# Dhaka Day by Day

# Back to Nature

by Fayza Haq

The clarion call to go back to nature is being seen in many of the works of contempovary Bangladeshi artists in the 90's. Farida Zaman, who had startled art lovers with her subtle and lyrical depiction of village life by focusing on fish nets and fishermen two decades ago, is back again after winning more laurels from India. This time her subjects being presented with a more abstract style and flamboyant shades of browns and oranges.

Farida's 25 oil on canvas pieces at the re-\*cent exhibit - which happens to be her third also - at the Divine Art Gallery at Sonargaon, drive home the artist's message that beauty and harmony of life remain in the villages of Bangladesh. "The city life with its complex mechanisation and urbanisation does not charm me at all. The speeding cars, the rising inulti storied buildings and smoking chimneys of the industrial area do not inspire me in any manner." Farida says, whose concept of tranquility and fulfillment lie in rain drops, blades of grass, the billowing fish nets and birds with outspread wings. Sure, these ideals are stereotyped but Farida's dynamic presentation of the elements of nature, with sweeping translucent lawyers of oil, which can easily be taken for water-colour ( so lyrical and deft is the treatment of colours) that the result is unique. The dramatic use of the black, is also like some lines of charcoal or sweeps of broad water colour brush. The impact is fresh, vibrant, breath-taking and idyllic

Thematically Farida does not mean to make departure from Bangladeshi masters like Qaurul Hassan and Qayyum Chowdhury, whom she admires immensely. It is her freatment and technique that present something new for art lovers. The painter not only idealises rural life but in depicting the struggle of the fishermen and captive birds presents the eternal and universal destiny of toil and strife of mankind.

I wish to bring in the flavour of the pristine life that I once found on the banks of the

Padma and the Meghna in the early 80's. The small landscapes depict the charm of the life and leisure to be found in our country. Even now I often visit my village home in Chandpur and this influences my forms and colours." the artist elaborates about her work.

" Fishing Net-45" has fishing equipment draped delicately almost like some grey and brown outspread wings of an exotic bird. The land and water are brought in deft lines curls and sweeps. "Bird and Fishing Net-1" has similar sense of drama and a tale of the fishing villages expressed in serene, confident, bold layers of simple shades of black, brown and orange. "Dream of a Fisherman," with its four variations, deals with the concept of constant toil and the hopes and visions that keep alive the expectations of the simple people, whose struggle begin at dawn and stretch of sunset. Once again, the vibrant shades of yellow and brown have been blended and muted to form an apt backdrop for the fish. It is indeed an enchanted world combining wind, water, land and sky.

One of the more apparently abstract pieces is "After the Rain" where the freshness of wet emerald grass after a phase of dry weather is brought in smudges of delightful soothing green on white with grey and black geometrical motifs that break the vast expanse and suggest wooden fences that one could easily see anywhere.

While Farida means to idealise Bangladesh, her canvases could represent rural scenes anywhere in the world - such is the universal appeal of her work. She, like many other contemporary women artists, proves that Bangladeshi women have come a long way in the visual media.

The artist has completed her Ph D studies at Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan, India and is an associate professor at the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. She has taken part in exhibitions in China. S Korea, Hong Kong. India. Germany and Bulgaria.



# BCL calls students' strike Apr 19

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) yesterday called a day-long student strike in all educational institutions of the country on April 19. demanding withdrawal of cases against its six activists.

The BCL has been pressing for the withdrawal of cases against its leaders for alleged involvement in the March 28 incident at the Atomic Energy Commission.

They have also taken up a series of programmes to protest the crisis of paper and

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By DU Correspondent fertiliser, and the price-hike of

The BCL leaders announced their programmes at a press conference at Madhu's Canteen of the Dhaka University yesterday afternoon.

The conference was addressed by Enamul Haq Shameem. president of the BCL (S-P). Shahjahan Alam Saju. Ajay Kar Khokon Rafiqui Islam, Bahadur Bapari, Abdul Wadud Kh okon, and Shapon Basu were also present at the conference. BCL (S-P) programmes in-

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all the districts on April 22. held a meeting with the Dhaka University Journalists' Asso-Canteen vesterday.

