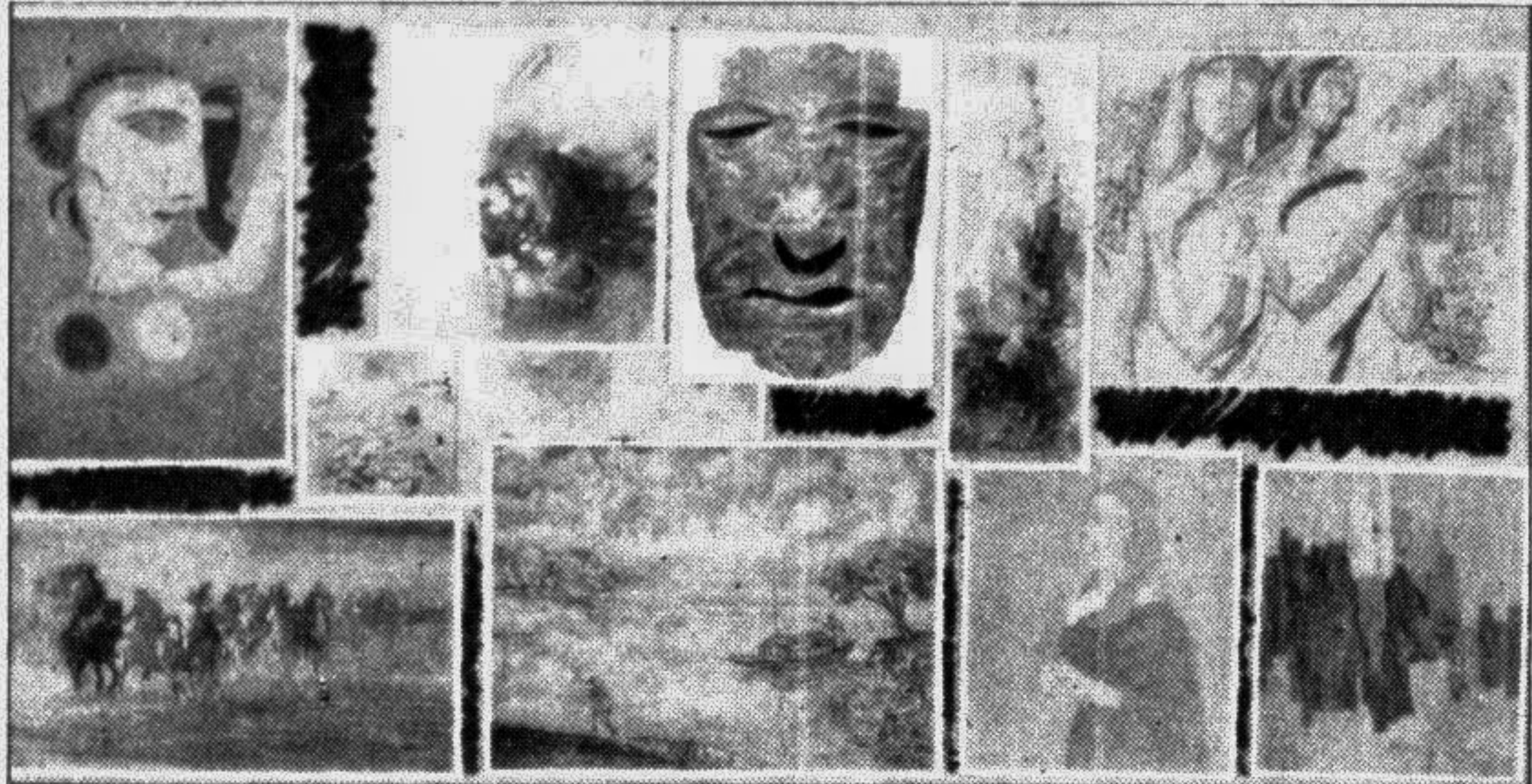


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Dhaka Day by Day

An Extravaganza of Art Pieces

by Fayza Haq



"Shilpangan" celebrated its first anniversary recently by exhibiting the works of 54 artists, both old established and new successful.

The display included Gamlur Hasan's portrait of a woman in pink beige and brown, with a background of blue, shown embracing a pink and red male face. There was too Shafuddin Ahmed's abstraction in pale burnt sienna, with hundreds of eyes.

