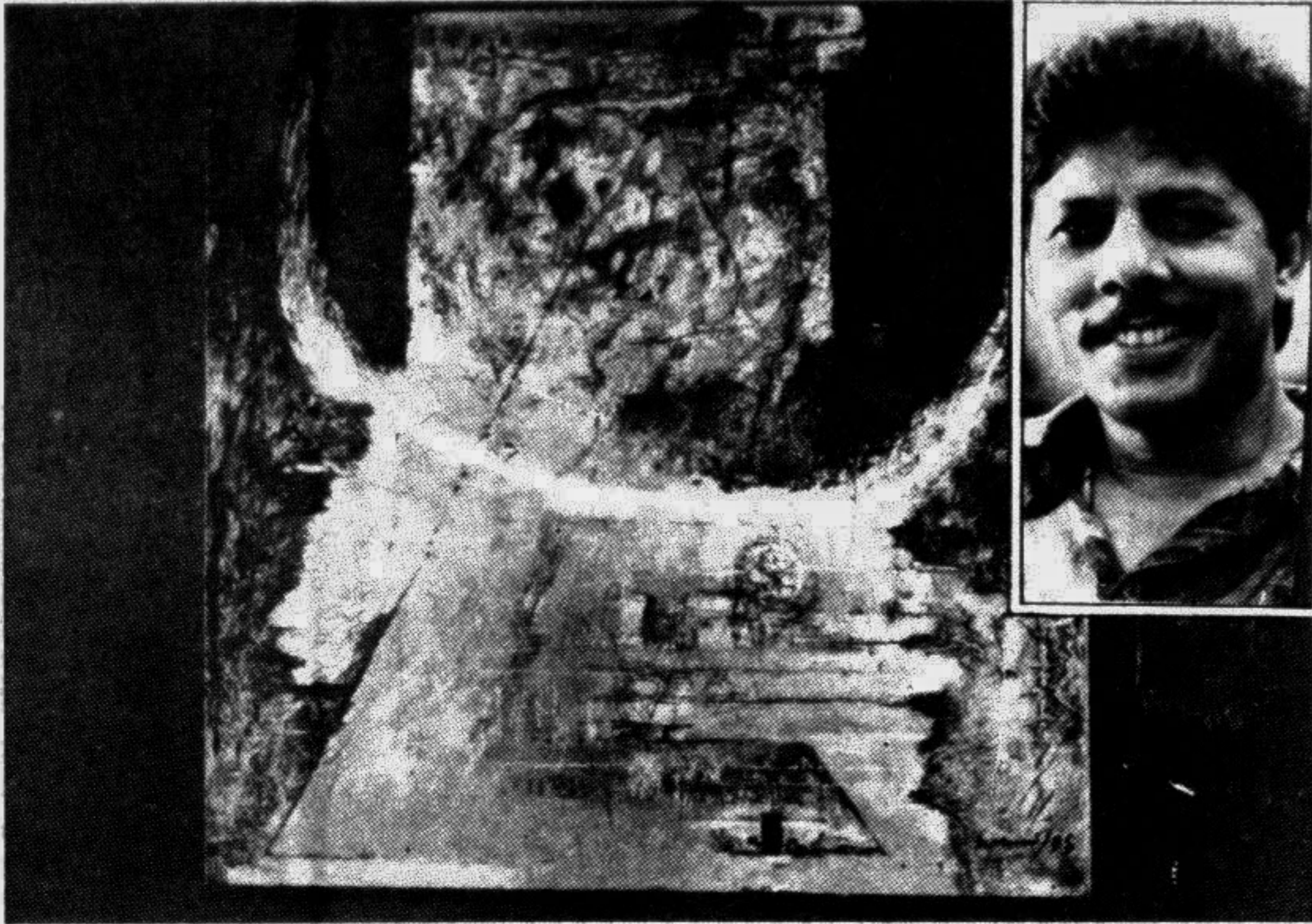


Dhaka Day by Day

Unmasking The Apparent

by Fayza Haq



Composition - I with artist (inset)

The new gallery "Tone" recently opened with the abstract oil works of Mohammed Eunus, who has three foreign awards to his credit. The painter's imagination and senses led him to develop a way of painting in which he transformed the real. He measured the distance between his eyes and a mutilated vision. The result of this was broken space replaced by a haunting discontinuity.

"I left realistic work as I felt I could not create in that style any more. I want to play with lines, colours and forms. I do not want to simply replace reality. If you see a wall breaking down, it has a sorrowful tale behind it and I want to capture the emotion. I may dwell with the form of a tree with a fire below. I would like to depict how the tree yearns to live on and how the environment should be protected," Eunus commented.

"From Nature" had the figure of a goat in pink and grey. To the left were scribbles by children in celebration of the occasion of Eid. The rest of the creation contained a camp wall covered by green and black lichen. It was a combination of black, white and green.

