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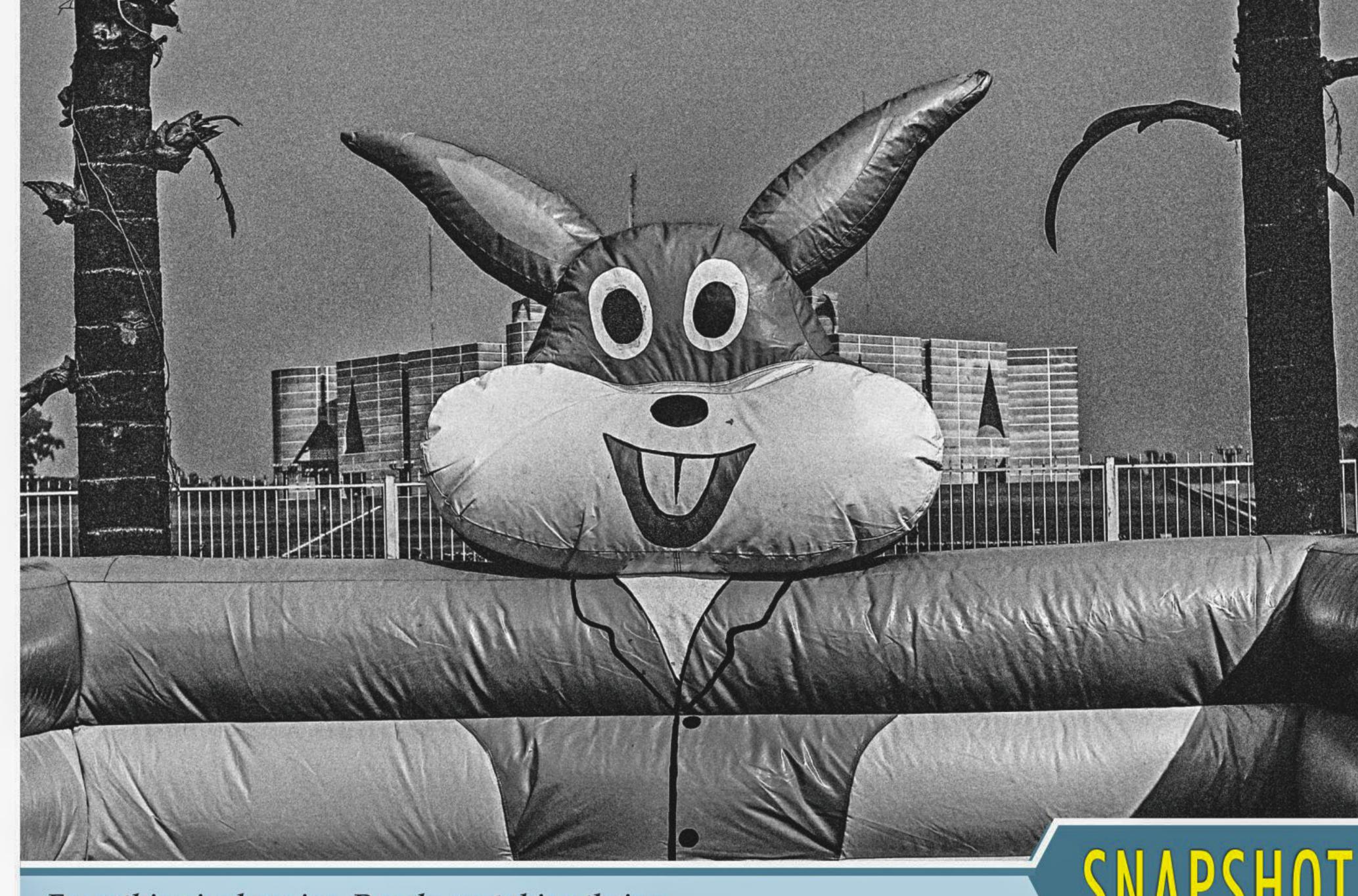
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Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke. - WILL ROGERS

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Let there be no others

like Aritry

The untimely demise of Aritry Adhikary, a ninthgrader of Vigarunnisa Noon School & College was saddening for our nation as a whole. Her tragic death should serve as a wake-up call for us. It is high time to rethink our schooling system and our upbringing of our children. Peer (and parental) pressure is leading our children to focus only on results, such as maintaining a GPA 5 at every level of their education.

Nowadays, educational institutions only focus on extracting good CGPAs out of students, and not on enhancing the creativity and psychosomatic development of children. Why do our teachers, who are the artisans of nation building, emphasise only on bookish knowledge? To garner the best out of our children, teachers and parents should have a sound knowledge of child psychology and know how to behave with children. Teachers should be trained on the fundamentals of child development and taught to develop effective relationships with them. Counselling centers should be set up for this in schools and colleges. To ensure the mental, physical, and intellectual development and quality education of children, the government should enforce these basic principles in educational institutions. If we don't want to prevent more cases like that of Aritry, we must find effective means to address the problems before it is too late.

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Clash in Tabligh Jamaat

The fight between two factions of Tabligh Jamaat was really unexpected. People saw that the Tongi Ijtema Maidan turned into a battle-field where an elderly person died and more than 200 were injured. But why this clash? What message is the general public supposed to take from this clash? Tablig Jamaat was

considered to be relatively particularly peaceful. But the recent conflict and clash has damaged this image. We expect that the authority will take necessary steps to punish the criminals responsible for this clash.

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Our duty on the suicide issue

Suicide has been skyrocketing over the past decade despite numerous preventative measures. Five DU students recently ended their lives. Why? We, as a society, are responsible for helping reduce this menace. We should try to find out who is suffering

from depression and other mental issues, and offer a helping hand. Despite our busy lives, we need to pay attention.

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