

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Out of Season But Not Lacklustre

by Fayza Haq

"In this season of July and August, the art market witnesses a lull because buyers, who are often expatriates tend to go abroad. Again when people are free in the evenings they cannot come to the galleries due to the rain. Moreover, for some time now people are engrossed with viewing the World Cup. They are so groggy with watching at night that they can barely grope with office work in the day time. Under the circumstances people have little urge for viewing art," says K.M. Mithu an art dealer.

Although there was no fanfare, no cutting of ribbons or flashing of photographer's bulbs, this week's permanent display at Tone gallery was a pleasant experience for art lovers. There were 22 paintings and 40 ceramics items displayed in three rooms.

Mahbubul Amh's oil on canvas "Bathing Beauty" shows a number of women done in ochre and grey, coming from their baths on the riverside, some drying themselves, others carrying flowers and water for "puja" worship. The figures are presented flat while some of the line drawings are left to make the composition interesting. The strokes are remarkable for their economy.

Kazi Abdul Basat's "Work", an oil sketch, shows a woman having had her bath, carrying an earthen vessel on her hips. No attempts are made to make the painting picturesque, while it projects the woman's naivety. It is done in sweeps of white against flat layers of the sky and ground.

Oil and sand have been used in a dexterous manner in Mohammed Yunus's "Landscape". The trees, leaves and houses are seen against the sky and cliff. The painting is done in a simple child-like way so that the viewer wanders off into a world of fairytales and romance. Human figures are sketched in brown to blend with the backdrop.

Sweeps of romantic black, white and gold are seen in Sayed Khandakar's "Winter Morning", a water colour. The beauty of the honest labour of the hard working farmers is blended with the fog and dirt. This impressionistic piece idealises the age-old traditions of the countryside.

Water colour and pastel have been combined in Nasreen Begum's "Intimacy". It shows a graceful woman, seen from the back, with washes of cream, seen sitting in an archway with a young man in the background, with no details of facial features. The yellow, blue and red of the background hold up the romantic concept of love in a full moon. The groto in which the young woman sits has an aura of mystery.

"Landscape" by Mominul Reza has thick use of raw colours verdian green, chrome yellow and vermilion laid on with the spatula. The painting dramatizes the aerial view of the countryside and presents it in a geometrical way.

Kanak Champa's "Landscape" is a medium-sized composition with generous lashing of green, blue and grey which have been used to bring in semi abstract delineation of a hilly area. A young girl with a bright blouse and dark "lungi", a flower in the hair, completes the composition which plays up the life of the tribal people, which is an innocent and uncomplicated life.

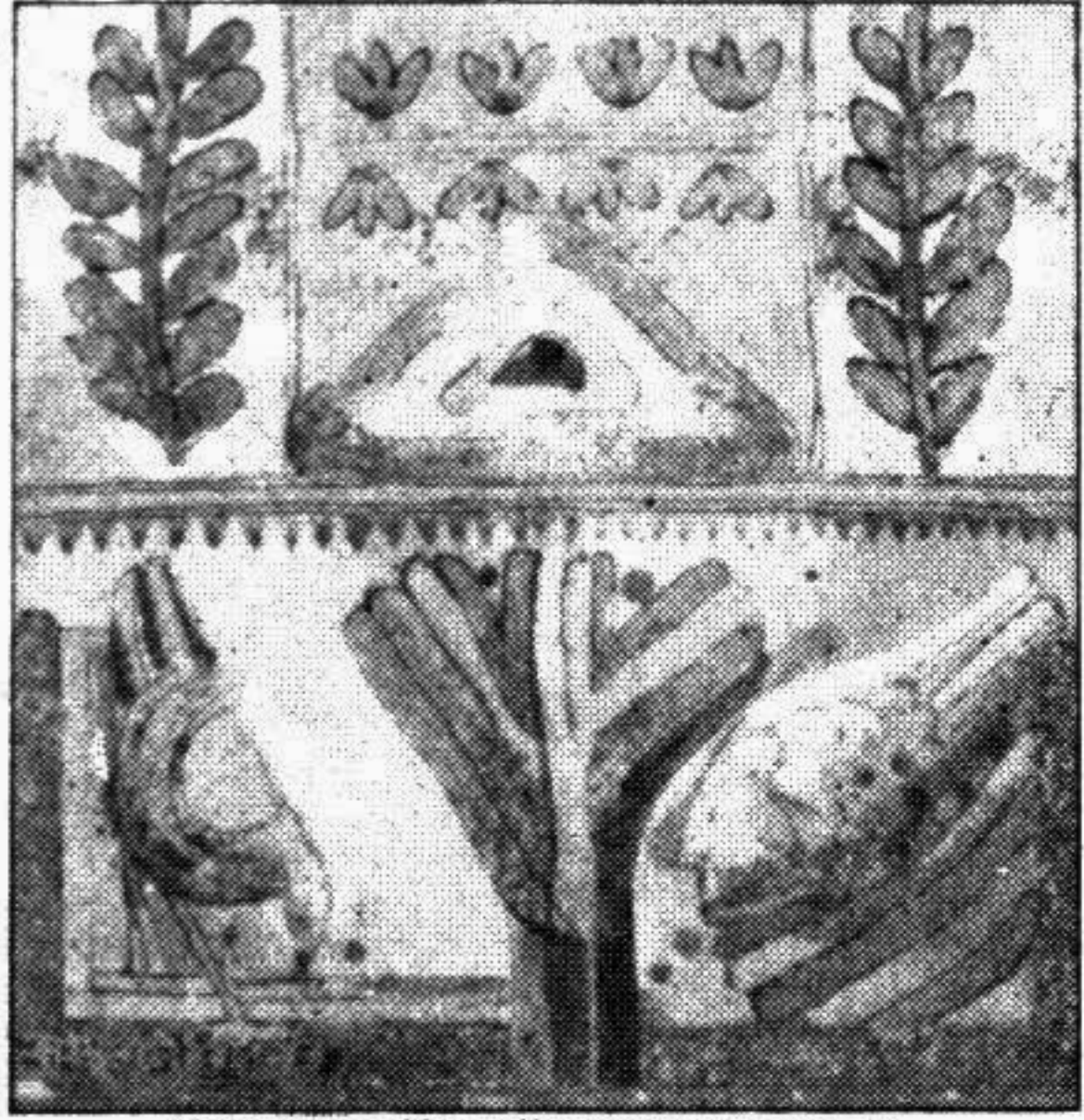
Eightyone squares are included in the abstract "Image", a litho etching by Rafi Haque. Bangla calligraphy is combined with geometrical forms, circles and triangles to complement the unidentified forms in red, blue and olive.

