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# Dhaka Day by Day

## Simplicity, Stylization and Symbolism

by Fayza Haq

Abdus Salam, a young painter, who has participated in seven group shows before, recently held an exhibition of his miniature paintings at "La Galerie". One was struck by the simplicity, stylization and the use of symbolism in his works.

In "Our House" the artist had two chairs meeting on a red floor to symbolise a couple living together, stressing their equal rights. The presentation of the chairs was surrealistic, while the use of red and pink in the painting stood for optimism and joy in life of the couple. Meanwhile, the black stood for the obstructions in their lives. "In marriage there is a lot of adjustments and give and take," the artist elaborated.

"Midsummer" showed the heat of the hot weather in Dhaka. Everything had been presented in squares or lines, like the blue and green towels hung out to dry, the balcony and the chair in the corner. In the foreground was a woman with a modern hairstyle, which added to the beauty of the composition. The artist had the exotic hairstyles of Harappa and Moenjodaro in mind. The composition was a geometrical one.

"Oma in sorrow" showed a young woman in blue, with long black streaks, curled up in a beige chair. The doors, walls and floor had been done with remarkable simplicity. The woman's pain and agony too had been depicted in a subtle fashion.

The memories of the artist's childhood were brought in "Freedom '71", where he depicted molested women, men hung by their feet, others lined up and shot, while some were seen fleeing for their lives. These were depicted in simple lines and forms.

The artist's love for whales and his concern for their destruction was shown in "Whales

weep". He was inspired by some ancient poems which said that man arrived on earth on the back of whales. At the bottom of the painting was a simple boat accompanied by a ladder, both of which symbolised the desire for progress in mankind.

In "Borges and his three blind friends" the artist had brought in the theme of tranquillity in the search for knowledge. The old men were depicted in blue and white, while the shelves of coloured books offset the subjects. This was a symbolic representation of peace in matured life.

The artist in "Upstairs" had shown three green men, the colour green representing the constant rivalry and jealousy among men. They were shown against a backdrop of shocking pink and black with flecks of white green and blue.

"Listener" showed a man trying hard to listen to pristine music despite the disturbance coming in from the windows. This painting too was stylised and simplified.

In "Study on Bengali sculptor" one saw a beautiful delineation of an ancient portrayal of the goddess Ganga Devi, which was inspired by a museum piece at Rajshahi. The artist had wished to hold up the basic structures of a woman's beautiful figure, with narrow waist, wide hips and full bosoms. This had been done in three minutes. It was quite different from Salam's other symbolic works. So was the sketch of the god Ganesha and a sketch of the head of Buddha.

Salam's paintings, with their unusual use of pink black and other flat colours showed the penchant of the young artists in the city for symbolism to depict the realities of life.



Oma in sorrow

## Absence of gradation list bars promotion of livestock officials

Government programme for developing the livestock sector is likely to face a setback amidst a brewing frustration in the officials of the department due to "anomalies" in their service, reports UNB.

Insiders say continued absence of a gradation list in the department, that deprives many a senior official of their overdue promotion, is fuelling serious discontent among the officers.

Although more than 300 posts have been lying vacant in the Livestock Department, the absence of gradation list bars the officials from being promoted.

There are even instances, sources in the department complained, of officials not getting any promotion even after more than 30 years of service.

Although livestock service was made a cadre service back in 1973, a gradation list for it is yet to be made.

Moreover, in absence of a rational gradation list, various anomalies have crept into the service, specially in case of promotion and seniority.

Sources alleged some of the officials, absorbed in the department from BADC and development projects in different phases, managed seniority and promotion overstepping those who entered the service through competitive examinations.

Even, the sources said, the absorbed ones managed to get seniority from the dates of their ad hoc appointment in the department, disregarding rules. According to legal provisions, seniority is counted from the date of service confirmation by the PSC.

They further alleged the "outsiders" once even managed some officials of PSC to make a short gradation list for only 32 senior officials, bypassing others of the livestock cadre.



Communications Minister Oli Ahmed speaking at a discussion in the city yesterday in observance of the 12th death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. —Star photo

## Plea to realise dreams of Zia to make happy Bangladesh

CHITTAGONG, May 30: The 12th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman was observed here today with a call to realise his dream of a happy and prosperous Bangladesh, reports BSS.

BNP and its front organisations held discussion, photo exhibition and film show on the occasion. A discussion on the life and activities of the late president was held in front of the old Circuit House under the auspices of Chittagong City BNP and Chittagong chapter of JASAS.

Forest, Fisheries and Environment Minister Abdullah Al-Noman was the chief guest at the discussion while city BNP President Advocate Badrul Anwar presided.

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasiruddin, JASAS central leaders Abdul Hai Sikdar, Ahmad Musa, Imran Saleheen, Jatiyotabadi Chhatradal leaders Nazimuddin, Taimur Ahmad, and Jatiyotabadi Sramikkal leader Nazimuddin took part in the discussion.

Speaking on the occasion Abdullah Al-Noman called upon the people to be imbued with the nationalist spirit and work with devotion to materialise the dream of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. He said, President Zia was a true patriot and as such he had a nationalist vision.

Abdullah Al-Noman also called upon the people to forge strong unity on the basis of the

nationalist ideal to further consolidate national independence and sovereignty.

### Rajshahi

President Zia's death anniversary was also observed here in te city with due honour, according to an official source.