"Illusion-1" had played with forms, shapes and colours. It was purely abstract in green, red and yellow, with a mass of beige. It had an old wall in mind. "Pleasure in Broken Forms" had two square forms and a triangle, with a lot of red, green and blue. "Every painting does not have to have an obvious meaning. It is just a composition of colour and form," the artist elaborated.

"Landscape 11" had the background of the sky with clouds. In front was an expanse of water. The red symbolised the burning of the rice stems after the harvesting in order to create fertilization for the next harvest. "Image-1" had Mount Fujiyama as a yellow triangle. The white stood for clouds while a lot of black and green were used on the right for balance. "Abstract painting can be understood by anyone who makes a study and visits galleries, apart from

reading art criticism. Forms, textures, and simplification are the strength of an abstract artist," the artist commented. "Today photography can bring in a better result than painting. If I cannot do more than them I will have achieved nothing. I want to bring in the smell of the flowers and the breaking of the leaves. Modern art is like modern poetry, only colours are used instead of words," he added.

"Life in Bangladesh" brought in rickshaws in orange and yellow ochre, a boat in black and yellow and a hut, along with an electric wire with birds sitting on it. The theme was how men must strive in order to gain their livelihood.

"Let Me Free" had a large beaked bird in a cage. It was done in red, yellow and green. Outside the cage was an enormous white butterfly which the bird longed to get at. There was also another bird which the bird in the cage tried to reach out to but failed to. The canvas was throbbing with colours.

"Image-9" showed the world as a checkered chessboard in which everyone had to step carefully. This was in beige, blue, pink and grey. There appeared to be thickly laid on paint but as you examined the canvas you found that the colours had been put as fine as in water colour.

"Looking For" had a vast expanse of a white sky. There was a heart symbolising a man in quest of his love. A window was shown open for people to gaze out. "Image 7" showed a water-lily in red surrounded by variations of green to depict water and leaves. The balance of the colours was delightful indeed. "Waiting For" was again symbolic with a burning torch in the background and steps for winners to stand on.

Eunus has had 18 solo exhibitions and 50 joint ventures including the one in which he won Japan's Kodo grand prize, the best award for abstract painting from Georgia, USA, and the jury award from Montan, USA. He is at present a lecturer of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka.

HERE and THERE

BCL(M-I)

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) yesterday brought out a procession and held rally on the Dhaka University premise demanding release of its leader Pankaj Nath.

Pankaj, the General Secretary of the BCL (M-I), DU unit was arrested under Anti Terrorism Act last week. The rally was addressed by Iqbal Hossain Apu.

The BCL (M-I) also held another rally yesterday afternoon with the same demand.

The rally held at the TSC road crossing was addressed by K H M Liza.

Women Forum

The Bangladesh Women Forum held a discussion at its office in observance of the forum's 3rd founding anniversary.

Presided over by the forum president Advocate Ferdousi, the discussion was also addressed, among others, by Mehfunnesa, Jesmine Jakaria, and Jahanara Hossain.

Conspirators of Plassey Battle still active: Rafiq

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia yesterday called for remaining vigilant against the conspirators of the Battle of Plassey and said they were still active to foil the hard-earned independence of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest a seminar on "Tragedy of Plassey and Our Independence Struggle: Present Perspective" at the National Press Club here.

Modernisation of madrasa edn system given importance: Sircar

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar said the present democratic government has given special importance to modernisation of madrasa education system in the country, reports BSS.

The Education Minister was speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the Employees Union of Bangladesh Madrasa Education Board in Dhaka yesterday.

Presided over by Mashur Rahman Joarder, president of the employees union, the function was addressed by the chairman of the board Prof M A Mannan and general secretary of the union Abdullahel-Baki Kamal.

The Education Minister said, steps were being taken to make madrasa education life-oriented one through introducing some subjects of everyday necessity in the curriculum.

He called upon the officials and employees of the board to put in their best efforts towards making the board dynamic and people-oriented.

Later, the minister formally inaugurated a two-storied mosque on the campus of the board.

1 lakh vulnerable women trained since '88

The government has so far imparted different vocational training to more than one lakh vulnerable women since 1988 to build them self-reliant under the programme of "Income Generation for Vulnerable Group Development," reports BSS.

This programme is being implemented under the supervision of BRAC with the food assistance of World Food Programme.

This was disclosed here yesterday in the 11th meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Ministry of Relief held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan in the chair.

This meeting was told that about Taka eleven crore have been distributed so far as loan among one lakh trained women to implement their respective income generating projects.



Sunday

- 5:00 Opening Announcement Al Quran
- 5:10 Programme Summary
- 5:20 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Bible
- 5:25 Famous Fairy Tales
- 5:40 Sports Programme: Cricket
- 5:45 Pak vs West Indies
- 6:30 Ma-O-Shishur Shastha: Health programme
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Tagore Songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Probaha: Current Affairs
- 9:05 Film: Raven
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Sur-O-Bani
- 11:30 Khabor/The News
- 11:45 Closing

3 hospitals for drug-addicts soon Minister for comprehensive steps to combat drug menace

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday called for integrated and comprehensive international as well as regional programmes to combat the hydra-headed drug menace threatening social security, peace and progress, reports UNB.

