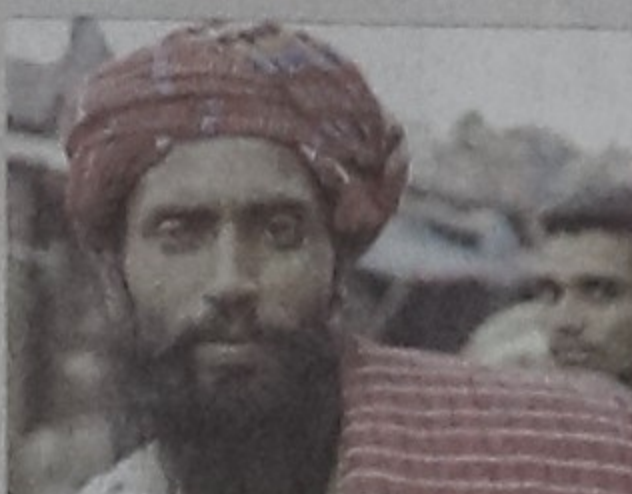


WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEKSolo Art
Exhibition

Artist: Jamal Ahmed
Venue: Gallery Chitrak,
Rd 4, H 21, Dhanmondi
R/A
Date: November 14-23
Time: 10am-8pm

Art & Photography
Exhibition

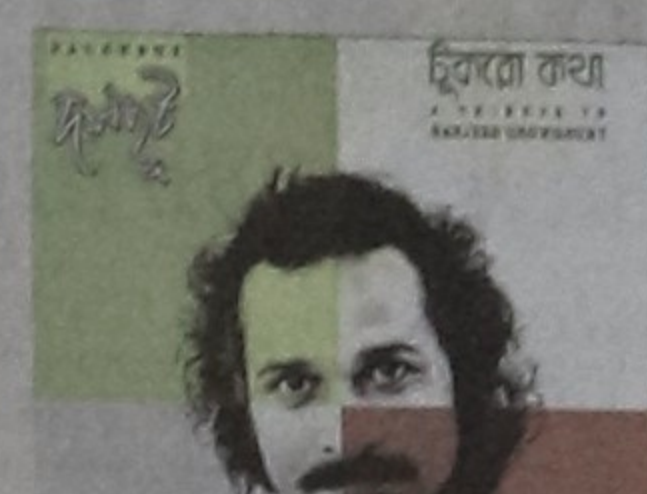
on Bangladesh Street Culture
Artists: Rokeya, Kuhu,
Smita, Ujjwal and Anil
Venue: Radius Centre,
Bay's Galleria, 5th floor, 57,
Gulshan Avenue
Date: November 8-23
Time: 11am-9pm (Fridays
3pm-11pm)

Anniversary
Programme

Organiser: Wishiz
Shilpi Gosthi
Venue: National Music
and Dance Centre, BSA
Date: November 20
Time: 4pm

Reminiscence on
Sanjib
Chowdhury

Organiser: Dolchhut
and G-Series
Venue: Coffee House,
Elephant Road
Date: November 19
Time: 3pm



Sidr Diary A national tragedy in stills

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Zaid Islam is a freelance photographer. This is hardly an apt introduction of a man who snapped photos at a time when the nation was mourning the after-effects of a natural disaster, Sidr, a name that conjures up senses of trauma, loss and tragedy even now.

November 15, 2007 is a black day in our history. The country lost many of its people; thousands of houses were destroyed, as were paddy fields, woods, livestock and villages. Zaid left the city and went to Shoronkhola to document the devastation. The images depict the woes of thousands in the coastal areas -- who had been rendered homeless after Sidr -- immobile and rapt in grief, desperately in need of relief. But relief materials had not reached the areas yet.

Zaid states, "Before leaving Dhaka for Shoronkhola, I noticed that there were advertisements for a party on November 17 at Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, called 'Sirocco.' The organisers assured their guests on November 16 with this message: 'Amongst all the current confusion in Bangladesh, we the management would just like to point out that Sirocco is happening...'"

"Meanwhile, the death toll was rising. The official figure was 3268, while Red Crescent had estimated over 10,000 dead!"

Zaid photographed personal stories of Sidr victims with sensitivity and empathy. The images document the external and internal losses. With the destruction of their homes, paddy fields and livestock, these people have also lost their near and dear ones; the most unfortunate sight being that of a child who has lost both parents.

On a very individual level, the other tragedy is that many of these people were critically injured; some have lost body parts. Zaid's photos reflect his humane side and urge to do something for those who have lost everything. These are photographic stories of living in an extended "blackout."

