

# Dhaka Day by Day

## Samples from her Boudoir

by Fayza Haq

Shammin Sultana Munni's recent exhibit at the Alliance Francaise may not have taken one as anything extraordinary at the outset. Yet, considering the fact that it is the work of a housewife, who must play hostess and dazzling diamond piece on the lapel of her husband at all formal occasions and also complete her home-work as a final year masters student of Psychology, at the Eden College, this is no trifling matter. Here is a woman, "belles comme le jour" who has shown the world that women's lib can be fought even from a boudoir.

In "Nature" the cubistic cum various other "ism" types or forms of painting are carefully blended in with patience and love. In the back drop is the red flaming eye of a woman scorned. This has the eye-lashes and marble-like eye-balls in ruby red and burnished gold. This hue continues: the hips, feet, and her outspread palm, feeling her pulsating heart — which is bursting with normal reactions to the unavoidable vicissitudes of life. To balance the main female figure image is the tree trunk, placed solidly in the right forefront. This is done with bold strokes of black and outlined by scintillating gold. It all merges into a multi-coloured unified pattern with pale blue strokes to offset it on the dark canvas.

Moving on to a realistic piece "Full-Moon" one gets a taste of the typical effort of a young aspiring artist, struggling on her own. Yet the neat and pat work, despite being con-

ventional, is soothing, lyrical and certainly a sight to see — placed in any room of a house or an office, whether it be here or overseas. This oil-on-canvas has the romantic full moon and puffed clouds in the background, dark and soothing palms and mango trees at the side, with the boatmen and passengers both silhouetted sharply in the centre of the



piece and surely it is soothing for any world-weary on-looker.

A sample of an attempt to capture Egyptian art — an idea that occurred to Munni, having seen Shahrak Huq's previous exhibit six months ago at the same venue, as the young and vivacious artist explains herself — is the painted tall vases. One of these contain the statuesque female image of a worshipper, all complete with ethereal clothes and amazing headgear of feathers, this is complete with hieroglyphics, and would be a piece to take home for someone who has actually visited the Egyptian pyramids.

Asked to explain how she fits in her routine for the amazing number of oil paint work, Munni explains spontaneously, "This is a hobby which I do in my verandah. I put in as many weekends and off-days as I can fit it. The rest is up to my destiny and I hope for the best."

Munni is at present under the guidance of a local artist, Shaheed Hussain. She admits that she has "many miles to go" before she acquires perfection and self-satisfaction.



Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Bangladesh Chang Won Sik made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday. — PID photo

## Int'l Day against Drug Abuse observed

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking was observed Monday in the country as elsewhere in the world to activate further the campaign against the scourge, reports UNB.

Different socio-cultural organisations of the country organised various programmes to observe the day. At a function at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium yesterday, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury called for a concerted effort by people from all walks of life to fight against drug abuse and trafficking. The discussion meeting was organised by the Department of Narcotics Control.

Addressing as a special guest, Home Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed said socio-economic stability is being threatened by drug addicts. The addiction has crippled a good number of young people of our society, he said. Unemployment, poverty,

frustration and socio-economic disturbances created drug dependency which should be checked with the help of the government as well as international organisations, said Director General of the Department of Narcotics Control Sayed Margoob Morshed.

Earlier, the Department of Narcotics Control brought out a walkathan from Shishu Park at 7:00 am which ended at the Osmany Memorial Hall. Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury led the walkathan.

Radio and TV aired special programmes and newspapers brought out special supplements on the occasion. Several other organisations like Bangladesh Drug Federation of NGOs, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Bangladesh Association for Social Advancement and National Youth Forum also organised discussion meetings and blood donation programmes.

## Outgoing DPRK envoy meets PM

The outgoing ambassador of North Korea spoke highly of the socio-economic programmes of Begum Zia's government, specially the measures taken for poverty alleviation and education, reports UNB.

Chang Won Sik also lauded the government's self-dependent policy and restoration of the democratic system in Bangladesh.

The envoy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday afternoon.

He termed the relations between DPRK and Bangladesh 'excellent' and said the extraction of hardrock at Madhyapara is a bright example of the economic cooperation between the two countries.

## Hasina condemns attack on Hosni Mubarak

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday strongly condemned and protested the barbaric attack on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, reports UNB.

In a message to President Mubarak, Hasina expressed her deep concern at the attempt on his life in Addis Ababa on Monday.

