

Dhaka Day by Day

Diversity and Depth

by Fayza Haq



Left to right: Mithu, Dipa, Jamal, Mary, Rakib and Ranjit.

"Gallery Tone" had six contemporary artists displaying their talents, imagination, skill and inspiration in a recent exhibition. The diversity of the vision and the variation of the styles made the exhibit a decisively pleasurable one.

Khalid Mahmood Mithu's "Story of a Door" dealt with the problems of the life of the middle class. Through the blue door that was in the centre of the composition one could see dark life in progress. Mithu had extended the inside of the doorway to the left of the canvas in which one found experimentation with rough textures to delineate the struggles of life. One found a startling white cross on top of the composition and this symbolised the hardship of the people. The painting was in blues and greys. There was a red line surrounding the composition to denote how the middle class found it difficult to overcome the socio-economic barriers.

Jamal Ahmed's "From the River" was an idyllic composition of the riverside with pearl-like presentation of the river, land and sky. In the centre of the composition could be seen the struggling boatmen and fishermen, fighting against nature to make a living. The black and brown bodies of the men were slightly highlighted by bright green and blue. In the background were boats done in brown. This impressionistic creation was neat, picturesque and glorified the countryside with suaveity and deft strokes. The use of the expanse of pale colours with the dark subjects was a pure pleasure to behold. The painting brought in both the struggle of mankind and the beauty of nature.

"The Purple Moon" by Mary Cecelia Coldren was a romantic and flamboyant creation in purple, mauve, gold and black. It was different from many of her earlier works which had been based on photographs and tended to be impressionistic. At best, this was a combination of strokes, swirls and dots, the moon being a spotted purple, surrounded by gold swirls and dots. This was heightened by dramatic washes of red, mauve and black. This abstract, in monochrome, was fresh and thought provoking with stark

white contrasting with deep colours.

"Chthonian Mystery" was a part of series in which Rowshan Haq Dipa had depicted a woman in which she had tried to bring in various forms of abstract elements. "Women do have negative emotions but I have tried to establish the fact that women persevere to exist, no matter what the circumstances," the artist said. She used wisps of cloth instead of masks to symbolise the unconscious. At one time she had done stark nudes but this had ushered in many adverse comments. The painting was a bright creation in blues and pinks combined with a mass of beige.

Kazi Rakib's "Aerial View" had captured a morning with reflections of the sun in red. All around one found green land, with "chars" seen in ash. The swirls of pinks, oranges, and greens were touched with white. In a single panel, three water colours on paper had been used for the composition. When asked why he had resorted to mystifying abstracts, he said that he could not confine himself to realities and did not mind whatever meaning the viewer decided to attach to his work. He had used thread and paper in his collage work to lend interest to the composition.

Ranjit Das's "Man and his Environment" showed a clear square of blue marked "Superb", framed in pristine white. This was surrounded by geometrical forms of squares, rectangles, circles and dots in a combination of pale and dark colours. Below the neat square could be seen the nose, lips and impressions of a face. The contrast between the neat blue and the rest of the confused mass was an endeavour on the part of the artist to show how his surroundings were polluted but how he put up a bold effort to fight it.

It is a joy to behold daring experimentations of colour, line, texture tone and themes by young artists. They give expression to their powerful feelings and imagination and provide delight for the viewers. It is welcome indeed that more and more galleries are cropping up to encourage artistic sensibilities.

Khaleda releases stamp on Fish Fortnight

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released a commemorative postal stamp on Fish Fortnight '93 at a simple ceremony at her Sugandha office last evening, reports BSS. Bangladesh Post Office issued the stamp of Taka 2.00 denomination and a First Day Cover of Taka 5.00.

A special canceller was also used and a leaflet containing the background, significance and objectives of the Fish Fortnight '93 was issued.

The Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tariqul Islam, Dr AMM Shawkat Ali, Secretary, Post and Telecommunications, ABM Siddique, Director General, Bangladesh Post Office, and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The stamp and the first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all GPOs and head post offices all over Bangladesh. The commemorative stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices including the extra departmental ones.

In order to create nationwide social awareness of the importance of developing and expanding fish production, the government observed the fortnight from August 1-15 as the "Fish Fortnight." The main objective of the Fish Fortnight was to make the country self-sufficient in fish production by turning pisciculture and fishery management into a sustainable social movement.

With a view to conveying the message of the Fish Fortnight to the common people, Bangladesh Post Office issued the commemorative postage stamp and the First Day Cover (FDC) yesterday.



Sohail's body arrives today

By Staff Correspondent

The body of internationally reputed Bengali broadcaster Sohail Samad arrives today (Monday) at 4 pm by British Airways.

His body will be kept at the residence of his brother-in-law Mostaqur Rahman at House No 46, United Nations Road, Bari dhara for friends and relatives to pay their respect.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Sohail will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque after Esha prayers.

Before going abroad Sohail Samad was a regular newscaster of Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television. He joined the Deutsche Welle (Radio Germany) and served for three years producing Bengali programmes. He worked for the Voice of America (VOA) in various capacities and received wide acclamation and several laurels for his performance.

Sohail died following a severe car accident in June in Washington. He was under treatment at Maryland Hospital where he breathed his last on August 10.