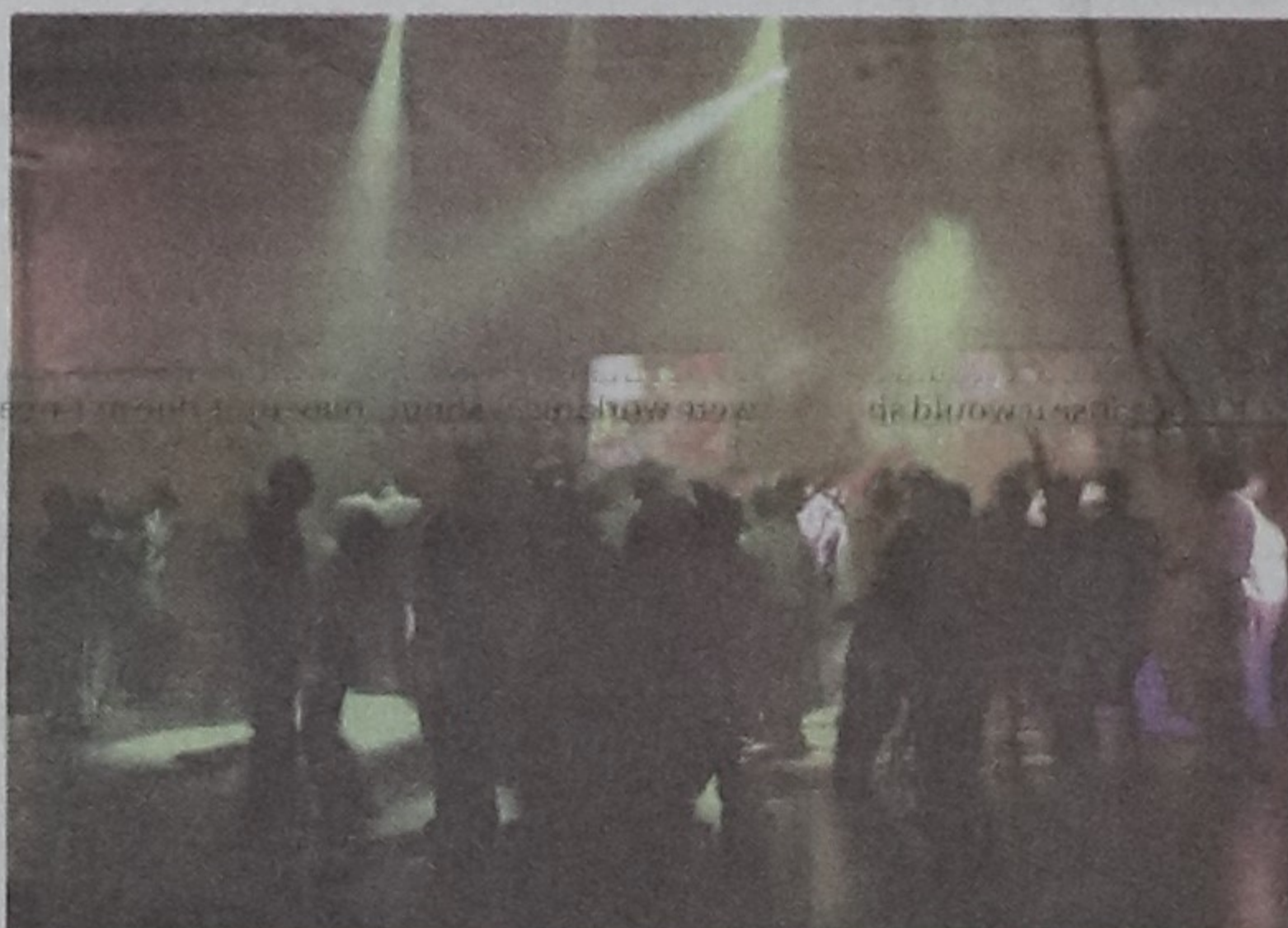
Simple, yet kaleidoscopic compositions seem to be Zaid's trait. His insight into his subjects is also demonstrated with the help of light and shades. The collection of photos focuses more on the subject than technique.

Zaid's photos are on display at an exhibition titled "Sidr Diary: Blackouts and Anniversaries" at Chhobir Haat, Shahbag. The exhibition ends on November 23.



Stage of Need

This crowd is part of the larger queue that gathered each day in front of Shoronkhola Press Club to receive VIPs who arrived on helicopters to distribute relief. After a few hundred people were served and the VIPs flew off, the crowds had to be dispersed, sometimes by baton charge. (November 19, 2007)



The Show Must Go On!
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Abu Sayeed's Rupantor gearing up for Indian film festivals

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladeshi filmmaker Abu Sayeed's latest work "Rupantor" will be pitted against 14 other films in the competitive section of the upcoming International Film Festival of India beginning in Goa on November 22.

