

Dhaka Day by Day

Silent Drama in Driftwood

by Fayza Haq

Ferdousy Priyabhashini, who had her sculpture show, "In the Shadows of Daily Trivia" recently at the Bengal Foundation, had on display figures which had been created from driftwood and one was amazed at the novelty of imagination which went with them.

The works that stand out for their fluidity of form had been picked up from trunks of trees, fungal growth and knotted-up tangled branches. This organic sculpture appeals to us specially because it recalls nature around us. What Ferdousy adds or takes away enables nature's stories of reality, romance and myths to have a meaning for us. Some of the works have been left as they are while others have been touched marginally. With a minimum of effort the artist has transformed nature into art.

Ferdousy, as the daughter of a professor at Khulna, grew up in a campus surrounded by trees and shrubs. Her love for nature grew more intense when she saw "Panther-Panchaly". She took up interior decoration with driftwood as her hobby and was encouraged to do so by artist S.M. Sultan and poet Sufia Kamal. Experimenting since '81, she had her first exhibition at Charoepeth Institute, Jessore. Three of her works, "Daily Life", "Elephant Family" and "Toiling" were included in the '93 Biennale. Her "Ecstasy of Priest's Life" was chosen for the national exhibition of Shilpakala Academy the same year. Meanwhile she participated in combined shows in Jessore.

"I feel driven to collect and mould the driftwood when I find a resemblance between my thoughts and the driftwood. I think, imagine and search for the wood of my dreams. When I find the proper wood, I make my carvings," she explains. She uses moth-eaten wood, barks of trees, mushrooms, dry root and seeds of mahogany tree. Whatever she does is instinctive.

"The Eagle" which has been collected from Mangla Port, Khulna, is complete with wings, beak and eyes. All Ferdousy has done is collect the wood and give it a base. Similarly "The Hawk" of Sindbad is a huge piece which has not been touched at all but is complete with outstretched wings.

"Banks of the Broken River" shows an entire scene of villagers going about their work with the bullock cart man, a woman husking rice, a man smoking the "hookah", people huddled together having an "addah", women fetching water and some others preparing meals. The

figures are all obtained from roots and branches, with a tree trunk serving as the base.

"The Peacock" has all the grace, dignity and beauty of a peacock with a trailing outstretched tail that was once a "porgacha" growing on someone's wall. In the same way "The Swan" is a graceful bird made from pieces of firewood of different colours, glued together. The piece is a good study in texture.

"The Labourer" is a fairly huge depiction of a man at work, with his head, limbs and torso beautifully displayed. The fact that it is all a work of nature is almost incredible.

"The Ballet Dancer" has a figure of a western ballerina in a tutu. The curves of her limbs, head and bosom originate from a single piece of wood with fungus growth on it.

"Durga" has the ten hands like the goddess and this is a collection of roots from the roadside in Dhanmandi. Simi-larly "Rajnish" shows the cult leader with his followers, obtained from the roots of a banyan tree at an old home. The faces, bodies and hair emerge from a single root.

"Bathing Madonna" shows a shy, slim and wet figure. Once again the body of the subject is admirable to behold and one can hardly believe that it has not been carved out.

"Love for Sale", a composition in junk wood and rusted tin, has a cinema hall at the back and shows women in a brothel going about their work. Here the artist is deeply

concerned about the victims of social calamity.

"Refugee of '71" shows a man taking shelter in an open pipe. The theme of human misery and suffering is done with two different pieces of wood.

"The Elephant Family" has an elephant and her two young ones. The artist has collected the pieces from near her office in Dhaka and from Sylhet. The "Snake and the Mongoose" pieces were collected from Dhaka and Jessore.

The profile of "Gholam Azam" is a satirical one and follows Shishir's cartoon.

Trees, their barks, roots leaves and knot holes are Ferdousy's materials. At times left over burnt wood from road repairment collection has provided her figures. Sometimes she has used scattered figures around a central theme or symbol such as the liberation war, prostitution and village life. Ferdousy considers herself an amateur who has her limitations. Despite being bound by her limitations, she has sailed forth into a challenging world of bringing organic work back to sculpture.



