

Exhibition

Standing by the acid victims

Photographer Shafiqul Alam Kiron, under the aegis of a new student forum, holds a week-long charity solo at the Alliance Francaise Gallery in Dhaka from October 12

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SONIA, a teenage girl was leading a simple life in happiness within the disciplined boundaries of her family. The adolescent girl was innocent and this very innocence made her pay maximum penalty, disfigurement of her face including loss of eyesight after an acid attack.

With a striking change in the pattern of criminal activities in Bangladesh, the incident of acid violence rose sharply over the last decade or so and it now seems to be one of the deadliest curses for young girls and women.

As the initial works of ASF was gaining strength, photographer Shafiqul Alam Kiron of Map Photo Agency decided to do photo story on acid victims and their various aspects and conditions.



'Thikana', a NGO working for the welfare of acid victims, rehabilitates these unfortunate girls providing them with jobs and on-hand schooling in small investment projects



Girls, attacked with acid, are provided with rehabilitation at 'Thikana' where they find a home, fooding and all other basic amenities to lead a healthy life

formed academic body 'Students Against Acid Violence' (SAAV) with cooperation from ASF. The weeklong display of over 50 B/W photographs projects the various negative and positive conditions of the girls' during and after their process of rehabilitation and treatment both at home and abroad.

Kiron started photographing since 1989 when his subjects were limited with the documentary issues of child trafficking, illegal juvenile prostitution, and child marriage.

In March 1999, UNICEF with the cooperation of MAP organised a solo of Shafiqul Alam Kiron at the

Shishu Academy featuring the acid violence on females. One of the photos taken by Kiron won first prize at the World Press Photo Contest 1999 at Amsterdam in the category of 'People in the news'.



Naemem, the 4-year old child received severe burn injuries and fought a daring month-long battle with death before succumbing to her death at the hospital bed recently



These girls, all victims of acid attack, have undergone successful treatment abroad and now learning computer skills at the IBM training center in Dhaka

He acknowledges the strong efforts and contributions of various NGOs like 'Thikana' and 'Naripokkho' who are constantly providing help, assistance and training to the rehabilitated girls

many of whom are now working as full-time staffers at the organisations and others completing vocational training in various charity-oriented small investment projects and factories.

critical issue therefore I would like to carry on in interest of the nation, probably, till that day when there would remain no monstrous human in this country to inflict attacks on females", mentions Shafiqul Alam Kiron, highly serious and committed to raise awareness and sensitise people about acid violence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Milos Forman Retrospective

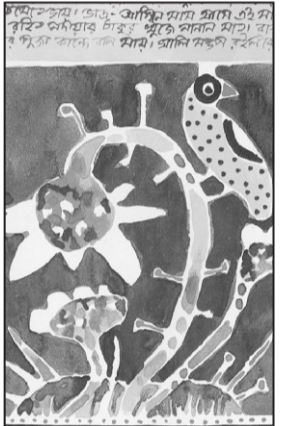
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen six films by Hollywood-based Czech New Wave filmmaker Milos Forman at the Goethe-Institut Dhaka at Road No. 9, Dhanmondi from Saturday, October 6 to Monday, October 8.

Debut photo



show

Mulla Shawgatul Alam Sagar's first solo photography show is now being held at the Indian High Commission auditorium at 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Open from 3 to 8 pm, Mulla's solo exhibition runs until October 8.



Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvases the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience.

TV GUIDE

Table with TV channel listings for BTV, CHANNEL-i, and ATN, including program names and times.

Table with TV channel listings for STAR GOLD, STAR PLUS (INDIA), and BBC WORLD, including program names and times.

Table with TV channel listings for various international channels like Asia Today Inc Reporters, BBC News, and others.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Text describing today's highlights, including 'EKUSHEY' at 8:00 pm, 'STAR WORLD' at 7:30 and 11:00 pm, and 'Friends' at 9:00 pm.

PICK OF THE DAY

Text describing the pick of the day, 'The Whole Nine Yards', on HBO at 10:00 pm.

STAR MOVIES

List of star movies including 'When A Man Loves A Woman', 'Terminal Velocity', 'Thomas Crown Affair', etc.

ZEE CINEMA

List of Zee Cinema movies including 'Janta Hawaldar-Feature Film', 'Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme', etc.

ALPHA TV BANGLA

List of Alpha TV Bangla movies including 'Nijei Nayak', 'Kashinath', 'News', etc.

Table with TV channel listings for CHANNEL [V], including program names and times.

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SPORTS

Table with sports listings for ESPN, including NFL, MLB, and other events.

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HALLMARK

List of Hallmark movies including 'Mermaid', 'The Sandy Bottom Orchestra', 'Sesame Street', etc.