



An acid survivor looks at a photograph of Mother Teresa at a Charity Photo Exhibition that began at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday.

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# 'Stand by acid survivors'

## Second phase of Charity Photo Exhibition begins

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second phase of a Charity Photo Exhibition began at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday with a call to stand by the acid survivors.

The Acid Survivors Foundation (ASF) organised the exhibition to raise funds for the victims of acid violence.

A group of young acid survivors who presented a drama titled 'Aina' (mirror) at the inaugural session made an appeal to all to stand by them and help them lead a normal life.

Tahmina, an acid survivor, spoke of the ordeals she went through following an acid attack on

her, and called on all not to ostracise the acid survivors.

Inaugurating the exhibition, Canadian High Commissioner David Sproule said acid violence is a heinous act, which causes devastation to a person not only physically but also emotionally.

Photographs of 70 renowned photographers and photojournalists have been put on display for sale. The three-day exhibition will remain open from 10:00am to 9:00pm daily till September 4.

The photographers have donated their photos for the exhibition and the proceeds will be used for treatment and rehabilitation of

the acid survivors and to raise awareness about acid violence, said Monira Rahman, executive director of the ASF.

Reazul Amin, president of JCI, Dhaka East, and Grant J Gaskin, general manager of Sonargaon Hotel, also spoke.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by Bangla Link, Nascom, Tack Training, Intelab, Kodak, Express one, North South University and Linkers.

The third and final phase of the exhibition will be held at the Spectra Convention Centre on September 8 and 9.

## Rickshaw van owners-workers' 48-hour strike October 1, 2

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Rickshaw van owners and workers will go for a 48-hour strike in the city on October 1 and 2 to press home their demands.

Bangladesh Rickshaw-van Owners' Workers' Action Council, at a rally at Muktangon here yesterday, threatened to enforce the strike if their demands are not fulfilled by September 30.

Member secretary of the organisation M Insur Ali read out the announcement in the rally, presided over by council convenor Ali Akbar.

Their demands include implementation of the MOU signed between the council and the City Corporation.

## Bodies of three children recovered in city

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Bodies of three children were recovered in the city on Thursday.

Ramna police recovered a floating body from the Mirbagh Jheel (waterbody).

He was identified as Md Rabiul, 4. He had been missing since August 29.

Local people recovered the body of Niaz Uddin, 10, a resident of Kamrangir char, from Buriganga river.

The victim's family said Niaz went to

the river to have a bath at 1:30pm and drowned.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead.

In another incident, the local

people recovered a floating body of Md Nahid Hussein, a student of class five of Baradeshi Primary School, from the river Turag at Amin Bazar at 1:00pm.