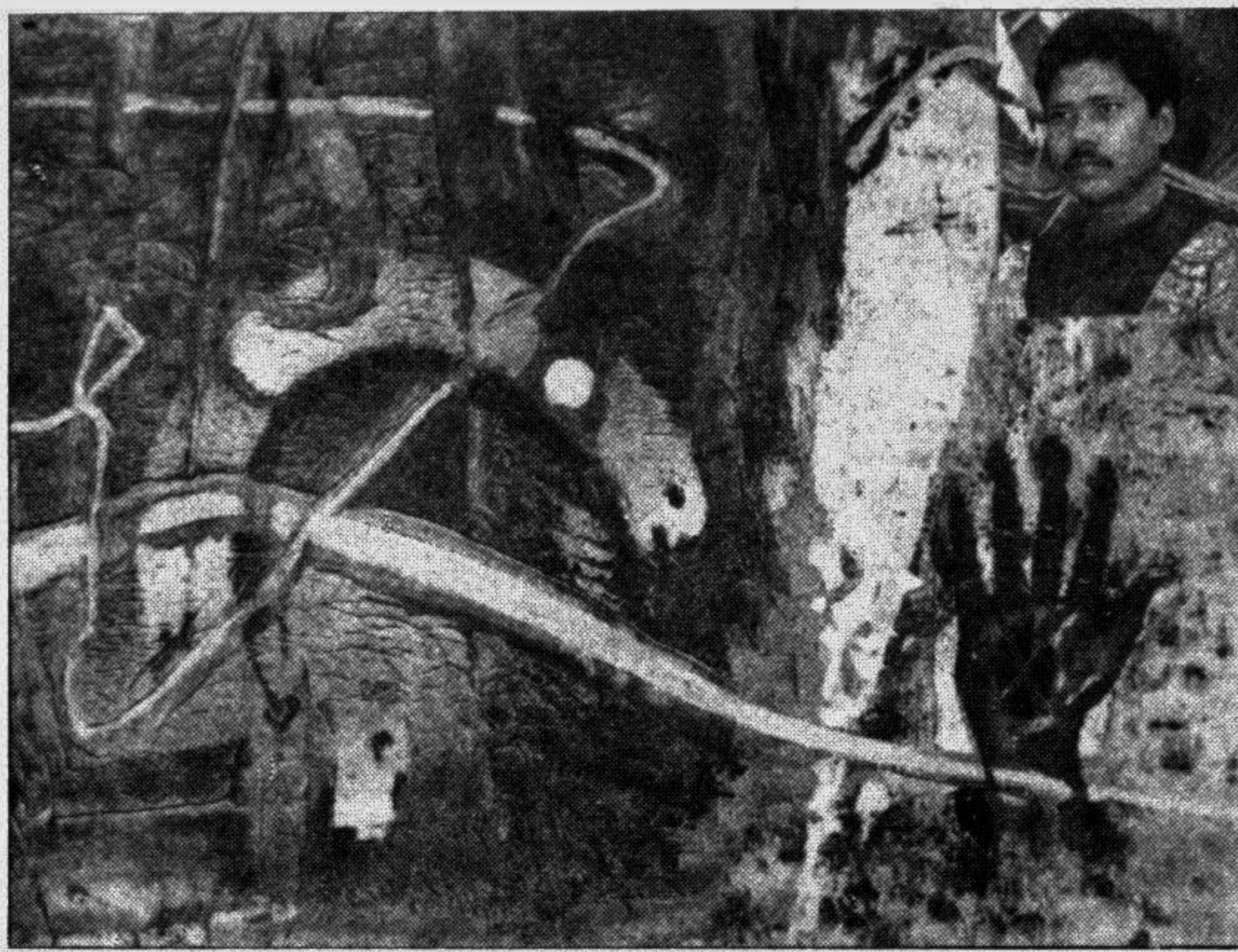


Dhaka Day by Day

Of Rickshaws and Ruined Lives

by Fayza Haq



A painting by Iftikharuddin (who is seen inset)

Iftikharuddin Ahmed has done it again. Before leaving Paris to learn what that wonderful metropolis can teach him, he has recently had another exhibition of his new works at Alliance Francaise. The drama and emotion poured on to the canvas and paper delighted the viewer for the powerful strokes and the imaginative experimentation.

