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Call to cast 'Yes' vote in referendum

CHITTAGONG, Sept 13: Leaders of Chittagong District Bar Association, Sammilite Peshajibi Sangram Parishad and some other organisations here today called upon the people to cast 'Yes' votes in September 15 referendum to pave the way for parliamentary democracy in the country, reports BSS.

Mayor Mir M. Nasir Uddin held a meeting at the corporation conference hall today to discuss the referendum. Leaders of different social organisations including heads of educational institutions attended the meeting, a press release of the CCC said.

Mayor Nasir Uddin impressed upon them to motivate the people to cast 'Yes' votes in the referendum.

Chittagong south, north district and city Awami League also held a rally at Central Shaheed Minar here this afternoon in support of the referendum. Local leaders of the party addressed the rally urging the people to cast 'Yes' vote in September 15 referendum.

3 BCU activists assaulted on JU campus

By JU Correspondent

Three Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) activists were assaulted on Jahangirnagar University campus on Thursday late night.

They were Hasan Mahmud Saif, Shamol Chowdhury and Amirul Islam Shaheen.

According to sources, the incident was initiated from a brawl between two BCU and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders.

Hasan and Shamol were assaulted at Kamal Uddin Hall of the university while Shaheen at Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall.

239 arrested on various charges in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Sept 13: Police rounded up 239 people on various charges and recovered two SMGs, two revolvers, one pistol, 18 pipeguns, 9 single and double barrel guns from 12 districts of Chittagong range today under their Operation Doorbar, reports BSS.

The arrests included absconders and suspected criminals, according to a police press release.

Meanwhile, Chittagong District Police arrested 861 persons on various charges and recovered 119 fire arms and 586 ammunition during the past three weeks.

Welfare oriented programme for children assured

State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda Friday said the present government would build up the children as good citizens of the country through materializing the dreams of shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS.

He said shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, had established various children organisations like Bangladesh Shishu Academy for their welfare through providing institutional supports to explore and flourish their latent talents in different fields of art, culture, literature and music.

Nazmul was addressing a function on open painting competition for the children organised by the national children organisation Fulkuri Ashar on its seventh founding anniversary held at Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Presided over by the adviser of the Fulkuri Ashar, Fayez the function was addressed, among others, by Sobihul Alam, former Principal of Chittagong Art College and Golam Kibria, Director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy.

Nazmul said the BNP government would take welfare oriented programmes for the children so that they could build up a happy and prosperous society and shoulder the future responsibility, leadership of the country. He called upon the every conscious citizen of the society to come forward spontaneously to create a beautiful environment favourable to sound and healthy growth of the children.

Obituary

Moulvi Lal Mohammad Mollah, a well known social worker and pious man of Kamargaon in Bikrampur died in his village home recently. He was 87, reports BSS.

Mollah left behind his wife, four sons, two daughters and a large number of grand children and well wishers, family sources said.

Of arms and the man : Anwar's new exhibition

By S Bari

In the background, a long, bare shed. Zoom to a white hammock strung between two poles. A little boy smiles in his sleep. "Safety at Last" says the title. In the balm of sleep, this refugee child forgets the ravages of war that made his family 'boat people' and cast it up in a camp to be caught in the lens of Anwar Hossain.

This twist of fate, the long arm of politics reaching out to alter a life, is what Hossain's

where exhibitions have caired either to the images-of-Bangladesh style, with boats and rivers and monsoon poetics, or to the basket-case syndrome with the eyes of starving children reflecting the ravages of the cyclone nightmare.

These exhibitions have their place and need, but a wider world of subjects beckons the relatively young field of Bangladeshi photography, and it is high time we heed

all that is needed to conjure up that single instant, one morning over Hiroshima. A generation after the bomb, a baby's face triumphs over the fighter plane.

