

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Beyond Tradition

by Fayza Haq

Kalidas Karmakar, who had his press preview and is having his exhibition opened on 18th March at Shilpakala Academy, is bold and lyrical, as he has always been. His vision is personalised but his world is an objective one. The rhythm of his powerful creative impulse carves out a stimulating atmosphere. He has combined simple forms with poetic colours and fascinating textures. His single-minded dedication through the years has resulted in his successful experimentation.

"In the Subcontinent they use stones, talismans, mazzars, old trees, cowries, the sun and moon as religious or spiritual symbols in times of trouble and in my present exhibition I have dealt with these," Kalidas explains.

The medium that he has used is paper pulp. "Kozo, gumbi, matsumoto and hinuki are used to provide the fibres from the trees, which in

Japan are today being used instead of oil and canvas. In this medium I have inserted many spiritual symbols," the artist elaborates.

In one of his pieces, one finds a white background with a black square of sand and clay and a red cross of threads along with four cowries. The cowries symbolise power. In No 2, there is a white circle enclosing two more circles symbolising a woman's bosom. This could stand for both nature and earth. There is a stone in the centre covered with a gold thread. A thin red string comes to the bottom and stand for happiness and desire.

Another piece

has squares which represent society. It denotes cities, villages and homes. There is a triangular form in the centre with three white squares, each having different textures. They hold a triangle which is a symbol of sexuality and happiness. The stone in the centre stands for purity and nature. In front can be seen a combination of coloured metal rings which represent modern society with its good and evil elements.

There is a stick in the centre of No 4. This stick is a colourful one and stands for promise of life. All around are black splashes which represent painful experiences. The surrounding is a mass of pristine white.

No 5 is a purple circle symbolising the earth. Inside are more circles with orange and gold dots to bring in the glow of the sun and the moon. The distance between the earth and the sun and moon are delineated by another blue circle. The white triangle in the centre stands for nature.

Paddy fields are depicted in a white square with brown flecks of actual rice husks. In the centre is a straight black line symbolising the pain in the lives of the people despite liberation and democracy. Three cowries stand for the need of a better economy.

In another entry there is a white pyramid with the footprints of the artist, surrounded by rice. The footprints symbolise the need to persevere. The pyramid has finger touches in beige which stand for the artist's groping for happiness. There is a plait coming from the entire to the bottom symbolising the artist's beloved. Around the triangle are shining beige and brown which represent rain, in which the artist delight in. At the black centre are coloured stones. These stand for hope and are highlighted by red.

In another piece there is a circle of natural

fibre which has abstract forms in brown, representing animals, birds or leaves, which have been depicted in a lyrical manner. This is outlined by a ring of white symbolising purity. This has a soothing effect on the viewer.

A talisman, a glass circle with Arabic scriptural writings, a circle of beads, leather circles which are coloured and covered in glass are placed on a pulp of natural clay in another entry. The combination of circles and triangles is arresting, even if one does not delve deep into their meaning.

Yet another entry has a white circle with talisman, beads and cowries. This has a black

leather circle below it, standing for evil, which is in turn balanced by a red leather circle below standing for optimism. While the black piece is surrounded by white, the red has a backdrop of brown circles. This abstraction in beige and brown again deals with the good and evil in life.

One also finds a white pulp with a stamp of a hand symbolising fate in another piece. The hair of the beloved forms a pattern. Circles, semicircles, dots and triangles in brown, white and beige symbolise life with its vicissitudes.

Kalidas in his work, is in search of the soul, through spiritual symbolism of his work. The artist has already delighted his viewers earlier with his expressionism based on mythical stories. He has amazed his viewers before with his collage of metal, wood and such non painting materials. In his present exhibition his medium is entirely new while his vision is refreshing.



A fair was arranged in the city yesterday to mark the Eid-ul-Fitr. — Star photo



The main Eid congregation at the National Eidgah Maidan in the city on Monday. — Star photo



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia exchanging Eid greetings with the foreign diplomats and representatives of different international organisations at her Sugandha Office in the capital on Eid Day Monday. — PID Photo

### One killed in road mishap

An old man, critically injured when ran over by a bus at the local terminal on Tuesday, succumbed to his injuries at the Sirajganj General Hospital yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said Afsar Ali, 50, of village Mothurapur in Kamarkhand thana was allegedly knocked down by the helper as he tried to board the Bogra-bound bus.

Critically injured, Afsar Ali was rushed to the hospital where he died at 4 pm.

The bus sped away after the mishap.

A case has been filed with sadar thana.