Sayed Talukdar in "Mountain and Sea of Clouds" has the mountains in the shape of twisted hollow containers. Clouds of beige are stuck to the ceramic mountains. In front are the flat beige fields, also a part of the ceramic creation. The mountains can serve as decorative vases in some home. This is certainly modern even if it may not appeal to all.

"Stop Deforestation" by Khalid Mahmood Mithu shows stumps of trees with tiny leaves, symbolising the tears of the chopped woodland. A black cross with a red circle denotes the negative approach of mankind. Although this is a depiction of ruination yet the painting repelling, as the colours blend gently.

In the reception room one finds Monirul Islam's "Nature's Dialogue", a mixed media in drawing and photoprint in black and white. It is a delightful piece of line drawing. There is also Sunil Howaladar's mixed medium which depicts a priest, temple and an elephant in an exotic scene and dwells on the subject of peace and tranquility. Works of better known artists are there too like Quamrul Hasan's "Owl", a water colour in yellow and black, with a few bold strokes completing the subject. Quayyum Chowdhury's "Nature-1" in tempera with traditional presentation of a fish and pigeon with leaves and plants is also present.

Mithu, who runs the gallery along with Kanak, who says he sells about five pieces a month only during the off season instead of the usual 15, believes that galleries should not be as keen in making profit as promoting deserving artists. At the same time he feels that there are not enough galleries in Dhaka for the outlet growing member of the artists.



Quayyum Chowdhury's "Nature-1"



Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman visited ailing Abus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, at the Suhrawardi Hospital in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

## Thai co launches water treatment product

By Staff Correspondent

A Thai company yesterday introduced an environment-friendly water treatment chemical which the company claims could successfully tackle the mosquito menace.

Officials of the Jalpa Corporation Limited, which introduced the product at a press conference in the capital, said the product, called EarthTech, could control the growth of mosquito larvae as well as curb cholera and water pollution.

The Bangladesh distributor of the product will demonstrate the efficacy of EarthTech at a selected gathering in Dhaka today which may include Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif.

Managing Director of the Jalpa Corporation Lertchai Srikureja said the American-produced algicide and bacteri-

ocide was environment-friendly and was approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US National Sanitation Foundation.

Manufactured under a license in Thailand, the product has been used in the USA, Canada, Spain, Mexico and Thailand, he said.

The non-toxic chemical also was effective in reducing stench spread from the solid waste dump-yards, he added.

EarthTech attacks the bad toxicity producing bacteria, boosts natural decomposition of organic matter in polluted waters and controls bad odour almost instantly when sprayed over solid waste spots and urination places, according to a handout made available to The Daily Star.

"It is a cost-effective solution," claimed Srikureja.

