

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 contemporary Bangladeshi artists in the 90's.

Farida's 25 oil on canvas pieces at the recent 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.

Thematically Farida does not mean to make a departure from Bangladeshi masters like Gaurul Hassan and Qayyum Chowdhury, whom she admires immensely.

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.

Fishing Net—45 has fishing equipment draped delicately almost like some grey and brown outspread wings of an exotic bird.

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.

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.



The visiting Sri Lankan Deputy Minister for Planning, Ethnic and National Solidarity, Jeyraj Fernando called on the Minister for Commerce and Information M Shamsul Islam at his office in the city yesterday.

Kuwaiti PM calls on President Biswas

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

The President was talking 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.

Welcoming the Crown Prince President Biswas expressed his satisfaction over the "very close" and "friendly relations" between the two brotherly countries.

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

President Biswas hoped that all Islamic countries would continue to work together for their prosperity and to strengthen the Islamic ummah.

Defence Secretary M A Hakim yesterday paid a visit to the Air Headquarters at Dhaka Cantonment and met with Chief of the Air Staff Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury.

The Air Chief warmly received the new Defence Secretary and introduced to him the Principal Staff Officers and the Directors of the Air Headquarters.

Crime reporters' body formed

An 11-member new executive committee of the Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association was formed in the city yesterday.

The association dissolved its former committee at a general meeting yesterday, said a press release of the association.

Zakaria Milon of Ittefaq and Fakrul Alam Kanchan of the daily Sangram were made president and general secretary respectively.

Besides, Montaj Ahmed of Al Muzadded and Mofizur Rahman of Meilat are the new vice presidents while Sohail Azam of Banglabazar Patrika, Shamsul Salehin of Janata and Shontosh Mondol of Sangbad have been made the Treasurer, organising secretary and joint secretary respectively.

The meeting was presided over by Zakaria Milon.

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.

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

CHEHLUM



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

All relatives, friends and well wishers have been requested to attend

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Short Notice Inviting Tenders No. 11 of 1994-95

Table with 5 columns: Group No, Name of work, Estimated cost, Amount of earnest money, Cost of tender document, Time allowed, Eligibility of contractors. Includes details for manufacturing and supply of C.C. blocks.

PANI-547/94-95. 10-375

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).

- 1. Date of submission of tender is extended up to 16.05.95.
2. 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.
3. The offer shall be submitted in US Dollars only.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Document-F, Page No 5 of 8, Clause No 13.c. Read "completion of work" in place of "expiration of maintenance period".
7. Document-E, Page No 8 of 8, Clause No 24. Read "1 (one) year" in place of "5 (five) years" and 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".
8. 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

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 fertiliser, and the price-hike of essentials.

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, Rafiqul Islam, Bahadur Bapari, Abdul Wadud Khokon and Shapon Basu were also present at the conference.

BCL (S-P) programmes include protest rally and procession at all divisional headquarters on April 15, county-wide torch procession on April 21, and the submission of memoranda to the Home Ministry and the DC offices of all the districts on April 22.

Meanwhile, the BCL leaders held a meeting with the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA), at the Madhu's Canteen yesterday.

They exchanged views on the prevailing campus situation.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার. পরিচালক ও অধ্যাপকের কার্যালয়. জাতীয় হস্তশিল্প ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতাল. শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭. তারিখঃ ৪/৪/১৯৯৫ইং. দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ঢাকার শেরেবাংলা নগরস্থ জাতীয় হস্তশিল্প ইনস্টিটিউট ও হাসপাতালের জন্য ইলেকট্রো-মেডিক্যাল ইকুইপমেন্টস সরবরাহ ও সংস্থাপনের জন্য বাংলাদেশের যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার ও প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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 divisions during the next 12 hours, reports UNB.

According to the Met office, day temperature may remain unchanged during the period across the country. Meanwhile, Majdicourt experienced the highest rain fall, 36 mm till 6 pm yesterday. Mymensingh had 23 mm, Patuakhali 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 Rangpur.

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:

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Includes data for Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet.

Oscar winning film director with 370347 sq. ft. silk, 4 helicopters, 40 boats, 300 film extras and a film crew of 70 have a mission — to cover an island in the Pacific. Watch it on Bangladesh Television from 14th to 25th April before the English News.