

Dhaka Day by Day

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

by Fayza Haq

"Summer Territory" is an exhibition of the works of nine French photographers working on the theme of summer holidays. "Sixty years ago the government accepted the idea of a paid holiday. This exhibition celebrates the occasion," says Serge Challon, director of "Editing" agency that organised the show along with "Map" of Bangladesh.

Speaking at the display hall of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Challon explains how he was here in Dhaka to meet the photographers of "Map" and to organise this exhibition. "We hope to organise a slide show of the works of 'Map' and to invite two Bangladeshi photographers to hold an exhibition in France in '97," he adds.

"Photographs speak for themselves — they don't need words. Most of the photographs here are black and white because this is the media artistic photographers like to work in," Challon concludes. He has studied psychiatry and philosophy apart from photography.

Gilles Saussier, who also had an important role in arranging the display at Dhaka, first came to Bangladesh during the cyclone in 1991. "At that time I discovered that the water issues in Bangladesh are very complex. I decided to come back to Bangladesh. For two years I've been working on a long-term project on water issues. I'm here to write a book and start a partnership between 'Editing' and Bangladeshi photo agencies."

"I'm working on people living on remote char areas of Bangladesh and in the Bay of Bengal. I've been partly financed by Foundation de France during my stay here," Saussier elaborates.

The exhibition depicts the holiday-going urban French at the beaches, mountain ranges and the countryside. These holidays give the people a chance to get back in touch with their

roots and nature. From summer's territory, where routine work is abandoned, people often return changed, having had free space and time for themselves.

Jean Marie Huron's photo has two pairs of legs with shorts and sneakers, seen suspended from the branch of a tree. The river is seen floating below while leaves, twigs and a grassy lawn surround the happy playful legs.

Frederic Bellay's "Moribihan Bretagne" has a tiny blonde nude girl playing with a water carrier. Her delicate poised figure has the backdrop of more young people playing on the beach. A carefree jolly atmosphere pervades the photo.

Stefano de Luigi's "South of France" brings in a sleeping couple in trunks and bathing suit — the two firmly holding hands. The couple have a little dog to guard them and share their peace and leisure.

Patrick Bard's "Dunkerque" has an old couple smiling by the window of their caravan. The

man is clad in an easy-going T-shirt while the lady is in a house-coat. In another photograph "Bard" has focused on the feet of holiday makers, seen on top of seaside deck chairs.

Michael Gasarian's "Teenagers-I" has young people resting amidst talking, drinking and smoking. This is in colour unlike most of the other entries.

