

Dhaka Day by Day

Sweat, Toil and Sorrow for a Cause

by Fayza Haq

An exhibition of art works on the Liberation War which was recently held at La Galerie, upheld the values and beliefs of the War of Independence, bringing together the fine works of 51 well-known artists in the city.

Gayyum Chowdhury's pen and ink drawing presented portraits of politicians including Sheikh Mujibur Rahman addressing the masses. Poignant illustrations of freedom fighters and the suffering population of Bangladesh were brought into a single sheet of paper.

Md Kibria's mixed media presented the subject of the exhibition in broken forms and washes of beige and soft grey to form abstract forms. A couple of sketched roses, as one puts on graves, blended into the forefront.

Syed Jahangir's pastel depicted soldiers with their helmets and bayonets. Yellow, purple and orange covered the rest of the composition. A dead child was drawn on top lying within a red semicircle.

Monirul Islam's print brought in a conglomeration of skeletons, derobed people, monsters and beasts, all caught up in a seemingly unending struggle.

Hamiduzzaman Khan's charcoal drawing depicted a freedom fighter in a battle field. The piece was remarkable for the economy of the strokes and the dramatic effect of the composition.

Jamal Ahmed's water colour had the same theme, done with powerful strokes of black and white, offset by red loam cloth. The element of action was portrayed with remarkable immediacy.

Abdus Sattar showed the back of a woman, with her hair in wild disarray, her clothes crumpled and her jewellery destroyed, twisted and torn. The ink and pencil sketch was done in brown, with faint hints of red.

Raafiqun Nabi's water colour depicted a woman mourning her dead man, which could have been either her husband or her son. The strokes were mature and effective and depicted a story with emotion.

Hashem Khan's collage and water colour delineated a leaping young freedom fighter and a collection of huddled men. The pieces of paper in the collage were put together with finesse against a grey background which was framed in a rectangle white.

Ibrahim's oil on paper showed people lost, huddled and fleeing. This was done with strokes of white against a black background, touched with pink and beige. The sense of hopelessness of the homeless people was conveyed with an impact.

The mixed media by Nazli Latla Mansur brought in corpses, juxtaposed with idyllic scenes of the countryside. In the forefront was a boy engrossed in playing with a wooden toy soldier.

The ink sketch by Abdus Shakoor showed a dying outstretched figure with a grieving wife and child. Faces of people caught up in the horror were included in the backdrop.

The multicoloured collage by Hashi Chakraborty included a tiny flag of Bangladesh and a

sketch of the countryside. A poisonous snake, an owl and a clock with extended hands went along with the carefully placed patches of red, purple, green and black.

The water colour by Farida Zaman showed a beast, a bird and a moon in grey with a woman's nude figure in black grey and beige.

The mixed media by Naima Haque had abstract forms of beige and brown placed on sketches of barbed wire and decapitated bodies.

Dilara Begum Jolly brought in surrealistic images of Razaakars and corpses in his water colour, using soft greens, pinks and blues.

Md Eunus's work showed monstrous hairy hands with bloody nails destroying the image of a peaceful delineation of the Bangladesh countryside.



Hamiduzzaman's charcoal drawing.

The drawing by Debdas Chakraborty depicted crying and howling women, with their clothes in disarray. In the forefront was the face of an angry young freedom fighter scowling behind barbed wires. Tiny sketches of flowers and birds, symbolising hope were interspersed in the composition.

The pen and ink sketch by Samjitroy Choudhury showed a horrified and lost woman surrounded with bayonets. Faces of freedom fighters lined the forefront, while the flag of Bangladesh was sketched into the background.

The exhibition was a good pictorial depiction of the Liberation struggle and was accompanied by a sale of books on the same subject.



Jubadal brought out a procession in the city yesterday to make the BNP National Council a success. — Star photo

Tk 6 cr per year for FFs' families

Taka six crore is being spent per year for the honorarium and welfare of the families of the shaheed and war injured freedom fighters (FFs), reports BSS.

This was disclosed at the 11th Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting of the Ministry of Defence held at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Major General (Retd), M Majid-ul-Haq presided over the meeting.

The meeting was informed that 12 industrial and 10 commercial organisations are now functioning under the Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust. The meeting took some important decisions to make the closing organisation of the trust profitable and to ensure their smooth functioning.

The committee also instructed the Ministry of Defence

Petrobanga contractors slate decision

Enlisted contractors yesterday demanded withdrawal of the new conditions tagged with the tenders of Petrobanga and fair chance for all the 1.4 category contractors, reports UNB.

At a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday morning, they said the conditions were imposed in connivance with a section of corrupt officials of Petrobanga to benefit a coterie of contractors.

Secretary General of the 1.4 gas association Abdullah Al-Mahmud read out a statement that said Petrobanga enlisted thirty-four 1.4 category contractors after proper examination of their technical competence, economic capability and manpower. "Now any new conditionalities mean squeezing the scope of competition."

Explaining different categories, Mahmud said contractors of the 1.4 category could work for giving domestic gas connections; category 1.2 in industrial connections.



Monday

5:00 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
5:10 News in Bangla
5:25 Sports programme
6:30 Desh O Biggan
7:00 Open University
7:25 Nazrul songs
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Janamat
9:00 Saptadina
10:00 News in English
10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
11:00 Disco Rally
11:30 Khabor/The News
11:45 Closing.

and concerned officials of the trust to submit reports about deliberations Hardeo Glass Factory and concentrated multiple juice plant.

