Huda

The newly appointed Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Zhang Xujiang called on Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda at his secretariat office here yesterday, reports BSS.

Welcoming the ambassador, the Information Minister said the long and friendly relations between the two countries is based on historical bondage. The Bangla-China Maitree Bridge over the river Buriganga which was constructed with Chinese technical assistance remains a milestone in the relationship between the two countries, he added.

Barrister Huda said that different countries had come closer to each others due to development of modern technology in the field of free flow of information. The news flow of outside world has come to the doorsteps of the people of Bangladesh following introduction of CNN services, he observed.

The Chinese ambassador said that his country put stress on both morality and material aspects in dissemination of news.

The information minister said as a big power China had great role to play in the regional economic development as well as political stability. China's role in world peace and stability is also significant, he observed.

Iranian Speaker's letter handed over to Razzak

The Ambassador for the People's Republic of Iran Mahmoud Bayat yesterday called on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali at the latter's office and handed over a letter addressed to him by the Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran, Ali Akbar Natqhi Nouri, reports BSS.

In his letter the Iranian Speaker expressed deep concern over the oppression and serious violation of human rights being perpetrated against the Muslims in different parts of the world. He made particular reference to the oppression against the Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Palestine. The Iranian Speaker called for coordinated move from the Islamic countries to stop the atrocities against the Muslims.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali reciprocated the sentiment expressed by the Iranian Speaker and said that all those crimes against humanity should be stopped without further delay. The world should no more remain silent about those heinous crime, he added.

The Iranian Ambassador on behalf of his government also extended invitation to Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali to visit Iran.

DPRK to train Bangladeshis on acrobatics, handicrafts

North Korea will provide experts on handicrafts and acrobatics to train Bangladeshi people, reports BSS.

This was stated by Chang Won Sik, the ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea while he made a courtesy call on State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahannara Begum at her office yesterday. Cultural Secretary Islam Uddin Malik was present on the occasion.

Referring the visit of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to North Korea, Chang Won Sik said the visit was very fruitful in cementing the relations between the two countries. The DPRK envoy said, his country was very eager to develop relations in various sectors including the cultural arena.

Reciprocating the sentiment the State Minister said there exists good opportunity for strengthening the bonds of friendship between the people of the two countries. She expressed the hope that cooperation and collaboration between Bangladesh and North Korea would be reinforced further in the coming days.



Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding release of Awami League MP Hemayetulla Auranga. — Star photo