



Eminent artist Hashem Khan paints a picture at an art workshop on the Liberation War Museum premises in the city yesterday celebrating the Independence Day.

ART WORKSHOP ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Artists depict hopes and dreams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted artists of the country joined an art workshop on the Liberation War Museum premises in the city yesterday to depict their hopes and dreams behind the War of Liberation, the struggle during the war and its impacts.

The museum organised the workshop to celebrate the Independence and National Day in a different way with the participation of more than 25 artists, including Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Quayyum Chowdhury and Shishir Bhattacharya.

"We asked them to express their feelings about independence after 36 years of the Liberation War," said Trustee and Member Secretary of the museum Sarwar Ali.

The cultural activists, particularly the artists, played a significant role in mobilising opinion in favour of the Liberation War and also in the war, he added.

Expressing gratitude to the artists for joining the workshop, Sarwar said an exhibition of these paintings would be held in the museum later and the sale proceeds will be donated to the museum.

The museum organised the art workshop in association with Channel i and Gallery Chittrak. Channel i telecast the workshop live. Among others, singer Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya rendered songs at the programme.

Poet Asad Chowdhury moderated the programme while Syed Shamsul Haque spoke on the occasion.

To pay tribute to the liberation war

martyrs, Rafiqun Nabi painted a bunch of flowers while artist Hashem Khan portrayed a mother holding a sickle in the right hand and her baby in the lap.

The picture shows the mother coming out of her house in response to the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 7, said Hashem Khan.

The atrocity of the occupation force on the innocent Bangalees on the night of March 25 is the cruellest event in the world history, Hashem said, adding that the enemies of Liberation War stood up after the killing of Bangabandhu and now they are moving forward to rule the country.

"It is a pleasure that we have achieved independence but behind the scene there is pain, agony and sacrifice and we should not forget it

while celebrating the victory," said Samarjit Roy Chowdhury who portrayed a lady who had lost her beloved son in the Liberation War.

Abdus Shakur Shah, Farida Zaman, Alakash Ghosh, Abdul Mannan, Biren Som, Hamiduzzaman Khan, Jamal Ahmed, Mohammad Yunus, Nisar Hossain, Ahmed Nazir, Sheikh Afzal, Shamsuddoha, Moniruzzaman, Kanak Chapa Chakma, Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash, Sadul Haque Juise, Rezaun Nabi, Fareha Zeba, Nasim Ahmed Nadvi, Ruhul Amin, Atia Islam and Khaled Mahmood Mithu also took part in the workshop.

Trader arrested for fraud

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a trader on charge of fraudulence from the traditional commercial area of Khatunganj in the port city yesterday.

The arrestee, identified as Mintu Dey, is the proprietor of Nandita Traders of Laxmi Market.

Sources said Mintu, who has been running business at Khatunganj for around 20 years, purchased DO (delivery order) letters worth Tk 2.30 crore from some 23 pulse traders in recent months.

But the cheques Mintu issued

against the DO letters continued to be dishonoured by the banks from the first week of February causing the pulse traders concerned smell a rat in the dealings they had with Mintu in good faith, alleged Pulin Kumar Biswas, proprietor of RK Traders and one of the victims.

During this time, Mintu's business concern Nandita Traders also remained closed intensifying the traders' suspicion, sources said.

This prompted Pulin to lodge a case with the Kotwali Police Station following which police arrested Mintu at around 2:00pm.

Barisal traders asked to display price, stock lists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

District administration has ordered to hang price and stock lists of commodities at the shops to check hoarding and profiteering following a meeting with the businessmen at the office of the deputy commissioner on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by the leaders of the Barisal Chamber of Commerce and Industries, businessmen and high civil and military officials.

The businessmen of the district cited different types of problems, including power crisis, earlier shut down of their shops, unnecessary harassments in the name of mobile court or other administrative steps, communication hazard and costing, a hike in fuel price, less export and supply than demand and other factors, that are causing price hike of essentials.

However, they assured to check the price hike and sell essentials at a fair price if the authorities concerned expand their hands.

On the other hand, the district administration assured to do its level best to solve the problems of the businessmen.

