

Dhaka Day by Day

A Symphony of Forms

by Fayza Haq



"Run" an oil on canvas by Ranjit Das

Ranjit Das held an impressive display of his drawings and paintings, recently at "Divine Arts" at "Sonargaon". The collection spoke of greater maturity in works of the artist, who is already well established in Dhaka.

In his "Transformation," Ranjit had combined an ochre sun-like patch against a sage-green rectangle, which was outlined with shades of ochre and narrow strokes of vermilion and peach. A pale triangle and abstract swirls of white, along with multicoloured swirls, going from the right to the left end of the painting, held the ochre disc in its place. A suggestion of a bird head and its body, simplified in a blue mass, along with another yellow disc, seen in the top of the painting completed the composition. The variations and the experimentation with texture and form, nouveau as it was, like all Ranjit's other works was admirable.

In "Evoke," an oil on canvas piece, one saw a human hand in the centre, and a human eye on top of the composition in grey, pale ochre, purple and other subtle colours. A triangle, another five rectangles, two circles and gently laid on patterns, in green orange, more pink and brown, made the piece a thought-provoking one. Balance and harmony was paramount in Ranjit's mind.

In "Run," an oil on canvas, the artist had captured the motion of a fleeing and terrified human being with mastery. The subject was done in mauve, white, beige, outlined with black, and the open terrified mouth was repeated in the basic form. This subject was clearly shown against a background of brown, yellow, blue, with geometrical border running

parallel to its vertical extension. There was a fine black parallel line at the bottom, plus a black rectangle, and a blue one just under the creation of the face.

The artist in "Second Look at Fulfillment" was once again abstract and symbolic, juxtaposing square and geometrical shapes such as circles, lines and rectangles, outlined with yellow, black, and white, a pale blue hand and a blue and grey eye, and other two abstract motifs were included in the composition. The play with texture was once again admirable.

An oil on canvas "In Vision" by the artist, Ranjit, again brought in pink and blue spheres — yellow squarish outlines, grey rectangles to symbolise a home, with squiggles of orange in outline to depict human figures. The piece appeared like some collage of geometrical colours combined with forms. It was subtle symbolic and balanced in composition. Ranjit had tried to depict reality of life, its pains and hopes, sorrows and jealousies. He had not left out details despite his abstract style.

The 37-year-old artist is at present a lecturer at T.T. College, Dhaka, and is a member of the Miniature Art Society of Florida, USA.

Ranjit has held five solo exhibitions at Bangladesh and nineteen group shows in the Subcontinent, USA, Africa, Japan, Korea, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Malaysia and Bangladesh. He has won nine awards between '74 and '92. His collections are to be found in national and private places both at home and abroad.

It is good that abstraction and symbolism is gaining a steady patronage in Dhaka.

WMO help in modernising Met service assured

The visiting Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Prof G O P Obasi yesterday called on Defence Secretary M A Malik at his office at the Old High Court Building here, reports BSS.

Prof Obasi stayed with him for sometime and discussed matters relating to meteorology and efforts for minimising adverse consequences of natural calamities by utilising meteorological warning system.

The Defence Secretary thanked the WMO Secretary General for the assistance and guidance being provided by the WMO to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department in various fields. He observed that there was still scope for further collaboration between the WMO might also assist Bangladesh with the advanced remote sensing technology, a field where we have not achieved much so far.

Professor Obasi assured that the WMO would continue to assist Bangladesh in her efforts for modernising her meteorological service.

Keeping this in view, he suggested that an advanced forecasting system like numerical weather prediction technique should be introduced.

He, however, observed that most of the third world countries lack in the educational level of their people and advised that the educational level of the people should be improved and public awareness should be enhanced so that they could understand the adverse effects of weather hazards and weather warning system and so as to take remedial measures for minimising calamity damages. He also stressed upon regional cooperation in the field of meteorology for mutual benefit of the people of the concerned countries.

The Defence Secretary apprised him of Bangladesh's efforts in this field and said that a headway was recently made. A decision had been taken at the SAARC forum for establishing a SAARC meteorological research centre in Dhaka, he told.

Dhaka University IBA delegation calls on Biswas

A seven-member delegation of professors and senior teachers of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University led by its director Dr Anwar Hossain called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

They stayed with the President, who is also the Chancellor of the University, for sometime and discussed different academic issues and other related matters of the institute with him.

