

Dhaka Day by Day

Romance with Nature

by Fayza Haq

If you were overwhelmed with the summer heat, the power breaks down and the lack of water in the city all you had to do was visit Samia Parveen's exhibition at the Divine Art Gallery. The numerous paintings of Nature make you feel cool, relaxed and tranquil. Simple and with a sense of realism, these paintings bring in an element of peace and harmony. The cleverly used blues and greens make you instantly at ease with yourself and your surrounding.

"Nature-3" has a romantic sweep of green leaves falling down the tall thin branches. The variation of the variety of green shades is a delight. The whole would have been a mass of blue and green, had it not been for the intermittently appearing brown tree trunks and branches. This piece is a clear appreciation of nature, as beauty is seen in twigs, leaves-covered branches and trunks. The blue and white sheen from the lake nearby is woven into the shades of greens and blues.

Impressionistic style enters "Nature-6" with purple and mauve lines being used to form trees and leaves. Triangular blues, muted with pinks form the boughs overhead. The background includes cubes with touches of brown. Bushes are brought in with sweeps of turquoise in the foreground. The sweeps of strokes are done so deftly that one can feel the wind among the leaves. The sunlight is also caught in the highlight of white.

Cubism enters "Nature-35" where orange, green and yellow triangles combine with rectangles. This is accompanied by geometrical patches of grass and shades of trees. Brown and black, along with white form the relief

between the patches.

One sees a wonderful vision of lilacs in "Nature-5". This is combined with pale turquoise to form bushes and slender tree trunks. This is again impressionistic and brings in the beauty of nature with soft, subtle strokes.

The peace and harmony of nature has been dwelt on again in "Nature-1" where gold and yellow highlight the painting. Long, slender trunks of trees are combined with masses of delicate leaves.

The figure of a young girl playing on a swing is brought in "Nature-18". The girl's figure is sketched in while the tree trunks are simply suggested by hints of darker and paler colours. This is more experimental than Samia's other works.

Pale sap green is used in "Nature-7" to bring in falling leaves. The foreground is a dark shade which brings in two figures. The sky is brought in the background with muted colours.

Samia's farmstead painting with haystack and mud huts surrounding a tall leafy tree is a realistic oil with extensive use of brown and beige and brings in the Bangladeshi countryside scene with an impact.

Quite a few interesting sketches of trees and foliage are also included in the exhibit.

Shy, quiet and taciturn, Samia has done her masters from the Institute of Fine Arts, DU. She has earlier participated in three workshops and four group exhibitions. She says that she has been inspired and encouraged by senior artists like Rafiqun Nabi, Shaluddin, Hasim Khan, Mohd. Kibria and Hamduzzaman. She teaches at the South Breeze school.



A two-member delegation of the election observers team from Pakistan, led by former Foreign Secretary Niaz A Naik, called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

The way polls help ease traffic congestion

By Masud Arif

The election festivity has resulted in drastic reduction in traffic jam in the city following a massive exodus of rickshaws from the city ahead of the June 12 election.

Not only for drumming up support for the candidates the rickshaws have left city also for casting their own votes in their respective constituencies, said some pullers.

"Almost 30 per cent of the total rickshaws are now off the city roads," said Shaha Ali, the president of the City Rickshaw and Van Owners Association.

Ali while talking to The Daily Star said more rickshaws are likely to leave the city soon as the polls date is approaching near.

Some 1.5 lakh rickshaws ply the city roads, said Ali, owner of 13 rickshaws in the older part of the city.

A large number of people had migrated to the city from greater Barisal, Faridpur and Rangpur districts for this occupation, added Ali.

Fifty per cent of Ali's rickshaws were now on road, while the rest lying in the garage because the pullers of these three-wheeled vehicles had already left Dhaka for their home districts for the polls, Ali added.

On an average, the rickshawpullers who rent rickshaws from the garage owners earn Taka 100 to 125 for a half-day paddling after paying his rent of Tk 20 to 25.

