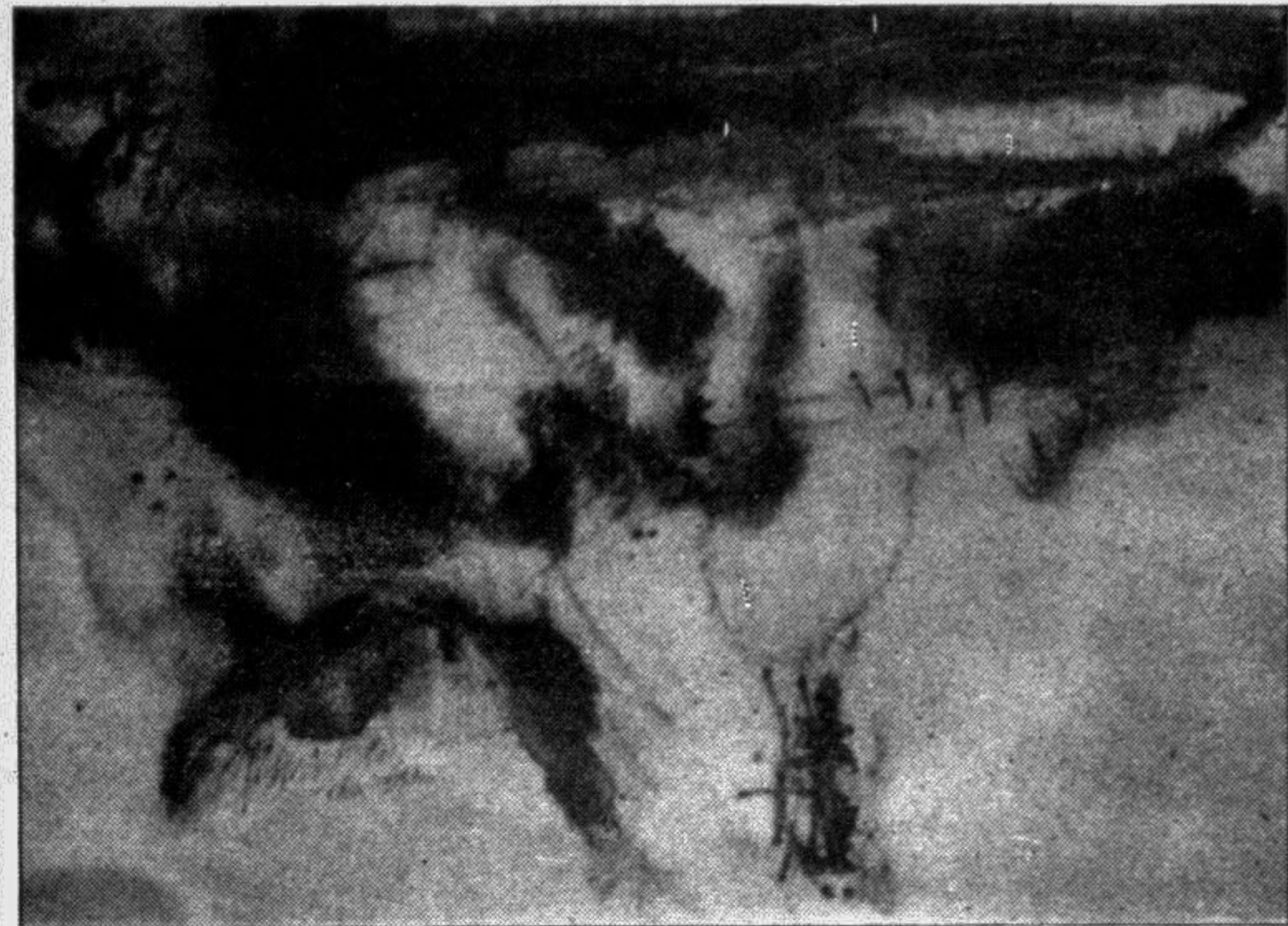


Dhaka Day by Day

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

with Van Dyke brown and green roller work. Oil bars were used for the basic lining. Once again one was overwhelmed with the sense of movement.

Bright bars of colours were used yet again in "Forest-1". The artist had tried to give the impression of leaves, branches and flowers. "Forest-11", a monotype had blue and red dots with brown sweeps to give the concept of a forest.