She also expressed gratitude to Almighty Allah for saving Mubarak from the hands of the attackers.

## DU club apex body formed

By Staff Correspondent

A 17-member executive committee of the Dhaka University Club for the 1995-96 tenure was formed yesterday with Prof A B M Mahmud and Dr Mizanur Rahman as its president and secretary respectively.

## Hasina condoles deaths in boat capsizes

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed shock at the death of 13 people, including six children, in two incidents of boat capsizes at Raikabeel in Brahmanbaria and Ragibpurhat in Kurigram district, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, she conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for salvation of the departed souls.

In another message, Hasina expressed shock at the death of Narsingdi district Awami League leader Mohammad Nasiruddin Khan. Khan was killed in a road accident at Maona in Sreepur thana on Sunday.

## 'Devise frame work to run BTV'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar on "The future of electronic media in Bangladesh stressed the need for formulating specific guidelines to run the Bangladesh Television (BTV).

Organised by the Ganamadhya Kendra, the three-day seminar began at the German Cultural Centre yesterday. The speakers also demanded guidelines for the recently introduced package programmes.

Abdullah Abu Sayeed chaired the first day's programmes of the seminar, while Nawazish Ali Khan, Jamaluddin Hossain and Hedayet Hossain Morshed participated in the discussions.

Arefin Badal presented a keynote paper titled "Possibilities of BTV's package programmes and present problems." Muhammad Jahangir delivered the welcome address.

Badal Arefin, in his paper, demanded a separate 'package cell' to deal with the package programmes. He also called for separating the entertainment unit from the other units.

In his speech, Abdullah Abu Sayeed called for the formation of a preview committee comprising neutral, experienced and distinguished experts to evaluate the standard of BTV programmes.

## JU Senate summoned

By JU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury has summoned the 14th annual session of the JU Senate on June 29.

All the 92 senators of the senate, including 25 registered graduates are expected to attend.

The budget of Tk 13.76 crore for the fiscal 1995-96 will be presented at the session.

Besides, three members of the JU syndicate are expected to be elected by the senate members in the session.

## UN founding day to be commemorated nationwide

The national preparatory committee for the observance of the 50th anniversary of the UN at its third meeting held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday discussed implementation of programmes taken earlier to commemorate the anniversary, reports BSS.

Chaired by the Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, the meeting set the main objective of the celebration to involve the whole nation rather than keeping it confined to the capital city alone.

The committee at its meeting yesterday discussed implementation of the programmes which include seminars, discussions, poetry and essay competitions, painting and photo exhibitions, broadcast of special programmes on radio and television.



Charter President of the Inner Wheel Club of Dilkusha Tahera Wahid receiving the International Charter of the club from Mainul Hossain, Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Daily Ittefaq and New Nation at a function at Hotel Sonargaon on Sunday.

## Computer aided journalism course in DU soon

A new course on Computer Aided Journalism (CAJ) will be introduced at Dhaka University shortly to update the university with the modern communication technology, reports UNB.

Dr A A M S Arefin Siddique, Chairman of the department of Mass Communication and Journalism, disclosed this while talking about the media centre to be set up in the department from the academic season commencing in July this year.

"The main aim of the initiative is to link the academic programmes with the explosion of communication technology over the world," Dr Arefin said. Such a media centre is the first of its kind in the educational institutions of Bangladesh.

Third year Honours and MA final year students would get the opportunity to work in the centre," the departmental head said.

The first consignment of the materials from Japan and the United States for this centre has already reached the department, where efforts are afoot to set up the 'news laboratory' for practical training of the students.

It will provide the students with hands-on training in electronic journalism and news editing and would include video facilities for TV production, instruments for radio production and copy editing and page makeup facilities.

The centre will be a non-broadcasting one at the initial stage, the Chairman said, and

hoped that it would be able to produce broadcasting material in the future.

It is being established with the assistance of the Asia Foundation and the government of Bangladesh amounting to about Tk one crore.

## Abandoned property law HC issues rule on govt

The High Court Monday issued a rule nisi on the government to show cause why the Abandoned Building Ordinance of 1985 should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional, reports UNB.

The rule was issued by a division bench upon a writ filed by one Ambia Khatoon challenging a judgement of the Settlement Court Number 1 with regard to her property at 8/15, Salimullah Road, Block-D, Mohammadpur.

