

Dhaka Day by Day

Focusing on the Complexity of Racism

by Fayza Haq

Drik Gallery is holding an exhibition of photo compositions by Roshini Kempadoo from 31st March to 13th April. The exhibition will be accompanied by four illustrated talks titled 'The Black British Photography', 'The Charity Business', 'The Impact of New Technology on Photography and Racism in Europe'. A four-day

practical workshop involving individual photographers concerned with social issues, individuals, who are working with current social campaigns, and people, who are interested in exploring the use of photography and visual stimulation, will be conducted at Drik by Kempadoo.

Drik Gallery, which has been in existence for eight months, has been showing new work that is 'hard hitting, probing and often provocative'. Exactly half of the exhibits have been from Bangladesh and the other half from overseas.

Kempadoo's career includes her MA in Photographic Studies at Derbyshire College and membership of the jury at the Arts Council of Great Britain. She was nominated for the Fox Talbot Photography awards in '92. She is British by birth and because of her ethnic background she belongs to a racial cultural minority in Britain.

Her show titled 'European Currency Unfolds' is a series of ten photo compositions and it consists of ten colour prints resembling billboards, which are meant to simulate.

The exhibition is concerned with the implication of the Black communities across Europe who are under threat. We have been the fabric of society as the cheaper work force, thus fundamental to its wealth and development and still not given the status as others, still being considered the 'foreigner' with little rights to ownership and power. Black communities in Europe have been integral to the richness of culture and history and yet we see the revival of the white European aesthetic and celebration of a European culture that is white," Kempadoo says.

"Requests for aid to thousands of Third World people who do not have the land or the climate to meet the demands for food and who have been subjected to years of colonial rule and exploitation, compete against the needs of

Bosnians or Croats. Mass migration of white ethnic communities has become the norm with their demand for aid, land and European status, and because of this, racism and fascism grow in England, France and Germany. The European black communities' very survival are under threat," she comments further.

Kempadoo says that she came to produce the work from collecting news clippings of racist attacks and reports on migration as the European union was coming together over the last three to five years. "There seemed to be a wave of concern and mis-information about the level of migration into Europe. It was simultaneous with the Berlin wall coming down and the re-organisation of the political and geographical boundaries. Inevitably the communities of colour who in some countries do not have equal legal status within the countries were being targeted for further discrimination," she adds.

"I felt it was appropriate to produce work about this. The economic arguments being used in forming the European union that was and still is directly creating racist and discriminatory action. I also have been aware for some time of the limitation of social documentary work being able to successfully show 'invisible' and complex issues such as racism. I was learning to use the computer to generate images and felt that this was appropriate to follow this route, although being fully aware of the limited viewers the work will be shown to," she continues.

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Self-portrait of Ms. Kempadoo

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a procession protesting the postponement of DUCSU polls on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. — Star photo

Japanese press lauds present govt's success

The Japanese print media Monday, the day Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia arrived on a five-day official visit to Japan, praised the achievements of her government during its three-year tenure, according to a message received in Dhaka, reports BSS.

In its main editorial captioned, "Welcoming Zia's visit", The Daily Yomiuri commented, "there are many positive things to say about Bangladesh. The country is carrying out various political, economic and social reforms under the leadership of Khaleda Zia."

"We welcome her visit, said the daily in its editorial. It said that as a result of the economic reforms being implemented by her government, "The country's macro economic management has improved to a certain extent."

Praising her democratic zeal, the daily wrote, Khaleda Zia entered politics after the death of her husband. Backed by popular discontent with the military regime led by Hossain Muhammad Ershad, she led the democratic movement that overthrew the military regime in 1990.

"She was elected prime minister after general elections in the following year and successfully revised the constitution to replace the presidential system with parliamentary cabinet system," it said, adding "her administration aims to eliminate corruption and make politics more transparent, in a drive to make the country truly democratic."

JICA president meets Khaleda

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) President

Corrigendum

A news item headlined "SC orders reinstatement", published in The Daily Star on March 28, 1994 stated that the court, while reinstating Raquibuddin Ahmed as the Secretary of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) had also ordered the Corporation to pay him all the outstanding salaries and benefits, including Tk 5,000.00 as cost.

In fact, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, while admitting the Leave to Appeal on limited ground, ordered that "The order of stay granted earlier is modified to this extent, that is, there will be no order of stay against the reinstatement, but the stay is only in respect of back salary, termination benefits, etc." The court will, at a later date, hear both sides before deciding in the matter. The mistake is regretted.