### Hoodlums storm 'Chaitra Mela'

JAMALPUR, Mar 16: Armed hoodlums stormed 'Chaitra Sangkrantir Mela' at the Gopalpur High School ground today, injuring over 100 stall owners, 20 seriously, as they refused to pay toll, reports UNB.

Police said the 'mastans' exploded crackers, beat up the stall owners and looted their stalls.

Today's attack was made as the mastans were refused toll on Tuesday.

Police reportedly reached the spot three hours after the violence and rushed the injured to Jamalpur General Hospital and Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The two-day fair began Tuesday, the first day of the Bengali month of Chaitra, at the school ground, 20 km from the district headquarters.

Whereabouts of 23 businessmen could not be known since the attack was launched at 10 am, family sources said.

Meanwhile, Jamalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a statement condemned the attack and demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

### Petrol pump looted in city

By Staff Correspondent

Armed terrorists ransacked the Ramna Filling Station at Bangabandhu Avenue and looted some 35 thousand taka Monday midnight.

A former Jatiya Party MP Ummu Kawsar Salsabil Hena, owner of the filling station and a dealer of the Padma Oil Company Limited, lodged a case with the Motijheel police station.

The terrorists also beat up two brothers of Hena — Kamal Shamsuddoha Mamoon and Mosaddeq Nurul Huda Marwar — when they tried to resist the terrorists at about 12:30 am Monday.

According to the First Information Report (FIR), some 17 people armed with lethal weapons stormed into the filling station and looted the money. They also broke the window panes of the petrol pump.

Mamoon and Marwar were preparing to return home after the end of the day's sale when the terrorists stormed the petrol pump, their relatives said.

Mamoon was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) from where he was shifted to the Mohanagar Clinic on Eid Day. Marwar was given first aid.

Motijheel police visited the spot but failed to arrest any body.

### 'Muslims being tortured'

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliament Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz offered Eid-prayers at Eidgah Maidan of Mirzapur under Atary Thana in Panchagarh, reports BSS.

He said, the Muslims are being tortured and oppressed in a number of countries including Palestine and Bosnia.

### Joynul Abedin's death condoled

Railway officers and employees at a meeting here yesterday condoled the tragic death in a car accident of Additional Secretary of Railway Division A K M Joynul Abedin and his car Driver Lakikat Ullah, reports UNB.

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed chaired the condolence meeting at the conference room of Railway Division. It was addressed, among others, by Railway Secretary Dr Mashur Rahman.

The meeting expressed sympathy for the bereaved family members and prayed for the departed souls.

It also urged the authorities to clear all dues of the deceased as early as possible.

Condolence meetings were also held at the headquarters of Railway's eastern and western zones at Chittagong and Rajshahi and at the divisional headquarters at Dhaka, Panchagarh, Pakshi and Lalmonirhat.

### Drug detoxification camp from Apr 1

Mukti Lawrence Foundation, the pioneer anti drug abuse organisation of Bangladesh, will conduct a month-long "drug detoxification camp from Apr 1, reports BSS.

Drug addict patients will be treated in this camp. Noted physicians, psychiatrists and drug consultants of the country will provide free services for the patients. Doctors and counsellors will be available from 10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm every day for providing free advice, counselling and guidance to the patients, guardians and their family members.

Interested patients and the guardians have been requested to register their names immediately. Patients will be entertained on first come first served basis. For registration, please contact Mukti Lawrence Foundation, House No. 2, Road No.-19, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.

## Eid celebrated in Ctg, Rajshahi, Khulna

CHITTAGONG, Mar 14: The Holy Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated in the port city and elsewhere in the district with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports BSS.

The first and largest Eid congregation under the auspices of Chittagong City Corporation was held at Jamiatul Falah Complex premises at 7:30 am. Khatib of the complex Maulana Jalaluddin Ahmed led the prayer.

Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al-Noman, State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan and city Mayor Ahaj ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury, among others, offered prayers at the complex.

The second largest congregation was held at the stadium premises at 8:15 am under the management of the Central Eid Jamaat Committee. Ahaj Maulana Habibur Rahman led the prayer at the congregation. Eid Jamaats were held in 46 places which included Laldighi Maidan, Parade Ground Maidan, Railway Pologround Maidan, Port Stadium, Chittagong Medical College Maidan, Eidgah Maidan, Nasirabad Housing Society, Sholoshahar Ahmedia Sunnia Madrasa Maidan, Amin Jute Mills Maidan, Halishahar BDR Maidan, Dewanbazar C and B Colony Maidan, Bakalia Forkania Madrasa Maidan, University Eidgah Maidan, Chittagong Bipani Bitan, Baitul Ikram Jam-e-Masjid and Omar-gani Muslim Education Society College Maidan.

