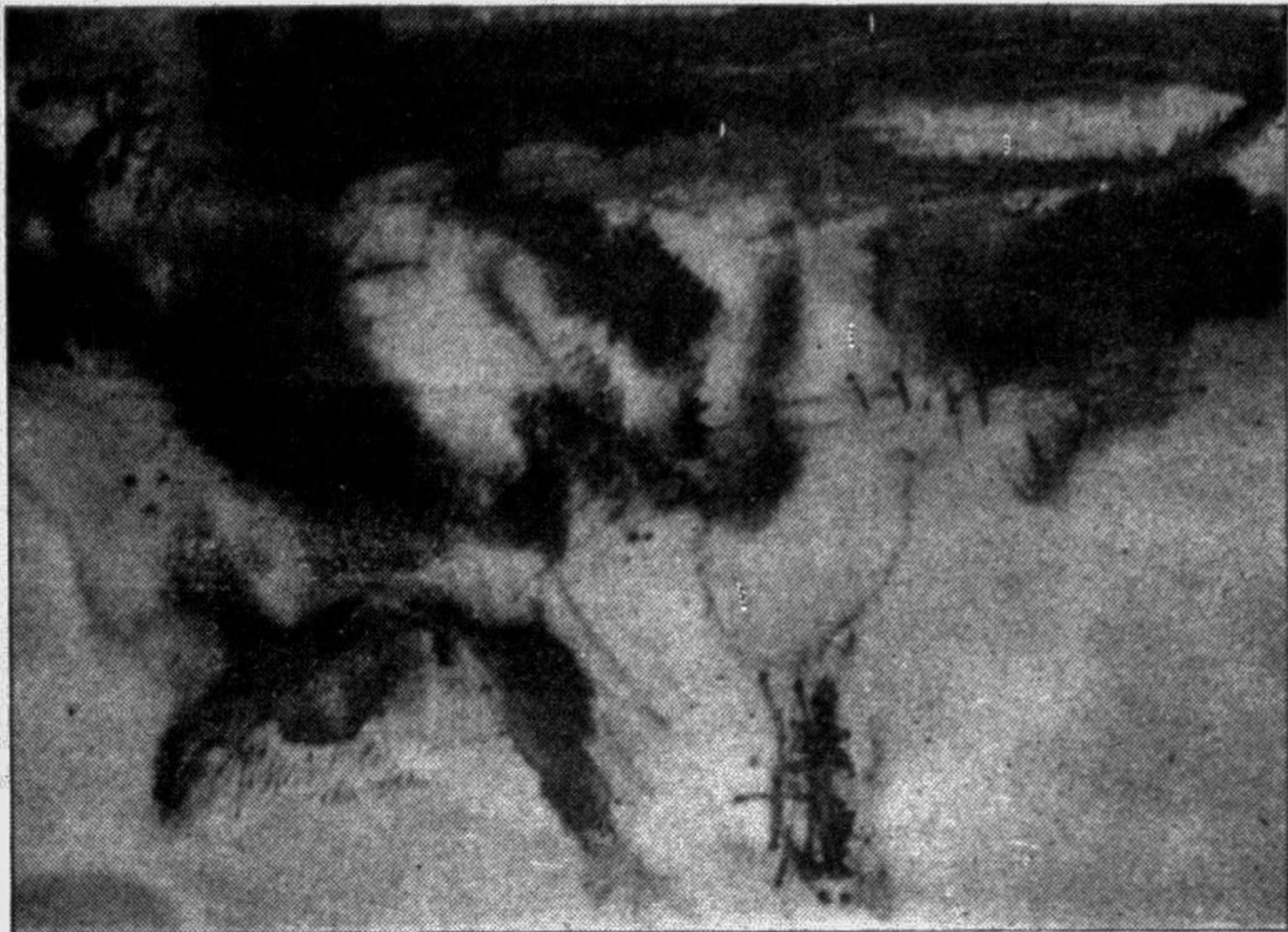


Dhaka Day by Day

An Outlet of Energy in Rhythmic Sweeps

by Fayza Haq



Masud Alam, who recently had his exhibition of abstracts at La Galerie, is very much influenced by multicultural USA, where he now lives permanently, after having studied in Bulgaria for six years. "America can teach the world a lot", the artist commented.

Masud was not cut off from his roots and in his colours and colour harmonies one could see the warm hues of his original home in Bangladesh. Abstract work normally goes from the creator to the emotion on the canvas, without figurative imagery but Masud has not given up figures completely in all his work.

