

Dhaka Day by Day

Leaves from a Diary

by Fayza Haq



"My paintings are like leaves of a diary noting my memories, impressions, feelings and thoughts. The painting 'January Malaysia' for example, depicts what my thoughts were at that time. I feel I could express it best in abstracts. I also experiment with my materials, which I have been doing over a decade. I play with texture, line and colours", said Kazi Rakib about his recent painting exhibition held at Jojon Art Gallery.

"Bird, fish and others" depicted living things including flowers in various colours and forms. The objects were broken and semi-abstract with unusual colours like a rectangle of pink to denote the legs of the bird and items such as birds' wings, were dull grey and brown.

"Dhaka, March '92" was an abstract with pinks, blues with a background of pristine white. There were hints of trees, water, houses, mountains, sky, with tiny birds sketched delicately. One had to search for the symbols of the objects as they were not apparent at a first glance.

"Dhaka, May '92" had an image of a green venomous snake along with other elongated and entwining snake like colour patches. Black, red, grey and brown were used to surround and heighten the main snake image. This painting was done on the request of the artist's niece.

"Kuala Lumpur June, '92" had a bird depicted in a semi-abstract fashion. Below were depicted some huts in broken distorted forms in green, black, and grey and on top in more distorted forms depicting a wall. He also used mottled green, mauve and pink. Along with the houses one got the impression of birds. It was a serene and soothing composition.

"Feb. '92 Dhaka" consisted of a conglomeration of squares of different colours, brown, orange and black. The squares stood for parts of buildings. Hidden away in the mass of colours was a sketch of a bird.

In "Dec. '91 Osaka" reds, blues, and browns were used in a bold abstract space. Layers of pa-

per went into the composition to experiment with beige and blue texture. In this the artist wished to depict the beauty of his surroundings without using actual figures.

In "Ts-ukuba, Jan. '92" one could spot a hint of a bird again in a camouflage of delicately spreading colours. One could also find the hints of a tiny umbrella and a mask amidst the yellow, pink and blue. "Life is too complex to depict it in a realistic form," the artist commented.

"Dhaka Aug. '92", had yellow ochre, pink, black in the forms of squares and lines placed in an idyllic fashion. "Dhaka March '92" had a landscape with a darkening sky and a kite against it. The moon was an enchanting mixture of purples, green and white against a sky of grey and pink. The colours had a translucent and vibrant effect.

"Calcutta Dec. '92 - No. 12" was an abstract creation of broken houses with the frightening fire of communal riots. In this the artist wished to depict the destruction of civilization. "Calcutta Dec. '92 No. 11" was done before the riots. It depicted Calcutta in bars of twisted congested rocks of varied colours. Here the artist wished to portray how crammed the city was, with its dirt and pollution.

"Cactus" was done in startling colours of green and blue. "Waiting" had used a lot of white to depict a woman waiting for the return of her husband.

"We are getting so isolated and lonely that only abstractions can express our feelings accurately. We have a lot of problems and limited facilities. Had it not been for my side business of handicrafts, I myself would find existence difficult," Kazi Rakib, who is greatly influenced by Miro, confided.

Rakib has taken part in ten international and international group exhibitions and four solo exhibitions including one in Japan. He has three awards, one of which is from Osaka.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing the leaders of Joypara College under Dohar Thana Chhatra Sangsad and students while they called on her at Sugandha on Thursday. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda was present at the right. —PID photo

People discarding negative politics of opposition: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia said here Thursday that the people were discarding the negative politics of an opposition political party and joining the BNP being attracted by its politics of uplift for the deprived and the poor, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was addressing the newly elected members of student sangsad of Joypara College who along with the general students of the college came to meet her at her Sugandha office.

Begum Zia said even the old and veteran members of the opposition party were deserting their party as they had realised that the party had no future or programme for welfare of the people. The party does talk about giving democracy an institutional shape but in fact it does not practise politics for progress.