"Seaward", a water colour, brought in the water in blue in the background. In front was the sand in beige, brown and red with a large pebble in the foreground.

Normally, for painting, one used many plates, but in the "Untitled" monotype one found various colours like red, yellow, black and grey, where the artist had used a single plate.

Talking about his life and work in New York, Masud said, "There are over 550 galleries there and it is not difficult to make a living. For a young or a new artist it may be difficult to get accepted, but once you are established, the rest is easy. I do not always do abstract work. My going into abstraction is just an urge to please myself. I do portraits sometimes. Next year, I might just concentrate on realism. I often work on the rooftop of my flat as my studio which is sometimes too small for my canvases. I moved to New York as I believe that this is the centre of the art world, and I enjoyed studying with my teacher Richard Poussette-Dart. I have a son Rubaiyat and a daughter Sharara, and I am completely contented."

Giving some advice to young artists of Bangladesh, Masud added, "Going to art school is not enough. You have to study not only the masters but all the artists. You should be acquainted with all aspects of fine arts. It is important to exchange views and thoughts with colleagues and seniors. They should try their hand at as many media as possible. A lot of people complain that they don't have enough materials in Bangladesh but I see charcoal and paints in the markets, and they appear adequate. Most importantly, the young artists should persevere and not get smug with occasional success."

Ferry service on Sirajganj, Bhuapur route suspended

The Bangladesh 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.

Kalihat 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 UNB.

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

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 Khairul Enam MP as its Convenor and A K M Fazlul Haque MP, Mohammad Maitur Rahman MP as members.

Members of the Parliament Advocate Khairul Enam (AL), Mosharraf 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 Shipha Rin Sangstha (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. Up to 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 employees.



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



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.



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

8 die, 4 injured in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least eight persons including two minor boys were killed in separate incidents in and around the city during the last 48 hours.

A minor boy was killed when a speeding truck knocked him at Basundhara, Gulshan in the city at about 10:30 am Saturday.

The victim Rimon, 7, son of Mohammad Othar Ali died on the spot.

A case was filed with Gulshan police station in this connection.

In another incident, a fisherman was electrocuted at Khilkhet area in the city early Saturday.

The victim Nitai, 22, was electrocuted as he was going to catch fish by boat which touched a live electric wire at a lake at Khilkhet area at about 3 am and he died on the spot.

Mohammad Monu Miah 35, an 'auto-rickshaw driver was killed when a speeding minibus dashed his vehicle at Khilkhet in the city Friday morning.

He was seriously injured and rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and later shifted to the Mohakhali Chest Disease Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

In another incident, a beggar died when a motor bike ran over him at Kuril Bishwa Road at about 1 pm Friday.

The victim Mohammed Dulal Miah, 60, died on the spot. However police seized the motor bike and arrested the rider.

Mohammad Rahman, 22, reportedly committed suicide at his residence at Savar in the outskirts of the city in the Friday morning.

Mohammad Rahman killed himself by taking poison.

A pedestrian, Mohammed Rowshan Ali, 60, was killed when a speeding vehicle knocked him at Gulshan Chairman Bari in the city Saturday morning.

The victim was seriously injured, and sent to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries, in the afternoon on the same day.

In another incident Mohammad Kamrul Islam, 20, was killed when a bus ran over him in the Mouchak area in the city at about 1:30 pm yesterday.

He was seriously hurt and sent to the DMCH where he died after admission.

A minor boy died at Demra in the city Saturday noon.

The victim Mohammed Habib, 10, a student of class four in the Shamsul High School was drowned when he went to take bath with his brother Mabbub at a pond near local Dogai Mosque.

AIDS advice centre in Ctg soon

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin said today that a centre for advice on AIDS will be opened at Chittagong M 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.

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.

Happy Birthday



Sheahan
Wish you many happy returns of the day
From
Shena, Amma & Abba

Dhaka WASA Tender Notice

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Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1st, 2nd and 3rd class automobiles contractors/ bonafide automobiles workshop owners for engine overhauling, denting painting and other repair works of Toyota Starlet car No Dhaka-Gha-3897 at an allotted post of Taka 42,424/- Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 20-9-93 and opened on the same day at 2:00 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their representatives.

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhavan, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS zone offices of Dhaka WASA. Other detailed descriptions will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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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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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 thundershowers is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls over Chittagong regions 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 Satkhira 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

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