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Dhaka Day by Day
In Black and White

by Raffat Binte Rashid

Everything about Jahanara Imam is in black and white. Her childhood, her youth, her family and her struggle, all panned down accurately to minute details.

Her books, *Anno Jibon* (an autobiography), *Ekatturer Din Gooli* (Of Blood and Fire), *Cancerer Shathe Basabas* (Living with Cancer), and the on-going photographic exhibition, where every phase of her life and work is in pictures, only give a clear image of a woman who accepted life in her strides. She was the only personality who never thought it necessary to hide what went through her head or what she decided to do. She was exactly like a solitaire diamond, brilliant, pure, hard and precious transparent.

"In memory of Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam (she was known to be so to many), her struggle and fight against the conspirators and enemies of our great war of liberation Ekatturer Jatre (voyagers '71) has arranged for this first ever photographic display on a single personality," says Akku Chowdhury, General Secretary of the organisation.

This display is featuring her photos taken over the period of her life time. "Starting from 11 years till her death, we have collected about 200 pictures from different photo journalists," he confirms. "As is the motto of Ekatturer Jatre, to create awareness among the younger generation about the sacrifice and gift of the nation's great heroes, we have organized this unique show to let the people know what she was and what she became," Akku Chowdhury reflects on the theme. This show has a collection of photographs taken during her three years struggle. These unique pictures were the works of Rashid Talukder, Dr Shahidul Alam, Pavel Rahman, Shamsul Haque Tinku among others.

"Amma, as we call Jahanara Imam, was not only a mother she was our mentor as well," recalls a freedom fighter emotionally. "We have experienced or rather created an unusual event, we liberated our country. But unfortunately when we returned to Dhaka, we were treated as nobodies. From kings, who decided their own and others fate, we became simple street boys. No one recognised us let alone thank us," he continues.

"It is at this time that we became frustrated and insulted, some of us became outlaws and spolli. Because when a 16-year old faces blood, fire, kills people his mental state goes through a series of traumas. He needs reward and compassion but it is a cruel truth that all he got was frustration," he recalls the pain. "It was during this time that Amma talked and helped us out of these complexes. At the same time she overcame her pains to prepare for the struggles," he says.

Mosharraf urges Poles to invest in Bangladesh

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has urged the foreign investors to invest in Bangladesh for exploring its prospective energy and natural resources, according to a message received here, reports UNB.

"There is a bright scope for private investors both national and international to invest in the field of energy and mineral resources of Bangladesh," he said adding "A favourable and congenial climate is now prevailing in Bangladesh for private investors."

"Before the war, we saw her as a glamorous woman, during the war as a smart and courageous one but it was after the war that we were in her spell," he explains. "She has again rekindled the fire and dynamism of the spirit of liberation, which was slowly diminishing," says Akku Chowdhury. This show was arranged within three weeks immediately after her death "to create an impact," says Chowdhury. Ekatturer Jatre is an organization built as one of her arms and it supports her cause, earnestly. As a second phase of this show, the organization will arrange only a posters and leaflets show around September. "It will be on the posters and leaflets published so far, on the works as the Nirmul Committee," he says.

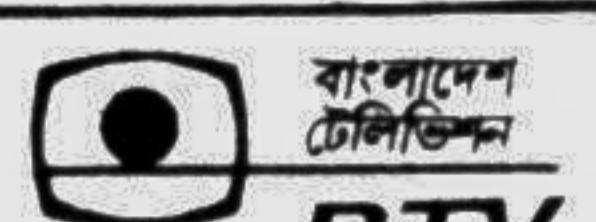
Her own reflections and sayings about the Nirmul Committee clarify and accept the serious mistake done by the country's citizens. "It is our fault, I am also to be blamed. Me and many other Shaheed mothers, we couldn't keep our sons united." This was what Jahanara Imam said on March 2, 1992, in a rally of Nirmul Committee in Demra. May be, in her mind, she was trying to answer for the delay. But in her last appeal and directive to the people of Bangladesh she wrote "... As a nation the unity and courage of the Bangalees have been without parallel. ... You stand united and fight to the very end.

Even though I will not be amo-ing to you, I will know that you — my millions of Bengalee children — will live in a free Golden Bengal with your sons and daughters ... surely, victory will be ours." Even till the last moments she wrote down her wishes. This accurate and systematic approach towards her life was what commanded so much love and respect.

