exhibition

Reconstructing the Past

Month-long exhibition of photographs and remains exhumed from the two killing fields at the Liberation War Museum

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AFTER almost 30 years of the bloodiest War in the history of the humanity, the question still persists whether the post-Liberation War generation of our country knows about their past. Since its inception the Liberation War Museum (LWM) waged a continuous effort to keep war memories alive against forgetting.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of our independence, The Liberation War Museum launched a month-long programme featuring rare photographs and the remains of bodies exhumed from two mass graves discovered recently.

The photography exhibition titled Remembering The Glorious Dead showcases images of the 1971 genocide committed by the Pakistani army in Bangladesh and put on display of the human remains exhumed from the two killing fields, Muslim Bazar and Jalllad Khana. These killing fields were excavated in 1999 by the Liberation War Museum with the assistance of the Bangladesh Army. As a part of the month-long programme, the museum also published a significant volume which will readdress our past in a new light, '1971: Documents on Crimes against Humanity Committed by Pakistan Army and their agents in Bangladesh during 1971'.

The exhibition, now being held at the museum auditorium, with its entrance and signboards put up in such a way that one has to bend to get into the exhibiting and show respect to the departed souls.

The total area is covered in black symbolising the national grief and just after entering the place one would be greeted with harrowing tale of mass killing portrayed through the upsetting images. The holocaust take took place 30 years ago comes alive in those pictures.

There are photographs of tanks roaring its presence on roads of Dhaka, children shot to death mercilessly, a dog feasting on the remains of a child's dead body, many photographs from the killing fields where crumbled bodies thousands of innocent Bangladeshis are depicted. These photographs are testimony to the cruelty of the Pakistani Army, as they butchered innocent and helpless men, women and children dump their bodies, pour petrol to burn and erase all evidence of their misdeeds. There are also photographs of innocent women, who were violated and then killed along with their children.

The Operational Map of Bangladesh used by Pakistani Army Eastern Command Chief Lt. General A K W Niazi, which was recovered from the Bunker of Niazi by the Indian Army after the surrender also feature in the show. The High Commission of India has presented the map to LWM. From this map just around and inside Dhaka district 11killing fields can be pointed out, which are: Boktaboli, Jagannath Hall, Rayer Bazar, Jallad Khana, Muslim Bazar, Shiyal Bari of Mirpur, Prince Iron and Steel Industries, Mirpur Ciramic Works, Darul Rashid Madrasa, Rain Khola and Ramna Park.

There is also a copy of the Banglar Bani with its headline Bangladeshe Gonohottya, kept in one corner at the exhibition. A large photograph taken during 1971 from the killing fields, where two bodies are lying dead, catches attention of the viewers. A man pulling a dead body out from the water, photographs of more dead bodies, vultures feasting on the dead and many more are also there.

There is also a paper stating: 'Our Appeal for The Trial of The Perpetrators of 1971 Genocide in Bangladesh'. In this appeal the LWM asks the PM to take steps for the trial. It is also stated in the appeal that no new law is required for the trial, because according to the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973 (Act No XIX of '73) we already have the provisions for detention, prosecution and punishment of crimes for genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes etc.

There is also a board holding the portraits of 50 myrtered intellectuals who were brutally killed during 1971. There is also a board containing newspaper photographs and their captions after the Genocide, which were published in different newspapers in 1971.

There is a monitor, continuously showing some rare video clippings and slides.

