Dhaka Day by Day

A Self-taught Artist's Solitary Journey

by Raffat Binte Rashid



Mujibul Haque

A painting could still be lively with a humane story or touch even if no figures or forms were added to it.

A tree with rich foliage, standing alone in forlorn corner, could almost tell about the often lonely and melancholy mood of man. It is not always necessary to paint a sad or a happy face to express any kind of thought, in particu-

'Solitary Splendour of Mujibul Haque is exactly such a piece of art. Devoid of physical shapes or images, these works of Haque have their own identity, their own story. In a simple expression, his ongoing show has an aura totally different about it. It's simple, plain yet colourful and artistic without being monotonous, visually and conceptually speaking.

Haque's first solo exposition is going on at the Buds Pre-Cadet and High School in Lalmatia. He has so far taken part in seven group exhibition held at different cultural institutes.

Haque's paintings are different both in style and content. He prefers not to use or go through the conventional rules. Like in a water colour painting, the rule, as he explains, is to start at the top of the canvas and ultimately come down but he is not bothered with such set ideas. He does whatever his mind directs him to do.

"When I start to paint, an irresistible urge or feeling surge inside one, an image is formed in my subconscious mind, which actually governs my course while I work with paints on canvas," the artist tries to describe his creative

'Another aspect of his work is that he seldom uses a brush to express his thought. It is indeed amazing to notice the small, intricate, yet dominating strokes done by his fingers alone. For this particular behaviour he says that his feelings are close behind his work with the fingers.

"With fingers I feel a satisfaction and use the colours as I desire, with a brush this independent flow of feeling is some how hampered and I feel incomplete or as if the brush is controlling me," he says smiling.

Cleaning the brush regularly is also a headache for him and he says that he never mixes paints from the tube. Moreover, choosing the correct brush is a bother too and he feels that he is wasting time in selecting the numbers while he could use whatever colour with the tip of his natural God-gifted brush. "But of course on a big canvas, I use a big brush, which is used to paint the window

auditorium. Time: 7:30 PM.

May 21.

• What's on today •

Inner Wheel Club of Dhaka Buriganga:

Arranges a drama show titled 'Bichchu.' Venue: Mohila Samity

Bangladesh Writers' Club: Inauguration ceremony

Poet Sufia Kamal will open the club. Chief guest: Poet Shamsur Rahman. Venue: Rendezvous Sundaram. Time: 7 PM

Dress Exhibition: Organised by Kay Kraft, a dress-

maker and designing centre. Venue: Kayman Foundation, 31

Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time from 3 pm to 7 pm daily till

panes or doors, to do the backgrounds," he says "and while still wet I start painting."

'Clouds at Zenith' is one of his favourites. A bright yellow sky, which is rarely seen, is at the bottom of the canvas which slowly moves up to lighter tones until finally the beauty of the soft, white clouds are seen. Haque loves controversies and feels that if controversies are not there, then work becomes monotonous.

With 30 of his best works on display, the artist feels that there is no monotony or boredom in his display. But his only regret is the venue of the show. "I feel that the viewers were miserably deprived of seeing something really good and those who were really interested, couldn't find the way here," he says quite frustratingly.

One of the reasons I held my show here was the high rate of the gallery, he confesses initially the gallery asks for a 15 per cent of the total sale or nothing if there is no sale. "But somehow the last bargain always stands at something like 40 per cent of the total sale. that really discourages me," he says bitterly.

The beauty of a painting depends always on the proper shade of light on it and here the lighting was not satisfactory, he feels. But at the same time there was another reason too. To help the school both financially and in getting publicity.

"Still then, the response that I got so far was quite embarrassing for me. They evaluated my work very generously," he says modestly. He actually anticipated that visitors would criticize or ask questions," I liked to be attacked genuinely and I am a bit sad because there were no questions that I so loved to answer," he feels.

"The Beast and the beauty" is a work which expresses a quite and calm morning after a storm of cyclone which we so often face. An English teacher for the last 32 years, Haque has taken painting as another source of his income. For him, hobby has turned into an income source, and he has never held a solo

A self-taught painter he says that a work of art is never complete or finalized. There's always a last minute urge to do something or add a spot or a stroke which would enhance the beauty, he feels. "If an artist says that this is his complete work he is not sincere, and with all this displays around I feel like a fool," he smiles modesty but with a slight trace of frus-

Int'l Day of Families May 15

The International Day of Families will be observed for the first time on May 15 during the International Year of the Family (IYF), reports UNB.

The Day is intended to promote awareness of familyrelated issues and to encourage appropriate actions, says a press release of the United Information Centre.

