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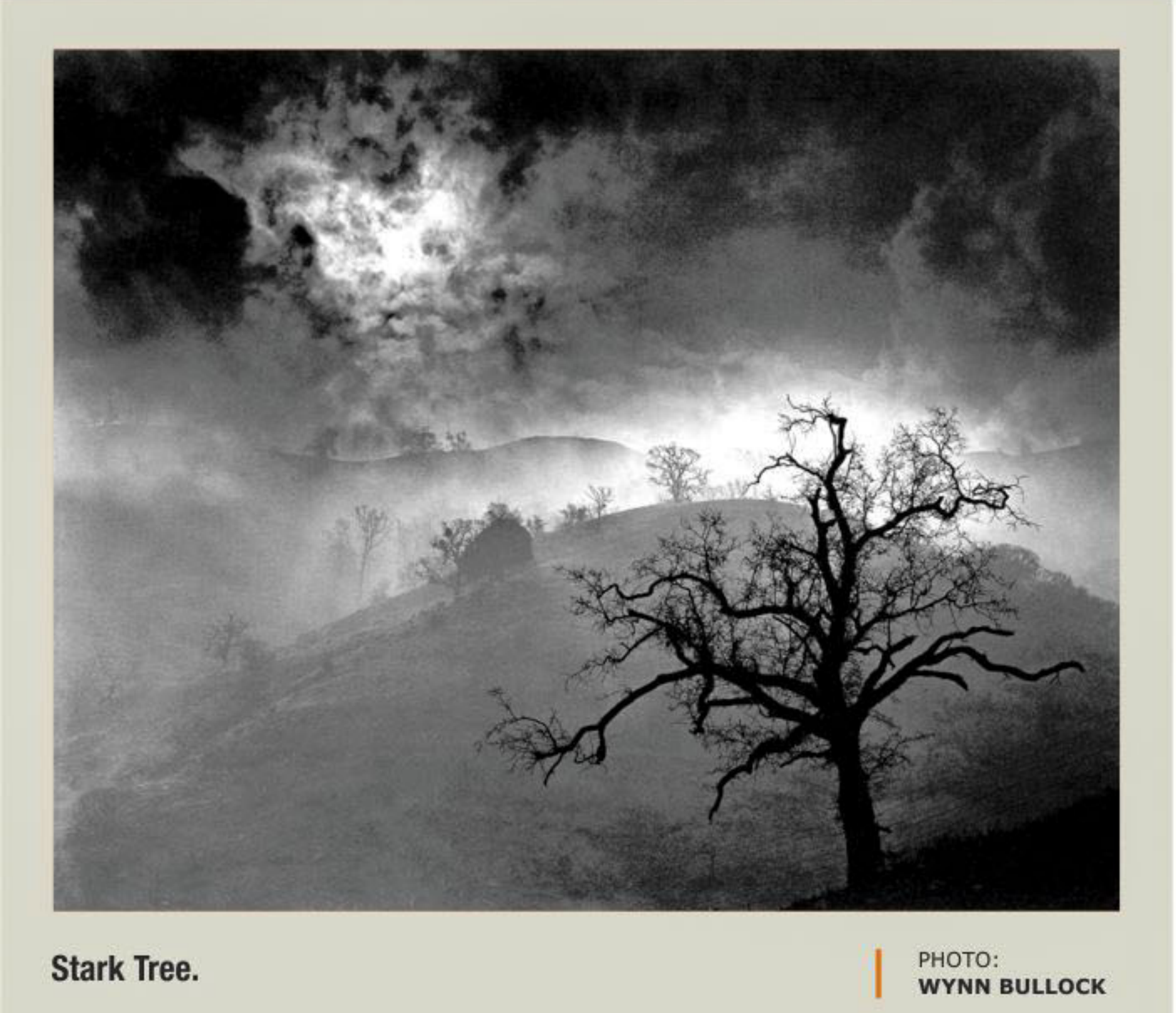
WEATHER TODAY

Unib, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today.	Moderately heavy to heavy rainfall is also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.	Country's highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Satkhira and lowest 24.4 degree Celsius in Hatiya.	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage		Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage			
	Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country.	The highest and lowest temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:	Dhaka	Max: 33.5	Min: 27.0	80	81	Khulna	Max: 32.8	Min: 27.4	90	73
	The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22am.		Chittagong	30.8	25.7	76	82	Barisal	32.4	26.3	82	80
			Rajshahi	34.6	26.5	91	74	Sylhet	34.8	26.8	81	62
			Rangpur	33.4	26.0	83	74	Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.8	92	83

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR



Stark Tree.

