

# Dhaka Day by Day

## In Love with Idyllic Beauty

by Fayza Haq



Viewers admiring the exhibition at Sheraton.

An exhibition of 170 water colours was held at Sheraton recently. Most of the subjects were Bangladeshi landscapes, which were selected on purpose to acquaint the foreign visitors with the beauty of the countryside. The purpose was to promote the promising but not so well known artists of Bangladesh. Many of them were amateurs, some students while two of the participants were deaf and dumb.

Amin showed farmers at work with dots of red, brown, blue and yellow. It was a serene creation bringing in the sun and the farmland. Saiful Islam's sketch in black and white showed a woman tying the hair of another while sitting on a patch of grass. The strokes were soothing and economical.

Salauddin's depiction of the lake with long weeds in blue and green, with trees and houses in the background in blue and purple captured well the essence of Bangladesh with its mists, rains and constantly toiling boatmen. Shudhir's depiction of the seaside with the grey and beige sand and the people stopping to collect shells and bringing in their haul of fish was promising with its expanse of grey.

Kamal Akhand's countryside was a serene creation in shades of yellow and beige touched with green. It brought in the image of the villages in an unusually neat manner, with the use of a few strokes. Syed Khondokar's trees, bullocks and people had a maturity that excelled most of the other amateur entries. The trees and the sea in green, brown and black were done in an impressionistic way.

Mahram has shown trees and houses of the rural area in an idyllic manner and brought in the shadows of trees and houses like shades of grey pearls. Moly delineated people going about their work in the village. The figures were usually in variation of greys. The details of the houses and the trees were brought in with swift deft strokes.

Khandakar Abu Syed showed crows pecking at food. This was done in soft washes of pink

and beige, while the crows were blue and brown. The pile of food were mute orange and red. In another work, his fishermen at the riverside had a few touches of pinks and blues and yet they brought out the scene with an impact.

Minoj appeared to have promise too in his four depictions of the countryside. He used dark shades relieved with white and worked on details. Munir's boats were conventionally displayed yet the soft strokes to depict the sky, land, water, people and the tied boats have been dealt with care and love.

M. Hai's portrayal of Old Dhaka done in an impressionistic way included masses of brown mixed with mauve, showing people going about their work. While the buildings were dark the people were done in bright shades. P. Das's fishermen working with the gathering storm showed men and nets in details, while the sky, land and water appeared to stretch into infinity.

Azam's creation in shades of green and brown depicting houses on stilts, a couple sitting and exchanging views and secrets, and boats tied up to the shore was also worth viewing.

It was surprising to see Biren Shome's depiction of Old Dhaka with the works of the amateurs. It was a neat creation showing every detail of the old building with the splendour of the past.

Kamal Bodhi and Ahmed, two deaf and dumb artists, had also created interesting scenes showing fishermen and exotic birds in the forest. While Kamal used light colours, Ahmed, used bright red and blue.

With local artists constant by complaining about lack of patronage, this exhibition was a wonderful opportunity for unknown artists to find buyers of their work, no matter how mediocre and conventional they might have been.

# Biswas stresses creating more employment opportunities

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday underscored the need for creating more employment opportunities by setting up small and cottage industries in the rural areas, reports BSS.

He said the unemployment situation could be minimised by increasing the number of jobs through self-employment which would also help alleviate poverty.

President Biswas was exchanging views with a 32-member delegation of the Dakkhin Bangla Unayan Otkya Parishad at Bangabhaban. Major (Retd) Afsaruddin, a veteran politician led the delegation.

The President said the main problems of the country are overpopulation, illiteracy and lack of sufficient employment opportunity. He urged them to create massive awareness among the people about these problems and put in their best efforts to resolve them through integrated programmes.

He said the country's economic condition could be improved through the change of the fate of rural people as eighty per cent of them live in the villages. He also stressed the need for increasing literacy rate, develop proper communication network and patronise private sector for smooth growth of industrial investments and increased production.

Referring to the development of Barisal as a new divisional headquarters, the President further said that all the areas of the country would receive equal development facilities to build a strong infrastructures in all sectors. He advised them to come forward to participate in the development activities of their respective areas and help generate income and employment opportunities in the rural areas.