The International Day of Families also provides an opportunity to increase knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families and to focus attention on the rights and responsibilities of all family members.

Special trains for Eid

Bangladesh Railway will run special trains from May 19 to 21 to facilitate journey of the home bound Eid passengers, a Bangladesh Railway press release said yesterday, reports

It said on May 19 and 20 two special trains will run between Chittagong-Chandpur-Chittagong leaving Chittagong at 4 pm and Chandpur at 10

On May 19, 20 and 21 special trains will run between Dhaka and Chittagong, between Dhaka and Noakhali, between Chittagong and Dhaka and between Chittagong and Noakhali.

The Chittagong and Noakhali bound specials from Dhaka and, Dhaka and Noakhali bound specials from Chittagong will leave at 9-20

"Off days" of all inter-city trains will be withdrawn from May 16 to May 21 and May 24 to May 27 but no inter-city train will run on Eid-day, the railway said.

One killed in road mishap

By DMCH Correspondent One person was killed and

five more were injured when a speeding truck hit a Dhakabound minibus at Hemayetpur under Savar police station at about 6:30 am yesterday.

The deceased identified as Mamun, 28, was a businessmen. The other victims, Hemayet Ali, 35, Moti, 30, Rahim, 25, Tofazzal, 30 and Abdul Kader, 50, were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The police also sent the body to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Painting show on 'women' today

A painting exhibition 'Woman in Bangladesh' will be held at the residence of French Ambassador in Bangladesh at Gulshan between 5 pm and 8 pm today, reports UNB.

The Cultural Section of the French Embassy has organised the exhibition to mark the conclusion of the Women's Week organised by Jean-Michel Lacombe, Ambassador of French and his wife Mrs Myriam Lacombe, says a press release.

Thirty paintings exclusively on woman drawn by eight Bangladeshi artists - Kanak Chanpa, Jamal Ahmed, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Mahbubul Amin, Nasreen Begum, Syed Khandker, Sunil Hawlder and Gulshan Hossain will be on display.

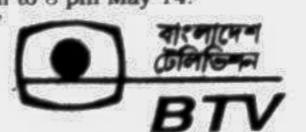
Computer show in Ctg tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day computer exhibition organised by the Bangladesh Computer Samity begins tomorrow at Hotel Agrabad in Chittagong.

Abdullah Al-Noman, Minister for Fisheries and Livestock, will inaugurate the exhibition

at 10 am tomorrow. Sixteen organisations will take part in the exhibition. It will remain open from 2 pm to 8 pm tomorrow and from 10 am to 8 pm May 14.



Thursday Opening announce-Al-Quran

Programme summary

Children's programme: Eso Gaan News in Bangla National Television School Debate Competition Mass Education Programme: Esho Para

Shikhi 6:45 Jiboner Alo Nazrul songs News in Bangla 8:00 Drama of the week: Rangchita News in English

Special programme Mini series: Rat Bag Khabar/The News Tomorrow's 11:40

programme summary



The striking non-government school and college teachers went on a hunger strike near the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. - Star photo

'Farakka barrage affects water quality'

Environment and Forest Secretary Abdullah Haroon Pasha yesterday said large scale withdrawal of water from the Ganges at the Farakka barrage had adversely affected the environment as well as the water quality of north and western parts of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He said scarcity of water in the lean period had upset the balance of aquatic ecosystem in the region which in turn had affected the water management system as well as the water quality of the river systems

In his inaugural speech at a seminar on "Strategy for water quality monitoring" held in the city. Pasha said the government had attached highest priority for control of water quality and the Ministry of Environment had strengthened the regular monitoring of water quality in the country.

The seminar was jointly organised by the Department of Environment (DOE) and World Health Organisation (WHO).

Dr. I Hespanhol, WHO expert from Geneva gave the keynote speech at the seminar while DOE Director General ANM Wahed was in the chair. It was addressed by WHO representative in Bangladesh Dr ANA Abeyesundere, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) Aminuddin Ahmed and Deputy Directors of DOE Anwarul Islam and M Reazuddin.

The inaugural session was followed by question answer and open discussion session chaired by Professor AZ Haider of Dhaka University.

Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met office says, day temperature may remain nearly un-

changed over the coastal regions and may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius elsewhere across the country.

Country's highest temperature 37.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 19.6 degrees at Kutubdia. Sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:33 pm and rises tomorrow(Friday) at 5:17 am.