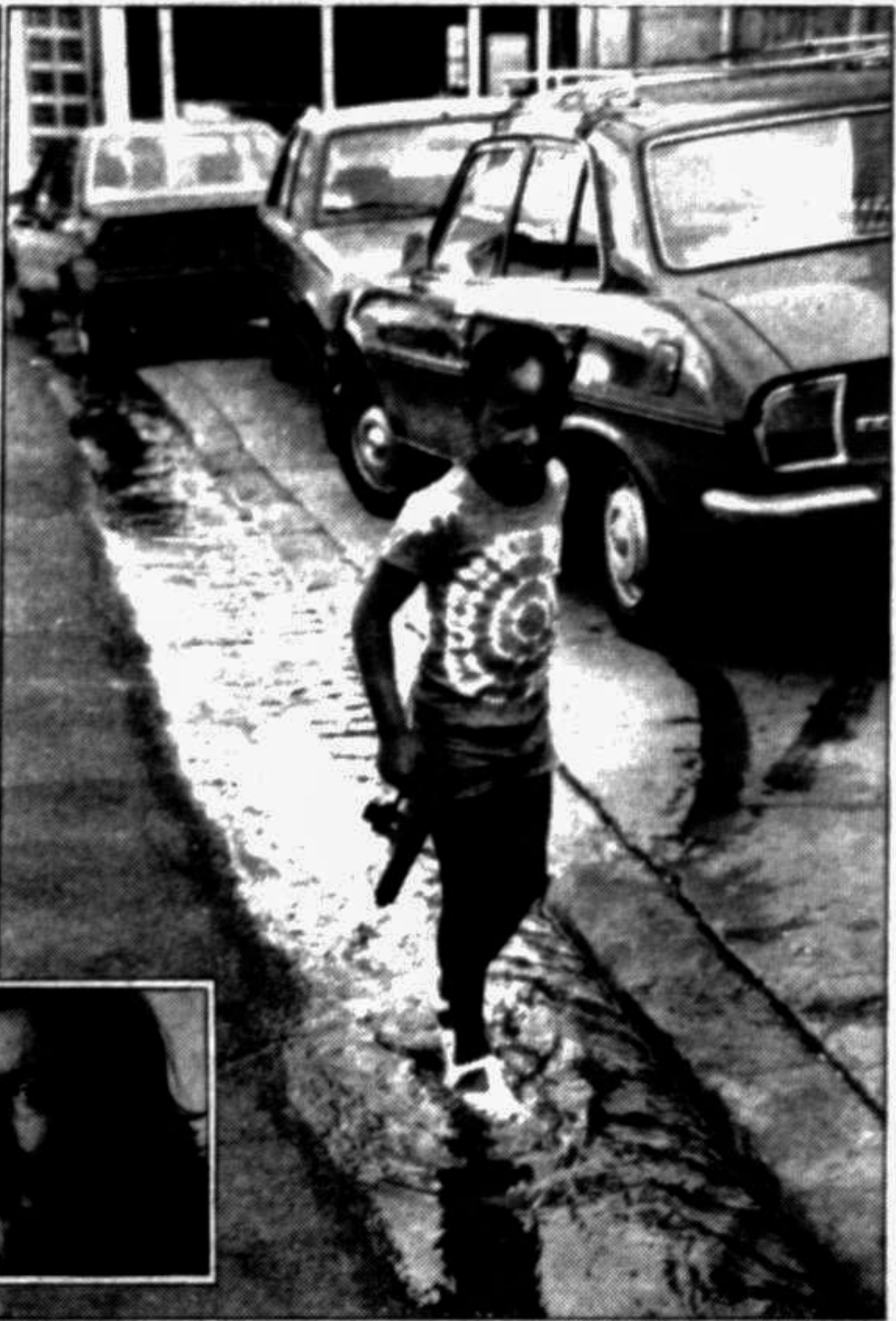
"An Immigrant Childhood," inspired by racial tensions in Paris, celebrates one of life's eternal forbidden joys: wading in a rain-swollen gutter. The boy's plastic gun, innocuous enough, somehow jolts the scene. In the context of anti-immigrant animosities, that

on people, on a single ordinary life, can be the same all over the world, in South America, in Africa, in the subcontinent," he emphasizes. Missing men and grieving mothers in Latin America; the humiliation of human spirit in South Africa; Khominci glowering from the T-shirt of a Nepalese Sherpa; Hossain focuses on the 'human element'.

One of the best shots has apparently little to do with love or politics. A burqa-clad



Hiroshima today



An Immigrant childhood

latest collection is about. Running at La Galerie now, the exhibition is built around both black-and-white and colour shots, spanning four continents and twenty years. "Love versus politics," may seem a naive title, but there is nothing naive about these pictures. Hossain contends that love and politics are two essential, unavoidable experiences of life; surely a statement no Bengali can deny.

