

Dhaka Day by Day

Scenes with Sentimental Overtones

by Fayza Haq

The Alliance Francaise takes pride in sponsoring shows of young and striving artists. Solaiman Sarkar is fortunate enough to come to the notice of the French cultural institution here and have an exhibition of his water colours and oils.

As a student of oriental art Solaiman prefers water colours. He had 18 water colours, 18 oils and numerous paintings on pottery for his recent show. As oriental art focuses on women, he has done the same, bringing in the theme of love in many of his paintings.

"The lovelorn lady" is a water colour depicting a woman from the courts playing a violin and meditating under a tree. The flowers in the garden and the dappled deer add to the ornate and picturesque setting.

There is the romantic game of kite flying in which lovers send messages to each other on kites and this is shown in "A queen playing with a kite". A lady with delicately stitched courtly clothes is seen bending over and hurrying to catch a kite. The surrounding architecture is brought in, with shades of pale colour so that even the carpet and the blind (chic) stand out for their detailed decorative work.

A woman's concern for her departed lover is delineated in "Give me the news of my dear one, oh cloud!" where a female figure stands and stares at the gathering clouds in the sky, worrying about the arrival of her lover in the rain. Other figures are also included in the work.

Two women friends are seen hurrying on their way in another water colour. Leaves, flowers and buds of surrounding trees are done with care as also the clothes and the hairdo of the women.

"Omar Khayyam and his beloved" shows an eastern man seated and looking up with

adoration at a lady, dressed in yellow and green.

Similarly "Romantic lovers" bring in a man playing a blue pipe while his woman dances beside him, swaying to the movements of the tune.

Apart from the oriental art works Solaiman has done a number of experimental pieces in oil. "Lover" depicts a man embracing a woman. The woman is sari clad while the man wears a punjabi. It is done in shades of blue and green, touched with white.

"Village" has a woman collecting water from a river. The surrounding houses, stacks of paddy, trees and boats have also been brought in.

"A beautiful woman" had a woman sketched in, draping her "sari" around her. The figure is done in yellow and green against an inky blue backdrop.

While the experimental works were fairly acceptable yet one felt that Solaiman had a lot to learn in way of finesse despite his master of Fine Arts degree from the Dhaka University.

Although Alliance Francaise perhaps has not much choice yet, it seemed a pity that for the last six months the art exhibitions at the cen-

tre remain similar — one sees the works of only amateurs and up and coming artists. Even the style, theme and medium had little variations. While the Asian Biennale is not far away — where one can have a feast of works of artists — one would have welcomed more mature work. While the Alliance should be lauded for providing launching pads for young artists, other established artists who complain that they cannot readily get sponsors should avail of the opportunity of two large well-lit galleries available at the Alliance.



What's on today . . .

Aparajeyo-Bangladesh: The organisation will hold a mobile cultural function as part of its week-long programme. Venues: College Gate, Kalabagan, Asad Gate, Bangla Motor, Shahbag, Press Club, Shaheed Minar, TSC and New Market. Time: 10 am.

BCPFA programme: The Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA) will hold a programme to mark the 46th founding anniversary of China and 20-year of Sino-Bangla diplomatic tie.

Rotaract Club of Eskaton North: A joint meeting and assembly of zone 'Bangshi' will be held. Venue: Rotary Cancer Detection Unit, Mohakhali TB Gate. Time: 4 pm.

BSAF programmes: The Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) will hold a children's gathering at Shishu Academy at 9 am and cultural shows at Victoria Park at 3 pm and at Shahbag at 4 pm as part of its Children's Rights Week'95 celebration.

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Science lecture: The National Museum of Science and Technology will organise the talk on Issues and Options for Flood Management in Bangladesh. Venue: National Museum of Science and Technology auditorium. Time: 4 pm. Dr Ainun Nishat will deliver the talk.

German leaders felicitated

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated German President Dr Roman Herzog and Chancellor Helmut Kohl respectively on the occasion of the Day of German Unity today, reports UNB.

In a message President Biswas said the friendly relations and close cooperation existing between the two countries would be further developed and consolidated in the years to come.

In a separate message, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia wished good health, happiness and long life of the German Chancellor and the continued peace and prosperity of the people of that country.

