

Dhaka Day by Day

New Rhythms and Harmony

by Fayza Haq

With the local art galleries holding new exhibitions almost every fortnight, if not every week, one does not necessarily see new styles or themes in the endeavours. Yet contemporary artists are working consistently and presenting fresh pieces for the delight of art lovers. Similarly "Tone" presented a delectable choice of work of contemporary painters in a recent group exhibition where one could witness new inroads into themes, forms, colours and textures.

Ibrahim's "Remembering '71-1" is a captivating piece with waves of green in the backdrop representing the turmoil in the country at that period. The soft splashes of pink, carefully juxtaposed with the rest of the composition represent the blood that was shed at that time. The white line across the grey sky symbolises hope and balances the extensive use of green curves in the foreground.

His "Remembering '71-2" has similar pastel use of colours bringing in bullet marks. Despite the integral gloom of the thought content of the painting and the abstract motifs which include disruption and revolution, the final effect is nothing garish to the eye as is the case of many attempts to delineate the liberation war.

The artist feels that he can best express himself in abstractions to drive home the symbolism with subtlety. The brown, green and pink are offset by gentle use of white. The texture work is also refreshing and thought-provoking.

Sayed Khandoker's "Winter Morning", an acrylic with light use of grey, white and beige has brought in bullock carts and farmers going to work. The fine strokes and pale colours evoke the atmosphere of a foggy morning with stark reality in its impressionistic style.

His "Against the Storm" depicts a woman returning home from work with her child, clinging on to a large leaf for protection and hiding the offspring with her "anchal" to keep off the rain. The storm is brought in by lashes of grey and white. The emotions of concern and care in the face of the woman and fear in that of the child are well portrayed.

Sunil Ranjan Howlader's "Fisherman-2" shows the relationship between nature and mankind. He has brought in the washing in a small hut with a fisherman going out to work. This is done with amazing dexterity of strokes. This oil shows a good experimentation with lines, strokes and colours and has brought in the atmosphere of peaceful life. The subject has stood out well in the background of green.

brown and the bright flutter of clothes set out to dry.

His "Mother and Child" is a mixed media with poster, water colour and ink on screen print. This shows the conventional shy mother with her child. The backdrop is an interesting abstract contrast to the photographic representation of the human figures, which have been completed with an impressionistic touch.

"Woman and Nature" by K M Mithu is a mixed media which deals with a village beauty with the traditional flowers and jewellery. A banana tree is brought in the left background while washes of grey and green complete the idyllic picture. His "Landscape", another mixed media, deals with vast expanse of green. This abstract piece is a romantic one with its exotic green set off by the ashen white in the backdrop.

"Muru Mother and Child" by Kanak Chanpa brings in the traditional theme. This has highlighted and stylised the jewellery and bright vivid clothes. Simple but soothing and colourful Hill Tracts life is shown by the sketched hut and hills in the background of this acrylic piece.

Nasreen Begum in "Intimacy 1 and 2" has brought in the man and woman theme with her unique oriental touch. While the details of the man's figure is left blurred, the woman is glorified with her long hair, sloe eyes and draping enigmatic saree.

Apart from the paintings of the younger generation, there are entries by senior artists in the form of miniature works. These include Kazi Abdul Base's "A Study-1" which is an eye-catching sketch in oil depicting a woman in a stark white sari with a red border, seen going to fetch water. His "Chilly Morning" depicts two gossiping women, one of them holding a child. Both the works are admirable for their economy of lines and dexterity of strokes.

"Fish of Water - 1 and 2" by Quayyum Chowdhury are pastel depiction of sea life with minimum but eloquent strokes.

Hashem Khan's "Landscape" in water colour and ink is an interesting abstract with fascinating spacing out of green and red, offset by bold black strokes in the right.

Similarly, Abul Baqr Alvi's water colour compositions are absorbing abstracts with clever use of geometrical shapes.

Although this exhibit is not quite well organised, it is heartening to see the progress of some of the contemporary painters in the city.