They exchanged views on the prevailing campus situa-

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Meanwhile, the BCL leaders ciation (DUJA), at the Madhu's

organising secretary and joint secretary respectively. The meeting was presided over by Zakaria Milon

# The visiting Sri Lankan Deputy Minister for Planning, Ethnic and National Solidarity,

Jeyraj Fernandopulle called on the Minister for Commerce and Information M Shamsul Islam at his office in the city yesterday. - PID photo

## Kuwaiti PM calls on President Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas vesterday expressed the hope that bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and Kuwait would continue to grow in the years ahead, reports

to the visiting Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, when the latter called on him at Bangabhaban. The Kuwaiti PM was accompanied by 23 members of his-entourage.

Welcoming the Crown Prince President Biswas expressed his satisfaction over the "very close" and "friendly relations" between the two brotherly countries, deeply rooted in the common religion of Islam, its teachings and tradition.

"Our two countries have identical views on a number of bilateral, regional and international issues." Biswas said.

President Biswas hoped that all Islamic countries wo-

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By Staff Correspondent

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uld continue to work together for their prosperity and to strengthen the Islamic um-

Islamic scholars of the two countries, he said, should exchange visits to enrich our The President was talking cultural life and promote Islamic brotherhood.

> The President extended a cordial invitation to the Amir of Kuwait to visit Bangladesh at a convenient time. :

The Kuwaiti Prime Minister wished Bangladesh a bright and prosperous future.

"We have come here to discuss more Kuwaiti investment in Bangladesh," said the Kuwaiti Prime Minister.

He expressed his satisfaction at the progress of projects in Bangladesh funded by Kûwait.

The Prime Minister con veyed the warm greetings of the Amir of Kuwait to President Biswas and invited him to visit Kuwait.

### Defence secy Speaker visits visits Air HQ storm-hit areas Defence Secretary M A Hakim yesterday paid a visit to of Khulna City the Air Headquarters at Dhaka

KHULNA'. Apr 12: Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali paid a visit to the storm-affected areas of Khaima City vesterday, reports

The season's first nor wester, which lashed the city and its adjoining areas Tuesday left at least one dead and injured several others, besides damaging a large number of

The speaker, now on a visit to Khulna, went round the storm-affected areas of the city, including Boyra, Rayermahal and Hamidnagar.

During the tour, the Speaker addressed a spontaneous gathering at the Rayermahal Hazi Mohsin School compound and assured the victims of all possible assistance from the government for their rehabilitation.

He donated Taka forty thousand for the reconstruction of the storm-hit Hazi Molistn School and seventylive metric tons of wheat in aid of repair work at Ravermahal

He visited the affected Bustuhara Colony and donated Tk forty thousand and two metric tons of wheat to the victims.

He also announced a donation of Tk one lakh fiftythousand for the development of the school.

## Weather

## Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershower, accompanied by temporary Kalbaishakhi (gusty) wind, is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal. Rajshahi divi-sions during the next 12 hours, reports

According to the Met office, day temperature may remain

unchanged during the period across the country. Meanwhile Maijdicourt experienced the highest rain fall. 36 mm till 6 pm yesterday. Mymenshing had 23 mm. Patriakhali 21. Comilla 12. Sitakund and Barisal 10 each and Tangail had 7 mm shower during the period

The country's highest temperature 38.5 degrees Celsius, was recorded at Ishurdi and the lowest, 19.2 degrees, at Канкрин.

The sun sets today at 6:19 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday:

Temperature in Celsius percentage Morning Evening Chittagong

## 42 held in city

Police rounded up 42 people from different parts of the city in the last 24 hours on various charges, a DMP press release said yesterday, reports

Of the arrested, four were wanted criminals, three were held under the Arms Act. two on charge of robbery and six for stealing.