Weather

Hailstorm likely

By Staff Correspondent

Norwester and hailstorm are likely to occur at many places over Dhaka, Barisal divisions and at a few places over Chittagong, Rajshahi divisions and at one or two places over Khulna division.

Met Office forecasts, slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country.

Country's highest temperature of 34 degree Celsius was recorded in Sathkira and Jessore and the lowest of 19 degree Celsius was recorded in Ranganati yesterday.

The rainfall recorded in some parts of the country yesterday were: Dhaka 27 mm, Tangail 26 mm, Khepura 30 mm, Patuakhali 11 mm and Faridpur 8 mm.

The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 6:13 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 5:52 am.

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

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.1	22.4	79	86
Chittagong	30.5	23.0	82	78
Rajshahi	33.1	20.0	79	69
Khulna	33.2	23.2	80	86
Barisal	29.0	19.6	88	93
Sylhet	29.5	20.2	75	76
Dinajpur	29.9	18.0	70	58
Cox's Bazar	30.0	22.0	83	83

Medical equipment handed over

Aftab-ul-Islam, past president and chairman Rota Medicine Bank formally handed over the essential medical equipments to Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Health and Family Welfare at a simple ceremony at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital premises, reports BSS.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, and Director Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Brigadier Zahir Ahmed were present on the occasion.

Rotary Club Dhaka North in cooperation with the Rotaract Club of Dhaka Medical College undertook the project to donate emergency medical equipments to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"Rota Medicine Bank" project has been undertaken to help the poor and destitutes who cannot afford to buy medicine. This project is being sponsored by three Rotary clubs of USA.

Sircar visits edn institutions

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday said, the present government is making all-out efforts for improving country's standard of education, reports BSS.

The minister said this at different gathering of teachers and students during his visit to different educational institutions at Ukhiya and Teknaf and sadar thana of Cox's Bazar.

Workshop on women's information network

A two-day workshop on women's information network, Bangladesh, began at CIRDAP headquarters in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

With the collaboration of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) under gender fund programme, the CIRDAP started this project for two years from September 1993.

The main objectives of the project are to formulate a women's information network in Bangladesh and to share the information base among the members of the network and as well as other organisations.

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Notice Inviting Tender

Memo No. PD/ADB-2/CW/201/94/204

Date: March 12, 1994

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned from the Prequalified Contractors of ADB Assisted Second Health & Family Planning Services Project for under noted works, the particulars of which are mentioned below:

Sl No	Package No	Name of work	Tentative Estimated Cost (Tk. in lakhs)	Eligible Prequalified Contractors	Time of Completion
01	III	Dhaka Medical College Hospital - Renovation of Staff Quarters (Peelkhana)	178.00	Category A, B & C	09 Months
02	IV	Dhaka Medical College Hospital - Renovation of Staff Quarters (Sobhanbagh & Rashid Building)	95.10	Category A, B & C	09 Months
03	VI	IHT, Dhaka-Renovation of Boy's Hostel (New) and Site Works	155.60	Category A, B & C	10 Months
04	VII	National Electro-Medical Workshop, Dhaka	66.30	Category A, B & C	09 Months
05	XII	Nurses Training Institute, Chittagong	115.80	Category A, B & C	10 Months
06	XIII	Cox's Bazar District Hospital (Construction of Hospital Building)	788.20	Category A	18 Months
07	XV	Cox's Bazar District Hospital (Construction of Staff Quarters)	258.20	Category A & B	15 Months
08	XXI	Rangpur Medical College Hospital - Renovation of Staff Quarters	331.50	Category A & B	12 Months
09	XXIV	Bogra District Hospital (Renovation of Hospital Building)	147.30	Category A, B & C	10 Months
10	XXV	Bogra District Hospital (Renovation of Staff Quarters)	75.70	Category A, B & C	09 Months
11	XXVI	IHT, Rajshahi (Renovation of Institute Building & Hostel)	232.10	Category A & B	12 Months
12	XXVIII	Joypurhat District Hospital (Construction of Hospital Building)	851.60	Category A	18 Months
13	XXIX	Joypurhat District Hospital (Construction of Staff Quarters)	221.10	Category A & B	15 Months
14	XXXII	Meherpur District Hospital (Construction of Hospital Building)	927.30	Category A	18 Months
15	XXXIII	Meherpur District Hospital (Construction of Staff Quarters)	238.90	Category A & B	15 Months
16	XXXV	Barisal Medical College Hospital - Renovation of Staff Quarters (Class III & IV)	197.40	Category A, B & C	15 Months