Anno Jibon is about her childhood and courtship and in its last page she said that she would not do politics but settle down to a family life. Her *Ekatturer Din Gooli* is about her sons, their participation in the war and her marriage and in the end the death of her husband. Living with Cancer is about her fight against death, chronologically she has written down all the ups and downs of her life.

Jahanara Imam, an epitome of elegance, perseverance, led a life which was a mixture of dramatic and romantic ideals. Her writings and photographs mark an important part of the history of our independence war.

The independence war was not a political issue, though theoretically it is the highest political mark, it is and always will be a sacred issue. No distortions or make believe stories can be spun out of it. It is only here that Jahanara Imam's contribution to the war stands as a wall between the true and the fabricated ones.



Saturday

4:30 Opening announcement
Al-Quran
Programme summary
Children's programme: Kallol
5:10 News in Bangla
5:25 Musical programme: Kid Songs
Shukhangan
Samachar
Banshbari
7:00 Comedy series: Major Dad
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Mati O Manush
Abhimat
9:00 News in English
10:30 Drama Series: Dynasty
11:30 Khabar/The News
11:45 Closing

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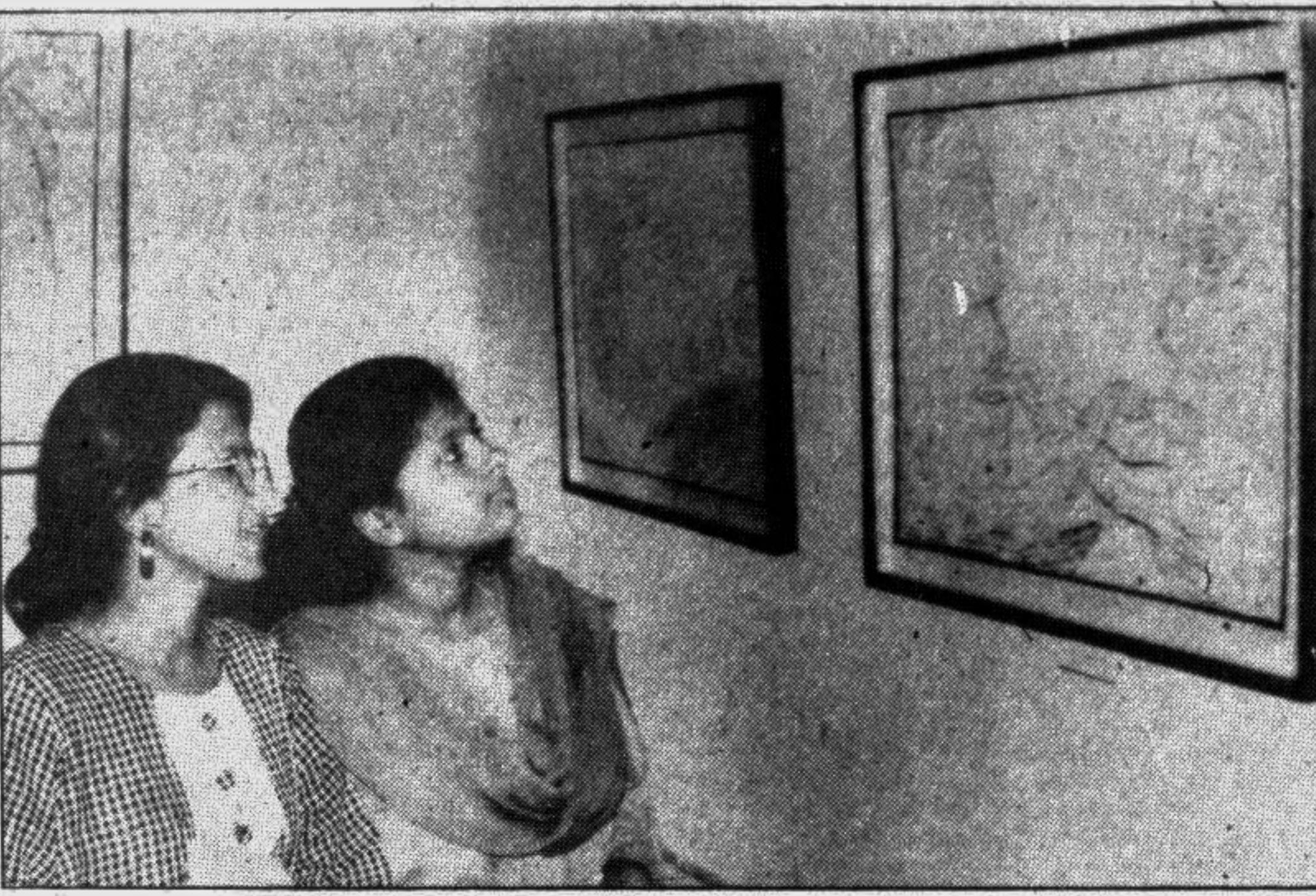
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Visitors at the first solo drawing exhibition by Nilufar Chaman which began at the Jojon Art Gallery in the city yesterday.