At 43, Hossain is established as among the brightest of Bangladeshi photographers. Active since the age of 16, he has been winning prestigious international awards for years, on one occasion bagging the gold, silver and bronze medals in a single competition. His book, "Journey through Bangladesh," is possibly the best photographic ensemble on the country. As this show proves, his talent has not fizzled out.

Hossain's choice of theme is novel, especially in a country

that call. In this perspective, Hossain's theme is gratifyingly different, if somewhat ambitious. "I have been through a very difficult time these past few months," the photographer tells us. "I wanted this exhibition to reflect my pain and my struggle. And I wanted a theme that wasn't tame, that would shake the photographic community."

As poet Shamsur Rahman put it, when he inaugurated the show, "love is not only between man and woman, but love for one's country, for nature, for God." Hence the interchangeability of Tagore's 'love' songs and 'worship' songs. In Hossain's photos, more often than not, love is the face of a child or a young woman.

In "Hiroshima today" the gaze of a Japanese baby draws the attention of the viewer. Over the baby's stroller hovers a plane, dark on the museum ceiling. The letters USAF are

boy may someday hold a real gun. The violence latent in the photograph is the effect of politics, the kind that connects past colonialism to present xenophobic election campaigns.

"Politics is inescapable," Hossain says. "People are the creators and the victims of politics. We have undergone a major political change, and that is the basis of some of my pictures." In one, Sheikh Hasina holds a bouquet and smiles one of those rare genuine smiles that politicians sometimes let slip. On the next frame, the same smile is on the face of a young woman; the only link between the two women is that smile, and the photographer makes it clear that this link is the strongest of all human bonds.

On recent travels to other countries holding elections, Hossain had chance to shoot the face of politics beyond our borders. "The effect of politics

woman hastens past a blind beggar in a photo entitled "blindness." Who is blind here? Only the beggar, or the woman, shrouded in ignorance? Or a society that persists in stifling its women? Or a world that continues to look the other way?

Hossain's genius is not in the stiff posed nudes that occasionally mar the collection, looking rather like still-life, but in the unexpected, the burst of truth in an ordinary-looking world. His portraits are honest without being brutal, poetic without being sentimental.

From some of the gems at this exhibition, it is clear once again that Bangladesh has been gifted with a photographer of tremendous visual strength and subtlety.

The exhibition "love versus politics" is running at La Galerie, 54 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, 4th floor, Banani from September 7-20, 9 am to 8 p.m.

Four die of diarrhoea in Savar

Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked about 2,000 people in three upazilas of the district during the last 24 hours ending 6 pm Friday official sources said, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Ruhul (8) of Amin Bazar village, Jabbar (7) of Kashempur village in Sadar upazila, Marzina (13) of Jadabpur village in Dhamrai upazila and Alim (9) of Haraganj village in Shaturia upazila.

Local doctors attributed the outbreak of diarrhoea to 'scarcity of pure drinking water and consumption of adulterated food.'

Polish envoy presents credentials

The new Polish Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Jan Gluchowski presented his credentials to the Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, at Bangabhaban Thursday morning, reports BSS.

After presenting the credentials Ambassador Gluchowski recalled the friendly relations between Bangladesh and Poland and said this would continue to strengthen further in the days ahead to the mutual benefit of the two countries.

Welcoming the new Polish envoy the Acting President said that Bangladesh and Poland had worked closely together in various international fora in promoting global peace and security and in furthering international development cooperation.

Justice Shahabuddin expressed the hope that the existing friendly ties between the two nations would be further strengthened through diversification of the areas of cooperation.

The Acting President conveyed his best wishes to President Lech Walesa, the government and the people of Poland.

BNP workers urged to gear up party activities

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan Friday said the BNP government was pledged bound to establish peace and stability in the country, reports BSS.

He called upon the people to nursing democracy for the development of the nation.

The State Minister was addressing the Nowabganj upazila BNP workers conference.

Referring to the various achievements of the present government, Mannan said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia would fulfil her all pre-election promises step by step.

He called upon the BNP workers to gear up organisational activities to make the party strong at the grass root level. He urged them to contact the people with programmes of BNP to help expedite the development programmes of the present government.