Tender documents (except drawing) will be sold from the Office of the Consulting Engineer M/s. Development Design Consultants Ltd. (ADB Assisted Second Health and Family Planning Services Project), House No. 33/A, Road No. 9/A, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1209 on all working days from March 24, 1994 up to April 07, 1994 during office hours on cash payment of Tk. 2,000.00 (Taka two thousand) for Package costing taka more than 5.00 crore, Tk. 1,500.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred) for Package costing taka 2.00 crore to 5.00 crore and Tk. 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand) for Package costing taka less than 2.00 crore per set (non-refundable).

Drawing may be seen and other informations may be obtained from the office of the Consulting Engineers during office hours.

The tenderers should apply in their letter head along with certified photocopy of prequalification letter to the undersigned prior to getting permission to purchase the tender documents.

Each tender shall be accompanied by an Earnest Money amounting to 2.5% of the total Estimated amount of the work/package in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, ADB Assisted Second Health and Family Planning Services Project.

The tender (s) shall have to be dropped in the specified box kept in the office of the undersigned, Project Director, ADB Assisted Second Health and Family Planning Services Project or in the office of the Project Manager, Development Design Consultants Ltd., ADB Assisted Second Health and Family Planning Services Project, House No. 33A, Road No. 9A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 on or before 12.00 hours on April 10, 1994 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the tenderers, if any.

The acceptance of the tender will rest with the authority, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received and distribute the work to any one or more than one Contractor without assigning any reason whatsoever.

The tender (s) may bid for any number of packages in this project but in the event that a tenderer becomes lowest in more than two (two) packages he will be awarded contract for only two (two) packages in this Second Health & Family Planning Services Project, the choice of which will be his.

The tender notice will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the tenderers.

M. Majibur Rahman, psc
Colonel
Project Director

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-L) held a rally at the foot of the Aparajito Bangla on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. — Star photo

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়

ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়
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প্রকল্পের নামঃ রাজস্ব খাত।

কাজের নামঃ নির্বাচিত সরকারী প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়গুলোর শিক্তক ভবনসহ ভিত্তিক বিল্ডিং প্রোটোটাইপ বিদ্যালয় ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ।

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দরপত্র দাখিল আশাষী ৪/৪/৯৪ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় সহ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট/চট্টগ্রাম/কক্সবাজার/কুমিল্লা/সিলেট জোন ও সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, লক্ষীপুর এর অফিস হইতে ১৯৯৩-৯৪ অর্থ বৎসরের নবায়ন ফি প্রদানকারী টিকাদারগণ মূল রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই এবং ভাউচ রেজিস্ট্রেশন সহজাত প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রাদি প্রদর্শন করিয়া নমঃ ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অসেক্ষেপযোগ্য) অর্থ করিতে পারিবেন।

দরপত্রদায়ক আশাষী ৭/৪/৯৪ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় ও নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, চট্টগ্রাম/কক্সবাজার/কুমিল্লা/সিলেট জোন ও সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, লক্ষীপুর এর কার্যালয়ে প্রদান করা হইবে এবং বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা নির্দিষ্ট দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (বদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) বেলা হইবে।

দরপত্র দাখিলের সহিত নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট, নোয়াখালী জোন, নোয়াখালী এর অনুকূলে উল্লিখিত বায়নার টাকা বালাসেপের যে কোন তফসীল ব্যাক হইতে ব্যাক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হইবে।

বিল হইতে সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক ভাউচ কর্তন করা হইবে। দরপত্র-এর সহিত তালিকাভুক্তির রেজিস্ট্রেশন বই ও ভাউ রেজিস্ট্রেশন এর সত্যায়িত কটাকপি সংযুক্ত করিয়া দাখিল করিতে হইবে। নির্দিষ্টকৃত ১০% (দশ) এর অধিক উপদর হইলে দরপত্রের সহিত প্রকৃতি আইটমের দর বিবেচন দাখিল করিতে হইবে। প্রাকল্পিত মূল্যের ৫% (পাঁচ) এর অধিক নিম্নদর হইলে টেন্ডার বাতিল করিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতক্রমে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

মোঃ মহিউদ্দিন
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (চলতি দায়িত্ব)
ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট
নোয়াখালী জোন, নোয়াখালী।

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