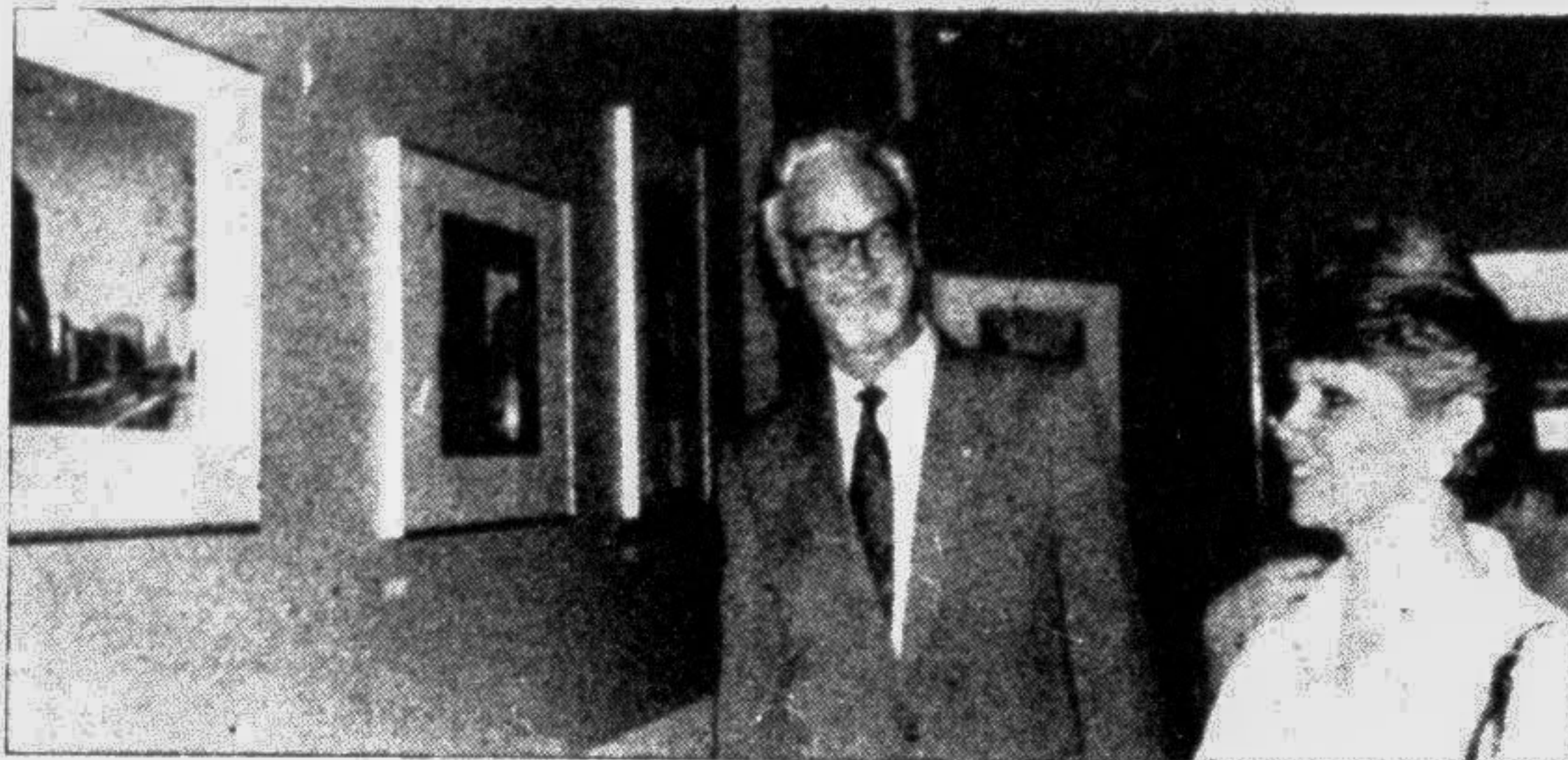


Dhaka Day by Day

Rembrandt Comes to Town

by Nancy Wong



Dutch ambassador Henricus Gajentaan with a visitor.