PHOTO: WYNN BULLOCK

Passion in

Art and Life

The other day, a photographer friend and I were discussing landscape photographers. My friend compared Ansel Adams to the lesser-known Wynn Bullock. He said that while Ansel Adams wrote very passionately about photography, his well-composed, formal photographs lacked passion. However, Bullock's photographs were full of passion.

I immediately thought of Beethoven and Mozart. Both were brilliant composers, of course, and created beautiful music. Yet, for me, there is a difference in passion between the two composers' music, particularly their piano concertos. The concertos of Beethoven communicate fierce passion. On the other hand I find Mozart's concertos, though superbly constructed, are not as passionate as Beethoven's.

Then my thoughts wandered into passion in life and art.

The dictionary defines passion as "any powerful or compelling emotion or feeling, as love or hate." Lovers feel it most, of course, but passion can also feed our activities that help us reach greatness, such as in sports or in entrepreneurship. Sometimes, though, passion often steamrolls over logic and reason while causing pain and suffering; hence, "crime of passion."

But is there a difference between feeling passion in life and creating art that communicates passion? An example would be a particular moment when we feel passionate and try to capture our feeling with the camera. Does the photograph capture our passion? Often the answer is "no."

So it seems that feeling passion, while being a prerequisite, is not enough to create passionate work.

How, then, does an artist imbue their work with passion?

It seems to me that a certain amount of courage is required. When you feel passionate, you can stray from the well-defined and routine to take a chance and try to "frame" your passion into tangible art. Much hard work is also needed. For example, Bullock wanted to communicate his passion for nature's splendours through his photographs. He often worked brutally long hours – particularly dawn and twilight - trying to capture light that expressed what he felt in his heart.

Obviously, you have to pay attention to technique and understand the effect of an ingredient or style in your artwork on your audience.

There are many artists who we associate with passion. For example, Vincent van Gogh, whose paintings continue to mesmerize us centuries after his death, cut off his own ear in a fit of passion. The movies of Ken Russell are passionately made, sometimes overloading the audience. Picasso, enraged by the Fascist bombing of Guernica, translated his passion into his amazing painting.

Too much passion can become a problem. The great photographer W. Eugene Smith created classic photo-essays for *Life* magazine, including "Country Doctor" and "Spanish Village." Smith was passionate about his work and forcefully communicated that passion through his photographs, to great effect. Later in life he started a large photographic project on the city of Pittsburgh, USA. However, his passion got the better of him. He continued to work night and day for many months and shot thousands and thousands of photographs. Eventually the project buckled under the weight of Smith's passion.

I leave you with a question: whose songs have more passion, Nazrul's or Tagore's?

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Pro-AL men attack cop barrack, office in Cox's Bazar

Clash with police over arrest of BCL leader; 15 hurt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

At least 15 people, including a constable, were injured, as more than a hundred pro-Awami League activists clashed with police and vandalised a barrack and an office of the force in Cox's Bazar town last evening, after traffic police seized the motorcycle of a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader for not having valid documents of the vehicle.

Mojibur Rahman, president of Cox's Bazar town unit of the AL, was among five of the injured who suffered pellets fired by police, to disperse the agitating activists of the ruling party, its youth wing Jubo League, and BCL. All the five were treated at Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, said doctors.

Police claimed a constable was injured by BCL firing.

Around 5:30pm, traffic police intercepted the town unit BCL deputy religious affairs secretary, Himu, at Laldighi Par and seized his

vehicle, as he failed to show the registration documents.