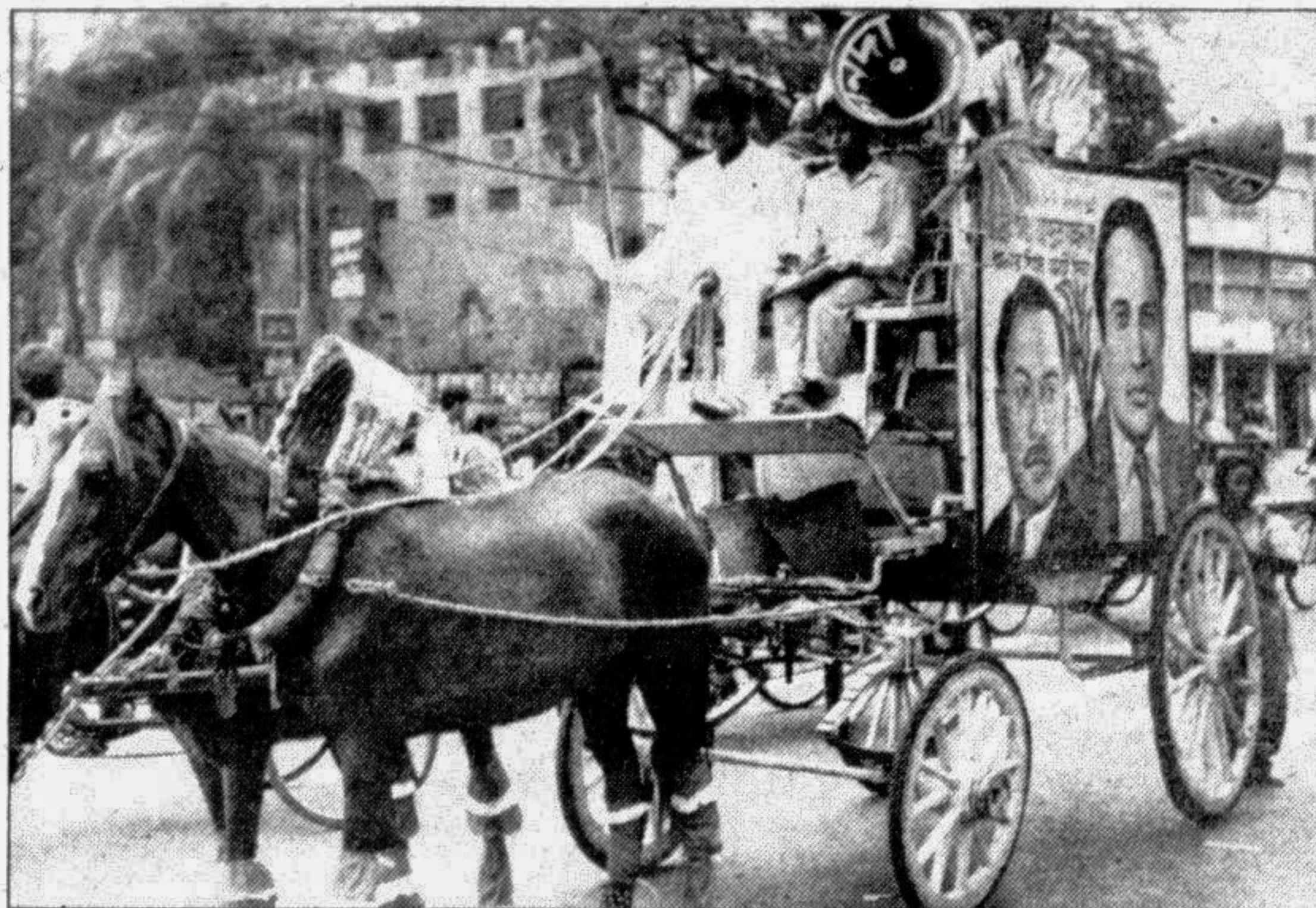
His "Teenage-II" brings in youngsters in skimpy summer clothes, resting on towels and beach chairs, under massive trees, in front of a lake.

Jean Francois Marin's "Jura" shows a young mother with her two young boys enjoying themselves on the rocks by the sea.

This is certainly a good opportunity for enriching one's experience of European photography.



Stefano de Luigi's work photographed by A K M Moshin



To make the election campaign more attractive supporters of a candidate brought out this innovative rally in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Programmes on World Environment Day

The national organising committee for World Environment Day 1996 yesterday called for making the June 5 programme successful to raise awareness among the masses and stop environmental degradation, reports BSS.

The committee at its meeting with committee convenor and director-general of Department of Environment Syed ANM Wahed in the chair, finalised the daylong programme to observe the June 5 jointly by all concerned.

The World Environment Day programme, to be held at Osmani Memorial Hall, includes open discussions, environmental exhibition, photographic and video show and cultural programme, highlighting the environmental issues at national, regional and global level.

Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) general secretary Quamrul Islam Chowdhury told

the meeting that leaders of major political parties had already indicated their participation in the open discussion on political parties' environmental agenda on June 5 at 11.45 am at Osmani Auditorium.

As part of the national programme, FEJB will organise the open discussion on major political parties' environmental agenda under the auspices of Ministry of Environment and Forest.

Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam will act as moderator while FEJB chairman Ahmed Nure Alam will preside.

Prof M Mobassher Ali would act as moderator in urban housing and environment session. Environment and Forest Adviser Dr Mohammad Yunus will inaugurate the session.

Convenor of technical sub-committee Farida Akhtar spelled out the format of eight open session spreading from 9 am to 3 pm covering eight different issues.

BRAC joins global partnership

Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) has joined in a global partnership with US based School for International Training (SIT), Vermont, and Organisation of Rural Associations for Progress (ORAP), Zimbabwe to establish a triangular cooperation insulating up a programme in development leadership and management, reports BSS.