Bangladesh is committed to taking steps and cooperating at international and regional levels to prevent drug abuse and trafficking, Matin told a discussion meeting he attended as chief guest. The Narcotics Control Department arranged the discussion in the National Museum auditorium to mark the International Day for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Presided over by Acting Director General of the department Syed Muniruddin, the meeting was also addressed by Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tariqul Islam as special guest.

The Home Minister said the government had taken necessary steps for implementing a five-year master plan for drug abuse prevention and control in the country with assistance from the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP).

Bangladesh has already signed three international

conventions and signature to the SAARC convention has been approved, he said, adding the Narcotics Control Act is in force with death sentence as the maximum punishment for drug-related offences. Eight people have been awarded death sentence so far, he told the meeting.

Matin said three five-bed hospitals for treatment and rehabilitation of drug-addicts would open soon in Rajshahi, Khulna and Chittagong.

He called for all including teachers, religious leaders and public representatives, social workers and socio-cultural and political organisations to come forward to initiate a social movement for prevention of drug abuse.

Tariqul Islam said drug abuse and trafficking should be prevented for the sake of the nation and the country. There is no alternative.

Termining drug deals in the country as a planned conspiracy for destroying the young generation, he said it was the sacred duty of all the people and voluntary organisations to join the war on drug abuse.

Rajshahi

BSS adds: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking '93 organised by Department of Narcotics, Con-

trol, was observed in the Rajshahi city yesterday with a call to create awareness among the people against drug abuse to save the nation.

A procession with colourful placards and festoons was brought out in the city which started from Rajshahi Collegiate School and ended at Monibazar.

Later, a discussion was held at local Zila Parishad auditorium.

The city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu participating in the discussion as the chief guest said, conspiracy was being made to paralyse future generation through illicit drug trafficking.

Presided over by Sukumar Dewan, Additional Director, Department of Narcotics Control, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Dr Kaiser Rahman Chowdhury, President, BMA Rajshahi Unit Md Sayeduzzaman Pathan, Deputy Director, Youth Development Department and Anowarul Islam, President, Rajshahi UNESCO Club.

Khulna

Another UNB report says: The day was also observed in Khulna yesterday as elsewhere in the country.

A meeting was held at local Officer's Club at 11 am with Deputy Director of Narcotics Control Department Khairuddin Ahmed in the chair. Police Commissioner Rafiqul Alam Khan was present as Chief Guest.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Rajul Haque and Additional Director of the Department Saiful Islam also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers called upon all section of the society to work unitedly against drug abuse. Related story on page 1



The Movement for Implementation of Sylhet Division held a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday. —Star photo

Weather

Thundershower likely

By Staff Correspondent

Due to active monsoon over Bangladesh moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most of the places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy fall at places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions. Met office forecasts yesterday.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, it adds.

The highest temperature of the country Saturday 32 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet while the lowest 24.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Khepupara.

The sun sets today (Sunday) at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5:14 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	9am	6pm
Dhaka	31.8	25.4	82	83
Chittagong	31.8	25.5	74	71
Rajshahi	31.0	25.0	-	88
Khulna	30.0	26.8	86	82
Barisal	31.6	24.5	88	85
Cox's Bazar	30.4	25.0	84	85

1400 employees of Islamic Foundation to get training

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan yesterday said that steps had been taken to train up 14 hundred officers and employees of the Islamic Foundation for proper implementation of the projects and programmes of the foundation in future, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest a certificate giving ceremony to the first batch of the trainee officers of Islamic Foundation on management here. Thirty five officers of different categories of the foundation received training for 15 days in the first batch.

The function was also addressed, among others, by the Director General, Islamic Foundation Mohammad Shafiquddin and the Director, Imam Training Academy Fariuddin Masud. A special prayer for the solidarity and peace of Bangladesh was offered by the President of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Ulemadal Moulana SM Ruhul Amin.

The State Minister urged the trainee officers to reflect the knowledge and experience received during the training in their field of work, so that the foundation and the nation as a whole was benefited by this.

Referring to introduction of mosque-based mass literacy programme under Islamic Foundation, the state minister said that steps would be taken to bring all the mosques of the country under the project.

Dear Shazneen

Many Happy Returns of the Day

Best Wishes

Shamim & Murtada

Dearest Shazneen

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday with many more to come. Lots of love always.

Bhaiya, Waqer Bhaiya, Apuji & Shehzi Api



Dhaka Sheraton HOTEL

Notice

Dhaka Sheraton Art Exhibition Date Shifted

Exhibition of Water Colour Paintings will now be held from 3rd July till 5th July, 1993.

Venue: South Ball Room

Open for Public:

3rd July: 6 pm to 8 pm

4th and 5th July: 10 am to 8 pm

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