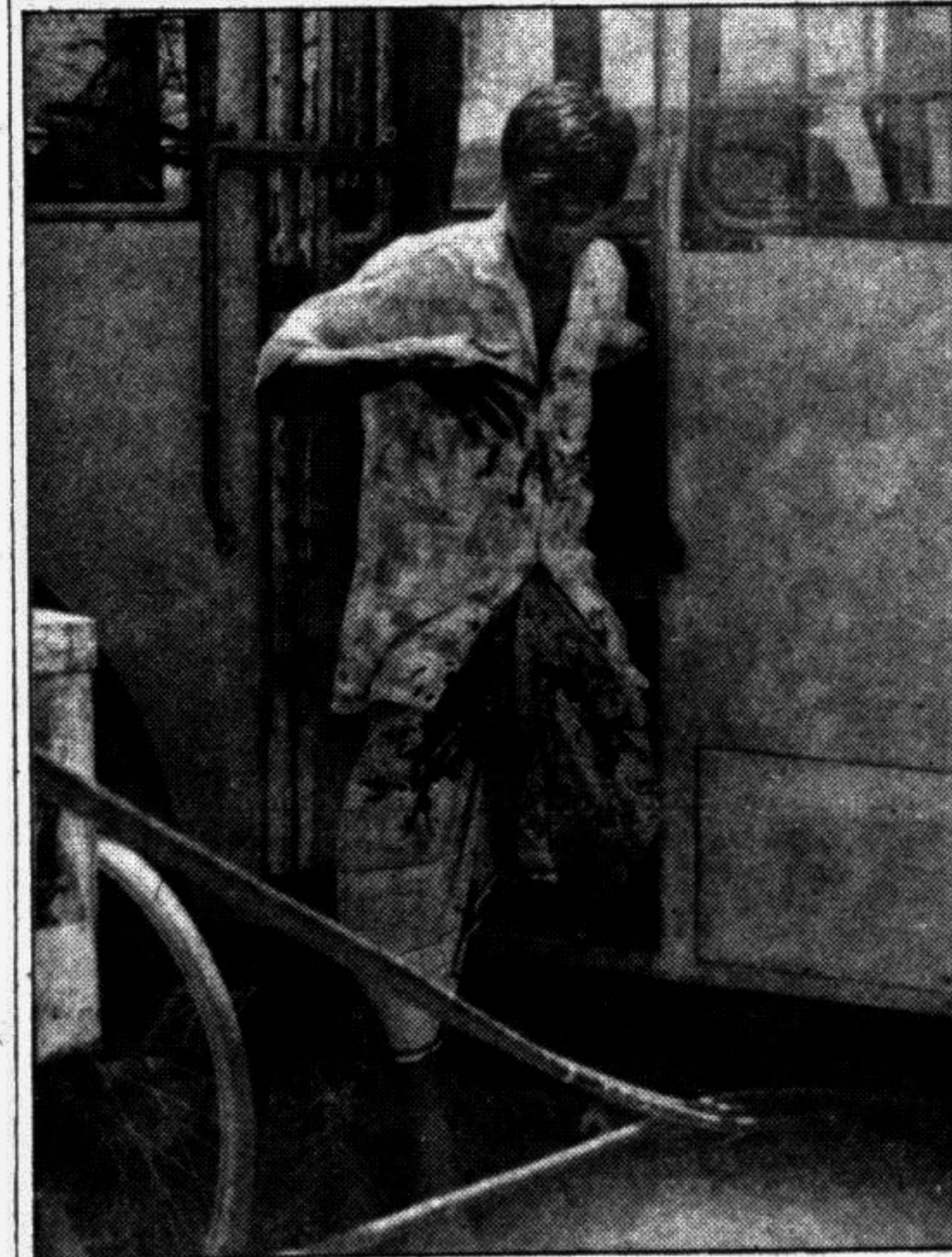
The rule was made returnable in eight weeks and the operation of the judgement was stayed for 10 weeks.

Pleading for the petitioner, Advocate M Imtiaz Farooqui questioned the very ordinance, saying that full judicial powers lie with the Supreme Court and the subordinate courts. He submitted that Parliament has no plenary legislative power under Article 65 of the Constitution to confer judicial power to the courts of settlement. The legislature also cannot take away the judicial powers of the subordinate courts by enacting the Abandoned Buildings Ordinance, he added.