An honest businessman would never be harassed unnecessarily and hoarding and profiteering would be controlled at any cost, vowed the administration.

The administration also called on the businessman to pay their taxes and other revenues duly and keep the documents up-to-date.

Three N'ganj criminals held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Rab arrested three criminals along with a foreign revolver during their target practice by throwing bullets in the air from the rooftop of a building in the district yesterday.

The arrestees are Zaman, 24, Mithun, 19, and Adil, 18.

Sources of Rab-11 said four criminals were practicing target from the rooftop of Afsar Villa at Masdair area. A neighbouring woman informed it to Rab over phone.

'Help establish spirit of liberation war'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighters (FF) at a discussion yesterday called upon all to strive from their respective position to help establish the spirit of the liberation war.

They said the interim government has provided an opportunity to reveal the true history of the war.

The discussion was organised by Muktiyoddha Oikya Parishad, a platform of the organisations of different freedom fighters, including Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Muktiyoddha Smriti Parishad, Muktiyoddha Sangram Parishad, Muktiyoddha Sanghati Parishad, Muktiyoddha Smriti Rakha Parishad at Suhrawardi Udyan in the city to mark the Independence Day and National Day.

Muktiyoddha Samannay Parishad Secretary General Abdus Samad Pintu said freedom fighters hail ongoing drive against corrupt politicians as it would help establish the spirit of the liberation war.

He said the caretaker govern-

ment should take initiative to reveal the true history of the country's liberation war so that the future generation is not misled by its conflicting versions.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad Central Command Chairman Muhammad Ali Chowdhury said the drive against corrupt people would not be sufficed in eradicating corruption, rather the

processes of corruption should be detected and eliminated.

He urged the caretaker government to correct the processes so that everybody can contribute to establishing a prosperous country.

President of Muktiyoddha Ainjibi Parishad Advocate Shamsul Alam Dudu chaired the programme which was also addressed by Member-

Secretary of Muktiyoddha Oikya Parishad Shahjahan Kabir, Secretary General of Muktiyoddha Smriti Parishad Jahangir Alam, freedom fighter Khandaker Asaduzzaman and Advocate Golam Mortuza.

After the discussion, Parishad leaders placed wreaths at the Shikha Chirantan at Suhrawardi Udyan.



I WISH IT WERE MINE: A visitor admires a car at F-1 Auto Exhibition at Gulshan Youth Club ground in the city yesterday. F-1 management organised the exhibition.

Auto Exhibition draws huge crowd

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An automobile exhibition titled 'F1 Auto Exhibition 2007' drew a huge number of car lovers as 55 classic, sports and modified cars were put on display on the Gulshan Youth Club ground in the city yesterday.

Stalls of car parts, accessories, CNG conversion kits and alloy rim were also set up at the show organised by F1 Management Ltd'.

Apart from modified cars of different contemporary brands, a number of cars of latest models were also displayed.

The visitors were amazed to see a diverse selection of classic cars from different makers in such a good condition.

Fire spinning, shooting and

movie show were also held during the daylong programme.

The visitors selected a modified Toyota Carina as the best car of the day through E-voting system.

Some retailers also took part in the exhibition and showcased their collections.

The organisers also launched a new club styled 'Club F1' at the show and gave membership to a number of visitors. The F1 authorities will offer the club members some facilities such as discount at various outlets.

The Daily Star, Radio Today, Channel i, the Amar Desh are the media partners and Total Lubricants and Raise IT Solution are the associate partners of the event.

Rail communication from Ctg resumes

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rail communication between Chittagong and other parts of the country resumed yesterday after around 18 hours.

The communication resumed at 7:20am that was suspended at 1:00pm on Sunday.

Four compartments of Chittagong-bound Mohanagar Pravati from Dhaka were derailed at the Sharshadi of Muhuriganj under Feni district causing sufferings of hundreds of passengers from both sides for the hours.

The Railway authorities in Chittagong cancelled the Dhaka-bound Turna Nishitha Train scheduled to leave Chittagong at 11:00pm yesterday due to lack of trains.

Other scheduled trains also departed Chittagong with delay, sources said.