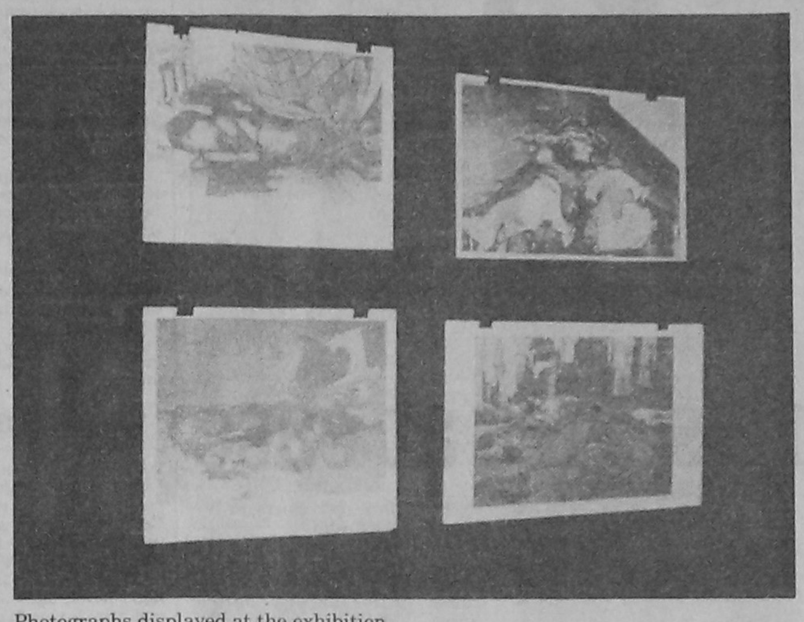
The most important exhibits of the show are kept in the centre in a huge glass cage. It contains all the bone-parts, skull and remains, which were exhumed from the killing fields of Muslim Bazar and Jalladkhana. There are 25 skulls with noticeable bullet injury in almost each of them. All of these remains were cleaned, disinfected and examined before they were put into display. There are also pieces of clothing found with the remains, among which there is a broken briefcase, a pair of shoes of little girls and many other household objects.

Outside the auditorium there are photographs and articles from the excavation area.

The Liberation War Museum believes that the museum is a place of worship for the young and old, to learn from the past and the folly of a few that can be misery for millions; learn the bravery of a few against all odds. From this we can join together and form a community through which we shall be able to let the whole World know about the truth.

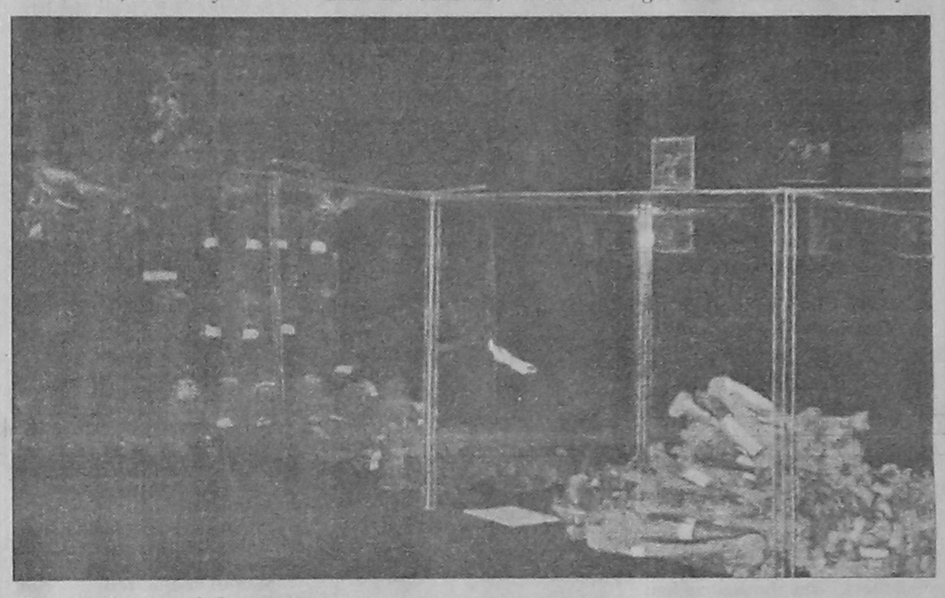
Each Bangladeshi should pay a visit to the exhibition. We are reminded through the exhibition of our harrowing past as well the glorious moment in our history.

Skulls with bullet injury at the exhibition photos by Liberation War Museum



Photographs displayed at the exhibition

The horrors of past



Excavated bones piled up

Recommendations

Shatabdi's Eid collection

Shatabdi's eid collection will be put on display at a four-day show beginning on December 7 at Arial Centre at Dhanmandi. Designer Nadira, well known for her creative design, will bring her latest sari and salwar-kamezee ensemble to the show. The show will remain open from 11 in the morning to 9 in the evening until December 10.

Bangla Faces

The Goethe Institut, Dhaka and Drik gallery have jointly organised a workshop on photography with renowned German photographer Thomas Lüttge at the Goethe Institut.