"Life in a Cage I" depicted a prostitute in red surrounded by destruction and despair shown by the black and grey lines. Here he boldly experimented with colour combination and textures. With the grey and black could be seen yellow, blue and red. It was an outright criticism of society as the woman was shown to have no future and no pride in her past.

In "Life in a Cage II" the artist had used black colour with more black circles at the back. In front was the prostitute shown almost like Jesus on the cross. Iftikhar had used ochre, red, white and black to balance the composition.

"Rejected" showed a pile of broken rickshaws in which the painter had the aging and jobless rickshawpuller. The composition was an unconventional one with twisted tyres and handles. The colours red, blue and yellow prevented the painting from being too pessimistic.

The artist had the war in Bosnia in mind in "Violence". He had shown a powerful eagle in yellow, brown and blue strokes. To its claws was attached a child, which looked more like a mouse because the artist felt that the fate of the child was that of a trapped mouse. All around was shown destruction, with slaps of blue and brown. There was plenty of relief of white so as not to make the painting appear too congested.

"Rejected-2" showed a broken rickshaw in oil and acrylic in blue, orange, black and white. The white symbolised a white shroud which is used for burying the dead.

A slum was depicted in a semi-abstract form, with torn clothes and falling roof in "Slum-3". This was contrasted with a glimpse of a smooth modern building cleverly juxtaposed among the mess and pile.

One of the most interesting pieces in the exhibit was "Composition" with a dart board and a

hanging ball. The dartboard was the symbol of the aims and aspirations of mankind and the hanging ball was the fate of the person in whose life nothing was settled.

"Sacrifice" brought in the subject of the cutting of bulls and cows during Eid. A sword was cleverly brought into the composition, along with gray flags. In this piece the artist questioned our culture which has brought pain mingled in a festive occasion.

"Moghul" showed an elephant in a semi-abstract form with touches of bright folk colours to show how the animal was once used with paints and decorations.

Iftikhar, who has had four solo shows, and has participated in 35 joint ventures, has had two group shows in Paris and will participate in another one in September this year, says. "There is no end to learning in art. It is a pity that those who have had success are chosen repeatedly for more exposures. Young and relatively unknown ones do not have much chance. It is a problem of young aspiring artists. However, I feel, as in my case, if you try hard enough, the foreigners give you a chance. The Shilpakala Academy should follow the same policy but it does not," Iftikhar commented. He has five awards to his credit.

He added, "I am excited to be able to get the chance to see the works of masters for the first time. I will also study the works of the contemporary artists and will evaluate and improve on my own work. As I once said before, I will try to do something new and reach beyond the 'isms'. I know this will not be easy but I will try."

Iftikhar, who is influenced mostly by Picasso, Miro and French Mark, feels that in the Subcontinent the works of the artists are at par. "It is when we compete and compare with the West that the differences and distinctions begin." Like every other artist, Iftikhar felt that the problem of raw materials and lack of patronage marred the works of many of the local painters.

One can only wish him luck at his new venture and hope that he will come back soon to create some more dynamic works to fascinate the art lovers in the city.



Jatiya Party activists went on a rampage in the city yesterday, damaging this vehicle in front of the Head Office of the Agrani Bank at Motijheel. — Star photo



The truck which lost control near the Orthopaedic Hospital at Shyamoli Thursday lying on the pavement even yesterday. — Star photo

Huda off to Pyongyang

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda left yesterday morning for Pyongyang via Beijing to attend the fourth conference of the Information Ministers of non-aligned nations in the North Korean capital, reports BSS.

During the conference to be held from June 14 to 17, Barrister Huda will present a statement on the Role of Non-Aligned Movement aimed at strengthening cooperation among these nations in the field of media.