His drawings often originated from figures in motion, such as a horse or a man, and he has sometimes used cartoon technique. His paintings were similar to that of Jackson Pollock's, and in them we saw an outlet of energy. He did not isolate figure from ground or one image from another. He applied one layer over another and also used the drip method. As one layer was placed on another there appeared a sense of depth. Each painting had its own rhythm and dynamic movement.

Beautiful and bright flower-like abstractions were found in the water colours and they had a three dimensional form, with spots and bright colours contrasting with the backdrop of white.

In Masud's monotype, the play of light and shade existed within a whirling movement. At times one got the impression of birds and at other of waves or winds.

In "Blue Wind" one found blue and red brushwork. The dots and lines were used to integrate the composition and balance the painting. Black and white relieved the bright hues. The colours and the movements within them were there to move the viewer. The object of the painter was to show how the wind passed through our lives.

"Movement-1" which was an oil and acrylic on canvas, was a combination of lines and squares. On the white canvas oil bars were used. Next the artist put in both cold and warm colours and with a thick brush added sweeping lines. For composition he used drippings as well.

In "Movement-11", which was an oil on canvas one found red and yellow brushwork merged

Ferry service on Sirajganj, Bhuapur route suspended

The Bangladeshi Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) suspended its ferry service on Sirajganj-Bhuapur route with effect from 6 am yesterday due to fall of water level, reports BSS.

According to the BIWTC authority the water level on the route at present has fallen to four feet four inches.

The authority will start the ferry service again after necessary dredging.

Kalihati Public Library team calls on Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas emphasised the need for expansion and development of the libraries in the rural areas for speedy eradication of illiteracy from the society, reports BSS.

President Biswas was exchanging views with a 9-member delegation of Kalihati Public Library, Tangail, who called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.



Anniversary of Najma Jesmin's death today

The fourth death anniversary of the noted litterateur and educationist Dr Najma Jesmin Choudhury will be observed today, says a press release.

The fourth Najma Jesmin Choudhury Memorial lecture will be delivered by Professor Kabir Chowdhury to commemorate the death. He will speak on "the contemporary Bengali theatre in relation to influences on it from abroad". The lecture session will be held at the auditorium of the Institute of Modern Languages at 4:00 pm. Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed will preside.

The Dhaka Little Theatre of which Najma Jesmin Choudhury was the principal organiser, will hold a meeting at the German Cultural Centre auditorium at 6 pm.

Gano Forum hails Israel-PLO accord

The Gano Forum yesterday welcomed the mutual recognition of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), reports BSS.

In a statement, Begum Nurjahan Murshid, acting president of the forum, said the step aimed at ending the 45-year long enmity between Israel and the PLO would help establish the rights of the Palestinians.

World-wide Essay Competition in Celebration of International Year of Family-1994

On the occasion of celebrating the year 1994 as the International Year of Family, the United Schools International, New Delhi has arranged for a world-wide essay competition. The aim is expression of the mood of the school students (boys/girls) towards reduction of tension in the present world, world peace and unity through this competition. Each student can write an essay on any of the following two subjects:

- 1) My Concept of a Happy Family.
- 2) How Can I Contribute to Maintain Peace and Harmony in the World.

Rules & regulations

- a) Age of the student (boy/girl): Within 13-16 years.
- b) Language of essay: English/Persian/Arabic (any one language).
- c) Size of essay: 700-1200 words.
- d) Date of submitting the essay: Essay should reach the New Delhi office by 30-3-1994. (The school authority will hold the essay competition by 24-1-94).
- e) Fee: Fee of US dollar 1 (one) or Indian rupees 15 (fifteen) should be sent with each essay.
- f) List of participants, essay and fee should be sent to: United Schools International (USI) Headquarters, USO House 6, Special Institutional Area, New Delhi-110067.
- g) Number of prizes: 50 nos.
- h) Result: Result will be published on the United Nations Day, October 24, 1994.
- i) Place of contact: Own school.

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Metropolitan

Biswas, Khaleda greet President, PM of Guinea Bissau

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated President De Joao Bernardo Vieira, of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on the occasion of the National Day of his country, reports BSS.

In a message to President Vieira, President Biswas wished him good health, happiness and long life and the people of Guinea Bissau progress and prosperity.

Khaleda

Meanwhile, in a separate message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated Carlos Correia, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on the same occasion.