FEMA briefings for foreign media today

The Fair Election Monitor Alliance (FEMA) has set up a national coordination centre to brief the international media, beginning today, says a press release.

The centre is located at the auditorium of Women's Voluntary Association at House 20, Road 16 (old 27), Dhanmondi in the city.

The telephone numbers are 853779 (secretary-general), 854534 and 9120291-2.

FEMA secretary-general Feroz M Hassan, said that the centre will provide information and briefings to national and international media as well as foreign observers.

A special briefing session for the international media and election observers will be held today at 5 pm at the centre. All international media persons are invited to these sessions. FEMA Chairman Fakhrudin Ahmed will be present at the briefing session.

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Noor Uddin Khan returns home today

Former army chief and Awami League nominee in a Narsingdi constituency Lt Gen (retd) Noor Uddin Khan returns home today from Singapore, family sources said here yesterday, reports BSS.

General Khan was seriously injured in a road accident on May 20 while going to his constituency. He was first treated at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) and taken to Singapore National Hospital where he was successfully operated upon.

Snatched rifle recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Police yesterday revealed that the rifle which was recovered from Manikdi area in the city Friday night was the fire arm of the police snatched away by an unidentified gang from the constable posted on duty at Cabinet Secretary's residence in April last, police sources said.

On April 7, a gang of about eight armed men attacked constable Abdul Alim posted at the residence of Cabinet Secretary Muhammad Ayubur Rahman at Road 9/A, Dhanmondi, at about 9:45 pm. The gang snatched away the 303 rifle from the constable, according to reports.

On Friday last police arrested one Rafiq, an wanted accused in more than 25 cases, from near Baridhara bridge under Gulshan thana. Following the confessional statement of Rafiq, police recovered one rifle, one pistol and 10 rounds of bullets from Namapara in Manikdi area under Cantonment thana early hours Saturday, police said.

The Inspector of the Detective Branch and Investigation Officer of the arm snatch case, Hamidul Huq, examining the butt and barrel revealed that the number of the fire arm was artificial. The original number was changed by the gang snatched the rifle from the constable, police sources said.

'Ensure objectivity in polls news'

Bangladesh Press Council yesterday stressed the need for a total objectivity and honesty in dissemination of news about election campaign, polling and polls count, election results and post-election situation in the country, reports BSS.

In a special session of its 9th council held with its chairman Justice Sultan Hussain Khan in the chair here, the Press Council also sought cooperation of all concerned in this regard.

In a resolution adopted after a thorough discussion, Bangladesh Press Council noted with concern that a section of the press had failed to uphold objectivity about news dissemination on election campaign, a council press release said.

It also described reports of some organisations under covers of surveys as confusing and misleading and said those reports were influencing the foreign media.

The Press Council considers that such news or survey reports may mislead the voters and cast an impact on the polls results," the resolution said. The Press Council has called for taking proper care about dissemination of such news.



Jatiya Mahila Party, brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding release of JP chairman H M Ershad ahead of June 12 parliamentary polls. — Star photo

Coca-Cola music award ceremony

The Coca-Cola Band Music Award was held at Sonargaon Hotel Friday, says a press release.

Government Officials, elites and celebrities like Runa Laila, Shampa Reza, Afzal Hossain, Fakir Alamgir were, among others, attended the ceremony.

A spectacular opening was done by Jewel Alch with a spell-bound magic show. The show introduced the 10 nominated bands for the award and the award winners were King of Oval Zenith, 1st prize, Sudden-2nd prize and Monitor-3rd prize.

The winners were given trophy, certificates, cash reward of Tk. 50,000, Tk. 35,000 and Tk. 20,000 respectively. The rest of the seven participants were accorded Coca-Cola certificates.

Coca-Cola took the pioneer initiative to give a gold bottle of Coca-Cola as a life-time recognition to the celebrated pop artiste Azam Khan.