For the first time in its 20-year economic and social relationship, the Netherlands and Bangladesh have joined hands in a cultural activity in the form of an exhibition of Rembrandt etchings and outstanding photographs by some well-known Dutch photographers. This joint effort by the National Museum and the Royal Netherlands Embassy was inaugurated by the State Minister of Cultural Affairs, Professor Jahan Ara Begum, recently. It was attended by a host of local and foreign art lovers and critics at the National Museum and will continue until May 10.

An artist of great fame, Rembrandt belonged to the 17th century known as the "golden age" of culture in the Netherlands. His works have endured the test of time and fortunes have exchanged hands in the race for their possession. He was one of the few artists who gained international fame and recognition in his lifetime. He was influenced by his teachers who were ardent admirers of the Italian Renaissance personified by illustrious painters such as Raphael and Titian; whose subtle blend of light and shade fascinated him. This technique Rembrandt developed further and used it to perfection.

Numerous high quality reproductions and etchings, some whose subjects are biblical such as "Abraham's Sacrifice", "Jeremiah" and others of the animal kingdom can be viewed at the exhibition. The "piece de resistance" however, is a life-size copy of the world renowned masterpiece, "The Night Watch" executed by a Bangladeshi engineer, Aminul Haasan. This alone is worth a visit and the rest is icing on the cake!

The exhibition also includes dramatic pictures in black and white taken by three gifted Dutch photographers, Jacob Olie, Cas Oorthuys and Jannes Linders. Photos of the first two show Amsterdam in the late 19th century while those of the third show the city in modern times. Hence, a look at them, presented in sequence is a walk through time, looking at Amsterdam through observant lenses.

Jacob Olie was one of the earliest pioneers of the camera who took photographs when this art form was only a few decades old. His pro-

fession as a teacher of architectural drawing together with his journalistic approach to neighbourhood scenes, led him to pursue photography with keen interest. Very much attuned to his environment, he took thousands of pictures of ordinary street scenes and people going around their daily chores; and turned them into something alive and everlasting. Visitors of Amsterdam will feel nostalgic looking at the vast difference time has wrought on this picturesque city. Nevertheless the majestic old buildings and graceful houses along the canals are very much there and they are timeless.

Cas Oorthuys was born in Leiden and earned his degree in architecture in 1930. Bad luck came in the form of the Depression which made it impossible for him to find work in his field of expertise, he turned to photography. Very soon, his talents in this area developed and his association with Paul Schuitema, a leading Dutch exponent of the "New Photography" that sought to promote photography as a distinct art form from painting, led him to discover his own style. Having joined the Resistance in World War II, Oorthuys used his photography to record images of the occupation — some are quite startling, as seen in the exhibition. He continued to apply this tool to his country's post-war reconstruction period, taking pictures of building sites and industries. His pictures of a man riding a bicycle in a snow-storm and vignette of daily life as seen through the underpass of a bridge are dramatic portraits in black and white.

Jannes Linders is a contemporary one among the three photographers exhibited. Upon graduation from the Academy of Art in Breda in 1982, he set up shop as a free-lance photographer in Rotterdam. From the beginning of his career, he was attracted to buildings, factories and ports, which formed the subjects of his choice. Rotterdam, being the most busy port in the world, afforded him ample photo opportunities and he began to specialise in "documentary photography." If you wish to see how the biggest port in the world works and thrives, visit the exhibition!

President, PM greet Buddhists

President Abdur Rahman Biswas felicitated the Buddhist community on the occasion of Bouddha Purnima today (Thursday) and called for all to imbibe Lord Buddha's message of non-violence for maintaining social peace and cohesion, reports UNB.

