

# Dhaka Day by Day

## An Incisive Insight into Society

by Fayza Haq

Sajina Chowdhury Mill, who recently had her solo exhibition at Gallery Tone displayed 54 pieces despite having her time consumed by the needs of her new family. A student of Fine Arts, she has still to complete her master's degree but she has boldly sailed forth to share her views with art enthusiasts in the city. In her pieces she has tried to capture the problems in society. While delineating the life style of people she has also brought in nature, working with etching, aquatint and tempera.

"Captive Freedom", a woodcut print, shows a man's face imprisoned within a frame, shown side by side with a captive bird. Next to it is a flower taken from a garden and confined to a vase. In this print the artist wished to reflect her belief that people remain imprisoned within the confines of society.

"Human Condition" brings in a cripple, a prostitute and a mad man. In this tempera the artist wishes to say that fate often treats humans cruelly and some are more unlucky than others.

"Men and Woman" depicts the husband and wife relationship. The figures are done in black against a golden yellow backdrop. The statuesque nude figures are seen together but remain apart while apparently together.

"Friendship" shows a small child who is so innocent and trusting that he makes friends with wild animals and birds around him. Here the artist concentrates on the innocent appeal of a child.

The lure of the past is brought in "History" with its suggestions of sculptress taken from ancient Egypt, Greece, and India.

"Stay-1" is a semi abstract which has two geometrical figures in green and brown. Society is shown as broken into squares and semicircles at the back. The theme of this woodcut in brown print is found again in "Stay-2" and "Stay 3".

A similarly symbolic piece is "Life" which attempts to delineate how we are dependant on others in life and no one is an island. A bee is shown attracted to a flowering plant, which in turn sends its roots to draw water from a stream nearby.

One comes across a doll hanging by strings in "Unexpressed" and this represents the position of women in everyday Bangladeshi life. Women are portrayed as decorative and dumb and they dare not take an initiative of their own. Fruits and leaves are arranged in an attractive alluring way to represent the role played by women who are simply tolerated because they are decorative.

A poor old beggar with his only belonging, a knot of rags, is seen struggling through life in

"Last Reserve" A large number of people in Bangladesh are condemned to remain poor all their lives while a few people thrive and live on the lap of luxury," the artist comments. This piece which portrays the downtrodden and hapless is done in grey, brown and yellow on cotton cloth.

The undaunted spirit of the poor fighting against all odds and smiling away their troubles is reflected in "Invincible" which shows the cheerful face of a tribal girl in a pink cardigan in winter with a perky flower in her hair. This woodcut tries to tell of the ceaseless efforts of the deprived.

An actual painful experience in the life of the artist is brought in the tempera "Sorrow". This shows a dead fledgling sparrow that she found in a heap of rubbish on her terrace. The bird and its surrounding are shown in minute details.

An aerial view of the dirty city is seen in "Composition" where buildings, fields and streams are masses of beige, brown and blue.

Pain and suffering are brought again in "Third World." The occurrence of numerous deaths in places like the Subcontinent, Africa and Latin America are delineated by marked graves and severed limbs.

The immoralities and loose ways in high society are seen juxtaposed with those among the poor in "Behind the Scene". "While the well-to-do get away scotfree the poor are easily condemned and corrected," explains the artist.

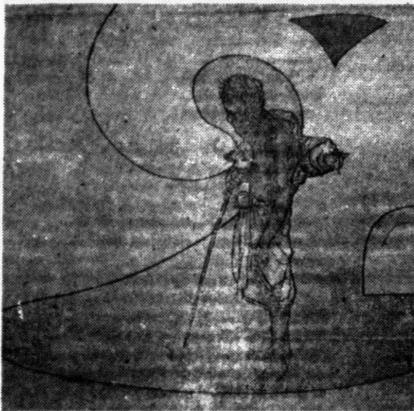
The lost innocence of days gone by is seen in "Childhood" which depicts dolls, puppets and other play things taken from the artist's carefree days.

The struggle of the poor is held up once more in "Tolling" and "Behind the New Market", where the figures are done in black, brown, blue and pink. "One cannot help but appreciate the labour of the poor who are sincere and constantly endeavouring," the artist adds.