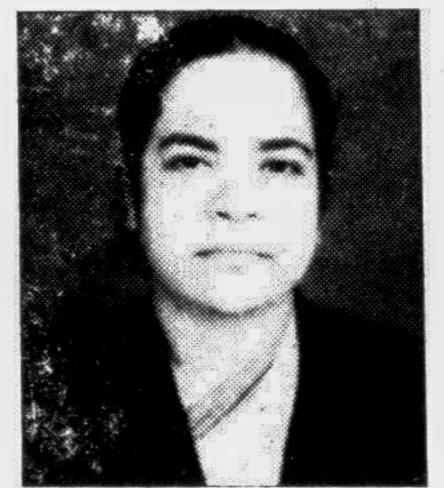
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যোগাযোগ করুনঃ



মনোয়ারা হসপিটাল (প্রাঃ) লিঃ ৫৪, সিদ্ধেশ্বরী রোড, ঢাকা ফোনঃ ৪০০৩৫৮, ৪০০৮৭২, ৪০২১২২

10TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Today is Qamrun Nahar Laily's tenth death anniversary. Pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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MR. CHEN LI XIN.

The Management and the eamployees of the Reliance Spinning Mills Ltd. Kanchpur, Narayongoni express deep sorrow at the accidental deaths of MR. WANG QI WEN and MR. CHEN LI XIN of Welfang Diesel Engine Works, 26, Minzhu Road, Welfang, Peoples Republic of China on 5 May 1994 at the mill premises.

We convey our heartfelt sympathy to the breaved families of the departed souls.



Chairman & Managing Director

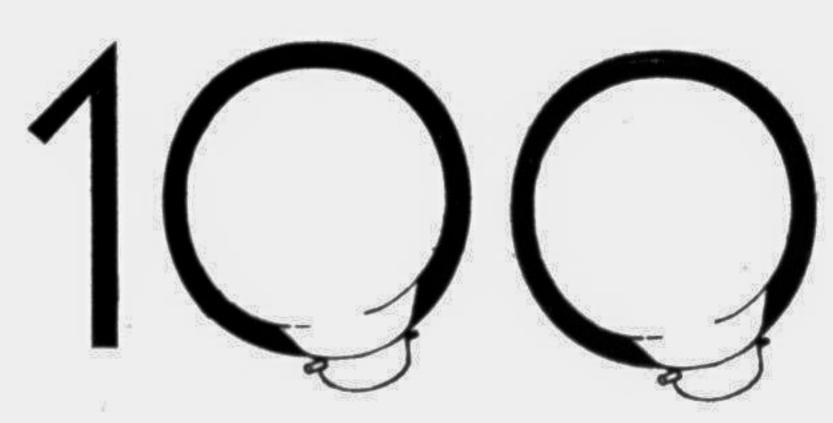
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7 | 270 phensidyle bottles seized

Two people were detained after Narcotics Control department seized 270 bottles of phensidyle from a passenger bus near Baushia ghat on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway midnight Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off a DNC intelligence squad raided Dhaka bound bus from Raipura and seized phensidyle bottles at around 2 am.

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় টিউটোরিয়াল সেন্টার উপযোজন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ উন্তুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের বিভিন্ন স্কুলের শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার জন্য সারাদেশের সরকারী ও বেসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ইপটিটিউট/প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রকে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অস্থায়ী টিউটোরিয়াল সেন্টার হিসেবে উপযোজন (affiliation) দেওয়ার ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। এসব কেন্দ্রকে মাসের ১ম ও **৩য় ভক্রবার** কিংবা ২য় ও ৪**র্থ ভক্রবার** বেলা ১টা থেকে ৪টা পর্যন্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্রদেরকে টিউটোরিয়াল ক্লাল দেওয়ার ব্যবস্থা রাখতে হবে। উন্যুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রশিক্ষণপ্রাপ্ত টিউটর্গণ এসব কেন্দ্রে মাসের ঐ দু'দিন টিউটোরিয়াল ক্লাশ নেবেন। উপযোজনপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে প্রোগ্রাম অনুযায়ী শিক্ষাধীদের ক্লাশের সুবিধাদি (space+ gadgets) দেওয়ার বিনিময়ে নির্দিষ্ট হারে কেন্দ্র

ফি প্রদান করা হবে। আগ্রহী শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রধানকে তার প্রতিষ্ঠান উনুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কোন কোন প্রোগ্রামের জন্য টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্র হিসেবে কাজ করতে আগ্রহী তা উল্লেখপূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় সমতি আগামী জুন ৩০, ১৯৯৪ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নঠিকানায় পাঠাতে অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে

ষ্টুডেন্ট সাপোর্ট সার্ভিসেস

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় वाड़ी नः ১৬, मड़क २, योनमछि वा/এ, ঢाका ১২০৫ টিউটোরিয়াল কেন্দ্র উপযোজনের শর্তাবলী

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