### What's on today . . . .

**Discussion:** On the publication of the research report on "The Role of Family and Medical Clinics in curing the Drug Addicts in Bangladesh — An Independent Evaluation" organised by the Bangladesh Anti-Drugs Federation of NGOs. Chief guest: Rafiqul Islam Mia, Minister for Works. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

**Konrad Wolf Retrospective:** Organised by the Ritwick Film Society and Chalchitram. Film: Goya. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 6 pm.

**Zahir Raihan Film Society:** A film, "Phatikchand" directed by Sandeep Roy will be screened. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium. Time: 6 pm.

**Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka:** The regular weekly meeting will be held. Syed Mujtaba Quader will deliver a talk on "Express and Transfer Service." Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

### . . . . and tomorrow

**Publication Ceremony:** Of the book "Rainbow Over Padma" written by late S M Ali, Founder-Editor of The Daily Star. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 5 pm.

### Weather

#### Thundershower likely

Moderately heavy falls are likely at places over the coastal regions of the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower may occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, and Khulna divisions, at a few places over Dhaka division and at one or two places over Rajshahi division.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period across the country.

Country's highest temperature 36.2 degrees Celsius was recorded at Sylhet while the lowest 25.0 degrees at Rangamati and Cox's Bazar yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:49 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:41 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	33.5	27.5	73	67
Chittagong	33.0	26.0	66	83
Rajshahi	33.0	26.5	90	76
Khulna	32.8	26.6	82	77
Barisal	32.0	25.5	86	95
Sylhet	36.2	26.8	66	49

#### Seminar on Sunderbans eco-system today

A three-day national seminar on "Integrated Management of Ganges Flood Plain and the Sunderbans Eco-system" begins today at the Khulna University, reports UNB.

The seminar organised by the Khulna University is expected to highlight different problems of the region with special emphasis on proper utilisation of local resources and their easy availability.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, Agriculture Minister M Majid ul Huq, Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al-Noman, Environment and Forest Minister Akbar Hossain, State Minister for Planning Dr A Moveen Khan Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Ashraf Hossain and Khulna City Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman will speak at the seminar.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar will preside over the inaugural function of the seminar, said an official handout.



Saturday

- 4:30 Opening announcement Al-Guran.
- Programme summary
- 4:45 Children's programme Sorgol
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 5:25 Musical programme Kid Songs
- 6:00 Shikkhangon
- 6:30 Population Programme Samachar
- 7:00 Banobhart
- 7:25 Comedy series Major Dad
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:30 Mati O Marush
- 9:00 Amar Desh
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama Series Dyanasty
- 11:30 Khabar/The News
- 1:30 Live telecast of World Cup football

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#### Training course on disaster management ends

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid stressed the need for united efforts to reduce the loss of life and extent of damage of resources during the natural calamities, reports UNB.

He was addressing the closing session of a week-long training course on disaster management organised by the Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC) in cooperation with Pact-Bangladesh at regional public administration training centre here Thursday.

Bangladesh is a natural disaster-prone area and it has to face natural calamities like flood, cyclone, draught and tornado every year, Rashid said.

The state minister stressed that government and non-government officials as well as public representatives be trained in disaster management. He lauded the role of BDPC, a non-government organisation, for conducting training courses on disasters.

He called upon the NGOs to come forward to create public awareness about preparedness on disaster or any other natural calamities.

Director of BDPC Saidur Rahman and Deputy Director Pact-Bangladesh Arroma Goon also spoke.

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Workshop Division, Khulna  
(Presently at Feni)

### Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

1. Tender No.	01 (RHD) Workshop Division, Khulna (Presently at Feni).
2. Name of Work	Supply the spare parts for GM Roller Road division, Feni. Under the RHD Workshop Division, Feni, during the year-1994-95.
3. Name of offices of availability of Tender document	1. EE(RHD) Workshop Division, Feni. 2. Sub-Divisional Eng (RHD) Workshop sub-Division, Feni.
4. Name of office to receive Tender bids	1. Add Project Director, Cyclone project, Maizidi, Noakhali. 2. Executive Engineer (RHD) Workshop Division, Feni.
5. Last date of Selling Tender	27-07-94(Only office hour).
6. Last date of receipt of Tender	28-07-94/13-04-1401(Till 12:30 PM).
7. Opening date of Tender	28-07-94/1304-1401 (At 1-00 PM).
8. Value of Tender documents	Bangladesh Form No 2908. Tk-15/ per set and at the rate of Tk 3/- every printed page.

Tender No.	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
01(1994-95)	3,74,500/-	7,490/-	30 (Thirty) days	1. "A" to "C" General Class of Roads and Highways Department. 2. "D" Class of RHD Add project Director, Noakhali. 3. "E" Class of RHD workshop division, Feni. (According to their financial power).

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