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Dhaka Day by Day

Self-Taught but Successful

Fayza Haq

Syful Islam is a self-taught painter who recently held his exhibition of 135 paintings at the Sheraton. The paintings showed how far a man can train himself and please the viewer without going in for academic lessons.

In his miniature paintings he had 'Fishing' with the conventional boats, a brilliant sun and the green of the surrounding countryside. It was a delightful little piece for those who do not care for experimentation. His three still lifes with wine bottles, plates, apples, and traditional fruits were done in the same conventional style. His 'Summer Landscape' had a burnt tree and a sun at the back. All these pieces were picturesque and suitable for decorating the home.

His Islamic calligraphy had abstract-religious saying. In one there was 'Allah' written in the background with 'Afzalul Zikr Zikr Allah' done in blue, and grey with touches of orange and green. His 'Ya Rahmanu' was a modern composition in greys and blacks. Even if one could not clearly or easily read the calligraphy, the painting was a passably acceptable abstract creation. 'Ya Azimu' was done in squares, rectangles and other geometrical forms in shades of brown, grey and red.

One found a combination of Arabic and Bangla calligraphy in 'Allahu' with the twines and loops of the writing being done in white and green, touched with red. The artist had written 'Wajalaha Qairuhu' with a brown mosque at the back, along with the traditional crescent moon. 'Allahu' was done once again in blue, grey and white abstract forms. 'Ya Maliku' was similarly attempted in stylised calligraphy of dull colours but with an optimistic effect.

I am not satisfied with abstract painting without a subject. To me it is meaningless. Meanwhile, I believed the calligraphy is something useful. My buyers have been defence authorities and government officials. I admit the calligraphic work hasn't as yet appealed to the common masses. My buyers for the calligraphy have also been of Middle Eastern and European

origin," the artist said. The artist had done water colour in black and white, with a hard brush, and had done sketches of women in the countryside. These were delightful indeed. Syful was fascinated by 'bauls', and had done two of them in black and white in an impressionistic style. There were sketches of village women going to fetch water with the 'kolshi' on the waist, for which the artist said that he had used his wife as the model. There were studies of old Indian statues which had been inspired by photographs and they too were promising.

A painting that he valued immensely was 'The Last Judgement of Denial' and it showed a woman about to commit suicide by leaping over a cliff. In blues and mauves, it was undoubtedly a romantic creation. The artist takes great pride in his portraits such as that of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman which once hung in the Assembly building. He has done numerous portraits of heads of different countries, Kurt Waldheim, Ronald Reagan and Francois Mitterand.

"As I do not have a formal training, my works are never included by the Shilpakala Academy or other group exhibitions. However I have two art galleries of my own, and an art school too where I have 200 students, comprising ladies and children, whom I have been teaching now for twelve years. Due to financial difficulties I could not afford to study Fine Arts at Dhaka and pursued commerce in Rajshahi instead," Syful commented about his career.

The contemporary art trend in Bangladesh today is too westernised, and I do not believe that pure abstract work is suitable for the average Bangladeshi viewer or buyer. I myself use broken forms at times but the subjects are clear," he added.

For someone who has trained himself, Syful has done quite well financially, as a painter for twenty-two years.



'The Last Judgement of Denial'

AIDS education in school, college syllabus likely

Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof AGM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday called for creating awareness to combat the killer disease Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), reports BSS.

Prof Chowdhury who is also the Chairman of National AIDS Committee was inaugurating a workshop on 'Prevention of AIDS' organised by the Jatiya Mahila Sangstha (JMS) at its office here.

The Deputy Leader of the House said preventive measure was the best way to check the spread of AIDS which had so far no cure. He said 13 persons had so far been detected having AIDS virus out of more than two lakh blood samples tested in the country.

He indicated the possibility of inclusion of AIDS education in syllabus of text books for schools and colleges.