Mohammed Kibria's idyllic landscape in green, purple and beige was there too. So was Aminul Islam's cloud burst in cobalt blue, orange, pink and black. S.M. Sultan's depiction of the countryside, with boats, trees, massive clouds and people was to be found as well.

Qayyum Chowdhury's village women playing with a pet bird with its simple and subtle strokes added interest to the exhibition. So did Monirul Islam's idyllic and abstract creation in dark blue, with touches of red and lines of black.

Murtaza Bashir's woman in simple strokes of blue and red was on display. So was Rafiqun Nabi's stimulating depiction of village life, which was pulsating with energy. Hashem Khan's semi-abstraction with jewel-like gorgeous colours with the face, hand and a bouquet of flowers added to the richness of the exhibit.

Chandra Shekhar Dey's designs and endless colours in his piece with bright reds, greens, blues and innumerable hues was a dazzling inclusion. Syed Jehangir's scenery with the few figures included was a peaceful one with purple and grey sky.

Ismatuzaman's mask in brown and yellow was something unique in the exhibit. Mohammed Yunus's semi-abstraction was arresting with its neat symbols and patterns.

Pranesh Mandal's portrait of a woman showed a female form with modern strokes, using mainly blue and orange.

There was Biran Shom's depiction of the fisherman with his boat and fish. This had been done with masterful strokes. Rokeya Sultana's preoccupation with women and children's work was there too in startling vermilion, relieved with grey.

Jamal Ahmed's horses and their riders added a variety to the display. Done in greys and misty colours it was a powerful work. Kaldash Karmakar's abstract vertical lines in yellow and red held up the beauty of the impact of the industrial and mechanized world which is, after all an integral part of our daily existence.

There was Shishir Bhattacharjji's surrealistic work with heads, limbs, masks put together in a bizarre fashion as a social criticism. Ibrahim's abstraction in blue, white and yellow lent interest to the display, as did Hashi Chakroborty's creation in pale beige with a few images and geometrical patterns included in it.

Nasreen Begum's depiction of a doorknob was full of life and colour. She has departed from her stylised form and has created something warm and enjoyable. Momtazul Azim's kite done in variations of red and pink was also interesting. Naïma Haq's boat, moon and the cloud was another admirable simplification.

"Shilpangan" certainly tries its level best to promote art and to attract buyers for the artists. It would be welcome if the art pieces were arranged in a less claustrophobic manner. This is despite the fact that the gallery is a large one and a place which would be a welcome outing for many in the city.

Call to educate women for nat'l uplift

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz yesterday said, the overall progress of the country could not be achieved leaving the half of the population the women-folk illiterate and under privileged, reports BSS.

He was addressing the members of 'Ashar Alo,' a local Mahila Women's Samitti, in Panchagar here at a function arranged in connection with the joining of more than four hundred members of this samitti to BNP, an official hand-out said.

Presided over by district BNP leader and pourashava Chairman Tawhidul Islam, the function was also addressed, among others, by BNP district General Secretary Zakir Hossain and district Chhatradal President Yunus.

Mirza Hafiz underlined the need for mobilizing the women community by imparting mass education and vocational training to them and making them self-sufficient by setting up countrywide cooperative society for them.

Addressing a workers rally at Panchagar Sugar Mill premises Thursday, Law Minister called upon the workers to help materialise the production oriented policies of the government by attaining target of production in their respective mills and factories in schedule time.

The Law Minister said, frequent hartals and strikes can do nothing beneficial for the workers but irreparable loss to national economy. He called for shunning the path of chaos and confusion that could help maintained the process of normal production in the industrial units.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia exchanging Eid greetings with the Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan at her Sugandha office on Wednesday. —PID photo

Two bridges will be constructed in Rajshahi soon

RAJSHAHI, June 4: State Minister for Land Md Kabir Hossain said the BNP government was working hard to develop communication, electricity and agriculture sectors along with ensuring five basic needs of the people, reports BSS.

He was addressing a gathering at Charmazardia under Charghat thana today.

The gathering was addressed, among others, by Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu, Azizur Rahman MP and General Secretary of Rajshahi district BNP Advocate Kamrul Monir.