This is the second workshop of this kind by Lüttge in Dhaka. This year he will be conducting the workshop within the framework of the 'Chobi Mela', the first photography festival in Asia. The workshop will come to an end on December 11.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum haqs put up a month long exhibition titled *Gourobmoy Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk*.

The remains found in the killing fields of *Jalladkhana* and *Nuri Masjid* and some photographs are being exhibited.

Eid Collection

Organised by fashion house Altamira, a fashion exhibition titled Eid Collection will be inaugurated today at 12.00p.m. by singer Shumona Huq and model Tania.

The exhibition will be held at House No 1, Road No 2, Dhanmondi and will be open everyday from 11.00a.m till 10.00pm everyday.

150 designed Saris and 200 Salwar Kameezes will be displayed at the exhibition.

The exhibition will run till December 28.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY

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Rescuers: Stories of Courage- Two Women on HBO at 10:00 p.m.

This empowering drama stars Perkins and Ward as courageous women who risk their lives to help Jewish refugees during the Holocaust. The first story in this double-bill, "Mamusha" has Gertrude Babilir-ska as a nanny who keeps a friend's young son and a group of Jewish prisoners alive until the war ends. The second story "Woman on a Bocycle" takes place in the south of France.

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Information on Nutrition 4:20 Programme on Children 4:45 Mahe Ramadan 5:20 Education for all 5:50 Sangita Session of modern song 6:00 Khabar 6:25 Programme of Chittagong Centre 7:00 Tukhud Television Quiz Programme 7:25 Special Programme on Hossain Shahid Suhrawardi 8:00 News in English 8:20 Special Programme on Victory Day 9:00 Drama serial 10:00 News in English 10:20 Programme on the traditional culture of Bangladesh 10:50 Sur Laharee Session of Classical Music 11:15 Khabar/The News 11:30 Closing

Drama Shekarer Sandhaney on channel i at 9:15 pm. Starring Najma Anwar and Memi.

AXN

6:00 You're Under Arrest/Who Dares Wins 7:00 PSI Factor IV/Elevator 8:00 Boardwild/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 9:00 Curious Play/Shadow Skills 10:00 You're Under Arrest/Who Dares Wins 11:00 PSI Factor IV/Elevator 12:00 Relic Hunter/Memories of Montmartre 1:00 Movie: Phoenix 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Space Warship Yamamoto 4:00 Curious Play/Shadow Skills 5:00 You're Under Arrest/Who Dares Wins 6:00 PSI Factor IV/Force Majeur 7:00 Pacific Blue III/Matters of the Heart 8:00 Movie: Timescape 10:00 Pacific Blue III/Matters of the Heart 11:00 Movie: Timescape 1:00 Silk Stalkings V/Playing Doctor 2:00 Nightman II/Double Double 3:00 Highlander VI/Deadly Exposure 4:00 Boardwild/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 5:00 Curious Play/Shadow Skills

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Mere Humsafar 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Hamrahi 1:30 Bollywood News 2:00 Jal Bin Machhli Nritya Bin Buli 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Mangla Masti Ram Bharose 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Shrimatiji 12:30 Shrimatiji 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Jal Bin Machhli Nritya Bin Buli 5:30 Shrimatiji

Drama serial Jhar Bristir Nird on Ekushey Tv at 8:30 pm. Starring Api Karim, Jamaluddin Hossain and Sharmili Ahmed.

EKUSHEY TV

2:30 Ajker Potrikay 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama Series: Hakarbin 3:30 Amader Kotha 4:00 Nazrul Geeti 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Religious Musical Programme 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Ajker Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:02 Bubuner Baba 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama Serial: Nei Kono Thikana 8:30 Drama Series: Jhor Brishtir Neer 9:00 Drama: Biponnya Shopno 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Mukto Khobor 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ekushey Classic 12:00 Ekushey News Headlines

CHANNEL-I

8:00 Din Protidin 8:25 Drama: Grihohin Aronar Pathe 9:30 India vs Zimbabwe 2nd ODI Live 5:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 5:10 Ramazanul Mobarak 5:25 Islam O Biggan 6:10 Monocholoke 6:40 Addar Table 7:15 Protidin Muktijurdho 7:50 Akattorer Dinguli 8:00 Drama Everyday-Joar Vhata 8:40 Drama Ulto Fhad 9:15 Drama: Sakhorer Sandhane. 10:00 Bangla: Khawali 11:00 Bangla Cinema

Drama Bhalobaser Shawpa on Ekushey TV at 9 pm. Starring Toni Dais, Tarin, Dilara Zaman.