Prof. Chowdhury urged the members of women community to remain vigilant against the spread of AIDS virus through adoption of various preventive methods. He said Jatiya Mahila Sangstha could play an important role in creating awareness of the fatal disease through motivational campaigns.



Primary Teachers' Association held a rally demanding sanction of house building loan in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

SSMCH doctors go on indefinite strike

By SSMCH Correspondent

Internee doctors of Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital (SSMCH) went on an indefinite strike from yesterday demanding eviction of nurses from one of their officially allocated rooms.

The trainee doctors of the hospital, commonly known as the Mitford Hospital, decided to refrain from work until the room is handed over to them, hospital sources said.

The nurses are occupying the doctors room, allegedly by force, for the last two years.

The internee doctors strike coincided with the on-going nurses strike, adding more suffering to the miseries of the patients, sources added.

Farewell

The dean of diplomatic corps, Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Bangladesh, Mohammad Shahta Zarab, hosted a farewell reception in the honour of the outgoing British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Sir Colin Imray, at his residence last Monday, reports BSS.

Welcome to Queen's Cake & Pastry. 546, Shenagi Shopping Complex (Near Shaheen School), Dhaka. Tel: 884837

Notice. District-Dhaka. In the Court of Sub-Judge & Artha Rin Adalat No.3 Dhaka. Money Suit No. 50/92. Pubali Bank Ltd. Motijheel Branch, Dhaka. Plaintiff. VS. Defendants. 1. Al-haj Anwar Hossain, Prop: M/S Al-haj Trading Corporation, 95, Islampur (Mostafa Mansion), Dhaka. 2. Kamaluddin, Son of Late Mohd. Wased, House No-12, Road No- 9, Section-6, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka.

Garments export fetches Taka 5,614 cr last fiscal

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said here yesterday that readymade garments industry, the highest export earning sector, earned Tk 5,614 crore from export during the last financial year, reports UNB.

He told a delegation of Garments Sramik Federation that garments industry contributed sixty per cent of the total exports from Bangladesh.

The 23-member delegation, led by labour adviser of the federation Belayet Hossain, called on the President at Bangabhaban. The President urged the

workers of the garments industries to work hard with utmost sincerity and discipline to augment production in that vital sector. Bangladeshi garments are of high demand in the world market, particularly in America, Canada and in the EEC countries, he said.

Bangladesh has been following free market economy, he said and stressed the need for maintaining high standard of products to survive in the highly competitive market.

President Biswas advised the workers to maintain good relations with the management, saying that without healthy re-

lationship between the workers and the management higher productivity could not be achieved.

Earlier, in a memorandum the federation demanded higher wages, training and other facilities, shift duty and setting up of modern textile mills for production of quality clothes for the garments industries instead of importing from abroad.

The delegation included president of the federation Hanif Mukta, vice-presidents Sharifuddin, Zainal Abedin and Alam Ahmed Polin and general secretary Jahangir Hussain.



Rail Secretary Dr. Mashur Rahman inspecting rail-spares produced at Saidpur Railway Workshop recently.

Rail Secy visits Saidpur workshop

Rail Secretary and Director General of Bangladesh Railway Dr Mashur Rahman has urged the workers and employees of Railway workshops to increase production in order to make Railway a sustainable organisation, says a press release.

Rail Secretary was visiting country's largest Railway workshop at Saidpur on Monday last to see for himself the present state of affairs there. Railway West Zone General Manager M A Rahim and Divisional Superintendent Saidpur Workshop Abul Hossain was present during his visit.

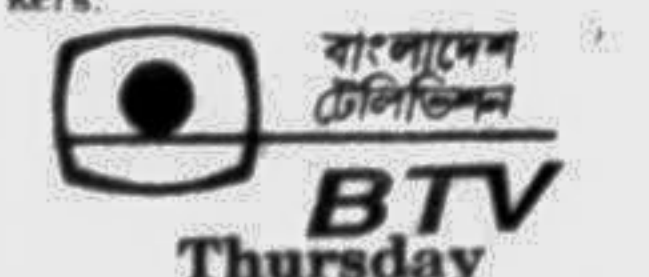
Rail Secretary was informed that rehabilitation of 50 Broad-gauge passenger carriages with German assistance is progressing fast. Meanwhile 25 rehabilitated carriages have been put in service and another 10 are going under necessary heavy repairs.