A young labourer is seen resting from his toils in "Still Waiting". At the back are seen the faces of his family who wait for his return. This print, with screens on two sides, again holds up the downtrodden as admirable and reliable.

"Flower People", an aqua tint etching has street girls with their ragged clothes and strings of flowers, resting after the heat of the day.

Mill's commentaries on life and her delineation of her emotions show a bold and promising display of her expertise with various media, bringing in different moods.



Last Reserve



Henricus Gajentaan, Ambassador of the Netherlands called on Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday. — Star photo

### Dutch envoy meets Hasina

Ambassador of the Netherlands Henricus Gajentaan called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her parliamentary office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed political, economic and social affairs of the two countries.

Awami League leaders Tofael Ahmed MP, Abul Hassan Chowdhury MP and Mansur Ahmed MP were present on the occasion.

### Pak NDC team leaves

The 12-member team from the Pakistan National Defence College (NDC) led by its chief instructor Air Vice-Marshal Nafees Ahmed Najmi left Dhaka yesterday after a six-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

### JS body on Cultural Affairs Ministry meets

The 26th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs Ministry was held yesterday at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, reports UNB.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over the performance of the Fine Arts Department of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. It was also informed that the country earned appreciation for organising the Asian Art Biennial.

Since the Fine Arts Department of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy was opened in 1974, about 300 local and foreign art exhibitions, including six Asian Art Biennials, were held.

Besides, some 21 Bangladeshi art exhibitions were held abroad. Bangladesh also took part in 39 international art exhibition held abroad.

### Barisal municipality Employees Union team meets Biswas

An eight-member delegation of the Employees Union of Barisal Municipality called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

While talking to them, President Biswas advised the employees to serve selflessly the residents of the municipal area.

Employees always play a vital role in the improvement of municipal services, he said and hoped that they would not lag behind.

Jahangir Mollah, SA Kamal, Abdul Bari Khalifa, Babu Dipak Lal Mridha, Shafiqul Islam Prince, Awlad Hossain, Hasina Mannan and Abdus Salam Akand were in the delegation.

### There can be no free, fair election under any party govt, says Inu

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) leader Hasanul Huq Inu yesterday demanded introduction of a permanent system for holding national elections under caretaker government, reports UNB.

"There can be no free and fair election under any party government," he told a rally in the afternoon.

The rally at Bangabandhu Avenue was organised by the JSD city unit as part of its citywide "Demand Day".

Presided over by JSD city unit president Mir Hossain Akhter, the rally was also addressed by Kazi Aref Ahmed, Sharif Nurul Ambiya and Miklesur Rahman Moktadir.

Hasanul Huq Inu called the BNP government "betrayer", accusing it of reneging on pledges made to the people during the anti-autocracy movement and in the 1991 election campaign.

The JSD General Secretary urged all left and democratic patriotic forces to be united to launch an anti-government movement to force the government to accept the demand for caretaker administration.

Addressing the rally, JSD President Kazi Aref Ahmed criticised the government for "patronising terrorism and the fundamentalist forces".

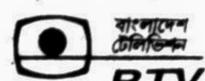
"Elected government does not necessarily mean a democratic government", he said. "The BNP has proved it."

### F H Hall incident Masud's release demanded

Students of Pharmacy Department of the Dhaka University yesterday demanded immediate release of the fellow student — Masud, reports UNB.

Masud of Pharmacy Department was arrested for his alleged involvement in the F H Hall incident on April 19 in which a college student Mainul Islam Mithu died and two others were injured.

The Pharmacy students made the demand while demonstrating in front of Vice-Chancellor's office in the morning. They stayed there for nearly one and half hour.



Monday

- 4:30 Opening announcement
- Al-Quran
- 4:45 Programme summary
- Documentary show:
- 5:10 Growing Up
- 5:25 News in Bangla
- Sports programme:
- Football
- 6:30 Moder Garab Moder Asha
- 7:00 Open University
- 7:25 Nazrul songs
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Janamat
- 9:00 Musical programme: Vara Nadeer Bankey
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Comedy series: Murphy Brown
- 10:55 Musical programme: Disco Rally
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary
- 11:45 Closing

### An act of bravery

Sheer courage saved a female school teacher from being robbed of her valuables as she fought four hijackers single-handed in front of her school at Pallabi in the city Thursday morning, reports BSS.