Special prayers were also held at different mosques seeking peace and progress of the nation as well as global peace. Islamic Foundation, Chittagong, the district administration and different organisations planned elaborate programmes including discussions symposia and seminars to celebrate the Eid in a befitting manner.

The national flag was hoisted atop all private and public buildings and the national flag and bunting inscribed with 'Eid Mubarak' both in Arabic and Bangla were also hoisted along the sides to the main thoroughfares and road islands of the city.

Improved diet was served to the inmates of the jails, hospitals, and different maternity, child welfare and vagabond centres on the occasion.

Besides, special films were screened in the cinema halls. Local dailies carried special supplements, while radio Bangladesh, Chittagong put up special programmes to mark the day.

People of all ages including children wearing colourful dresses embrace each other saying 'Eid Mubarak'. Similar Eid greetings were also conveyed to the members of other communities.

### Rajshahi

Meanwhile, Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated in Rajshahi Monday with due religious fervour and enthusiasm.

The main Eid congregation was held at Shahmukdhum Central Eidgah Maidan at 8 am.

The other Eid congregations were held at Rajshahi University Central Mosque, Police Line Ground, Panchanair Math, Tikapara Eidgah Ground, Shaheb Bazar Bara Mosque Ground, Upashahar Mosque, Court Ground and Bhulanapur Eidgah Maidan, Malopara Shahi Mosque, Ha-

### Seminar on cancer

Bogra unit of Bangladesh Cancer Society will hold a seminar on "resistance and cure of cancer" tomorrow at Bogra Rural Development Academy, says a press release.

Prof M A Hal, Director of the Cancer Institute and Research Hospital, Prof Syed Fazul Huq, President, Bangladesh Cancer Society, Prof Samir Kumar Sarma, Secretary General of Bangladesh Cancer Society, Prof Nazrul Islam, and ten other specialists will take part in the seminar.

tem Khan Bara Mosque, Kadirganj Mosque, Medical Campus Mosque, Kazihata Mosque, Bindpur Mosque, Talaimary Mosque, Ahmedpur Jame Mosque, Boshpara Jame Mosque and Laxmipur Mosque.

In spite of deep fog thousands of Muslims assembled in the Central Eidgah Maidan to say their Eid prayers.

### Khulna

Another report from Khulna says, the holy Eid-ul Fitr was celebrated here Monday with due solemnity and religious fervour.

Elaborate programmes were earlier taken up in the city in celebration of Eid with usual pomp and grandeur.

The day's programmes included hoisting of national flags atop public and private buildings, decoration of vantage points of all city roads with miniature national flags, festoons and bunting inscribed with verses from the holy Quran, discussion meetings, exhibition of documentary films, distribution of improved diets to the inmates of hospitals, jails and orphanages.

The main congregation of the city was held in Khulna Circuit House Ground.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali, Mayor of Khulna Sheikh Tayebur Rahman and Vice Chancellor of Khulna University Professor Dr Golam Ali Fakir were, among others, who offered Eid prayers, in Circuit House Ground.

Special prayers were offered for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation and entire Muslim world.

### Tk 50 Prize Bonds draw

The fiftieth draw of Tk 50 Prize Bonds was held yesterday at the Commissioner Office, Dhaka, says a press release.

The Additional Commissioner, Khandakar Fazlur Rahman of Dhaka division presided over.

The following is the details of Prizes drawn on 50/-Taka Prize Bonds:

29 prizes of Tk. 2,50,000/- each 1 prize in each series.

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116 prizes of Tk. 5,000/- each 4 prizes in each series.

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2610 prizes of Tk. 500/- each 90 prizes in each series.

Total-2900 Total-100

The following common numbers were drawn from amongst numbers 0000001 to 0500000.

First Prize of Tk. 2,50,000 got 0439182 number Prize Bonds holder

Second Prize of Tk 50,000 got 0291234 number Prize Bonds holder

Third Prize of Tk. 5,000 each 0037710, 0230630, 0268718, 0364152

Fourth Prizes of Tk. 2,500 each: 0010037 0207508 0375982 0467849

Fifth prize: A total of ninety Prizes of Tk. 500 each.