Earlier, the delegation members submitted a memorandum consisting of different problems of the southern region, including

establishment of a university, tourism centre at Kuakata, modern hospitals in all the district headquarters under Barisal division, improved road and river communications and more industrial ventures in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Major (Retd) Afsaruddin congratulated the President and the Prime Minister for setting up a new divisional headquarters at Barisal and requested for building its necessary infrastructures for smooth administration. He also presented a book written by him named "Ditto Bishwa Juddho-o-Amar Sainik Jiban" based on his service as well as political life which was appreciated by the President.

The function was addressed, among others, by Sharif Sarwar Hossain Asha, President of the Parishad, Advocate Nurul Huq, Ayub Ali Sikder and Mafizul Islam.

# Govt incurs Tk 3 cr loss by selling foodgrains

The government incurred a loss of more than 3 crore taka by selling foodgrains through tenders from different godowns in Chittagong and Khulna divisions in the last fiscal year (1992-93), reports UNB.

Food Minister M Shamsul Islam stated this in parliament yesterday while replying to a question from Dr. Mozammel Hossain of Awami League.

Of the foodgrains, some 2303.91 metric tons of rice, 1059.02 metric tons of wheat and 187.32 metric tons of sugar were sold in Chittagong division resulting in loss of Taka 1,57,75,019.

In Khulna, 2651.29 metric tons of sugar were sold incurring a loss of Taka 1,41,85,013. In Jessore district, 24.16 metric tons of sugar was sold and the loss stood at Taka 1,59,697.

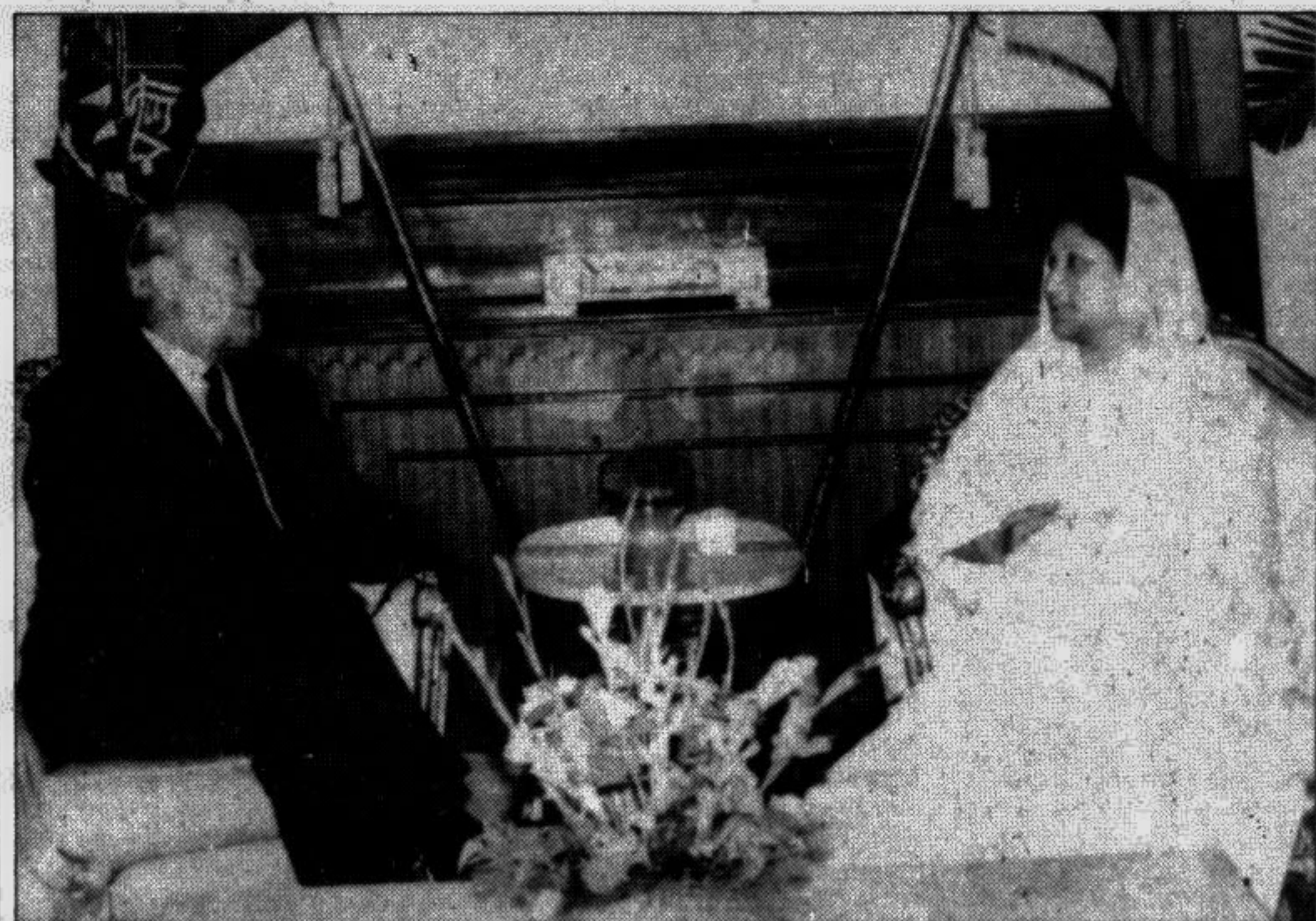
In Jhenidah district, 57.68 metric tons of rice and 17.05

