

## Photos reveal human psyche

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Their shrouds cover everything but the skull. The blank look of their gaping mouth leaves you with thousand interpretations. The photograph of a group of skeletons in dancing posture titled Dance of Death may lead you to an intellectual debate on the meaning of life.

It is the exhibition of photographs by Morten Krogvold, celebrated photographer from Norway that leaves you with the impression that photograph is the most effective tool to focus on people's psyche as well as social issues.

As part of the festival of photography Chhobi Mela II, the exhibition began from November 23 at Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts in the city.

Krogvold's photographs depicts different aspects of life. His lens captured different persona or distinct incidents. Starting from the portrait of a Nigerian girl that some of the visitors found as an emblem of innocence, there is the 'The Last Real Hero', a photograph of Nelson Mandela that personifies courage and patriotism.

The couple of photographs under the same title 'Dead Bird' also transfixed some of the visitors who



could see how transient the physical beauty is. "It shows that only inner beauty of a human being matters at the end of the day," noted Syed Subeh Ashraf, a student of Dhaka University.

To explore the potentiality of the promising photographers, the exhibition includes works by students of Pathshala, The South Asian Institute of Photography. Their exhibit is the outcome of a workshop conducted by Krogvold.

Series of photographs under the title 'Dhaka - A Terrible Beauty' or 'Night Life' sketches the real Dhaka without any exaggeration. "You cannot find anything hyperbolic while you see through the lens," mentioned Sajeda Khatun, a housewife from Dhanmondi.

Most of the visitors were overwhelmed by the collection and noted the necessity of this type of exhibition. "Youngsters interested in photography finds it hard to flourish since there is less scope of proper guideline," said Nazia Monzur, a student of Dhaka University. "They can do far better if they receive proper training," she added.

The exhibition will continue till December 10 from 11:00am to 8:00pm daily.

## 2 die at RMCH

BSS, Rajshahi

Two persons including a minor boy succumbed to their injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday, hospital sources said.

One identified as Selim, 26, was an employee of Rajshahi Medical College and a resident of Haragram area under Rajpara thana in the city. He committed suicide by taking poison.

He took poison due to reason unknown and was rushed to the hospital where he died yesterday morning.

An eight-year-old boy named Abdul Zabbar, son of Mahmudur Rahman of Eklampur village under Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabgonj district, was rushed to the hospital with fatal head injuries received in a road mishap. He succumbed to his injuries early yesterday morning.

Two separate unnatural death cases were recorded with Rajpara thana in these connections.

## GP subscribers asked to pay royalty, fee by Nov 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Phone (GP) yesterday said it has issued notice to 300,000 prepaid subscribers to pay annual government royalty and license fee within November 28.

"There are confusion and misunderstanding among the subscribers regarding the collection of annual government royalty and license fee, which GP collects from the subscribers and pay the same to the government," GP Sales and Marketing Director Mehboob Chowdhury told reporters at a press conference in the city.

He said GP has served notice to the subscribers first ever at a time from its newly installed automated system through a short message.

The message requested prepaid subscribers to maintain a balance worth Tk 1,100 for the fees.

"Please keep a balance of Tk 1,100 for 24 hours in your account on November 28 for payment of government royalty and license fee," the message said.

"Otherwise, your subscription will be suspended on Nov 28," the message warned.

About 5,000 subscribers, who paid the government royalty and license fees just six-month back, also received the message.

Explaining the situation, Chowdhury said, it was due to our previous manual system which needed much time to collect the fees.

"They got the message as there were backlog, but we hope to reduce those once we fully introduce the automated system," he added.

GP, the country's biggest GSM operator which launched the service in 1997, currently has some

7.2 lakh subscribers, of which about 5.5 lakh are easy pre-paid.

The notice for payment of Tk 1,100 ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr has irked many subscribers.

Pre-paid, a popular mobile connection, is mostly used by middle-income group.

"They said this has become a burden for them ahead of the Eid."

"We understand the difficulty, but we have taken the decision to clear the backlog," Chowdhury added.

He said GP will consider to shift the date if authorities permit.

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