Rajshahi district and city unit of BNP and its front organisations chalked out elaborate programmes in different wards of the city in observance of the day. The programmes included hoisting of flag at half mast atop BNP offices, Quran-khwani, milad mahfil, discussion, feeding the distressed and playing of Shaheed Zia's speech on mike.

A discussion meeting and milad mahfil was held at BNP office.

Addressing the discussion as 'chief guest' State Minister for Land M Kabir Hossain said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had dedicated his life to the welfare of the masses and protection of sovereignty of the country launching the ideals of nationalist politics. For this reason, people had voted BNP to power under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for the third time, he added.

Kabir called upon the people to help implement the 19-point programmes of Shaheed Zia to materialise the dream of the late leader through building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

The discussion was addressed, among others, by city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, ex-Minister Emran Ali Sarkar and BNP leaders Ekhlac Hossain, Jane Alam and Sarwar Hossain.

### Narayanganj

Another report from Narayanganj says: The death anniversary of Late President Ziaur Rahman was observed here yesterday with due solemnity.

The highlights of the day's programmes included hoisting of party flag at half mast, wearing of black badges, Quran-khwani, milad mahfil, playing of Zia's historic speech on mike, special prayer and feeding the destitute.

UNB adds from Khulna: The anniversary of death of Ziaur Rahman was observed here yesterday paying rich tributes to the assassinated president as propounder of political pluralism and Bangladeshi nationalism.

Local BNP organised a discussion meeting at Hadis Park in the morning, where City Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman was present as chief guest.

Presided over by City BNP President M Nurul Islam, it was addressed by party leaders Nazrul Islam Manju, Zafrullah Khan Saecchu, former KUJ President Ayub Hossain and President of Khulna Ainjibi Samity Advocate Sheikh Mohammad Yunus.

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## Weather

### Rain, gusty wind likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur during the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday) at many places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country.

Southwest monsoon is likely to set in over the south and eastern part of the country today (Monday).

The Met office forecasts, day temperature will fall by one to two degree Celsius over the country.

The country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was reported yesterday from Satkhira and the lowest 23.0 degree from both Dinajpur and Barisal.

The amounts of rainfall recorded in day time yesterday (Sunday) across the country were: Majdicourt 17mm, Srimangal 13mm, Sylhet 16mm, Chittagong 8 mm, Satkhira 7 mm, Teknaf, Rangamati and Iswardi 4 mm each, Bhola and Faridpur 3 mm each, Tangail, Comilla, Khepupara and Jessore 2 mm each and Dhaka 1 mm.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6.41 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.11 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	32.0	25.4	74	75
Chittagong	31.1	24.6	95	76
Khulna	33.8	26.0	86	80
Rajshahi	32.1	25.2	85	73
Barisal	33.2	23.0	88	88
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.0	97	82
Sylhet	29.7	23.3	90	92
Dinajpur	31.0	23.0	67	71

### MTV Asia to send one lucky winner to Tokyo


HONG KONG, May 28: MTV Music Television and MCA Records will send one lucky MTV Asia viewer and a guest to Tokyo to meet top Japanese recording star Mari Hamada and attend her sold-out concert at the Budokan on June 18th. The winner of MTV's Budokan Bonus contest will receive two round-trip tickets to Tokyo, hotel accommodation, limo transportation to and from the concert, a chance to meet Mari backstage and a day trip to Japan's 'happiest place on earth,' Disneyland, says a press release.

Five runners-up will win tickets to Mari's upcoming concerts across Asia. MTV premium items and a copy of Introducing Mari Hamada, her smash hit English album. Tickets will be awarded for the concerts in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Budokan Bonus is part of MTV Asia's programming launch of Japanese music videos. Beginning the week of May 31 (today), Japanese artists like Mari Hamada, Kome Kome Club, Tube and Toshinobu Kubota will receive their first pan-Asian exposure via MTV Asia. Throughout the region, the MTV audience can hop to the sounds of Japan's most popular artists, a country which has one of the most explosive music markets in the world. The kick-off of Japanese programming will air during MTV Prime today. Mari Hamada will co-host a special episode of MTV Prime with VJ Angela Chow tomorrow (Tuesday), June 1. MTV Prime airs daily at 11:00 am and repeats at 5:00 pm.




5:00 Opening announcement  
Al-Quran  
Programme summary  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:35 Sports programme  
Football  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Nazrul songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Sukhoner  
9:00 Shapadinga  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown  
11:30 Musical programme: Disco Rally




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### Mannan leaves for Geneva

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan left here yesterday for Geneva to attend the 80th Conference of International Labour Organisation (ILO) scheduled to start on June 2, reports BSS.

It will be preceded by preliminary meeting of the representatives of government, employers and workers on June 1.

Bhuiyan will lead a 12-member Bangladesh delegation at the conference.

### 88 held in city

Police rounded up 88 people from different parts of the city in the last 24 hours on various charges, a DMP press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

The arrested include fifteen wanted criminals, one accused of Arms Act, two under the Anti-Terrorism Act, one for dacoity, three on charge of burglary and seven for stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.



### Ramendu Majumder elected ITI Vice-President

Ramendu Majumder, a pioneering theatre activist of the country, has been elected as the Vice-President of the worldwide Executive Committee of International Theatre Institute, says a press release.

Majumder was elected to the post in the 25th World Congress of ITI held in Munich recently. He polled the highest number of votes in the 14-member Executive Committee.

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	125	250	0	25	20
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