Removal of SRTI director demanded

The Scientists Association of Sugarcane Research and Training Institute (SRTI) has demanded immediate withdrawal of present director of the SRTI, reports UNB.

In a memorandum to the Adviser for Agriculture, the Association alleged that the Director, Dr Mohammad Erfan Ali, was holding the post illegally as his contract, expired on December 31, 1995.

Dr Erfan Ali, Chief (Mills Farm) of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation, was appointed Director of SRTI, situated at Ishurdi in Pabna, to a two-year term on December 31 in 1993 by the Ministry of Establishment.

Although his contract was not extended, said the memo, he is still holding the post, and his presence in the institution created a chaotic situation hampering the research activities.

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Tender Notice

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the 1st & 2nd class enlisted contractors (Electrical) of Dhaka University for the work of "Replacement of old water pipe line of Shahidullah Hall and Fazlul Haque Hall" and will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on the 20th June 1996 and opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of Tk 2025/- only in Demand Draft or Pay Order from a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer (Electrical), Dhaka University. Tender form, schedule and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned up to 12 Noon in all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender on payment of Tk 100/- only (Non-refundable) to the Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch after obtaining permission from the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. The contractors are liable to abide by the decision of the authority.

Md Mazir Hossain Khan
Executive Engineer (Electrical)
incharge

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Weather

Thundershower likely

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

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office predicted no appreciable change. Giving extended outlook for another five days weathermen forecast gradual increase in rainfall activity.

Meantime, Barisal experienced the highest 31 mm rain yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Kutubdia yesterday and the lowest 23.0 degrees at Sathkira.

The sun sets today at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.3	26.0	72	72
Chittagong	34.8	26.6	67	72
Rajshahi	33.0	25.0	72	75
Khulna	33.4	24.3	-	-
Barisal	33.0	24.4	72	72
Sylhet	33.5	25.8	80	70
Cox's Bazar	33.0	26.4	66	72

Two New Vacancies (Dhaka Based)

1. **INFORMATION MANAGER** (Salary: negotiable in the range Tk 17,000 to 24,000 pm) The successful candidate will be responsible for facilitating information flow within and from a busy organisation with interests in child rights, CEDC, advocacy, PHC and disaster prevention. S/he will provide services (summaries and abstracts, database and search, communications and publications, identifying resources) and will take a lead in the design of communications and information strategies. In addition, s/he may play a lead role in designing or identifying storage and retrieval systems.

Candidates must have:

- Excellent English with very strong reading and writing skills;
- A sophisticated understanding of child rights issues and clarity concerning development issues;
- Excellent networking skills;
- A sound knowledge of data base design and / or public communication techniques (preferably both);
- The confidence to work with others with a clear vision as to her/his own role: a self-starter who will not be side-tracked.

In addition, the following would be a strong advantage:

- A familiarity with modern information technology;
- An interest in advocacy.

2. **TRAINING ORGANISER** (Salary: negotiable within the range Tk 13,000-17,000 pm)

The successful candidate will be responsible for organising training events for a variety of purposes, at a variety of levels and in a variety of settings. S/he will have considerable experience as a facilitator and will be able to work with experts in a variety of fields to develop training strategies and programmes.

Candidates must have:

- A commitment to and experience of person-centred approaches to training;
- A proven track record in organising training events;
- An aptitude for planning training events and for developing training programmes;
- Good spoken and written English and Bangla;
- Experience as a facilitator;
- A thorough knowledge of training opportunities available in Bangladesh;
- The ability to work with a variety of people.

In addition, the following would be an advantage:

- An understanding of child and human rights issues;
- An understanding of development issues;
- Computer Literacy.

Applicants from suitably qualified female candidates are especially welcomed.

Applicants for either post who feel that they can demonstrate the above requirements should do so by sending a CV with a detailed letter to:

The Field Director,

Save the Children (UK)

House 28, Road 16 (New),

Dhanmondi R.A. Dhaka. Fax: (2) 817278

not later than 21 June, 1996. Only short-listed candidates will receive a reply.

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