ALPHA BANGLA TV

8:00 Din Protidin 9:00 News/Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Bahari Aahaar 10:00 Grihosajja 10:30 Bhalobasa Mondobasa 11:00 Iska Boner Bibi 11:30 Mon Niye 12:00 Bahari Aahaar 12:30 Amra Probasi 1:00 Shyaola 1.30 Ek Akasher Niche 2.00 Nayantara 3.30 Feature Film 5:00 Football 5:30 Anya Bhuvan 6:00 Arghya 6:30 Din Protidin 7:30 News 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Shudhu Tomake Chai 9:30 Kapurush 10:00 News/Shyaola 10:30 Football 11:00 Din Protidin 12:00 Arghya 12:30 Bharat Bhromon 1:00 Bhalobasa Mondobasa 2:00 Feature Film 4:00 Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Grihasajja 5:00 Shyaola 5:30 Hiyar Majhe 6:30 Alaap 7:00 Grihosajja 7:30 News/Arghya

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet II 9:30 Animal in Danger 15 10:00 Eyewitness II 10:30 ESPU 11:00 EOuter Bounds I & II 11:30 Shark Files, The (II) 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives II 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Mega Movie Magic 7:00 Real Kids, Real 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Extreme Machines 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery Secrets 1:30 Huners 2:30 Extreme Machines 3:30 On the inside Inside: 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Discover Magazine

CNN

6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A (Replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (Replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:15 Asian Edition 6:30 Biz Asia 7:00 World News 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Asia Tonight 8:30 World Sport 9:00 World News 9:30 CNN Indiadotcom 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 Style South Asia 1:30 World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Earth Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Earth Report 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Mastermind India 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 09:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC News World Business Report 11:30 Jancis Sobinsons Wine cours 12:00 BBC News 12:35 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies 3:00 BBCÊNews 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report / World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report

Frasier on Star World at 12:20p. m.

HBO

7:00 Power 9:15 Showdown In Little Tokyo 11:00 Pure Country 1:15 Before Sunrise 3:15 The World According to Garp 6:00 Next of Kin 8:15 Strays 10:00 Rescuers: Stories of Courage-Two Women 12:15 Bird On A Wire 2:30 The World According to Garp 5:15 Strays

STAR WORLD

6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 That 70's Show 9:30 Dharma & Greg 10:00 Chicago Hope 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Everybody Loves Raymond 12:30 Frasier 1:00 The Things People Do 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4.30 Home Improvment 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 JAG 7:00 The Pretended 8:00 NYPD Blue 9:00 Friends 9:30 Star News 10:00 JAG 11:00 The Pretender 12:00 NYPD Blue 1:00 JAG 2:00 The Pretender 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The Word With Joyce Meyer 4:30 World News 5:00 Media TV 5:30 Mork & Mindy 6:00 Hollywood Squares 6:30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

NYPD Blue on Star World at 8:00p. m.

STAR PLUS

6:00 Cine Jharokha 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show: Awara Zindagi 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Tanha 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Pal Chhin 3:30 Small Wonders 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 I Love My India 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kabhi Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein Bhuchaal Aata Hai 9:00 Kora Kagaz 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Tanha 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Tanha 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 4:00 Star Bestsellers 5:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 5:30 Hit Ya Fit 6:00 Cine Jharokha

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Rapid Assault 9:15 Comedy: Three Men And A Baby 11:15 Western: Trinity is Still My Name 1:15 Midday Movie: 101 Dalmatians 3:15 Drama: The Client 5:30 Comedy: Three Fugitives 7:30 Thriller: Voyage Of Terror 9:30 Extreme CU 10:00 Hollywood Action Night : Die Hard 12:30 Movie With Style : Midnight Heat 2:00 Thriller : Twist Of Fate 4:00 UK top Ten 5:30 Thriller: Voyage Of Terror

Mork & Mindy on Star World at 2:00p. m.