The Information Minister is expected to return to Dhaka on July 2 at the conclusion of his nearly three-week visit.

Majid leaves for Rome

Agriculture and Irrigation Minister M Majid-ul Haq left here Friday night for Rome to attend the five-day Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) council conference, an official press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The conference, which begins today will discuss the current global food situation, food security, agricultural development and achievement, plant genetic resources, food nutrition, fisheries and forest development.

The Agriculture Minister will speak on the current food and agricultural situation of Bangladesh and achievements of the government in these sectors.

Policeman killed in road mishap

By Staff Correspondent

A policeman was killed in a road mishap at Shantinagar crossing when a speeding bus rammed into his motorcycle Saturday morning.

Abu Bakar, 41, Reserve Officer (one) of Establishment Department of Metropolitan Police was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital following the accident at 10.50 am, where the doctors on duty declared him dead.

Police seized the vehicle and arrested its driver.



Shamim Ara Nipa and Sarwar performing on the first day of a 7-day dance drama organised by the Shilpakala Academy at its auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

1,427 projects under 'Food for Work' implemented

A total of 1,427 different projects have been implemented under the 'Food for Work' programme in the country with the wheat of World Food Programme (WFP) during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

A total of two lakh and 71 thousand tonnes of wheat had been allocated for this purpose out of which about two lakh and 14 thousand tonnes of wheat have been released by the Ministry of Relief so far.

This was informed yesterday in a meeting of the national co-ordination committee of World Food Programme (WFP) at the Ministry of Relief with State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan in the chair.

The meeting mentioned that the on-going projects under WFP assisted 'Food for Work' programme including construction and reconstruction of 226 coastal and river embankments

and reexcavation of irrigation canals, construction of 274 growth centres, reexcavation of 511 fish ponds, 290 tree plantation and forestry development programmes, development of 62 cluster villages and 64 pilot schemes.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of the on-going projects.

The State Minister stressed the need for proper implementation of the projects in due time and directed the concerned officials to take necessary measures in this regard. He also asked them to submit current and important projects to the authority timely for the next year.

Relief Secretary M A Hakim, Director (Operation) of WFP in Bangladesh Gaston Eyben and Representatives of concerned ministries and departments attended the meeting.

Let law take its own course: Delwar

Chief Whip Khondoker Delwar Hossain yesterday stressed the need for independence of judiciary to ensure the establishment of democratic order in all spheres of the society, reports BSS.

We must allow law to take its own course and must refrain ourselves from making irresponsible comments on the decisions of the judges for the establishment of rule of law, he said.

The Chief Whip was addressing as the chief guest the opening ceremony of the new bhaban of Khandoker Nurul Hossain Law Academy at Manikganj.

Terming law as the custodian of civilisation Hossain said the government is committed to

ensure rule of law at any cost.

Established in 1972 by late Khondoker Nurul Hossain, a noted lawyer, the Law Academy had no house of its own for the last long 20 years. The new house is built with the donation of local resource persons interested in education, the lawyers, the merchants and the people in general under the active initiatives taken by Chief Whip himself.

Presided over by Principal of Academy Khatish Chandra Mondol, the function was addressed, among others, by local MP Harun-ur Rashid Khan Munnu, District BNP Secretary Abdur Razzak, President of the local Press Club Moortaja Hossain, senior lawyer Mohammad Ali and the Deputy Commissioner of the district.

What's on today . . .

Bulbul Lalitkala Academy

Bulbul Lalitkala Academy will stage Nakshi Kanthar Math (Field of Embroidered Quilt) today (Sunday) at 7 PM at Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Ritwik Film Society

The third Film Appreciation Course arranged by Ritwik Film Society will begin today (Sunday). The opening ceremony will be held at the German Cultural Center Auditorium at 5:30 pm.

Four Hundred Blows, a film by French film maker Francois Truffaut will be screened in the programme.