The Chehlum of Late Sheuli Karım (Lucky), wife of Mr. Nazmul Karim, Managing Director, Shenjuti Limited and daughter of Late Col. (Retd) Musharrafur Rahman Khan will be held tomorrow (Friday) after. Asar prayers at her residence 101, Manipuri Para, Tejgaon,

All relatives, friends and well wishers have been requested to

# USAID grant for ICDDR.B

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Discuse Research, Bangladesh has been provided with a USAID grant of 73.622 dollars (Tk 29.45 lakh approximately) to undertake a pilot training programme on emergency response to diarrhoeal

epidemics, reports UNB. The course on "Training for Emergency Response to Cholera and Shigella Epidemics" will be conducted in Bangladesh for senior medical and health professionals from international organisations and

NGOs that normally respond to emergencies worldwide.

The initial training for 10 participants will be conducted during a two-week period this autumn - a high season for diarrhoea in Bangladesh, said a USIS press release yesterday.

They will be trained in the identification of diarrhoeal disease pathogens and appropriate drug therapy under field conditions, using new techniques for control of diarrhoeal epidemics.

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(b) be less than 28 years old;

(c) Be excellent in both spoken & written English:

(d) Have the service-oriented and smiling attitude to handle hotel guests.

Designation and salary package of the selected persons in all categories will depend on their education, experience and capability.

Interested persons may apply with C. V. and recent photo to Box No.S-187 The Daily Star, Dhaka by 25 April 1995.

## Office of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Executive Engineer**

Chandpur O&M Division BWDB, Chandpur

# **Short Notice Inviting Tenders**

No. 11 of 1994-95

Sealed tenders in T-1 form are hereby invited from the enlisted 'A' & 'B' Class contractors of BWDB. for the year 1994-95 for the following works in connection with Chandpur Town Protection Scheme during the year 1994-95 Group Eligibility of confractors earnest money Manufacturing and 2500120.00 supplying of C.C. blocks. 'A' & 'B' Class 75000.00

Name of offices where tenders will be received on 20.4.1995, 22.4.1995 & up to 12.00 Noon on 23.4.1995. Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, Rupali Sadan, 156-157, Motifheel C/A, Dhaka. Office of the Executive Engineer, Chandpur O&M Division, BWDB, Chandpur. Office of the Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Comilla,

Name of offices where tender documents will be sold up to office/banking hours on 19.4.1995. Office of the Manager, Sonali Bank, Shologhar Branch, Shologhar, Chandpur. Office of the Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, WDB, Comilla Tender will be opened on 23.4.1995 at 12-30 PM in tender receiving office.

All other relevant information may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. PANI-547/94-95.

**Executive Engineer** Chandpur O&M Division BWDB, Chandpur



## Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh Office of the Director

Central Engineering Maintenance & Stores Unit Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka

## CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment may kindly be noted in the tender document for "Supply and Commissioning of 2 (two) Nos. Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicles for Zia International Airport" (Tender No CEMSU-24/94-95). . Date of submission of tender is extended up to 16.05.95.

Fixed Earnest Money US\$ 25,000/- or Tk 10,00,000/- (US Dollar Twenty five thousand or Bangladesh Taka ten lac) only to be submitted along with Technical Offer.

The offer shall be submitted in US Dollars only. The time of completion for the "Supply and Commissioning of 2 (two) Nos. Rescue and Fire

Fighting Vehicles" is 10 (ten) months dating from the issue of the order to commence the work. Document-C, Page No 5 of 6, Clause No 7.2 Read "3 (three) months" in place of "6 (six) months" and read "Bid Validity" in place of

submission of the performance Bond" and accordingly necessary correction may be made in the specimen of Bid Bond. Document-F, Page No 5 of 8, Clause No 13.c.

Read "completion of work" in place of "expiration of maintenance period". Document-E, Page No 8 of 8, Clause No 24

Read "I (one) year in place of "5 (five) years" & delete "in addition the Supplier/Contractor shall offer free service for a period of five years from the date of final acceptance which includes annual maintenance and training visits by the Supplier/Contractor". Document-E, Page No 8 of 8, Clause No 25

Replace above clause with "Provide 5 (five) annual visits" by the Factory Engineer for maintenance and on the job training of CAAB personnel at site for, 5 (five) working days in each visit at the cost of the supplier.

The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Director, CEMSU CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka



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