The Sampradayikata Birodhi Chhatra Samaj brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday in support of today's hartal. — Star photo

People must be real guide of govt: PM

People have to be the real guide and master of the government, said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday stressing the need for their direct involvement in proper planning, reports UNB.

"In implementation of plans people would be the supervisors and watchdog... We believe in accountability of the government to the people and only mass awareness can ensure this," she added.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the inaugural function of a day-long workshop on National Environmental Management Action Plan (NEMAP) at the International Conference Centre yesterday morning.

The workshop marks the end of a nationwide process of public consultation towards developing a national environmental action plan. The NGO sector through Association for Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) organised 35 workshops including 23 at the grass-roots level.

The workshops during the last three months involved people from all strata of the society including farmers, small traders, fishermen, women, teachers, students, government officials and elected representatives who were engaged in identifying major environmental problems.

The inputs, opinions and suggestions from thousands of people will be synthesised into a draft NEMAP which will chart out a plan of action for the government and other agencies concerned.

The inaugural function of yesterday's workshop was also addressed by Environment and Forest Minister Col (Retd) Ak-

bar Hossain, Resident Representative of UNDP Ms Elimi Watanabe, Secretary of Environment Ministry Abdullah Haroon Pasha, President of Environmental Coalition of NGOs Dr. Kazi Faruk Ahmed and National Project Director Qamar Mohammad Faruk.

Ambassadors, representatives of voluntary organisations and environmentalists attended the function. Begum Zia cautioned against environmental degradation which has posed a threat to our economy. "Proper environmental management is a must for improving the lot of the people and for ensuring national progress."

She hoped that the workshop will identify the environmental problems and suggest solutions.

Pointing to the problem of natural calamities, river erosion, excessive use of chemicals and insecticides, unplanned urbanisation, smoke from vehicles, industrial wastes and saline water, the Prime Minister said all these contribute to the ravaging of the environment.

She also mentioned the havoc caused on the country's economy and environment due to unilateral withdrawal of Ganges water by India at upstream of Farakka Barrage.

She stressed the need for proper planning and its efficient implementation to free the nation from the curse of poverty and overpopulation.

The Prime Minister said proper planning requires direct involvement of the masses and said the present government put emphasis on participation of the people in formulating national plans.

Janakantha editor granted bail for one month

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday granted bail for one month to Atique Ullah Khan Masud, Editor of the daily Janakantha, reports BSS.

He was earlier granted 15-day's ad interim bail on June 15.

The Appellate Division also allowed the leave petition for filing appeal against the bail rejection order of the High Court Division.

The appeal against the order of the High Court Division will come up for hearing after 30 days from yesterday.



New editor of BBC South Asia

Alexander Thomson, Editor of the BBC's daily current affairs programme South Asia Report, has been appointed South Asia Regional Editor as part of the reorganisation of News and Current Affairs within the World Service, says a press release.

His extended responsibilities include the further development of the BBC's impressive network of regional reporters and contributors in South Asia, the development of the new BBC production centre in Delhi, and the development of links between BBC Radio and Television in the region.

Alexander Thomson joined the BBC in 1973 as a graduate trainee and has worked in both radio and television news and current affairs. He was a Duty Editor in the World Service Newsroom, an Executive Producer in World Service Current Affairs, where he presented the daily programme Twenty Four Hours, and he has been both Home Affairs Correspondent and Foreign Affairs Correspondent for World Service radio news.

BRTC to import 100 deluxe buses, 30 double-deckers

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) has taken steps to import 30 double-decker buses and 100 deluxe buses including 25 air-conditioned coaches for its inter-district routes, reports UNB.

BRTC has taken up the programme to strengthen its fleet through increasing the number of double-decker buses to facilitate urban transportation.

This was disclosed at the 28th meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Communications held at the committee room of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with Communications Minister Oli Ahmad in the chair.

The meeting was also informed that BRTC had entered into a new era of operating profit though it had been a los-

ing concern for long at the time of taking over the present government.

The radical change could be brought about by taking a number of remedial steps including development of efficiency, shirking the burden of unused manpower and strengthening vigilance and monitoring.