As the rickshaw carrying Begum Tajkira, a senior teacher of the Pallabi Model High School, came close to the institution, two young men on a motorcycle stopped the vehicle and asked her to get down. One of the men grabbed her hand and the other pointed a dagger at her.

Finding no other way, the brave lady, in no time, unleashed a violent kick at the snatcher and caught the hand of the other brandishing the dagger. At this point, two other associate of the miscreants waiting near-by on another motor-bike came to the scene and tried to overpower her.

But the miscreants fled away when the students and passers-by rushed to the spot being alarmed by the hue and cry raised by her.

Begum Tajkira received injuries in her hand from the scuffle.

### Bastrashilpa Parishad team meets Matin

An 18-member delegation of Bangladesh Sammilita Bastrashilpa Sangram Parishad called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his secretariat office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

### 4 muggers roughed up in city

By Staff Correspondent

Four hijackers were caught red-handed at the city's Purana Paltan area and roughed up seriously by the public Saturday.

Witnesses said, the hijackers stopped one Mahbub, a student of Dhaka University, in broad daylight on the busy street and snatched his gold chain and wallet.

When Mahbub raised a hue and cry, passers-by started chasing the muggers who, at one stage, took refuge in a hotel building on Topkhana Road.

The local people, along with Mahbub, caught hold of the muggers inside the hotel and beat them up. The culprits were then taken to the Sir A F Rahman Hall of Dhaka University.

Police later rescued the four muggers in serious conditions and admitted them to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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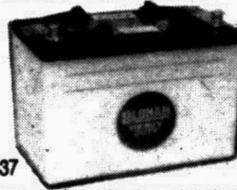
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### BCL (M-I) demands Sajal's release

Awami League-backed Chhatra League held a rally at the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding immediate release of Gazi Kamrul Islam Sajal, reports UNB.

Sajal, a close associate of former JCD leader Golam Faruq Ovee and now a BCL (M-I) leader was arrested from Demra area of the city Saturday evening, on the charges of killing Mirza Galib and Liton, firing at Moazzem and assaulting Fazilatunnessa Bappi of Shamsunnahar Hall.

The rally in front of 'Aparajeyo Bangla' in the morning was addressed by BCL (M-I) leaders Ishaq Ali Khan Panna.

## Weather

### Temperature may rise

By Staff Correspondent

Rain and thundershowers accompanied by temporary *Kalbatshakhi* gusty to squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 pm today (Monday).

The temperature is likely to rise by two to three degrees Celsius over the country during the period, it adds.

The maximum and the minimum temperature and relative humidity of the divisional towns yesterday were:

Divisional towns	Temperatures in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.5	22.5	87	80
Chittagong	31.5	20.7*	77	80
Rajshahi	37.5	24.0	74	39
Khulna	34.8	23	82	59
Barisal	32.8	23	86	72

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### Notice of 9th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of IDLC will be held on 18th May, 1994 Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ball Room of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Minto Road, Dhaka to transact the following business :

- A 9409-01 Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting.
- A9409-02 Adoption of Directors' Report, Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements for FY 1993.
- A9409-03 Declaration of Dividend for FY 1993.
- A9409-04 Election of Directors.
- A9409-05 Appointment of Auditor & fixation of their remuneration.
- A9409-06 Other matters, if any, with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board

Yun S. Kim  
Company Secretary

Dated: May 25, 1994

#### NOTES:

1. In terms of Article- 58 of the Articles of Association, the Company suspends the registration of transfer of shares for the period from May 13, 1994 to May 18, 1994 (both days inclusive).
2. A Shareholder may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his stead by filing the proxy form as per Article- 103 of the Articles of Association. The proxy form, only completed, must be deposited at the office not later than 72 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.
3. In pursuant to Article-81 of the Articles of Association a corporate member of the Company, by resolution of the Board of Directors or other Governing body of such body corporate, may authorise such person as it thinks fit, to act as representative at any meeting of the members of the Company.
4. Members are requested to notify their change of address, if any.

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