

Dhaka Day by Day

In Quest of Simplicity

by Fayza Haq

Nurun Naher Shupri, who had her display recently at the Alliance Francaise, is bursting with self-confidence and optimism. Shupri sold three of her paintings even before the exhibition began. She collected her ads for her brochure by herself and has no complaints about the prices of paper or paints. A first-year student of MFA she teaches at a private school "Nandan" at Mauchak — and so gets her financial backing. Her father, a mufassil newspaper reporter, encourages his daughter in every possible way.

Her work which is a combination of academic and experimental work involves Expressionism and Impressionism. In most of her work she has dealt with women. One hopes, that with time, she will be as good an artist as Rokeya Sultana or Kanak Champa Chakma. In her 30 paintings, except for her classwork, one finds the influence of Van Gogh and other Impressionists. Shupri is also very fond of Raphael. The water colours remain fresh, delightful and imaginative.

"Bathing" has women on the riverside. The proportions of the hands and feet are larger than life. The hair is a scrawl. Trees in the foreground blend well with the background of dark green. A potted plant is included in the composition as the artist's peculiar characteristic. Charcoal lines outline the work and add a few details. The outstanding colours, blue and burnt sienna complement each other. In blending the subjects of nature and man the artist has simplified the figures and colours.

"Femininity" has female figures again but they are more massive. The drapery has a pale blue hue and it goes well with the muted shades of the sea. Water colour and pastel are used with parallel and oblique strokes which are simple and lyrical. The details of the hands and feet are missing in the artist's attempt to simplify.

"Shadow" has a helpless woman lying within a solid distorted frame. Deep shades combine with black ones. Here the artist has symbol

ised women's limitations and handicaps in society. A checkered square, placed on the right, stands for a shut window and adds weight to the composition.

"Three Maidens" bring in figures and designs of Oriental art in the patterns of the dresses. The hair is shown as streaming out while the eyes stare down with wonder. There are yellow and blue circles in the sky behind. Shupri wishes to convey a feeling of amazement of women to situations that surround them everyday. There is considerable force in the application of the strokes.

"Expectation" depicts a village woman waiting and hoping. While the face has been left a geometrical mass the hands and feet are squiggles of grey and white. Yet the figure is overtly feminine — perhaps because of the outlines of a voluptuous bosom. There are other women, and domestic animals which are simply sketched in.

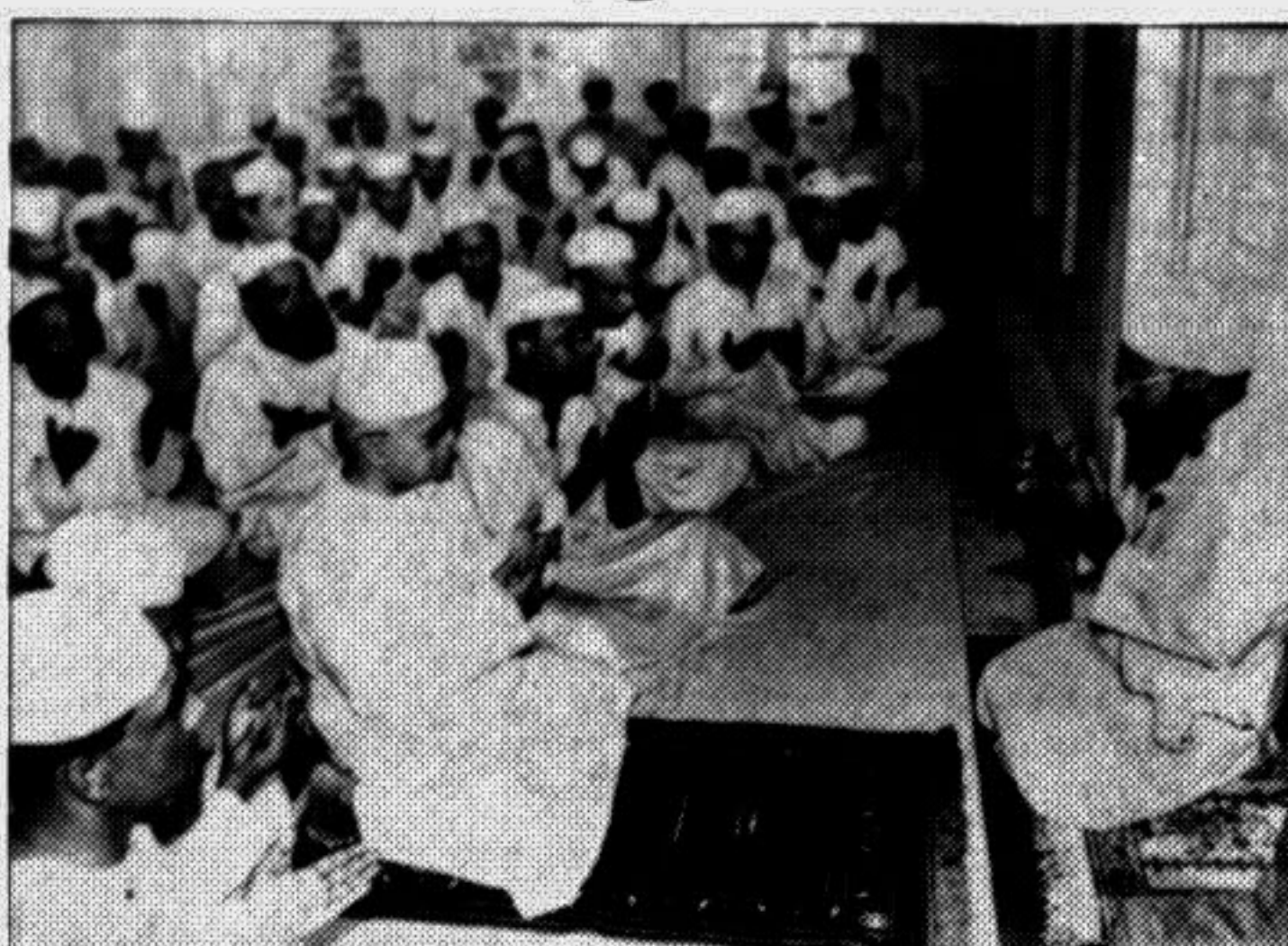
The classical three Graces are brought to mind in "History". The women appear to be sketched in like in all Shupri's works.