People's role in FAP planning process demanded

Speakers at a discussion on Flood Action Plan (FAP) demanded total motivation on construction of experimental project by involving people in the planning process, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by Like-Minded Environmental Activities Group and Coalition of Environmental NGOs, the discussion was held at WVA auditorium Friday.

Leaders of political parties, student fronts, peasant organisations, lawyers, journalists, social and human rights and environmental activists and academicians took part in the discussion.

They rejected the strategy report on flood and water management plan presented to the Prime Minister and adopted by the cabinet, a press release of the organisation said.

Convocation of Chhyanaut Nov 12

The convocation ceremony of Chhyanaut — a school of music will be held on November 12, '95, says a press release.

Successful students of the certificate examinations held between 1397 and 1400 Bengali year are requested to register their names during office hours by October 20, added the press release.

Painting workshop for children

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka has organised a three-month long painting workshop for children, says a press release.

Children aged between 7 to 16 years are eligible for admission. Admission test will be held on Friday at 10:30 am, added the press release.

Artist Masuma Khan will conduct the workshop. For further information contact should be made to the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Tel: 504732. 503673 or Masuma Khan over Phone. 234638.

Science fair

The annual science fair '95 of the Tejgaon Govt Girls' High School was held at school premises recently, says a press release.

Prof M Jobdul Haq, director, Secondary and Higher secondary Education Directorate inaugurated the two-day fair.

A total of 45 projects were displayed in the fair. Farida Begum, headmistress of the school, emphasised the necessity of a science laboratory and an auditorium at the school.

WP presses for caretaker govt

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Workers Party (WP) has called upon the government to accept the demand for the caretaker government and save the country from 'anarchy' and 'uncertainty'.

In a party polit bureau meeting yesterday they alleged there has been an unprecedented deterioration in the law and order situation due to the 'misrule' of BNP government.

Presided over by Nurul Hasan Khan the meeting was attended by Rashed Khan Menon, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Bimal Biswas, Abdul Matin and Mahmudul Hasan Manik.

The meeting also demanded scrapping of black laws and debarment of the loan defaulters from participating in the National election.

Probe into pollution of Kalyanpur area yet to start

By Staff Correspondent

The Department of Environment (DOE) is yet to start investigation into the pollution of the vast low-lying areas of Kalyanpur by toxic tannery waste from the adjacent areas.

A senior chemist of the DOE said that his cell did not receive any directive from higher authorities to test the level of toxicity in water in the area.

It was reported in The Daily Star in July last that highly toxic tannery waste, accumulated in the low-lying areas inside the city flood protection embankment, was diverted to areas in Kalyanpur by digging a drain in the embankment near Mohammadpur. The diversion was reportedly ordered by the Dhaka WASA.

Officials of the DOE had said that they would test the

level of pollution in the area and send its findings to the relevant department for further action.

DOE officials yesterday confirmed that the file regarding the matter remained at its initial stage.

Meanwhile, many residents of Mohammadpur and Adabar areas which have been polluted by the diversion of toxic tannery waste, lodged complaints with different legal and private bodies.

VOA call-in

The Voice of America (VOA) has announced the upcoming topics for its international radio call in programme, Talk to America, says a press release.

The talk on How the Brain Works will be aired today at 11 pm, added the press release.



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President Abdur Rahman Biswas among the recipients of distinguished personalities award '95 organised by the Greater Comilla Association in the city on Saturday. — PID photo

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No: 06/EE/KRD-II/1995-96.
- Name of work: As per group list.
- Chargeable to: As per group list.
- Estimated cost: As per group list.
- Earnest money: As per group list.
- Name of offices of availability to tender documents: Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachhari Road Division-I/II/Rangamati & Road Sub-Division-3, Khagrachhari/Dighinala under this Division.
- Last date of selling of tender documents: Up to 15-10-95 during office hour.
- Last date and time of receipt of tender: At 12.30 PM on 17-10-95.
- Name of officers to receive the tender: Superintending Engineer, RHD, Rangamati Road Circle, Rangamati & the undersigned. (It is requested to send the receive of tenders in sealed condition by the messenger of the undersigned).
- Tenders in sealed condition received from different office will be opened:
 - Name of the Officer: Mohammed Hossain, Executive Engineer, RHD, Khagrachhari Road Division-II, Khagrachhari.
 - Date & time: At 12.45 PM on 19-10-95.
- Time allowed for completion of work: As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractor/firm: "A" to "E" general category of RHD enlisted contractor.
- Date & time of lottery: From 11.00 AM on 21-10-95.