Kanak Chanpa's "Muru Mother and Child"

Timber recovered in Khulna

KHULNA, June 10: Bangladesh Navy during its routine patrol recovered about 200 CFT of sundari timber worth about Taka one lakh recently, reports BSS.

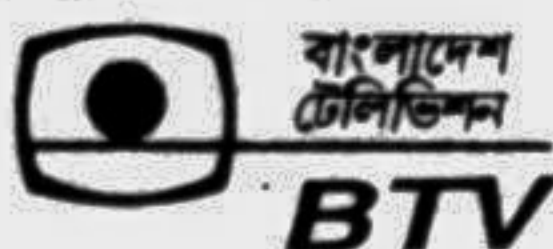
A patrol squad from the Mongla naval unit recovered the smuggled timber from the Mongla, Nala, Koirani, Chikhal and Kumarkhali areas.

Dacoity in city

A gang of dacoits looted cash and goods worth about Tk 1.5 lakh from the residence of a former SP at Mirpur, Section 2, in the city early yesterday, reports UNB.

Family sources said the robber broke into the house at around 3 am and broke open a steel almirah in the bedroom.

The dacoits decamped with the booties as the inmates were asleep.



Saturday

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| 4:30 | Opening announcement |
| 4:45 | Al-Quran |
| 5:10 | Programme summary |
| 5:20 | Children's programme |
| 5:40 | Moner Katha |
| 5:50 | News in Bangla |
| 6:20 | Puppet show |
| 6:30 | Tarunya |
| 7:05 | Programme on population: Ongkar |
| 8:00 | Banshari |
| 8:30 | News in Bangla |
| 9:00 | Maati O Manush |
| 9:30 | Magazine Programme |
| 10:00 | News in English |
| 10:30 | Drama series: Dynasty |
| 11:30 | Khabar/The News |
| 11:40 | Tomorrow's programme summary |
| 11:45 | Closing |

Varsity officers postpone strike

The indefinite strike of the inter-University Officers' Federation scheduled from today has been postponed till June 30, reports UNB.

The federation has taken the decision unanimously after reviewing two-point demand of the federation at its meeting held at the DU administrative building (Wednesday).

The two-point demands are: Amendment to the 'downgraded' pay-scale of the officers and guarantee of representation of the officers in different bodies including university senate and syndicate.

Presided by the federation President Md Ziaul Islam, the meeting was attended by the representatives of the Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Rajshahi University, Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, Shahjalal Science and Technology University, Islami University and Bangladesh Agricultural University.

The federation also held a separate discussion in this regard with Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed yesterday.



Treasurer Prof. Shahid Uddin Ahmed presenting the budget of the Dhaka University for 94-95 fiscal at the Senate meeting yesterday.

800 dental surgeons in country

State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan has said the dentists of the country could play a very important role in developing the national health as well as ensuring the health for all by 2000, reports UNB.

He was speaking as chief guest at the 29th conference of Bangladesh Dental Association and its 45th Annual General Meeting at the Russian cultural centre in the city yesterday.

The State Minister said that there were only 800 dental surgeons in the country which is inadequate for the 12 crore people. He stressed the need for establishing more dental college in the country.

He assured the members of the association that steps would be taken to ensure the registration of the dentists who passed from the dental college.

Presided over by Dr. A Hasan, the conference was also addressed by Alamgir MA Kabir, President of Bangladesh Diabetic Association.

4 mills to produce 25,000 tons paper from green jute next fiscal

Four paper mills of the country will produce nearly 25,000 tons of industrial grade paper using green jute in 1994-95 fiscal year.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) sources told UNB that nearly 1,32,500 tons of green jute would be needed to produce 25,000 tons of pulp and paper.

"It is first of its kind in the world which will immensely help rejuvenate the already shaken jute sector of the country," the BCIC officials said.

The country is to import 1.43 lakh tons of industrial grade paper worth about Tk 1,000 crore every year to produce converting products like carton, boxes for the booming shrimp, garments industries.