Earlier, the meeting considered an elaborate report submitted by BRTC Chairman A R Khan on the activities, problems and prospects of BRTC.

Members of the committee, Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdul Karim Advocate, Mojibar Rahman Sarwar and Golam Mohammad Siraj of BNP attended the meeting.

Executive Director of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority Mohammad Ali, senior officials of Ministry of Communications and departmental heads were also present.

Weather Heavy falls likely

Heavy falls are likely at places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Thursday, reports UNB.

Met office says occasional moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and at many places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period over the country. Meantime, Chuadanga experienced highest rainfall of 45 mm during the last 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 32.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Chittagong and the lowest 23.5 degrees at Feni yesterday.

The sun sets today (Thursday) at 6:50 pm and rises tomorrow (Friday) at 5:14 am.

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

City	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	29.8	25	86	74
Chittagong	32.8	26	78	88
Rajshahi	29	24.9	91	93
Khulna	29.1	26.2	92	95
Barisal	30	23.8	82	97
Sylhet	31.7	24	80	98
Cox's Bazar	32	26	80	88
Dinajpur		24.8		98



Visitors at an exhibition of works by late Anwar Jahan at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Tender Notice

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the 1st & 2nd class enlisted contractors (Electrical) of Dhaka University for the works of "Installation of underground cable for main building of Zahurul Hoque Hall of Dhaka University" and will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on the 10th July 1994 and opened on the same day at 12-15 pm in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as Earnest Money a sum of Tk 6,380.00 only in Demand Draft or Pay Order from a scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Dhaka University. Tender form, Schedule and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned up to 12 Noon on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender on payment of Tk 100.00 only (Non-refundable) to the Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch after obtaining permission from the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. The contractors are liable to abide by the decision of the authority.

Mid Abdul Matin Miah
Executive Engineer (Electrical),
University of Dhaka

Chehlum of Nasiruddin

The chehlum of centenary litterateur and Saogat editor Mohammad Nasiruddin will be held tomorrow after Zohar prayers at his 38, Sarat Gupta Road residence in the city, reports BSS.

Family members of the deceased have requested all relatives, friends and admirers of Nasiruddin to attend the Chehlum.

BTV Thursday

4:30	Opening announcement
4:45	Children's programme, Rum Jhum.
5:10	News in Bangla
5:20	National Television School Debate Competition
6:05	Mass Education Programme: Esho Para Shikhi
6:30	Jiboner Alo
7:15	Nazrul songs
8:00	News in Bangla
8:30	Drama of the week
10:00	News in English
10:30	Mini series: Melba
11:30	Khabar/The News
11:40	Tomorrow's programme summary
11:45	Closing
5:30 am	Live telecast of World Cup football: Greece vs Nigeria

Date for paying CCC tax extended

CHITTAGONG, June 29: The last date for paying Chittagong City Corporation taxes without surcharge has now been extended up to July 7 instead of June 30, a corporation press release said here tonight, reports BSS.

Happy Birthday To K. B. Ahmed from Friends and well-wishers

Happy Birthday To Nasim Bhabi Bijlee

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Young energetic, graduate Civil Engineers are needed for immediate appointment. Engineers with good academic background and experience will be preferred. Candidates should apply to the Manager (Administration), Project Builders Ltd., 692/B, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217 along with own hand written Bio-Data and attested copies of the certificates by 7th July '94.

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আগামী ১০-৭-৯৪ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ব্যুরোর নির্দিষ্ট দরপত্র বাজে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১২-৩০ মিঃ এর সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদাতাদের সামনে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্রগুলি খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের সাথে রশুনি উন্নয়ন ব্যুরো, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে দরপত্রের উল্লিখিত সর্বমোট মূল্যের ৫% ব্যাংক ডাফট/পে-অর্ডার (মাল সরবরাহের ৪ চারা) মাস পুরে যাহা ফেরতযোগ্য। জামানত হিসাবে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। সকল কর্মদিবসে দরপত্র শিডিউল টাকা ৪০০ (চারশত) মাত্র মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) ব্যুরোর হিসাব লেখা হইতে ১২-৭-৯৪ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা যাইবে।

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