After he altercation with the cops and refused to let his vehicle take away, police took him and two of his fellows to the Sadar Model Police Station. As the news spread, the district BCL president, Ali Ahmed, with more than a dozen leaders and activists, went to the police station around 7:15pm and demanded Himu's release. At one point, a scuffle broke out between the law enforcers and the BCL men, said both police and BCL men.

The furious BCL men then called up more BCL, Jubo League, AL men and started vandalising a police barrack and an office of the traffic police in the area, said Officer-in-Charge of Cox's Bazar Model Police Station Mahfuzur Rahman.

The agitation spread in other areas when the town AL president Mojibur brought out a procession after visiting the police station and failing to get Himu freed. At Laldighi Par, the agitators

vandalised the ATM booth of state-run Pubal Bank and some vehicles. To control the situation police fired pellets leaving five of the pro-AL activist injured.

Ali Ahmed, president of BCL district unit, said police severely beat him up and some of his fellows when they went to the sadar police station around 8:00pm.

The OC, Mahfuzur Rahman, however, said police charged batons on the BCL men as they tried to besiege the police station for freeing their fellows.

The tense situation came to a stop after the deputy commissioner visited the injured at the hospital and held a meeting with top AL, Jubo League, and BCL leaders and police officials at his office at 10:00pm, and the detained BCL was released.

Meanwhile, a street boy age around 12 was seriously injured during the clash. He was hospitalised.



An excavator cutting hill under the orders of the district administration to make a graveyard in the area near the office of the Public Works Department in Catching Ghata in Bandarban municipality. The hill cutting will affect the characteristics of the hilly area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Prices of essentials still high in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khorshed Alam was inquiring about the price of aubergine from one shop to another at the Shukrabad kitchen market. As he finished, gloom overcame his face.

"The price is same as last week's, when I bought one kilogram of aubergine for Tk 100. We'll have no respite from the price spiral," he said, heaving a sigh.

"I wonder every time I come to buy vegetables during Ramadan as it seems the traders target this month for making quick profits," Alam, in his fifties, told this correspondent.

The same is echoed in the voice of other consumers. They struggle to understand why should the prices of essentials go up every Ramadan?

After marking an upward trend since the beginning of the fasting month, the prices of vegetables and other food items remained almost same this week with prices of few items coming down. Yet the high prices of daily essentials are taking a toll on low income people like Khorshed.

A kilogram of aubergine, used for a popular iftar item, of different varieties sold at Tk 85 to Tk 100 in different kitchen

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RMG workers go berserk

Clash with cops in Gazipur for arrears, salary hike; set ablaze factory chemical warehouse; 30 injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Several thousand workers of Zaber and Zubair Fabrics Ltd staged violent protests in front of the textile factory in Tongi industrial area of Gazipur yesterday, demanding the arrears of June and a hike in their salaries and festival bonuses.

During the demonstration, which halted traffic on Tongi-Pagar road for more than two hours till 10:30pm, the workers clashed with police as the law enforcers tried to disperse them by firing 20 teargas shells and charging batons. Witnesses said around 30 workers suffered injuries in the action.

The protesters hurled bricks at the factory building and set fire to its chemical storage house.

Senior station officer of Tongi fire station Md Selim Mia said the fire fighters extinguished the blaze two hours after the warehouse was set alight around 9:00am. Most of the stored materials were burnt down, he told The Daily Star.

The workers said the authorities assured them that they would be paid their arrears on July 4 and hiked salaries and Eid bonus on July 14.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP)

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PM shocked at Malaysian plane crash


DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the crash of Malaysian passenger airliner MH 17 in Ukraine, which was flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur with 283 passengers and 15 crew on board.

In a message of condolence to her Malaysian counterpart Najib Razak on behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh, Hasina conveyed her deepest sympathy to the members and relatives of the bereaved families who lost their beloved ones in this tragedy.

"We pray that Almighty Allah may grant eternal peace to the departed souls and courage and fortitude to the families of the

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