Elimination of child labour discussed

Horst Habenicht, Programme Manager, International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour and W Blenk, Director ILO, Dhaka Office called on Redwan Ahmed MP, President BGMEA and discussed elimination of child labour from all working fields all over the world including Bangladesh, says a press release.

Horst Habenicht expressed that in garment field there is not much child labour compared to other working fields in Bangladesh as well as the developing countries in the world but around 3% to 4% workers are below the age of ILO Convention.

In reply to the above, Redwan Ahmed the President BGMEA told that the BGMEA has already instructed all the member units that if any underage workers as per ILO Convention remain in any factory should be removed immediately to eliminate the total employment of underaged workers.



Thursday 5-00 Opening announcement Al-Quran Programme summary 5-10 News in Bangla 5-20 Debate 6-30 Esho Para Shikhi 7-20 Nazrul songs 8-00 News in Bangla 8-30 Drama of the week: Pencil 10-00 News in English 10-30 Mini series: Never Come Back 11-30 Khabar/The news 11-45 Closing

Plea to save BADC

Politicians, economists and other professionals at a seminar yesterday pleaded for saving Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) for its pioneering role in diffusing high-tech in agriculture, reports UNB.

Fertiliser, pesticide and irrigation became popular to the farmers and the country had reached the doorstep of self-sufficiency in food due to this role of BADC, they told the seminar on the 'Role of BADC and its Importance and Necessity in the Development of National Agriculture.'

BADC Employees Union organised the seminar in the wake of the government's decision to privatise BADC for its recurring losses.

Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad, Rashed Khan Menon MP, Dr Kamal Hossain, Prof Mozaffar Ahmed, Dr Atiur Rahman, Dr Abul Quasem, Dr MA Majed, Dr Kazi Badruddoza, Dr Hasanuzzaman, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Md Sahajahan Miah, Mesbahuddin and BADC Chairman Sahidul Islam spoke on the occasion.

Secretary General of the union Khandkar Azizur Rahman read out the key-note paper while President of the union Maftul Islam presided over the function held at Engineers' Institution.

Lauding the role of BADC in agricultural development, the Jute Minister called on the employees to discharge their duties diligently instead of doing poli-

tics inside the office.

Hannan Shah said a service institution like BADC is needed for the agricultural development. BADC has a wide reputation in ground water management and its experts could prove their efficiency abroad, he added.

Country-made liquor seized

The Department of Narcotics Control in a special drive Tuesday arrested two persons and seized huge quantity of country-made liquor and ganja trees from a village in Savar, reports UNB.

Acting on a secret information, a special squad of the department raided the village Shamlasha and recovered 24 litres of country-made liquor and more than 7,000 litres of liquor making materials.

A case was filed against five persons with Savar thana in this connection, said a press release here today.

Reception

Indonesian Charge D' Affaires in Dhaka and Mrs Moertolo hosted a reception at a hotel here Tuesday evening to mark the 48th Independence Day of Indonesia, reports BSS.

Home Minister Abdul Mattin Chowdhury, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M A Mannan Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni, high civil and military officials, journalists, political leaders, diplomats and members of the business community were present.



SM Sultan at the press briefing.

SM Sultan's appeal for help to build 'Shishu Sharga'

Famous painter SM Sultan, who resides in a remote village - Narail in Jessore - to live close to nature and people yesterday appealed to all sections of the society to extend their helping hands for materialising his dream - the 'Shishu Sharga' or the children's paradise - which he has been developing for decades for proper upbringing of the rural children, reports BSS.