The four mills under BCCI are Sylhet Pulp and Paper Mills (5,000 tons), Karnaphuli Paper Mills (10,000 tons), North Bengal Paper Mills (5,000 tons) and Khulna News Print Mills (5,000 tons).

'Prices of essentials reduced in budget'

Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr. Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain yesterday described the proposed budget for the fiscal 1994-95 as realistic and said prices of all essential items including kerosene, diesel, furnace oil and agriculture inputs were reduced substantially for the benefit of the commonman, reports BSS.

He said it was yet another manifestation of the present government's determination to do welfare of the people.

The energy minister was addressing a public meeting arranged in connection with the inauguration of gas supply to Subhaddya union of Keraniganj thana under the district at Kaliganj Bazar. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, Amanullah Aman, MP, Chhatra Dal general secretary and DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam and local BNP and other front leaders also spoke.

Terming the absence of Opposition MPs in Parliament during the presentation of budget as regrettable, the energy minister said they could have given constructive suggestions on this budget. "But their absence is a matter of great regret for the nation," he said.

He referred to the acceptance of the challenge by the Leader of the House and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia from Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina for a debate and said it had now become obligatory on the part of the Opposition MPs to join the session.

"The Parliament elected by

the people should be the focal point of all debates for national causes. So, if the opposition MPs do not take part in the debate on the floor of Parliament which would be broadcast by radio and television, it will be proved that they do not want any debate but a sort of conspiracy to jeopardise the present Parliament," he said.

Dr. Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain referred to the opposition's demand for caretaker government and said such system of government could not at all be an alternative to the parliamentary system of government.

Speaking about the gas supply in Shubaddya union at a cost of Tk 2.92 crore, the energy minister said more areas would be taken under the gas supply network in near future.

What's on today . . .

BUPSA Council: The grand national conference and Biennial National Council '94 of Bangladesh Union Parishad Secretary Association will be held. Chief guest: LGD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Orpheus Music Club: Organises like performances of "Jazz Trio" and "Dhaka Chorus". Venue: German Cultural Centre auditorium, 23 Dhanmondi R/A, Road No 2. Time: 7 pm.

Dance Drama: The Mymensingh Sangeet Shilpi Kalyan Parishad will stage "Jodi Aar Banshi Na Baje" on the 4th day of the month-long cultural function. Venue: Shilpakala Academy auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Painting Exhibition: First solo exhibition by young painter Najib Tarique has been extended up to 17th June. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30 pm to 8 pm.

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka: Regular weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 5:30 pm.

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অফসেট মুদ্রণ কালি আর বিদেশ হতে আমদানীর প্রয়োজন নেই

সম্পূর্ণ জাপানী কারিগরী প্রযুক্তি এবং বিশেষজ্ঞ দ্বারা চালিত আমাদের অফসেট মুদ্রণ কালি (টোকা বেঙ্গল টাইগার ব্রান্ড) আপনার সব রকম মুদ্রণ চাহিদা মেটাতে সক্ষম।

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Weather

Moderate rain likely

Met office forecast for the next 24 hours till 6 pm today predicted occasional moderate rain or thundershower at many places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Barisal divisions, at a few places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions with heavy falls at places, reports UNB.

Slight fall in day temperature is expected during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Satkhira and the lowest 24.4 degrees at Hatiya yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:10 am.

Meanwhile much of the country experienced rains of varying intensity ranging from 3 mm to 75 mm yesterday.

Met office says Tangail experienced the highest rain 75 mm yesterday.

Feni had 60 mm rain, Jessore 41, Majdicourt and Mymensingh 32 each, Hatiya 21, Satkhira 20, Sylhet and Comilla 18 each, Dinajpur 15, Bogra 7 and Chittagong 3 mm shower.

The maximum and minimum temperatures of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were as follows:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	32.0	28.2	81	83
Chittagong	32.6	26.6	69	95
Rajshahi	33.6	27.1	81	—
Khulna	35.0	27.5	74	85
Barisal	31.0	26.4	81	93
Cox's Bazar	28.5	26.2	92	85
Dinajpur	31.4	27.3	85	85

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