Razzaque greets Qiao

Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali has congratulated Qiao Shi, on his election as the Chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress of China, reports BSS.

In a message to Shi the Speaker wished that the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries and people be further strengthened.

Sharma greets Biswas

Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma felicitated President Abdur Rahman Biswas on the occasion of the National and Independence Day of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

In a message of felicitation the Indian President said "the friendship between the two countries based on shared ties of history and culture".

The Indian President expressed that the relations between the two countries would further be strengthened on the basis of mutual trust and co-operation in the years ahead.

Dr Sharma wished continued progress and prosperity of Bangladesh and personal health and wellbeing of President Biswas, said a PID handout today.

BIT reopens April 4

CHITTAGONG, Mar 28: Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) will reopen on April 4 and all scheduled examinations will start on April 18, reports BSS.

Hostels will be opened from April 11.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and AL chief Sheikh Hasina visited Jahanara Imam in PG Hospital yesterday. (Story on Page 1) — Star photo

Musical evening of Azad Rahaman

Maestro Azad Rahaman enthralled a select audience here last evening by exquisitely playing the Ragas on the piano—an attempt to construct a musical overpass between the east and the west by presenting the eastern Ragas on a popular western instrument, reports BSS.

Held at the American International School auditorium, the evening was attended by United States Ambassador William B Milam, Sayeed Ahmad, adviser, Centre for Education of Creative and Performing Arts, Dhaka, spoke on the occasion.

The centre organised the evening of maestro Azad Rahaman.

Rahaman played the Rag "Puri" (pre-evening melody), the Rag "Angshaddhoni"

Independence Day observed in missions abroad

Independence and National Day was observed in more Bangladesh missions abroad with due solemnity and fervour, reports BSS.

The missions include Kathmandu, Abu Dhabi and New Delhi.

The national flags were hoisted atop the embassy buildings on the day. Special prayers were offered for the peace of the departed souls of the martyrs. Receptions were held and cultural functions arranged in the mission to celebrate the occasion.

The Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh has celebrated the 22nd anniversary of Independence and National Day in a befitting manner, according to message received here.

The day's programme started with the ceremonial hoisting of national flag by Ambassador Abdul Momen Chowdhury at the chancery premises. This was followed by recitation from the Holy Quran and offering of prayers for salvation of the souls of the martyrs, and peace and progress of the country.

Later, the Ambassador read out the messages of the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. A discussion meeting on the occasion was also held. Speakers dwelt at length the historical background of the War of Independence of Bangladesh and paid glowing tributes to the martyrs who laid down their lives in 1971.

The Ambassador, in his speech, "underlined the importance of the day and urged for dedicated work by all concerned for the prosperity of the country.

The dreams of the martyrs could be translated into reality by building a self-reliant Bangladesh, he added.



Monday

5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al Quran, Programme summary
5.25	News in Bangla
5.45	Cartoon film: The Three Musketeers
6.45	Sports Programme
7.10	Open University
7.30	TV Debate
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Programme on Health (Apar Dektar)
9.00	Musical programme: Surer Akashy
10.00	News in English
10.30	Mini Series: Mother Love
11.30	Khobar/The News
11.45	Closing

Weather

No change in day temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country during the next 24 hours, Met office forecast. Day temperature will remain nearly unchanged.

The sun sets today at 6.13 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.53 am.

Meanwhile, it was mainly dry yesterday excepting in Barisal where 59mm rain was recorded. The highest temperature of 30.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Outlook for subsequent two days: No appreciable change. Extended outlook for another five days: Little change. The temperature and humidity of some cities on Sunday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	29.6	19	41	37
Chittagong	30	21	80	0
Rajshahi	30.4	15.6	53	37
Khulna	29.6	18.5	45	47
Barisal	29.2	20	77	59
Jessore	30.6	18.8	0	0
Rangpur	28.6	14	45	51

37 held under Anti-terrorism Act

Police arrested 37 people in the city last week (March 21-27) under the Anti-terrorism Act, reports UNB.

The arrested were among the 95 accused named in 25 cases filed in different thanas of the city during the week, a police press release said yesterday.

Police rounded up 71 people on various charges from different parts of the city yesterday.

Of the arrested, four were wanted criminals, two under the Anti-terrorism Act, two in arms cases.

JU reopens tomorrow

By JU Correspondent

Classes of Jahangirnagar University resume tomorrow (Tuesday) after a 21-day long Eid-ul-Fitr and Ramadan vacation, official sources said.

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