Group List

Gr No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed for complete work	Chargeable to
1 (One)	Repairing potholes depression & undulation, damaged portion at Dighinala Thana connecting road under Khagrachhari Road Divn. II, during the year 1995-96.	Tk 3,72,686/-	Tk 7,454/-	40 (Forty) days	Dighinala Thana Road (Nicar)
2 (Two)	Repairing potholes depression & undulation with seal coat and damaged portion at 8th KM of Dighinala-Babuchhara road under do do.	Tk 2,32,536/-	Tk 4,651/-	30 (Thirty) days	Dighinala Babuchhara Road (M/C)

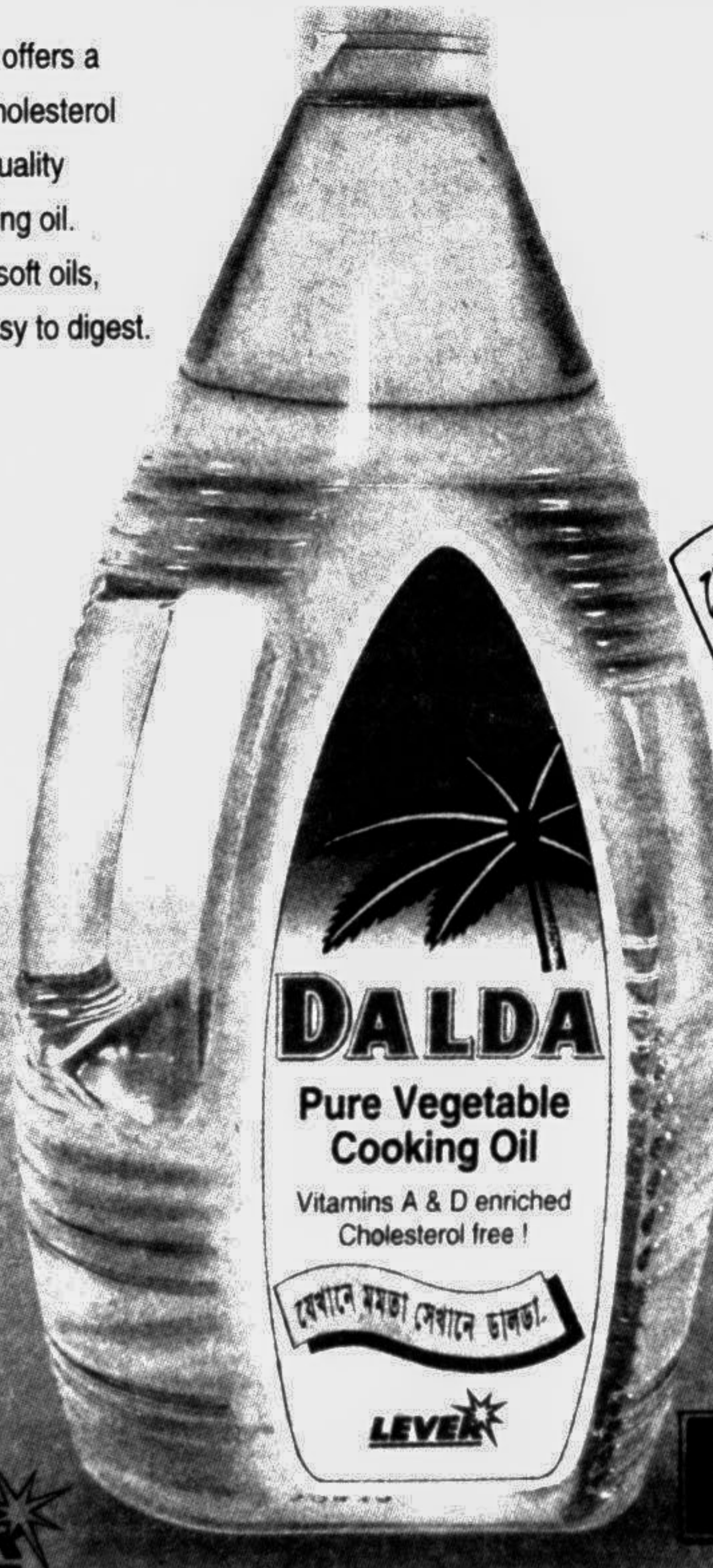
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