

WHAT'S ON

Friday  
December 21, 2018

JATRA BIROTI FOLK NIGHTS PRESENTS 'GURJI' ALI

VENUE: Jatra Biroti, Banani

DATE: December 21

TIME: 7 pm - 10 pm

ENTRY: BDT 300

BRILLIANT

The 4th New Crafts International Artists Group Exhibition And Academic Seminar

VENUE: FFA, DU; Tsinghua University; Shanghai Art & Design Academy; BSA & Bengal Foundation

DATE: Dec 8-15 Time: 10 am - 8 pm

Group Art Exhibition

Title: Winning With Art

Venue: Bay's Galleria, Gulshan 1

Date: Dec 1 - Dec 31

Time: 10 am - 6 pm

Photography Exhibition

Title: American Landscape - A Photography Exhibition by Shibly Shiraj

Venue: EMK Center

Date: December 8 - December 20

Time: 9:30 am - 8 pm

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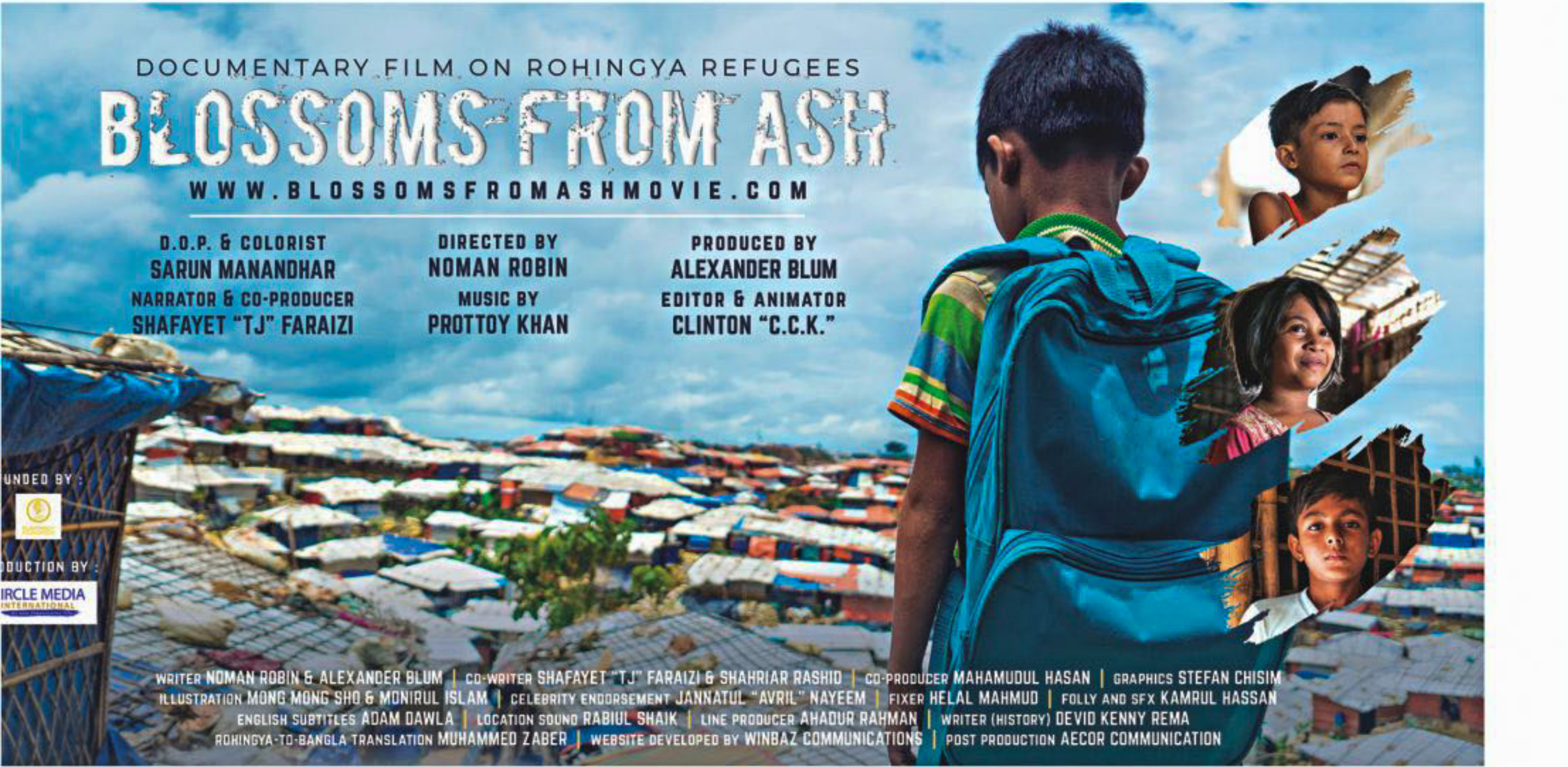
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi

Date: December 13

Time: 7 pm

# Highlighting the plight of the Rohingya refugees

## Documentary 'Blossoms From Ash' in the offing



**ZAHANGIR ALOM**

The historical documentary film titled, *Blossoms From Ash*, featuring the persecuted Rohingya people, has been completed with the active contribution of a unique team. Blum Family Foundation (USA) has produced the film created by Circle Media International (Bangladesh). The poster and trailer of the documentary are available in the official website ([www.blossomsfromashmovie.com](http://www.blossomsfromashmovie.com)).

This documentary incorporates the summary of a 1200-year old story with visual evidence of the involvement of Islam and the Roginya community in Arakan state of Myanmar. It is noted that, the current Myanmar Government head Aung San Suu Kyi has denied any involvement of Rohingya people in Arakan state

history in different aspects, rather stating them as Bangladeshi citizens.

*Blossoms From Ash* has proven the statement wrong with historical documents and evidence. For now, this film is narrated in English. It will gradually be rendered into Bangla, Hindi, French, German and Spanish.

The shooting team was present at Rohingya camps in Bangladesh from August 17 to 27 this year. The film portrays the Rohingya refugee life on the eve of Eid-Ul-Azha, one of the holy occasions for the Muslims over there. The crew has also documented the unremitting miserable situation and persecution the Rohingyas have been facing in Arakan for the last 250 years.

"Three different Rohingya refugee children and their family stories in Ukhiya camp have been shot in the

film. The children are living in the tortuous environment of the refugee camp," says Noman Robin, the director of the film. "But they have a keen interest in their studies and sports. The hopes, desires, goals, happiness and pain of these children from Arakan are the main focus of this film."

The American producer Alex Blum also discussed the project. "Blum Family Foundation wants to show the film in different film festivals worldwide," he explains. "The main motive of the foundation is to stir up the sensible audience around the world about the injustice happening in Arakan against the Rohingya through this film."

Sarun Manandhar (Nepal) is the DOP of the documentary while Shafayet Faraizi (USA) has narrated the documentary.



## Shakib Khan and Nusraat Faria pair up for a TVC



Adnan Al Rajeev



Nusraat Faria PHOTO: STAR

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Dhaliwood King Shakib Khan will be seen in a television commercial of a leading digital communications service provider alongside Nusraat Faria. The commercial is directed by Adnan Al Rajeev, who has established his identity as one of Bangladesh's most popular advertisement filmmakers. This is Shakib Khan's third television commercial.

"I am always looking for different ways to entertain my fans," says Shakib Khan. "I really liked the concept of the commercial, which is why I took it up."

On the other hand, Shakib Khan and Nusraat Faria will also be seen together in the film, *Shahenshah*, for which the pair is currently shooting.

## ARTCELL reunite in Australia

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK**

Three members of Artcell's original line-up: Lincoln, Shaju and Cezanne have reunited for their concert tour in Australia. Today, they will perform at Melbourne's Westley College in front of a jam-packed hall full of passionate fans alongside legends of Bangladeshi rock music, Warfaze. Joining them would be guest guitarist Fahim, aka Ash Ravens.



PHOTO: COURTESY



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

## Moushumi Hamid in 'Bhalobasha'

**SHAH ALAM SHAZU**

Popular actor Moushumi Hamid, who has carved a space for herself in the hearts of the audience with her laudable performances over the years, will soon be seen in the short film, 'Bhalobasha', an adaptation of author Shahidul Zahir's short story of the same name.

The late Anwar Hossain was behind the cinematography of the short film.

"This was my first and last project with Anwar Hossain," informs Moushumi. "I learned a lot from him during the shooting and have an immense amount of respect for the work that he did. He was a compassionate and honest man."

As of now, Moushumi is busy with a number of television projects, including some specials for the forthcoming Valentine's Day.

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