The Prime Minister said the flag of nationalist politics is in the hands of the students. They have to follow the path of politics for development to uphold this flag forever in future, she added.

Jewellery shop robbed

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, July 30: Sixty-five tolas of gold and gold-made ornaments worth about Tk 3.9 lakh and a cash of Tk 1.5 lakh were stolen from a jewellery shop at Minabazar here last night, police and the owner said.

The proprietor of the shop "Al-Tarik Jewellery" found the gold and money stolen when he opened the shop this morning. He also found the locks broken and the shutter open.

The night guard of the shopping centre, Kalimuddin, was reportedly absconding since the break-in at mid night last night.

A case was filed with Narayanganj police but none was arrested till filing of this report at 8 pm today.

Plea to stop source of illegal arms

Speakers at seminar here yesterday said terrorism could be tackled only through united efforts of all sections of people in the society with active support from the administration and parties outside the government, reports BSS.

All sorts of patronisation to the terrorists has to be stopped and illegal arms recovered to bring an end to this growing menace which is questioning the very existence of our society, they said.

Justice Sultan Hossain Khan called for building up social resistance against terrorism. All sane and responsible persons in the society must have to be involved in this task, he opined and added that the source of illegal arms have to be stopped at any cost.

The Press Council chairman identified three types of terrorist activities such as drug related, socio-economic and the ordinary ones. He said massive unemployment on the one side and the race to accumulate huge wealth on the other were giving rise to social unrest leading to terrorist activities.

Former Inspector General (IGP) of Police Abdul Khaleque proposed that there be a commitment by all Members of Parliament (MPs) to take effective steps to arrest terrorism. Parliament Members should also disassociate themselves with anyone found involved in terrorist activities, he said.

Khaleque suggested that armed forces be deployed to recover illegal arms and that they be given a time frame to perform the task.

The seminar titled "Terrorism and Present day Bangladesh", organised by Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association (BCRA) was held at the Jatiya Press Club. It was addressed, among others, by Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, chairman, Bangladesh Press Council (BPC), Abdul Khaleque, former secretary and IGP and Mahub-e-Alam, general secretary of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. Zakaria Milon, president BCRA was in the chair.

IUBAT certificate programme

The inaugural ceremony of the certificate programme in dBase III+/IV organised by Computer Education and Training Centre (CETC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:00 pm at the Conference Room of Bangladesh Meteorological Department, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon. Abdul Mannan, Minister of State for Textiles will attend as chief guest.

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Uttara Bank Limited Branch Shifting

Uttara Bank limited Thakurgaon Branch has been shifted to Mouchack Super market First Floor, Plot No. 205, North Circular Road, Thakurgaon from Plot No. 151, Pourashava Holding No. 162, North Circular Road, Thakurgaon today (31st July '93).

Our valued clients and well-wishers are requested to contact and transact at the new Premises.

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!



Earn a free Singapore Airlines return ticket to Singapore.

Answer correctly on a separate sheet of paper the following questions on the TV Commercials shown in the L.A. Law episode last night and write the most convincing reply to the last question. And you may win your way to the most favoured destination in the east.

- Which city in North America is being featured in the advertisement?
- Which Asian country is depicted in the advertisement featuring local dances?
- How many passenger services does Singapore Airlines operate to Dhaka?
- Write in not more than 12 words why you would choose to fly Singapore Airlines on your next trip out of Dhaka.

Prizes: Two SIA tickets will be awarded, one for each competition to be held in July & September, 1993.

Rules:

1. A competitor cannot enter more than once, in one month.
2. Immediate family members of SIA, their ad agency and travel agent employees and children below the age of 16 years are not eligible to enter this competition.
3. Closing date of entry for July is 7 August, 1993.

Winner will be notified by post.

Mail your entry to:
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New Bailey Road, Dhaka-1000.