Members of the committee Wing Commander (Retd) M Hamidullah Khan, Major (Retd) Kamrul Islam and Professor Rezaul Karim of the BNP, Colonel (Retd) Showkat Ali, Md Asaduzzaman and Khan Tipu Sultan of the Awami League, Maulana Md Shakawat Hossain

Release of Dr Guzman demanded

By DU Correspondent

Speakers at a meeting condemned the life imprisonment of the Communist Party Chairman of Peru (PCP) Dr Abimael Guzman (comrade Gonzalo) and demanded his release immediately.

The speakers, at a solidarity meeting yesterday, also urged all to launch a vigorous agitation against imperialism.



The meeting was arranged by the International Emergency Committee (IEC), Bangladesh unit, for saving life of Dr Guzman at the TSC seminar room at the Dhaka University in the afternoon.

Expressing solidarity with the IEC, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Dr Ahmed Sharif, Faiz Ahmed, Haider Akber Khan Rono, Abdullah Sarker, AFM Mahabul Huq, Nirmol Sen, Badruddin Umar, Abdul Motin, Hamidul Huq, Shamir Chakma and student leaders Sanjaya Chakma and Abul Kalam Azad Babul.

The meeting condemned the violations of the International and Peruvian laws in trying Dr Guzman.

It also opposed the institution of the death penalty in Peru, US military and economic support of the Fujimori regime.

A documentary film 'Peoples of the Shining Path' and the video of the press conference in which Dr Guzman addressed in prison in 1992 were shown in the solidarity meeting.

of the Jamaat-e-Islami and Defence Secretary M Hasinur Rahman were present in the meeting.

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Shariah laws to be followed to utilise Zakat Fund: Keramat

Minister for Religious Affairs Muhammad Keramat Ali yesterday said that the guidelines of shariah would strictly be observed in utilising the Zakat Fund maintained by the Islamic Foundation of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

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Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Unani and Ayurvedic Board Alhaj Moulana Obaidul Haque Khatib, Baizul Mokarram National Mosque and Alhaj Ruhul Amin Khan, secretary general Jami at-e-Hizbullah were present in the meeting.

The project run under Zakat Fund are: Shishu Hospital at Tongi, Ideal Madrasa at Heli Jahat, Mymensingh, sewing projects at 25 Islamic missions in different districts, poor students scholarship projects, rehabilitation of able unemployed poor people, rehabilitation of destitute women and fish culture.



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A two-hour Admission Test will be held on October 8 at 9-30 a.m. at Titumir College, Mahakhali, Dhaka. The applicants must bring their Admission Test Pass which will be provided at the time of submitting the application form. The test will consist of multiple choice and essay questions. The students will be tested particularly on their achievement in English and Mathematics. Those who do not meet the required standard in Mathematics and English language shall have to attend intensive English and Mathematics courses at NSU for two months from 30th October to 31st December, 1993 (six days a week). The fee for each course per month is Tk. 3,500/-; no separate admission fee for the courses.

The roll numbers of the successful applicants will be announced in **The Daily Star** on October 16 or 17, 1993.

The admission for Spring Semester and also for intensive English and Mathematics courses (October-December, '93) will begin immediately after the announcement of the test results. The applicants from the waiting list will be accepted for admission after November 1, 1993 subject to availability of seats.

Orientation for the new students for regular Spring Semester (January-April) will begin on January 6, 1994 at 9-00 a.m. and classes will commence from January 11, 1994.

JMS disburses Tk 13.64 lakh loan among 785 women

The Jatiya Mohila Sangstha (JMS) has so far disbursed Tk 13 lakh 64 thousand as loan among 785 women of 23 districts in five divisions of the country to help them involve in income generating activities, reports BSS.

This was disclosed at the 19th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Women's Affairs Ministry held at the Sangsad Bhaban.

The State Minister for Women's Affairs, Sarwari Rahman, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was informed that the Prime Minister has sanctioned a special grant of Taka 20 lakh to JMS for conducting Loan Disbursement Programme among the unemployed and destitute women.

The meeting was also informed that 400 women are being imparted vocational training every year on weaving, batik printing, pottery, leather works, spices processing, cooking, baking, tailoring, embroidery and computer courses by the head office of JMS.

BOU needs 2nd TV channel to expand activities

Bangladesh Open University, an alternative education system covering an extensive area of academic and non-academic curriculum, needs a second television channel for expanding its activities, reports UNB.

Talking to newsmen at a press conference at the temporary office of the BOU, Vice Chancellor Dr M Shamsher Ali said the new education system depended on telecommunication media as well as postal service and electro-mechanical devices such as radio, television and audio and video cassettes.

But radio and television now allot only 30 minutes each for broadcasting the studies of the BOU, inadequate to deal with BOU courses, as a general lecture in other universities takes about an hour, he said.

The VC pointed out that there were educational channels in Pakistan, India, Australia, Britain and many other countries for telecasting academic activities.

The university has an ongoing project of Tk 187 crore —



A press conference at the Open University in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Weather Moderate rain likely

By Staff Correspondent

Sky may remain partly cloudy over the country for the next 24 hours commencing 6 am today (Monday). Light to moderate temporary rain showers accompanied by gusty wind likely to occur at two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy fall at places over the regions of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Bogra, Tangail, Mymensingh and Sylhet.

The Met Office forecasts, day temperature is likely to remain unchanged over the country. The country's highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 22.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Rangamati.

The chief amount of rainfall recorded in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm yesterday across the country were: Raripur 60mm, Sylhet 55mm, Srimangal 35 mm.

The sun sets today at 6.20 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.29am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some of the major cities and towns of the country were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.2	27.2	88	78
Chittagong	31.5	24.6	78	70
Rangpur	31.5	27.0	91	98
Khulna	33.8	26.0	81	73
Barisal	33.8	26.0	92	95