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**বাংলাদেশ ডাক বিভাগ**  
ডাক অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা-১০০০  
তারিখ: ৬-৬-৯৪ ইং

**গাড়ি ক্রয়ের জন্য পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১। আইটেম : ক। ৪ টি পিকআপ/পিকআপ ভ্যান (মিসুরিনি/নিশান/ইসুজু/টয়োটা)।  
খ। ১টি মিনি মাইক্রোবাস (ভান/টয়োটা/মিসুরিনি/নিশান/ইসুজু/সুজুকী)।

২। টেন্ডার সিডিটল : শাখা কর্মকর্তা (সরবরাহ), ডাক অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা-১০০০।

৩। টেন্ডার সিডিটল বিক্রেতার : ২২-৩-৯৪ ইং বেলো ১৪-০০ টা পর্যন্ত।

৪। টেন্ডার সিডিটলার মূল্য : ক। পিকআপ/পিকআপ ভ্যান- ৯৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা।  
খ। মিনি মাইক্রোবাস- ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা।

৫। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ : ২৩-৩-৯৪ ইং বেলো ১২-০০ মিঃ ও সময় পর্যন্ত।

৬। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ : ২৩-৩-৯৪ ইং বেলো ১২-০০ মিঃ ও সময় পর্যন্ত।

৭। আবেদনমূল্য : ২.৫০% উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের।

৮। দরপত্রের স্থায়িত্ব : ৩০-৬-৯৪ ইং।

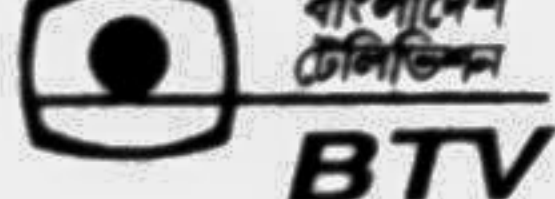
৯। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনরূপ কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র ক্রিয়ার দরপত্রের অংশ বিশেষ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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### Books presented to Biswas

Professor Mohammad Afsar-uddin of the Department of Sociology of Dhaka University called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

He presented the President with one set of books written by him on Sociology.



4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran  
4:45 Programme summary Children's programme: Esho Gaan Shikhi  
5:25 National Television School Debate Competition  
6:30 Mass Education programme Esho Para Shikhi  
7:00 Jiboner Alo  
7:25 Nazrul songs  
8:00 News in Bangla  
8:30 Drama of the Week  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Mini series: Women of Substance  
11:30 Khabar/The News  
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
11:45 Closing

### Weather

### Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by the temporary gusty wind is likely to occur over the regions of Sylhet and Mymensingh during the next 12 hours commencing 6 am today (Thursday) the Met Office forecasts.

Meanwhile weather is likely to remain dry with a fair sky elsewhere during this period of time over the country, it adds.

The day temperature is likely to rise by one degree Celsius. The highest temperature of the country yesterday (Wednesday) of 37.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Ishwardi and the lowest of 18.8 degrees Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 6:08 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 6:05 am.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded at some important towns and cities of the country yesterday were as follows:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius	Humidity in percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	34.6	24.0
Chittagong	31.4	20.2
Rajshahi	36.5	20.0
Khulna	35.3	22.8
Barisal	34.5	22.2
Cox's Bazar	32.0	20.0
Sylhet	29.1	19.8
Dinajpur	31.5	18.8

### People's Republic of Bangladesh Public Works Department Notice Inviting Tender

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited Part-I Percentage basis & Part-II Item wise rate quoted from Class-III E/M contractors enlisted who have got valid ABC/BC supervisory licence of Licensing Board with the PWD tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon by the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7 Workshop Division, Wood Workshop Division and PWD Eden Building and tenders will be opened on 23/3/94 at 12:30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representatives. Tenders will be addressed to the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division-VIII, Mirpur, Dhaka and the name of works and date of opening are to be written on the envelope.
- Name of works
- Time allowed for completion of the work
- Tender documents and schedule can be seen & purchased on cash payment on usual price (non-refundable) from the Executive Engineer, PWD E/M Division 1/2/3/4/5/6/7, Mechanical Division, Wood Workshop Division, PWD Eden Building Division, Dhaka and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours on or before 22/3/94.
- Earnest money @ 2% of the total quoted value.
- Tenders will have furnish earnest money in the form of BD/CD/SDR/PO/etc. to be issued from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned along with each tenders otherwise tender will be outrightly rejected. If the amount of earnest money in a particular works exceeds the amount of PD than the balance excess amount is to be deposited with such tender otherwise the tender will be rejected. PD holders will have to submit PD certificate issued by concerned EE not later than 3 (three) months ago.
- The undersigned reserves the whole authority to accept/reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Executive Engineer,  
PWD E/M Division-VIII, Mirpur, Dhaka.