The partnership, chaired by BRAC, has been formed to initiate a post-graduate diploma and masters degree, according to a BRAC press release yesterday.

This was disclosed by F H Abed in his keynote address at the Convocation of SIT in Vermont, USA (Saturday). Abed said that this programme would be yet another good example of South-North cooperation in enhancing human knowledge.

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light or moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Khulna. Barisal and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office said moderately heavy fall is also likely at one or two places over Chittagong division during the period.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 21.0 degrees at Tangail.

Meantime, Sylhet experienced the highest 55 mm rain yesterday.

Comilla had 33 mm rain, Mymensingh 31, Faridpur 27, Rangpur 22 and 25 mm shower during the period.

The sun sets (Monday) today at 6:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.



Flanked by family members Advocate M Belal Hossain, victim of a tragic incident in which the miscreants gauged out both the eyes of Belal and his brother in Barisal recently, went on a hunger strike in the city yesterday, demanding arrest of the terrorists. — Star photo

Hasina greets Gowda

By Staff Correspondent
Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated United Front Coalition leader H D Dev Gowda on his taking oath as the 11th Prime Minister of India.

In a message the AL president said, "I hope that under the leadership of newly appointed Prime Minister of India H D Dev Gowda, the friendly relationship of Bangladesh with India will be further strengthened and India will continue to achieve development and progress. I pray for good health and long life of Gowda."

Sheikh Hasina in a separate message yesterday expressed her deep condolence and grief at the death of former Indian president Ntalam Sanjay Reddy.

Housewife mugged

By Staff Correspondent
A housewife riding on a rickshaw was mugged at knife-point within full view of traffic police at Moghbazar signal crossing Saturday night at 9 PM.

The lone mugger, who appeared intoxicated, asked for money for "election purposes." The lady, who was with her two-year-old child and mother-in-law, handed him over Tk 50.

Unsatisfied, he then snatched a gold ring from her finger, after threatening her with her life.

Throughout the incident, a traffic police who was present at the scene, stood by without attempting any move to apprehend the mugger.

Vernacular daily launched

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said that newspapers could play a vital role in building a democratic society based on human values and rule of law, reports BSS.

They were addressing at the launching ceremony of a Bengali daily 'Ajker Amritabazar' in the National Sports Council auditorium here.

Dr Humayun Azad, noted writer and chairman of Bangla Department of Dhaka University attended the function as the chief guest while it was chaired by Editor of the daily, Giasuddin Khondokar.

D P Barua, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS, ASM Habibullah, Chief News Editor of BSS, Prof S A Khaleque, Editor of Apnar Swasthya, Dr Capt (ret'd) Masudur Rahman, chief physician of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) spoke on the occasion as the special guests.

Dr Azad expressed the hope that the new daily would truthfully project the realities of life around and make objective presentation of news.

Qul Khani

Nawabzadi Razia Karim wife of Janab G. Karim of Jalpaiguri expired on Friday, the 31st May, 1996 at Dhaka. Her Qul Khani will be held at her residence, House No. 2, Road No. 6, Baridhara, Dhaka on Monday, the 3rd June 1996, after Asar Prayer. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the Qul.

G. Karim

Anwar Karim, Nazrana Huq
Asghar Karim, Rezwana Ahmed
Nasreen Khan, Zehra Jamil

Summons / Notices

Sub-Judge and Artha Rin Adalat No -4, Dhaka
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Md. Nasirul Ahsan Chowdhury

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Sub-Judge & Artha Rin Adalat No. 4, Dhaka

Special train for BMA parade

CHITTAGONG, June 2: A special train will run between Chittagong City and Bhatia y on June 6 for the convenience of the guests invited at the President's Parade of Bangladesh Military Academy. The train will leave the Chittagong Railway Station at 6 am and Bhatia y at 12 Noon on the day, says an ISPR press release.

The invited guests can travel by the special train on payment, the release added.

Prof Doha's Qul today

The qulkhani of Prof Mohammad Shamsuddoha will be held at 18D, Dhaka University Teachers' Quarters at Fuller Road after Asar prayers today, says a press release.

Shamsuddoha, Professor of English at the Dhaka University, died of cardiac arrest in the city on Saturday.

Friends, relatives and admirers of the deceased have been requested to attend the qul.

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