Begum Zia wished the people of that country continued peace, progress and prosperity and their leader good health and happiness.

Closedown of polythene bag factories recommended

The eighteenth meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Jute Ministry was held here yesterday with its Chairman Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah in the chair, reports BSS.

The committee recommended to close down the synthetic and polythene bag producing factories in the country and to impose ban on establishing new factories for producing synthetic and polythene bags.

The committee reorganised its earlier constituted sub-committee on enquiry of irregularities in the Bangladesh Jute Corporation (BJC) with Advocate Khairel Enam MP as its Convenor and A K M Fazlul Haque MP, Mohammad Mojibur Rahman MP as members.

Members of the Parliament Advocate Khairel Enam (AL), Mosarrat Hossain (BNP) and senior officials of the Jute Ministry were present in the meeting.

115 employees of BSRS released from service

One hundred and fifteen employees of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangsada (BSRS) have been released from their services under the golden handshake scheme of the government, reports BSS.

A BSRS press release said, this was done at the initial stage of restructuring the organisation.

More than eighty per cent of these employees have reportedly opted for voluntary retirement. Upto ninety per cent of their dues have already been paid off, the press release said adding, necessary steps are being taken to pay the remaining portion of their dues within next 30 days.

Out of 115 released, 56 are officers and 59 are employees.

BTV Sunday

5.00	Opening announcement
5.10	Al-Quran
5.25	Programme summary
6.20	News in Bangla
6.45	Sports programme
7.20	Cricket : Australia vs West Indies
8.00	Apnar Dakta : Programme on health
8.30	Open University
9.05	Tagore songs
10.00	Antarik Aml
10.30	Film show : Raven
11.30	News in English
11.40	Chhayachanda
12.00	Khabar/ The News
12.30	Tomorrow's programme summary
12.45	Closing

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Sunday) says light to moderate rain or thundershower is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls over Chittagong region and the weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country.

Met Office forecasts, day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The country's highest temperature of 35.5 degrees Celsius was recorded in Sylhet while lowest of 23.4 degrees Celsius was recorded in Rangamati yesterday.

The sun sets today at 6.06 pm and rises tomorrow (Monday) at 5.44 am.

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

Cities/ Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Max	Min	9am 6pm
Dhaka	35.3	26.5 72 67
Chittagong	31.5	25.2 95 95
Rajshahi	34.9	26.2 79 79
Khulna	34.6	27.5 84 78
Barisal	33.8	26.5 79 78
Cox's Bazar	30.4	25.8 87 97
Dinajpur	34.8	26.7 76 66
Sylhet	35.0	25.8 78 71



Newly appointed German Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dr Jurgen Gehl talking to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

— PID photo

PM for more bilateral trade with Germany

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday stressed further development of bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Germany and sought German investment in the country, reports UNB.

She was talking to the newly-appointed German Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dr Jurgen Gehl, when he called on her at the Prime Minister's office yesterday afternoon.

"We don't want to depend on aid but seek German assistance and increased trade facilities," Begum Zia said appreciating German assistance in different development activities.

There is a wide scope of increasing bilateral trade, she told the German envoy, particularly mentioning the possibility of exporting environment friendly natural fibre, jute.

The Prime Minister mentioned the restoration of democracy and the functioning of different democratic institutions under the present government.

She welcomed the new Ambassador and expressed hope for good and friendly relations with Germany, which further developed after Shaheed Zia's visit, would expand during his tenure in Bangladesh. She also recalled her visit to Germany with President Zia.

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin said that a centre for advice on AIDS will be opened at Chittagong Memon Hospital at Sadarghat here soon, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a two-day workshop on AIDS at the Chittagong City Corporation auditorium, the Mayor urged the physicians to put in their best efforts in making mass awareness about the deadly disease.

He said there was every possibility of spreading AIDS in this port city as many foreigners visit it.

The Mayor said religious discipline and public awareness could greatly help in preventing AIDS.

Thirty five medical officers of the Chittagong City Corporation are participating in the workshop.

He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in a critical condition.

In another incident a contractor received bullet injuries in his left leg when a group of miscreants opened fire on him at Shantinagar about 6.30 pm.

The victim, Mohammed Faroque, 22, alleged that the miscreants shot at him and snatched his gold necklace.

Mohammed Khandaker Alangir Pappu, 25, a resident of 338, Free School Street was injured when a group of miscreants fired gun shots about 5 am.

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