metric tons of sugar were sold suffering a loss of Taka 3,37,204 while in Chuadanga district point 155 metric tons of sugar were sold incurring a loss of Taka 2,419.

The minister told Mirza Azam (AL) that a proposal is under consideration of the government for construction of 84 godowns with a capacity of 21,000 tons in northern region to give price support to the producers of small and marginal farmers.

## Khulna Bar boycott courts

KHULNA, July 14: The District Bar Association today boycotted the courts demanding shifting of two Munsif Courts in Paikgacha and Koira thanas to the district headquarters, reports UNB.



German Ambassador in Bangladesh Karl Heins Schaltysek made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. —PID photo

## One killed, six hurt in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A minor girl was killed and another six were injured in separate incidents in the city during last two days.

The girl was killed when a speeding microbus knocked her down at Segunbagicha in the city Tuesday afternoon.

The victim identified as Rina, daughter of Asuddin, a resident of a slum at Segunbagicha was seriously injured and rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where she succumbed to her injuries after admission. The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

In another road accident three persons were injured at Tongi in the city Wednesday.

The victims were identified as Mohammad Badsha Miah, Sirajul Haque and an unknown woman.

Mother, son and daughter were seriously injured when some unidentified persons set fire at their house at Baubazar in the city at about 1.30 am Wednesday.

# Dhaka can quadruple shrimp export to USA

Bangladesh has enormous potential to quadruple the export of shrimp to the United States by the year 2000 if she can attain the world class standard of her products matching the demands of the consumers, says Samuel West, president of the Far Port International and single largest importer of Bangladeshi shrimps.

Talking to BSS economics correspondent here Wednesday afternoon at Sonargonj Hotel before his departure for Washington DC ending week-long business trip, Samuel West was all praise for the standard of the Eastern Seafoods of Dhaka and dynamism of its chairman U Ahmed. Samuel termed his trip very fruitful and hoped that he would be able to import more Bangladeshi quality shrimps from the Eastern Seafoods while he had already purchased shrimps worth 10 million dollars this year from the Eastern Seafoods.

The US shrimp importer also expressed his willingness to invest here in joint venture projects to raise the quality and standard of Bangladeshi shrimp.

There is no option but to raise the quality and standard of Bangladeshi products matching the growing demands of the global consumers, Samuel said and pointed out the shrimp production in the USA would be tripled by the year 2000 while it would be quadrupled in Philippines, five fold in Mexico and Panama, double in India.

Bangladesh, he said, was now the ninth largest shrimp producer in the world with the production of 23,000 metric tons in 1992.