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Hanif for bringing about qualitative change in politics

CHITTAGONG, July 29: Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad Hanif today underscored the paramount importance of bringing about qualitative change in the politics, reports BSS.

The mayor urged the rank and file of his party for self-purification with a view to leading the party toward progress.

He said the pro-liberation forces are now greatly divided for their petty interests and that is now Jamaat is availing the utmost opportunity of this.

The mayor who is on a short visit was addressing the Mukti Joddha Memorial stipend awarding ceremony as chief guest at the Muslims Institute auditorium here in the afternoon.

Chittagong City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury attended the function as special guest while president of Chittagong South District chapter of Mukti Joddha Sangsad Abu Saleh presided.

Mayor Hanif paid respect to those who died in Chittagong centring the Jamaat and APSU meetings at Laldighi Maidan recently.

Referring to the present

socio-political scenario Hanif said it will be wrong if we think that Awami League alone had fought the liberation war. People of all walks had fought for the liberation of Bangladesh.

He urged the freedom fighters to let their sons learn the true history of the liberation war of the country.

City Mayor Alhaj Mahiuddin Chowdhury called upon all to fight against communalism and fascism in order to build a non-communal and exploitation free society.

Later Mayor Hanif distributed stipends among 65 sons and dependents of the freedom fighters.

UNB chief off to Delhi

Chief Editor of the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) Enayetullah Khan left Dhaka yesterday to attend a two-day workshop on newsprint and news ink beginning in the Indian capital on August 1, reports UNB.

The workshop is being jointly sponsored by Asian Mass Communication (AMIC) and Ifra, a German-based organisation, in cooperation with the Indian Newspaper Society.

The two-day programme is intended to give the participants an insight into effective management strategy requiring knowledge of newsprint and news ink. It is also designed to help them to understand the complex details about newsprint and news ink.

99 arrested in city

Police rounded up 99 people from different parts of the city yesterday on various charges, a DMP press release said, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 14 were wanted criminals, four were held under the Anti-Terrorism Law, six under the Explosive Law and 15 for stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.

Weather**No change in temperature**

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are likely at one or two places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the 24 hours ending 6 pm Saturday, reports UNB.

Me office says light or moderate rain or thundershower is likely at most places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions.

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

In its extended outlook for another five days the Met office predicted that rainfall activity may decrease.

Meantime, Kutubdia experienced the highest 70 mm rain yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 33.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Bogra and the lowest 23.9 degrees at Hatiya, yesterday.

The sun sets today (Saturday) at 6:43 pm and rises tomorrow (Sunday) at 5:27 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	31.4	27.5	82	77
Chittagong	31.2	25.6	97	82
Rajshahi	32.5	27.0	90	84
Khulna	31.5	25.0	100	86
Barisal	29.0	25.0	97	92
Cox's Bazar	26.0	24.5	100	98
Sylhet	33.1	25.4	95	74
Dinajpur	32.5	25.9	90	75

Kabir's painting show in Japan

By Staff Correspondent

The 14th solo painting exhibition by Bangladeshi painter GS Kabir is now being held at the ABC (Asahi Broadcasting Corporation) Gallery in Osaka, Japan. The exhibition will continue till August 5.

Kabir, 34, now doing his master degree in painting and print at the Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music.

He won national award in 1986 and gold medal in the 1991 Asian Biennale.

DCCI survey on impact of power failure

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will conduct a survey on "Impact of Power Failure and Non-economic Factors on Industrial Production", reports UNB.

The survey, based on a questionnaire, is designed to assess the effect of various non-economic factors and power disruption, a common phenomenon in the country.

DCCI investigators will interview the concerned entrepreneurs to complete the questionnaire.

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Date: 31st July & 1st August, 1994. Time: 5.00 to 8.00 pm.



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