Competitor's

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Singapore Airlines reserves irrefutable right to choose the winning answer and disqualify any entry.

Inscribe publicity slogans on bus-bodies: Huda

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said it was the moral duty of all to resist obstacle creators in the way of implementing development programmes, undertaken by the present government for the welfare of the people, reports BSS.

Huda was addressing as the chief guest at public meeting organised at Babu Bazar Ferryghat while inaugurating direct bus services from Dhaka to Keraniganj, Nababganj and Dohar thanas.

The meeting was also addressed by State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan, General Secretary of Dhaka district BNP Prof. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Nababganj and Keraniganj thana, BNP President Islam Khan and Nazimuddin Ahmed, General Secretary of Dohar thana BNP M A Sattar, labour leaders Abdul Khaleque and Abdur Razzaque.

Calling upon the people to write-down publicity slogans like — plant trees, increase pisciculture and improve the environment on the body of buses to encourage people as well as beautification, the Information Minister said the government was determined to involve people to carry forward the production oriented politics of the country.

He said we were committed to bring economic emancipation of the people by eliminating their miseries. The government was working on that direction, he added.

The Information Minister said we had been elected to the Jatiya Sangsad with the people's confidence to talk about their well-being and we were determined to fulfil that commitment.

The Information Minister said people launched movement when Ershad dethroned the then elected BNP government. Some political parties got the opportunity to rehabilitate themselves during the anti-autocracy movement of the people under the BNP, he said.

He said we had rehabilitated them but now they wanted to hamper the development activities of the BNP government.

Huda said the government of late President Ziaur Rahman and the present government under the leadership of Begum Khaleida Zia had brought about a real flow of development in the country.

Canadian envoy makes farewell call on Khaleida

The out-going Canadian High Commissioner Emile Gauvreau made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia at her residence yesterday evening, reports BSS.

During the call on the High Commissioner appreciated the development activities of the government and said he found that under the leadership of Begum Khaleida Zia Bangladesh have the most stable government in the South Asia.

He said Bangladesh set a unique example of establishing democracy in the Third World countries.

The High Commissioner said that Begum Zia's government had been successfully implementing its election pledges to establish a corruption-free and a transparent government. He appreciated the government's programme for mass literacy and recently launched food for education programme.

Gauvreau said Bangladesh had also set a rare example of attaining autarky in food which was done by a few countries of the Third World.

He lauded the government plans of extending maximum facilities to farmers as a result of which Bangladesh could attain food autarky.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong, Khulna and Dhaka divisions during the next 24 hours commencing from 6 pm Friday. Met office forecasts. Weather will remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the time, it says.

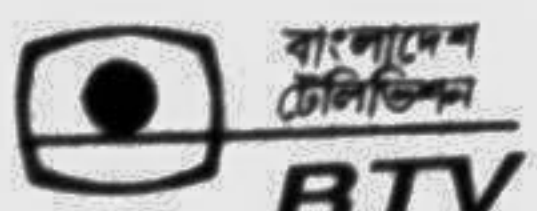
Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged during the same time across the country.

The highest temperature of the country Friday, 34.6 degree Celsius, was recorded at Bogra and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:42 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:28 am.

The maximum, minimum temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature		Humidity	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.8	27.5	75	82
Chittagong	33.1	26.2	73	78
Rajshahi	34.2	27.3	79	77
Khulna	33.8	27.4	78	75
Burisal	32.8	27.2	84	86
Cox's Bazar	29.5	26.0	76	82
Sylhet	32.8	25.6	86	95



Saturday

- 5:00 Opening announcement
- Al Quran Programme summary
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:20 Recitation from the Geeta
- 5:25 Chetona: Children's educational and cultural programme
- 6:00 Cartoon: Young Robinhood
- 6:30 Taranya
- 7:00 Banshori: Programme of folk songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Mati o Manush
- 9:00 Geetishatodai
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series: Dallas
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:45 Closing

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