The State Minister, called upon the party workers to explain the significance of the coming referendum to the people as its success would strengthen democracy in the country. He advised the party workers to motivate voters for large scale participation in the referendum.

Freedom Party call to cast 'No' vote in referendum

Major (Retd) Bazul Huda, Vice-Chairman of Freedom Party called upon the people to cast "No" vote in the referendum to "retain their right to vote and other rights," a press release said, reports BSS.

Addressing a gathering organised by city unit of Freedom Party, Bazul Huda alleged that the fifth parliament failed to solve the basic problems of the country like terrorism, price-hike, unemployment, mismanagement in industry and unrest in agriculture.

He said the government and opposition in the parliament by passing the 12th Amendment Bill, had pushed the nation to controversy and snatched away the rights of the election to elect their President.

Major Huda who stressed maintaining a balance between the President and the Parliament and the independence of judiciary, said the people want to retain the right to elect President directly, press release added. Later a procession was brought out which after parading city street dispersed at Shantinagar.

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No. 14-P. E-I/MVP of 1990-91 (3rd Call)

- Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 along with the requisite earnest money are hereby invited from the enlisted of special category of contractors under Roads and Highways Department and Myani Valley Road Project, Khagrachari according to their financial and jurisdictional limit of powers for construction of R.C.C. slab over the hill side drain and a slab culvert demanded by the local people near upazila on Khagrachari-Panchari Road under C.H.T. Development Project Division-I, Khagrachari during the year 1990-91.
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'EC firm to hold referendum properly'

Chief Election Commissioner Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf said all voters would have to exercise their rights of franchise for the national interest, reports BSS.

Addressing two meetings of officials and elite at Comilla and Sylhet on the occasion of the referendum 91 - the Chief Election Commissioner explained the importance and significance of the referendum of September 15. He called upon concerned officials involved in conducting the referendum to ensure real reflection of public opinion in it.

We will have to keep intact the dignity and pride by holding the referendum perfectly which we have achieved during the February 27 parliamentary polls, Justice Abdur Rouf said.

He reiterated the firm pledge of the Election Commission for holding the referendum properly and in a disciplined way at any cost.

Justice Abdur Rouf called upon the elites of the society to motivate the people

HERE and THERE

Ganatantrik Sramik League
Ganatantrik Sramik League held a rally at Demra Latif Bawani Jute Mills Workers Colony on Friday. The meeting was presided over by Alam Sardar.

The speakers of the meeting urged the people to cast 'Yes' votes in the referendum.

Begum Mujib Memorial Sangsad
Speakers at a meeting of Bangladesh Begum Sheikh Mujib Memorial Sangsad on Friday at Gopibag condemned the armed attack on Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina. The meeting presided over by Md Abdul Haq Sabuj was also addressed by Mofazzal Hossain Maya, Sheikh Abdur Rouf and others.

Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League
The General Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik League, Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan in a statement on Friday condemned the attempt on the life of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina.

He demanded immediate punishment to the miscreants. He also urged all to make today's (Saturday) hartal a success.

Drama workshop
The Vice-Chancellor of Jahangir Nagar University, Kazi Saleh Ahmed on Thursday inaugurated the month-long drama workshop organised by JUCSU.

The Vice-Chancellor in his inaugural speech expressed his satisfaction at the role played by JUCSU.

JAGPA
Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) on Thursday expressed concern over the food shortage in the northern region specially Rangpur and Panchagar.

Party chief Saiful Alam Prodhan in a statement said that the food shortage coupled with flood would bring endless miseries to the people of the region.

JAGPA chief started his North Bengal tour on Wednesday.

Youth urged to foil conspiracies
Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas Friday called upon youths to work with dedication for building the country by resisting all sorts of conspiracies, reports BSS.

Addressing the biennial conference of Lalbag Thana Jubo Dal at Hazaribagh in the city, Mirza Abbas said in the past conspiracies were hatched in planned manner against the youths to destroy them. He said the youths were used before for creating terrorism as a means instead of using them for building the country.

Terming the youths as the vanguard of the society, Mirza Abbas said they have the tradition of struggle for establishing democracy and justice in the society and no interested quarter could mislead them any further.

He called upon the youths to play an active role in the coming Referendum through casting 'yes' vote.