## Obituary

A famous social worker Al-haj Rashidul Hasan died of old age complications in the city yesterday. He was 90, says a press release.

He left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

His Namaj-e-Janaza will be held at the Baitul Mokarram Mosque today after Zohr prayers.

A prominent advocate Rashidul Hasan was born in 1899 in a respectable Muslim family.

He graduated from the Presidency Colleges in Calcutta in 1922 and obtained MA BL from the Calcutta University.

Starting his career as an advocate in Calcutta High Court in 1929 he was appointed a Judge of the Presidency Court of Small Causes, Calcutta in 1938.

He also authored some books on Islam.

## Germany assures continued assistance

Germany yesterday assured continued assistance for the government's development programmes particularly in the power and railway sectors, reports UNB.

The assurance came from the outgoing German Ambassador Dr Karl Heins Schaltysek when he made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday afternoon.

Dr Schaltysek, praising the development efforts of the present government, described the development programmes as timely and pragmatic and said those will help solve the problems of the common people.

He appreciated the endeavours of the present government in upholding the democratic values.

Mentioning the restoration of democracy and the parliamentary system, the Prime Minister said the parliamentary committees which are now functioning will contribute to strengthening the democratic institution.

Begum Zia pointed out that the development programmes will take some time to be successful. People are already experiencing the benefits of the development initiatives, she added.

## School boy stabbed

By DMCH Correspondent

A group of miscreants stabbed a school boy and snatched taka five thousand and a gold chain on the outskirts of the city Wednesday.

The victim identified as Mohammed Hannan, 20, son of Mohammed Moslem Uddin, a student of class eight of Radio Colony School, Savar alleged that some local mastans attacked their house at Chapain, Savar at about 10 am yesterday.

The miscreants ransacked their house, stabbed him in his chest and snatched take five thousand and a gold chain from the residence.

## Tk 15 lakh spent for petrol of JBC cars

Nearly Taka 15 lakh was spent for buying petrol for 25 cars of Jiban Bima Corporation JBC during the last two financial years, parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to Hajj Rashed Mosharrar of Awami League, Commerce Minister M K Anwar informed the House that Taka 8,07,230.25 was spent for buying 53,199 litres of petrol in 1991-92 and Taka 6,68,911.43 for 44,904 litres till April 30 of fiscal 1992-93.

# Weather Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6:00 am today (Thursday) says, light to moderate rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna divisions and at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions.

The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to fall by one to two degree Celsius over the coastal districts of Bangladesh and may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded in Sylhet and the lowest 23.4 degree was recorded in Rangamati.

The amounts of rainfall recorded during day time yesterday are: Cox's Bazar 19 mm, Patuakhali 16 mm, Teknaf 14 mm, Ishla 12 mm and Sylhet 9 mm.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:21 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	27.6	68	82
Chittagong	30.1	25.8	73	73
Rajshahi	32.5	26.7	90	75
Khulna	31.1	26.2	-	-
Barisal	30.5	25.0	83	92
Cox's Bazar	27.0	25.5	97	95
Sylhet	35.2	24.7	72	92
Dinajpur	34.2	28.0	85	67

### Auction Notice

Old used transports viz Bedford 6-ton truck, bus, Toyota jeep, car, Nissan microbus, Datsun Pick-up, crane, tank lorry, Radar vehicle, Honda motor cycle and various condemned scrap materials will be sold in public auction as is where is basis at Bangladesh Air Force Maintenance Unit No 201, Kurmitola, Dhaka Cantonment compound on 25-07-93 from 10 A M till completion.

Prior to auction each bidder will have to deposit Pay Order/ Bank Draft for Taka 25,000/- (refundable) in favour of Commander.

Maintenance Unit No. 201, Air Force, Dhaka Cantonment, otherwise no participation in the auction will be allowed. The highest bidder will have to deposit 25% of the amount in cash on the spot, and the rest within 7 (seven) days of approval, otherwise the 25% Earnest Money will be forfeited. The highest bidder will have to deposit 3% AIT of highest bid value before take delivery of the auction goods. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any of all bids.

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