"Amity, social cohesion and stability, democracy and the trend of national progress need to be pursued in the spirit of Buddha's message of non-violence," Biswas said in a message on the eve of Bouddha Purnima, which marks the advent, enlightenment and 'nirvana' of Lord Buddha.

The President called upon the Buddhist community to work unitedly for development of the country.

In another message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted the Buddhist community of the country on occasion of Bouddha Purnima, the greatest religious festival of the Buddhists.

She said adherence to the teachings and ideals of Goutama Buddha is more essential in today's life than in the past.

In a conflicting world, she said, the emulation of Buddha's principles of peace and non-violence can play a complementary role in establishing peace in the society.

Begum Zia said the Buddhists have been living in this country in harmony with members of other religious communities through the ages and contributing to nation building activities. They are also making progress in their personal life with assistance from the government, she said.

The Prime Minister hoped that the Buddhist community would continue their constructive role in future.

Hasina

Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina also greeted the Buddhist community on the occasion of Bouddha Purnima.

The day is memorable for the advent, enlightenment and 'nirvana' (salvation) of Lord Buddha, she said in a message, recalling that Great Buddha attained the essence of great truth through long meditation and perseverance by giving up temporal comforts.

"His philosophy showed a new direction for the emancipation of humanity."

BDR attestation parade held

CHITTAGONG, May 5: The attestation parade of the 45th batch recruits of Bangladesh Rifles was held at the Baitul Izzat Rifles Training Centre and School parade ground here today (Wednesday), reports UNB.

Director General of BDR Maj Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain, BP, reviewed the parade as chief guest and took salute, said a BDR press release.



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Thursday

- 3:45 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- Programme summary
- 4:00 Live telecast of Ranasinghe Premadasa's funeral from Colombo
- 7:00 Jiboner Alo
- 7:15 Nazrul Songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:40 Drama of the week: Annaya Bhubaner Chheleta
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Special programme on the occasion of Buddha Purnima
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:45 Closing

Mannan visits Haji camp

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan yesterday visited temporary Hajj camp at Uttara to see the arrangement made for the hajj pilgrims there, reports BSS.

He went round different sections of Hajj camp and enquired about the welfare of hajj pilgrims now residing at the camp, a PID source said.

When attention was drawn to some news items published recently in some newspapers regarding mismanagement of Hajj camp, the hajjis instantly replied that these were false, baseless, motivated and concocted. They themselves had protested such news items, the pilgrims informed the State Minister. When asked about inundation of the camp houses and roads at the camp, they replied that this was also a fabricated news since no house and road was inundated at Hajj camp with the heavy rainfall that paralysed the life in Dhaka and other areas of the country.

Weather

Temperature likely to rise

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast valid for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) says, rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at a few places over Rajshahi and Chittagong divisions and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail and Dhaka with moderately heavy falls at places and at one or two places elsewhere over the country.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to rise by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The maximum temperature of the country recorded yesterday (Wednesday) of 37.3 degree was reported from Rajshahi and the minimum of 20.6 degree was from Srimangal and Sylhet.

The chief amounts of rainfall recorded yesterday across the country in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm are: Sylhet 43 mm, Srimangal 31 mm, Feni 5 mm and Rangamati 3 mm.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:30 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:20 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.0	27.5	79	78
Chittagong	32.6	24.2	81	79
Rajshahi	37.3	27.5	81	63
Khulna	34.2	28.0	79	78
Buraid	32.5	28.2	86	82
Cox's Bazar	32.5	27.3	78	76
Srimangal	28.8	20.6	87	82
Dinajpur	32.4	24.2	92	77



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurating a two-day workshop on the Role of Imams in Increasing Awareness of the Rural People jointly organised by the Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh and UNICEF at the Institution of Engineers auditorium yesterday.

Imams can help change lot of rural people : Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here yesterday that imams could play a significant role in changing the condition of the rural areas creating awareness among the villagers on education, health and other human resource development aspects, reports BSS.