BUP press conference

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) has organised a press conference on "Greenhouse Effect and Climatic Change: An Assessment of the Effects on Bangladesh" at the VIP auditorium of National Press Club today (Sunday) at 11:30 am. Dr Qazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad, BUP Chairman, will address the press conference.

'Food for education' programme to be introduced next fiscal

Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam yesterday urged the women voluntary organisations to undertake a programme to spread education among women and children in the country's rural areas, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a national conference of the women voluntary organisations (NGOs) at the Institute of Engineers here, the minister disclosed that the present government was going to introduce "Food for Education" programme during the next fiscal year.

The programme was aimed at encouraging the poor parents to send their kids to the schools and one lakh tons of wheat had been sanctioned for this programme, he said.

Presided over by Mohammad Enamul Haq, Secretary, Women Affairs Ministry, the inaugural session was addressed by women NGO representative, Elora Azmi from Jamalpur and Director of the Women Affairs Directorate, Rafiq Ahmed Chowdhury. Syeda Raushan Kader presented the key note paper on the role of the women voluntary organisations in serving the causes of women and children.

The Social Welfare Minister also urged the women of affluent sections of the society to perform their duties in assisting the unprivileged women and children. He also hoped that the women NGOs would come forward with zeal and dedication to serve the causes of the women and children more effectively.

The minister emphasised the need for making the women folk self-reliant and to make them capable of sharing the economic responsibility of their male counterparts. If the women are economically free, they can play a greater role in the society, Islam observed.

He explained various government measures to uplift the position of the women including the vocational training and bank loans. He also said that the government was also giving assistance to the NGOs working for women's uplift.

In her paper, Syeda Raushan Kader, Director of the National Institute of Local Government,

Cultural team back home

A three-member Bangladesh cultural delegation headed by Dr Ashraf Siddiqui, a renowned poet and writer returned from Iran recently after a week-long visit, reports BSS.

The delegation which participated in the fourth death anniversary of Imam Khomeini at the invitation of the government of Iran included Professor M Rahman of Jahangirnagar University and Bahauddin, Editor of Inqilab.

The members of the delegation visited the mazar of Imam Khomeini in Tehran besides participating in various seminars there. They also visited the mazar of Imam Reza and poet Ferdushi in Tush.

Weather

Temperature may fall

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours from 6 am today says, moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions.

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

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 31.7 degree Celsius was recorded in Chuadanga and Satkhira and the lowest 21.7 degree was recorded in Faridpur.

Over 10 mm rainfalls recorded during day time yesterday across the country are the following: Feri 69 mm, Bhola 66, Sylhet 64, Sandwip 55, Barisal 40, Sitakund 35, Chittagong 33, Comilla 29, Rangamati 27, Srimangal 24, Patuakhali 22, Majdicourt 16, Faridpur 15, Teknaf and Cox's Bazar 14 each and Dhaka and Chandpur 11 mm each.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6.47 pm and rises tomorrow Monday at 5.10 am.

The maximum and 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	29.0	23.2	88	84
Chittagong	24.9	22.5	95	95
Rajshahi	31.1	24.2	82	70
Khulna	30.4	25.3	88	86
Barisal	28.7	23.4	100	92
Cox's Bazar	29.0	24.8	82	71
Rangpur	30.1	24.0	87	91
Sylhet	26.5	23.5	97	80

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Sunday

5:00 Opening announcement Al-Guran

Programme summary

5:10 News in Bangla

5:20 Cartoon

5:30 Sports: Cricket

6:15 Maa-O-Shishu

6:40 Open University

7:20 Tagore songs

8:00 News in Bangla

8:30 Prabaha

9:05 Film: Raven

10:00 News in English

10:30 Chhayachhanda

11:30 Khabar/The News

11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary

11:45 Closing

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- Diploma in Accounting: 1.3 years / Bachelor or HSC or 'O' Level.

Details in Ittefaq, Bangladesh Observer, and Daily Star of 3-5-93, 9-5-93 and 16-5-93 respectively.

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