Members of Remains Business and Professional Forum (RBPF) in a condolence meeting expressed their deep grief at the untimely death of Sohail Samad.

The students and teachers of Residential Model School (REMAINS) also expressed their condolence on the death of Sohail who was a brilliant student, an eloquent speaker and a good debater.

Members of Manabik Shahajya Sangstha (MSS) recalled the contribution of Sohail as a great social worker and founder of the NGO, "Clothe the nude".



A Bangabandhu Parishad procession in the city yesterday to mark the 18th anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's death. — Star photo

Anti-terrorism Act

Six get 7-year RI each in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Aug 15: Anti-terrorism Tribunal Judge Abu Bakar Siddique today sentenced six persons to seven years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka one thousand each, in default to suffer six months more RI for terrorism and creating road barricade, reports BSS.

The judge acquitted two persons for lack of evidence against them.

The accused sentenced were Sabuj S/o Nurun Nabi of Bastpur, M Milon S/o late

SPGRC demands repatriation soon

Stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh in a rally and general meeting held here has demanded their early repatriation to Pakistan, reports BSS.

Held at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Saturday the meeting urged upon the governments of Pakistan and Bangladesh to implement their joint declaration by starting repatriation of the first batch of 3000 families.

Organised by Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) the meeting appealed to the political parties in Bangladesh to exercise their good offices to persuade Pakistan to make early repatriation.

Presided over by the Chief Patron of SPGRC M Nasim Khan the meeting appealed to different international organizations including UNHCR, OIC, and SAARC to come forward in mitigating their sufferings.

Navy chief off to Thailand

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohamminul Islam left Dhaka yesterday on a four-day visit to Thailand at the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy, says a press release.

He is accompanied by a two-member delegation of the Bangladesh Navy.

Weather

No change in temperature

By Staff Correspondent

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

Met office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 34 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi while lowest of 24.2 degree Celsius was in Faridpur yesterday.

The sun sets today (Monday) at 6.31 pm and rises tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.34 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 am
Dhaka	32.2	27.6	82	78
Chittagong	33.0	25.5	74	71
Rajshahi	34.0	26.4	90	71
Khulna	33.2	26.0	87	76
Barisal	32.0	25.4	85	81
Sylhet	32.0	25.5	97	63
Cox's Bazar	32.2	25.5	77	88
Dinajpur	33.6	26.6	79	74

DCC cleanliness drive

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday realised a fine of Taka one thousand five hundred and filed five cases while conducting a mobile court against dumping garbage helter and skelter, reports BSS.

The mobile court, led by First Class Magistrate Mohammad Nabul Hoq Mollah, was conducted in the city areas of Kaptan Bazar and Thatarbarazar.

The corporation will henceforth take legal action against household, business, hotel and restaurant and establishments in front of which garbage will be found to be littered.

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A drawing by Qayyum Chowdhury at exhibition of paintings and books on Liberation War being held at La Galeries.

Rehabilitation of erosion hit people demanded

By Staff Correspondent
The newly formed Nadi Shikasti Gono Adhikar Forum (NASHGAF) yesterday demanded rehabilitation of about 30 lakhs people of around 34 thousand families who have been affected by river erosion in a single month across the country.

The NASHGAF representatives in a statement yesterday also demanded necessary amendments to the existing land law and thereby protecting land ownership and interests of river erosion affected families.

The Convenor of the forum Sharif A Kafi and joint convenors A Milon Khan and Mian Akbar Hussein in a joint statement regretted that no steps had been taken by the government nor by any development agencies for rehabilitation of the erosion affected families.

Jahanara releases fish fry

At the concluding day of the countrywide Fish Fortnight State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum released fish fry at the Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation Lake at Sonarganj in Narayanganj yesterday, reports BSS.

Painting show on Liberation War

Ekatuor Jatree (Voyagers of 71), an organisation of veteran freedom fighters has organised an exhibition of paintings and books depicting the glorious Liberation War. The exhibition was opened on August 14 by poet Shamsur Rahman, says a press release.

The exhibition will continue till August 21 and is open to all from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm daily. 41 well-known artists including Professor Shahtuddin, Md Kibria, Abdul Baet, Qayyum Chowdhury, Aminul Islam, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Mominul Islam, Debdash Chokrobarty, A Alvi among others have participated with their works on the subject of Mukti Juddho.

This is the first time an exhibition of artwork on the subject of Mukti Juddho is being held.

Death of Mujibur Rahman condoled

Officers and Employees of all tiers and artists of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday condoled the death of drama artist, newscaster and former Director (drama) of the academy Mujibur Rahman Khan, reports BSS.

Monday

- 5.00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, programme summary
- 5.10 News in Bangla
- 5.25 Sports programme
- 6.30 Dosh O Biggan
- 7.00 Open University
- 7.25 Nazrul songs
- 8.00 News in Bangla
- 8.30 Apar Shashto: programme on health
- 9.00 Aarshi: Magazine
- 10.00 News in English
- 10.30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
- 11.00 Disco Rally: Musical programme
- 11.30 Khabar/The news
- 11.40 Tomorrow's programme summary, closing announcement
- 11.45 Close down