Talking to the newsmen for over an hour, the seventy-year-old painter, who is wellknown both at home and abroad for his exceptionally brilliant paintings, said his 'Shishu Sharga' which he had been running for decades, now needed patronage.

বাংলাদেশ সিল্প শ্রম সঙ্ঘ Head Office 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka Commercial Banking Division International Re-Tender for Import of Security Printing Paper Sealed quotations are invited from Manufacturers of security papers or their local Agents for supply of not over 500 reams of 1/size lithoed sensitized security cheque paper in Blue/Buff colour as detailed below: 1. Sensitized security cheque printing paper 1/size lithoed with wavy design with water fugitive ink and may also have manufacturer's own water mark acceptable to the Sangstha. 2. Size: 45.7 cm X 58.4 cm (app) (18"x23")-85 Grams, 500 sheets (duly counted) in a ream which should be mentioned in invoice and packing list. 3. Cost for each ream, separately on C&F Chittagong (by Sea) and C&F Dhaka (by Air) basis, in figures and words should be mentioned. 4. Sample of quoted papers, country of origin, shipment period and earnest money @ 5% of quoted value in favour of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee should accompany the tender. 5. The packets of the paper must be made strong enough so that no packet is torn/broken under any circumstances in reaching Head Office of the Sangstha in Dhaka. 6. Tender schedule may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours up to 7th September, 1993. 7. Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked 'Tender for Import of Security Paper' may be dropped in the Tender Box kept in the 5th floor of the Sangstha up to 12:00 Noon on 8th September, 1993 and the same will be opened at 1:00 pm on the same date in presence of the tenderers (if any). 8. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/quotations/tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. M.A. Hakim Deputy General Manager

Weather No change in temperature By Staff Correspondent Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) says, light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind are likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions. The Met office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. The country's highest temperature yesterday of 34.4 degree Celsius was recorded in Rajshahi and the lowest 22.6 degree was recorded in Rangamati. Chief amounts of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday were: Teknaf 22mm, Cox's Bazar 14mm, Chittagong 8mm and Rangamati 8mm. The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:29 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:35 am. The maximum and the mini 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 9am 6pm Dhaka 32.5 28.7 77 69 Chittagong 32.5 24.5 78 67 Rajshahi 33.5 26.2 77 69 Khulna 32.6 27.0 77 79 Barisal 31.6 26.7 82 85 Cox's Bazar 29.5 25.0 82 92 Sylhet 33.5 25.2 95 86 Dinajpur 33.4 26.7 79 90

Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust 'Swadhinata Bhaban' 88; Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka-1000 Memo No: IS/Gen-1/172 Dated: 17-8-93 Tender Notice Invitation of tender for running the industrial units under Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust on financial partnership Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust authorities have decided to accept financial partnership in view of running the undermentioned industrial units under the Trust smoothly & profitably: (1) Sirco Soap & Chemical Industries Ltd, 273/276 Tejaon Industrial Area, Dhaka. (2) Hardeo Glass, Aluminium, Enamel & Silicate Works Kalameshwar Board Bazar, Gazipur. (3) United Tobacco Company Ltd. Kalameshwar Board Bazar, Gazipur. (4) Bangladesh Glass Industries (Hysons) = 102, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur. (5) Metal Packages Ltd. 155/156, Tejaon Industrial Area, Dhaka. (6) Model Engineering Works 12 & 27-32 Madanpal Lane, Dhaka. (7) Buxly Paints Ltd. 215/216 Nasirabad Industrial Area, Bayezid Bostari, Chittagong. Sealed tenders are invited from persons/firms interested to invest finance in the said establishments, with their terms & conditions. Tender should be dropped in the tender box kept at the Industrial Division of the Trust by 12:00 Noon on 07 September, '93. Bank Draft/Pay Order for Taka 100000/= (one lakh) from any scheduled bank should be submitted with the tender as Earnest Money. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Terms & conditions of financial partnership will be decided later on. General Manager Industry & Commerce

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