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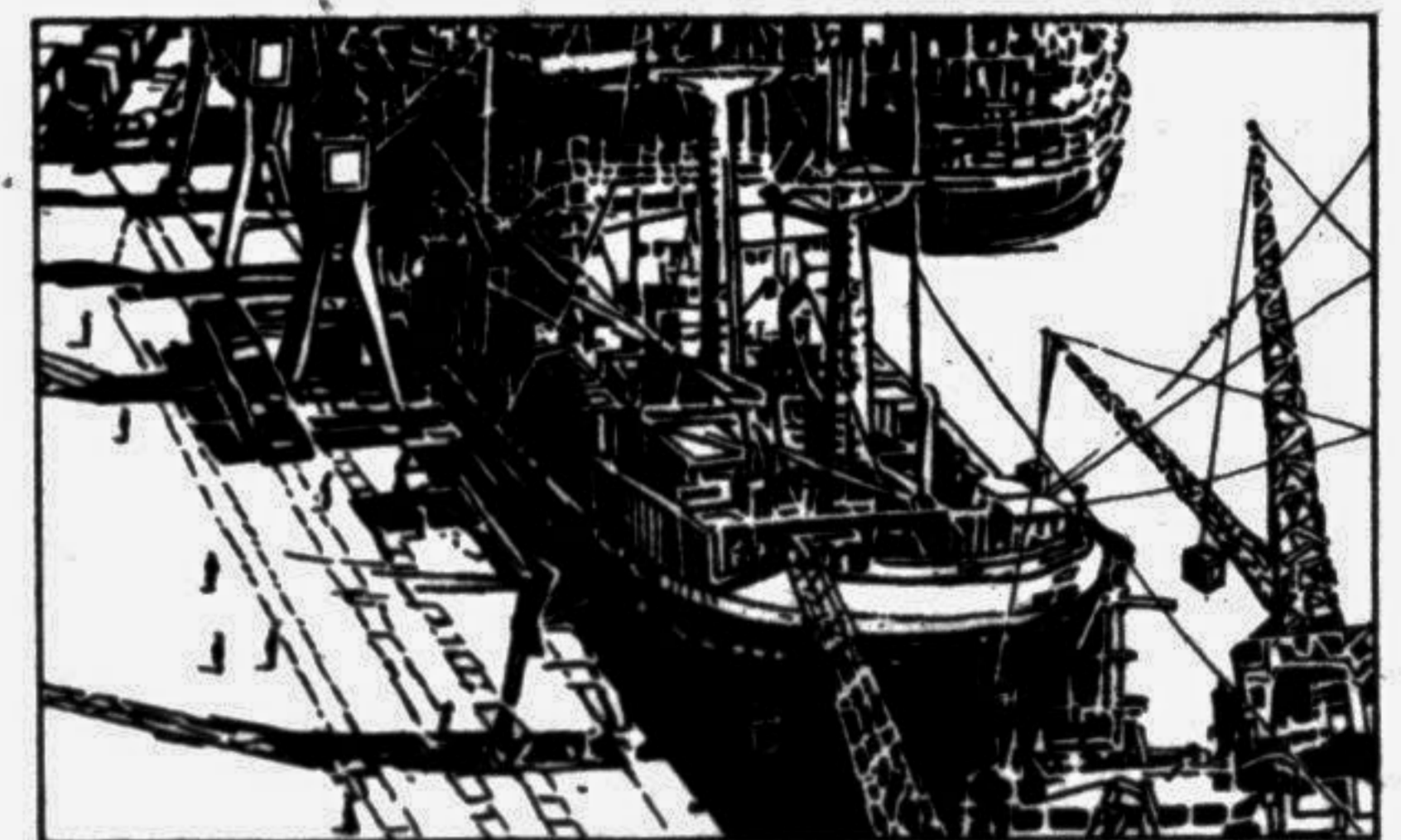
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The injured driver seen fleeing from his bus after the vehicle dashed against a roadside wall in the fatal of an attack from Jatiya Party activists during the hartal hours in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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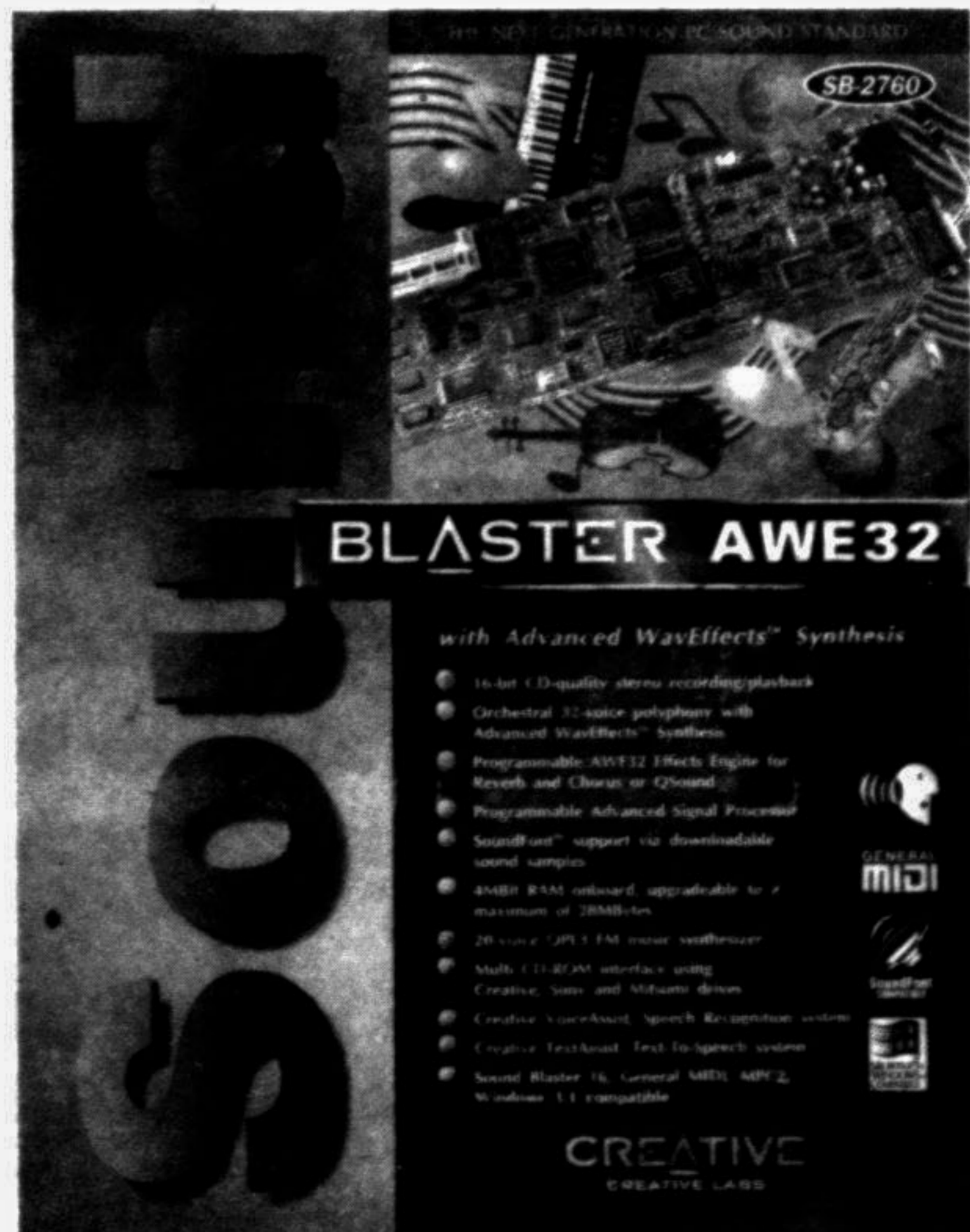
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## Weather

### Rain to continue

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions during the 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Light shower is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Khulna divisions but the weather may remain mainly dry over Rajshahi division during the period.

The Met Office said day temperatures may rise by 1.2 degrees Celsius over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions. No appreciable change is expected over Chittagong and Barisal divisions.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was 34.6 degrees Celsius recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest was 24.5 degrees at Comilla.

The sun sets today at 6.50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.13 am.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.2	27.1	78	73
Chittagong	32.0	25.5	87	76
Rajshahi	33.8	26.7	88	87
Khulna	33.0	27.6	79	77
Barisal	33.0	25.5	77	72
Sylhet	32.0	27.0	91	98
Cox's Bazar	31.5	25.5	90	77
Mymensingh	31.8	24.6	78	92
Dinajpur	34.6	26.5	77	72