You have a distinct honour among the rural people and have intimate social connection with them. You can make valuable contribution to change the condition of the rural people, the Prime Minister told about 1000 imams who are taking part in the two-day workshop on the Role of Imams in Increasing Awareness of the Rural People Regarding Education-Health and Sanitation and Human Development. The workshop is being organised jointly by Islamic Foundation Bangladesh and UNICEF.

The Prime Minister told the inaugural session of the workshop that masjids could be turned into the centres for giving education a shape at social movement.

She pointed out that once the education was masjid-based and there were many instances in the history of Islam that University was built up based on masjid.

Begum Zia suggested that Bangla, mathematics and other

subjects could be taught besides Arabic in makhtabs being run in masjids which she said would reduce the dearth of school rooms. There were about two lakh masjids in the country, she said adding, "In this way we will have two lakh makhtabs and same number of teachers to educate our children."

Referring to the aspects of health the Prime Minister said cleanliness is a part of iman. The rural people have considerable ignorance about leading a healthy life she said, adding that imams could create awareness among the villagers regarding cleanliness by motivating them in religious functions like waz, mahfil and khutba.

Begum Zia said people have to be equally aware of maintaining ecological balance along with education and health. She called upon the imams to inspire the people to plant more trees following Prophet (SM).

The Prime Minister said Islam is a religion of peace, harmony and unity. We have to work unitedly in building the nation by maintaining peace and harmony according to the Islamic tenets, she said.

The Prime Minister said till now 36 thousand imams were given training on issues of development with the realisation

that the imams would be able to rear up hardworking and worthy citizens. She hoped that the workshop would help the imams to motivate the rural people for development.

The function was also addressed by State Minister for Religious Affairs M A Mannan, Religious Affairs Secretary Abdul Awal, Officer in Charge of UNICEF Delwar Ali Khan, Islamic Foundation D O Md Shahidullah and Maulana Ruhul Amin. Ministers, Members of Parliament, diplomats and high officials attended the function.

Army team off to Mozambique

The second batch of 185 Bangladesh Army personnel left here for Mozambique yesterday to join the UN operations in Mozambique (UNOMOZ), reports BSS.

According to a press release of the Inter-Service Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate, the second batch comprised the main body of the Infantry battalion and others belonging to the Bangladesh army contingent to UNOMOZ.

Led by Major Masud-uzzaman it comprised 13 officers. Senior army officers saw the team off at the Zia International Airport.

The Bangladesh contingent to the UNOMOZ, with a total strength 1,320 army personnel including the officers, will join the UNOMOZ in phases by May 8.

CUJ annual confce tomorrow

CHITTAGONG, May 5: Annual conference of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) will be held tomorrow at the local Press Club auditorium, reports UNB.

The executive committee of the CUJ took this decision at a meeting with its president, M Nasirul Haq in the chair.

According to a press release, the annual general meeting and election will be held on May 8 and 16 respectively.

Meanwhile, Helaluddin Chowdhury and Abdus Sattar Chowdhury elected chair and deputy unit chief of CUJ Daily Azadi unit.

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4th & 5th June '93

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Dhaka: M. Iqbal Hossain, 138, Crescent Road, Kathalaganj, Dhaka. Phone: 963288/503562.
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Registration Fee: Students - Tk. 100.00
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Md Nuruddin
Headmaster & Convener

Courtesy: The Daily Star

Unemployment barrier to uplift : Mostafiz

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman said here yesterday unemployment is the main barrier on the way to development, reports BSS.

"We have to overcome this by creating self-employment opportunities in all possible sectors," he said.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at a certificate distribution ceremony to the poor and unemployed youth and destitute women on successful completion of courses on computer, cutting, sewing

and embroidery under vocational training programme by the Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown at a local hotel.

Referring to the poverty and low percentage of education in the country, the Foreign Minister said to come out from the vicious circle of poverty, we have to struggle unitedly forgetting the social and political differences.

The meeting was presided over by Rotarian Zohurul Islam Chowdhury.

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