Among other films in the section are "My Mother's Tears" (a joint production of Argentina and Germany), "The Shaft" (China), "The Red Spot" (a Japan-Germany joint production), "Pencil" (Malaysia), "Plonning" (The Philippines), "Akasa Kusum" (Sri Lanka) and "Mahasatta" and "Kanchivaram" (both from India), according to an official announcement made last Saturday evening.

The IFFI will mark the world premiere of "Rupantor" as well as Sayeed's return to the event after his successful debut at the competition in 2006 when his "Nirontor" had won a special jury award.

Meanwhile, "Rupantor" has shifted from the competitive section to World Cinema category at the Kerala International Film Festival to be held in Thiruvananthapuram next month. "Nirontor" had won the best feature film award in Kerala two years ago.

The ten-day festival would be inaugurated by Minister of State for Information, Anand Sharma. Both Rekha and veteran South Indian actor Kamal Hassan will be the chief guests at the opening and closing ceremonies of the festival, director of the festival S.M. Khan said.

In all, 127 Indian and foreign films would be

screened at the festival which will also feature works of veteran Indian filmmakers like B.R. Chopra, G.P. Sippy, F.C. Mehra and Sreedhar -- all of whom died this year.

It would also pay homage to playback singer Mahendra Kapoor, playwright and scriptwriter Vijay Tendulkar, director Nabendu Ghosh, Marathi film actress Jayashree Gadkar and Tamil film actor Raghuvaram -- all of whom passed away this year.

Retrospectives of internationally acclaimed directors Aki Kaurismäki (Finland), John Landis (USA), Wong Kar Wai (Hong Kong), Peter Chan (China) and actress Niki Karimi (Iran) would also be held during the festival.

Switzerland will be the country in focus at the festival this year and films by Bimal Roy and L.V. Prasad, whose birth centenary is being celebrated this year, would also be screened.

The Taj Mahal, the 17th century white marble monument -- an ode to love -- in Agra, has inspired some films in India and to commemorate that, four movies will be screened at the festival under the theme "Taj Mahal: A Celluloid Journey." The films are "Shiraj", a silent film made in 1928, "Shah Jahan" (1968), "Taj Mahal" (1963) and "Taj Mahal" (2005).

Among the popular Hindi movies to be shown at the festival will be actor Aamir Khan's directorial debut "Taare Zameen Par," "Jodha Akbar" and "Wednesday."

While the opening of the festival has not yet been decided, acclaimed Iranian director Majid Majidi's "The Song of Sparrows" will be screened at the closing ceremony on December 2.



Ferdous (centre) and co-actor in "Rupantor."



All programmes are in local time.
The Daily Star will not be responsible for any

On
Air

News Bulletin

BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am, 1:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am, 1:00 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm, News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm, Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL-1
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm, News (English) at 6:00 pm.

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 7:00 pm, and 10:30 pm.

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News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.

ETV
News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

BTV

08:20 Shuprobhaat
08:45 SAARC Roundup
09:30 Musical Programme: Smitimoy Geeti Moy
10:05 Open University
10:30 Lok Lokalay
11:20 Desher Gaan
11:30 Drama Serial: Shangsaptak
12:10 Ei Amar Bangladesh
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Matri Bhasha
01:30 Hijo Tomal
03:05 Cartoon: Bananas in Pyjamas
03:30 Shukhi Panbar
04:05 Arjan
04:30 Musical Programme: Dolonchampa
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Computer
06:15 Nobo Anondey Jago
07:00 Mabi O Manush
07:25 Lok Laklay
08:35 Drama Serial: Shei Hashi
09:05 Drama Serial: Pronoyer Jhor
09:30 Selected Programme
10:30 Shur Shombhar
11:00 Mukti Judher Dinguli

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shambadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Syed Barr Bou
09:15 Drama Serial: Swapno Mongol
10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
11:15 Live Programme: Top Spin
12:15 Computer Based Programme: IT Zone
01:30 Band View
02:30 Drama Serial: Laarey Lappa
03:10 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush
03:45 Children's Programme
04:20 Islamic Programme

05:30 Proshongo
06:20 Take Care
08:00 Drama Serial: Shonali Phool
08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamal
09:20 Drama Serial: Raangila Bao
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbad Potrey
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritlo Matra
11:05 Sports Time
11:30 Medha Bikash
12:30 Citycell Tarokakathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Hrdoyer Gaan

08:25 Drama Serial: Mejdidi
09:35 Drama Serial: Prithibir Shob Rup Mekhey Achhey Ghashey
10:00 Jibon Jekhaney Jernon
11:30 Drama Serial: Kobi
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro

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08:00 Aker Potrika
08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
09:30 Drama Serial: Aina Ghar
10:30 Ekushey Business
12:30 Ekushey Business
01:30 Drama Serial: Ekey Shunyo Dash
03:30 Cine Hits
04:02 Drama Serial: Tomtom
04:30 O Bondhu Amar
05:30 Sports Plus
06:30 Desh Jurey Shonglap
07:50 Campus Campus

11:03 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Din Choley Jay
12:25 Drama Serial: Adda
02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin
06:03 Japito Jibon
08:30 Heart Beat
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghar Shangshar
10:00 Drama Serial: Adda
11:30 Business Blog
12:00 Editor's Comment

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08:30 Aker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kaath-er Khancha
09:30 Frankly Speaking
10:05 Gallery
10:30 Music Express
11:30 Golpo Kathar Natok
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic

06:45 Musical Programme
08:15 Siddiqui Kabir's Recipe
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer
11:30 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Gharey Bairoy
09:00 Drama Serial: Jogfall
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Ebong Class-er Bairoy
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
03:00 Ganapal
03:03 Voter Lorai
04:20 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
05:15 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Cine Beat
06:50 Media Bhuvan
08:20 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:05 Home Care

03:30 Mayur Bahon
04:30 Music One
06:00 Bioscope
07:00 Padma Raag
08:15 Drama: Dash Hajar Eak Taka
09:00 Drama: Hirok Baan Shonaar Chuni
09:30 Musical Wagon
11:00 Gaaner Kotha Kothar Gaan

STAR WORLD

10:00 According To Jim
10:30 Grey's Anatomy
11:30 The Moment Of Truth
12:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
01:30 Prison Break
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres
03:30 Fashion House
04:30 Cold Case
05:30 Grey's Anatomy
06:30 Friday Night Lights
07:30 Friends

ZEE STUDIO

01:15 Basic
03:30 Arahah
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
06:00 Rushmore
08:00 Black Hawk Down
11:00 Turner and Hooh

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

11:30 Creative Vision
01:00 Haven
01:30 Biography
02:30 Jet Vs Jet
04:00 Human Weapon
04:30 Cold Cuts
05:30 The Greatest Air Battles
06:30 Haven
07:30 Dracula's Underground
08:30 Deadliest Weapons
09:30 Sex In The 20th Century
10:30 Pearl Harbor
11:30 Sex In The 20th Century

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

CHANNEL
11:30 Most Dangerous Moments
12:30 I Didn't Know That
01:00 I Didn't Know That
01:30 Naked Science
02:30 Caught On Safari: Live!
03:30 Mulas
04:30 Hunter Hunted
05:30 Big Bang
06:30 Hollywood Science
07:30 Caught On Safari: Live!
08:30 Planet Carnivore
09:30 Snake Paradise
10:30 Monkey Thieves
11:30 Snake Paradise

STAR MOVIES

09:15 The Missing
11:30 Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man
01:20 Invincible
03:05 Prairie Home Companion, A
04:50 Die Hard 1
07:00 Mod Squad
08:35 Firestorm
10:05 Marine, The
11:35 Holy Man

HBO

10:30 Accepted
12:30 First Knight
03:15 Hollywood One On One
03:45 The Hunt For Eagle One: Crash Point
05:30 Home Spumoni
07:15 Gattaca
09:30 Fair Game
11:15 Mumbai Calling 02: Home Comforts
11:45 Dominion: Prequel To The Exorcist



Neer

On ntv at 9:45 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Richi Solaiman, Shams Shumon



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Music Junction
12:00pm My Time
01:00pm No Tension
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:30pm Night Rider
01:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Masti Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan
02:00am Back to Back



On Zee Studio at 8:00 pm

Genre: Action

Cast: Eric Bana, Josh Hartnett, Tom Sizemore

BLACK HAWK DOWN

03:05 Meridian Channel i
Khudey Gaan Raaj'08
04:30 Apnaar Shushashito
05:30 Mukhtijudho Protidin
06:00 Shath Goenda
06:20 Cookery Show
07:50 Chandrabindu

08:20 Drama Serial: Ekey Shunyo Dash
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:05 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
10:50 Financial Bulletin
RTV
09:00 Very Family

02:30 Drama Serial: Eit Kacher Khacha
03:15 Drama Serial: Teen Purush
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
05:25 Ithasher Ei Diney
06:15 Shubho Sandhya

09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:25 Vote-er Laral
12:00 Shangbad Protidin
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film

08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 How I Met Your Mother
09:00 Hope And Faith
09:30 The Moment Of Truth
10:30 Shark
11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live