The animals seen in the painting along with the trees appear almost exotic because of the bright colours used in splashes and blobs.

"Where is life?" portrays a chair and a pair of old slippers. There is beauty and poetry in the simple theme of an empty home. Except for the chappals the rest of the scene could have been very western.

"I've tried to unify many people in one. This applies not only to the figures but also the texture," Shupri says about "Favourite" which has three superimposed faces including that of a parrot with a large pink beak. This contains strokes of yellow ochre, and cobalt blue, the artist's favourite colour.

Shupri's works show a drive for individuality. So far she has taken part in six exhibitions including the recent solo effort. It is good to find a measure of confidence and boldness in someone so young and inexperienced.



A milad mahfil was arranged at Bangabhaban in observance of the 21st anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15. President Abdur Rahman Biswas attended the milad. — PID photo

What's on today....

Workshop on 'Radiation Control': The inaugural ceremony of the fortnight-long workshop on 'Radiation Control' will be held. Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission has arranged the workshop. Chief guest: Education Minister ASHK Sadek. Venue: Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission auditorium. Time: 10 am.

Session on Chemical Safety: Department of Environment, in association with WHO and International Programme on Chemical Safety has arranged a day-long briefing and awareness building session on chemical safety. Venue: Sheraton hotel.

Sonket music competition: The final round of the two-day long 9th national music competition of Sonket Sanskritik Goshthi will begin. Venue: Kachi Kachar Asar auditorium, Segunbagicha. Time: 8:30 am.

Rotaract Club of Notre Dame College: The 130th regular meeting of the club will be held. A club assembly will follow. Venue: Room No. 201 of the Notre Dame College. Time: 5 pm.

Weather

Moderate rainfall likely

Moderate rain is likely at many places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met office says no appreciable change in day temperature is expected across the country.

Meantime, Sylhet experienced the highest 73 mm rain in the last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday Chittagong had 46 mm, Faridpur 43, Cox's Bazar 21, Jessore 11 and Barisal 5 mm shower during the period.

Country's highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Madaripur and the lowest 23.9 degrees at Faridpur.

The sun sets today at 6:30 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	30.7	26.2	88	89
Chittagong	30.4	24.2	95	78
Rajshahi	31.5	26.0	88	89
Khulna	31.0	26.2	80	80
Barisal	29.2	24.8	100	90
Sylhet	28.0	24.7	100	95

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NOTICE OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on **Sunday, 15th September 1996, at 3:30 p.m. at Hotel Sonargaon, Dhaka, to transact the following business:**

AGENDA

- To confirm the minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd August 1995.
- To receive and adopt the Directors' and the Auditors' Reports and the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1995.
- To declare dividend for the year 1995.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 1996 and fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board

August 17, 1996
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R.K.R. Muqtadir
Company Secretary

NOTES

- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 5th to 15th September 1996, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected.
- A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his place. The proxy form must be stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk. 5 and submitted at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the meeting.
- For the sake of convenience shareholders are requested to submit their queries on the Directors' report / Audited accounts for the year 1995, if any, at the Registered Office of the Company preferably 7 days before the day of the General Meeting.

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87 more arms recovered

Police recovered 87 firearms and 379 bullets and cartridges from across the country in last 48 hours ending 6 am Friday, officials at the police headquarters said, reports UNB.

They said police also arrested 1,598 people during the period on various charges.