The State Minister said construction of two bridges would be started in the current month and a road would be reconstructed in the ensuing dry season to make easy the communication system of the village Charmazardia.

Kabir distributed two sewing machines to the destitute women's society of the village.

He called upon the people to spontaneously participate in the ongoing development activities of the government.

Armed forces' team off to Mozambique

The first batch of a 45-member team of Bangladesh Armed Forces personnel left here Wednesday to join the United Nations operations in Mozambique, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The team led by Lt Col. Mohammad Ali Mondal constitutes a Movement Control Organisation (MCO) which will plan and coordinate the movement of UN troops and equipment in Mozambique.

They were seen-off at the Zia International Airport by senior officers of the armed forces division and the army, navy and air force.

Two other batches of the team will leave Dhaka on Saturday and by special UN chartered flights. They will take with them all their equipment and vehicles by air.

Godagary Degree College building opens

RAJSHAHI, June 4: State Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Aminul Haque stressed the need for educating the female to spread education in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a function while inaugurating a newly constructed two storied building at a cost of Taka 4.28 lakh of Godagary Degree College at the college premises yesterday.

The State Minister said the only objective of an educational institution is to build effective human resources through educating the students properly. He urged all concerned to help maintain congenial atmosphere in the educational institutions. Violence, hartal and procession hamper educational environment, he mentioned.

Barrister Haque emphatically said the present democratic government since its inception was pursuing politics to restore peace and discipline and increase production in all sectors. He said the BNP government was determined to foil any ill motive disturbing the public life.

The State Minister cautioned that any malpractices in the examination centres in the coming HSc and degree examinations would be dealt with iron hand.

Earlier, the State Minister visited different educational institutions of Godagary thana. Addressing separate gatherings, the State Minister called upon the people ensure enrollment of children aged above six in the schools and plant trees in all suitable places.

Khaleda holds reception on Eid-ul-Azha

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia held a reception at Sugandha Wednesday morning on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Azha, reports UNB.

Members of the cabinet, parliament members, heads of diplomatic missions, leaders of different political parties and high civil and military officials and elite of the city attended the function.

The Prime Minister exchanged Eid greetings with them.

RU exams begin from June 18

RAJSHAHI, June 4: The examinations of third year BA, BSS and BSc Honours of 1990 under Rajshahi University will begin on June 18, reports UNB.

Police seize gun from Tejgaon Polytechnic Instt

Police in a pre-dawn swoop Thursday recovered a Pakistani-made gun and arrested three outsiders from a hostel of the trouble-ridden Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, a special contingent of police raided a room of Latif Hostel of the institute at about 3 am and recovered the "Sikander-brand" sawed-off gun.

Police named the three arrested young men as Rezaul Akbar Shipu, Sohag Islam Swapon and Badrul Alam Shawan.

A case was filed with Tejgaon police station.

Dr Anisuzzaman to get Dewan Golam Murtaza Literary Award

Eminent educationist, essayist and researcher Dr Anisuzzaman has been selected for the Dewan Golam Murtaza Literature Award for the year 1993, reports UNB.

He will receive the award at a function to be held on June 11 at Shirishtala in Habiganj district.

The award includes cash Tk 10,000, a medal and a certificate.

The Trust has started giving the award from the year 1991. Poet Delwar Hossain and Novelist Homyun Ahmed received the award for the year '91 and '92 respectively.



Children purchasing colourful balloons on Eid day in the city. —Star photo

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Saturday) says, rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division at a few places over Barisal division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country.

During this period, the southwest monsoon is likely to sweep over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday (Friday) 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest 22.6 degree was recorded in Bogra.

23 mm rainfall was recorded in Srimangal and below 1mm was recorded in Bogra.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5.11 am.

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

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	34.3	26.7	82	72
Chittagong	32.6	27.3	78	89
Rajshahi	37.2	26.3	74	67
Khulna	35.2	28.3	77	70
Barisal	33.4	27.4	86	78
Cox's Bazar	32.2	27.0	74	81
Srimangal	31.4	23.6	75	75
Dinajpur	35.0	25.4	78	68

Uttara Bank Limited Branch Shifting

Uttara Bank Limited Jhalakati Branch has been shifted to 30, Kapuria Patti from 17, Kapuria Patti, Jhalakati on 1st June 1993. The branch starts functioning from today (5-6-93).

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