Nat'l Mourning Day observed in missions abroad

National Mourning Day was observed August 15 in different parts of the world by Bangladesh missions abroad, for the first time in 21 years after the assassination of the Father of the Nation, reports BSS.

According to messages received in the city, Bangladesh high commissions and embassies across the world organised mourning programmes. Embassy officials and expatriate Bangladesh communities paid their respect to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths on his portrait and taking part in prayers seeking eternal blessings for the departed soul. The national flag was kept at half mast atop the missions.

Reports from Tokyo said, the day was observed in Japan with due solemnity. Bangladesh residents in Japan and in a rare display of the esteem and affection, a large number of Japanese dignitaries including the first Japanese ambassador in Dhaka, Takashi Oyama and Prof Tsuyoshi Nara, a vocal supporter of Bangladesh's liberation struggle attended a mourning function, organised by the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo.

In New Delhi the National Mourning Day programme began with High Commissioner Shafi Sami leading the mission officials and Bangladeshi residents in placing wreaths on the portrait of Bangabandhu.

The High Commission programme included discussion and milad mahfil.

In Calcutta, Bangladeshi students in West Bengal in collaboration with the Deputy

High Commissioner Jahangir Sadat, organised a day-long photo exhibition titled 'Bangabandhu and Bangladesh'.

In Beijing, Bangladesh Embassy held a seminar to review the contributions of Bangabandhu in the emergence of independent Bangladesh.

In Yangon, the programme of the day included hoisting of the national flag at half mast by Ambassador Chowdhury Khalequzzaman, as the Bangladeshis residing in Yangon assembled at the embassy.

In Tehran a large number of Bangladeshi residents attended a discussion on Bangabandhu, organised by the Bangladesh Embassy.

In Bangkok and Jeddah, the National Mourning Day was observed under the auspices of Bangladesh embassies with due solemnity, special prayers and discussions were held besides flying the national flag at half mast.

In Paris, one minute of silence was observed in memory of the late leader, which was followed by recitations from the Holy Quran and special prayers.

In Moscow, a cultural function was presented by the children of embassy officials and Bangladesh community residing in Moscow.

In the United Kingdom, the day was observed in a solemn atmosphere as high commission officials and a large number of Bangladeshi nationals, led by acting High Commissioner Muzahid Foyez Ahmed assembled at the mission premises to place wreaths on Bangabandhu's portrait.

A special cell for investigating crimes against women and children, staffed by policewomen, started functioning at the Mirpur thana in the city yesterday. DMP Commissioner Abdus Salam (R) visited the cell — the first of its kind in the country.

— Star photo

ILO official in city

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed, a senior official of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Headquarters, Geneva, arrived in the city yesterday on a ten-day technical monitoring and policy advisory mission, according to a press release, reports BSS.

During his stay, Dr Ahmed will call on Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria. He will also discuss policy matters and project implementation strategies with senior government officials.

3-day poster contest begins Sept 28

By Staff Correspondent

Paricharya, and NGO working on AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, has organised a three-day exhibition and poster competition in the city from September 28 to create public awareness about the deadly diseases, said a press release yesterday.

Last date for submitting the posters is September 14.

An orientation course for the interested artists, was held at the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University, yesterday.

Appointment

By Staff Correspondent

Editor of the daily Ajker Prottyasha, Abul Hossain, has been appointed information and research secretary of the BNP's national executive committee.

BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia made the appointment recently, said a press release.

Abul Hossain, who was elected MP in the February 15 parliamentary elections, is also the treasurer of the Bangladesh Sangbadptra Parishad and a member of the FBCCI executive committee.

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Executive Officers 1) Administration 2) Credit 3) Foreign Exchange	a) Master in any discipline preferably in Commerce/Business Administration b) Good language skills c) Computer literate	35 Years	4/5 years of working in a Commercial Bank of which at least 3 years in relevant field
Senior Officers 1) General Banking 2) Credit 3) Foreign Exchange 4) Treasury	a) Master in any discipline preferably in Commerce/Business Administration b) Good language skills c) Computer literate	35 Years	4/5 years of working in a Commercial Bank of which at least 3 years in relevant field
Officers 1) General Banking 2) Credit 3) Foreign Exchange	a) Master in any discipline preferably in Commerce/Business Administration b) Good language skills c) Computer literate	30 Years	3/4 years in a Commercial Bank of which at least 3 years in relevant field
Assistant Officers General Banking	a) University Graduate preferably in Commerce b) Good language skills c) Computer literate	30 Years	Atleast 2 years in a Commercial Bank
Telephone Operator/ Receptionist	a) Graduate b) Good language skills c) Computer literate	30 Years	2/3 years in a foreign bank or multinational Company

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b) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
c) Position applied for should be clearly mentioned on the envelop.
d) Salary for individual position may vary according to qualifications and experience.
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