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TANGENTS

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Boga Lake, Bandarban from my trip last December.

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Trip Photography

The take pictures every time we go on a trip. We take them as evidence that we have been to this place, perhaps with family, friends or a special person. We take them to remember beautiful views and unusual subjects. And we take them because inside us we are creative.

Sometimes we are able to take truly memorable photographs. Most trip photographs, though, turn out mediocre and lose their charm.

When we return home and resume our normal working lives, they are lost in the shuffle. The furthest we go is uploading some photographs into social media.

Is it possible to improve our trip photography? That depends on many factors.

Before embarking on a trip I assess the role of photography in the trip. Is photography going to be an important part of it? If so, I pack a DSLR camera and some lenses. If, on the other hand, the trip is for other reasons, I rely on the mobile phone for casual photographs.

If I decide photography is important in this trip, I try to plan ahead. For example, I read about attractions that would make good photographic subjects, and think of the challenges I may face photographing them.

Because trips are always time-limited and I don't have the luxury of returning, planning ahead helps me get it right the first time.

When we reach our target subject sometimes it is so large that finding an optimal spot to photograph from is time-consuming. When I was in Berlin with family, I photographed the imposing Bundestag from what I thought was a good viewpoint, but later my German friend complained that I had picked a terrible point to photograph it from.

So it makes sense to ask around for the good spots for photographing a site. If you have friends who lived in this place, or who visited there, you might ask them for suggestions. If you are lucky enough to have a guide on your trip, they could be an excellent resource. In Egypt's Giza, an enterprising youngster working with tourists helped me find a good spot to photograph the Sphinx saving me a long detour.

For a trip that is virtually dedicated to photography – to Sundarban for example – I minimize social interactions so I can be alert for possibilities coming up ahead.

Camera ready, I look for photographic opportunities – birds, wildlife, nature – all day as the boat cruises the rivers and canals of the magnificent forest. This approach is obviously not recommended for fun trips with family or friends.

Most people think they are done when the trip is over and they have uploaded some photographs to social media. But then, a year or two down the line, they need a photo and are dismayed when they cannot find it.

The best way to preserve your trip photographs is to download them to your laptop as soon as possible and organize them. If, like me, you photograph profusely, culling bad or flawed photographs helps. Using a photo management software like Lightroom or Picasa, you can mark your good photographs for quick retrieval later. This marking is crucial if, at a later date, you need to find those good photographs in a hurry. Backing up the photographs into a pen drive or external drive will ensure that your photographs survive in case your laptop crashes.

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'Don't criticise govt just for the sake of it'

Info minister urges political parties

Bss, Dhaka

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday urged political parties to criticise the government in a constructive way.

Hasan, also the publicity and publication secretary of the ruling Awami League, said, "Constructive criticism is necessary, and we value it. But blind and ill-intentioned criticism bring no good. A quarter always does criticism for the sake of it. It has no meaning."

Association for the Prevention of Drug Abuse (MANAS) organised the meeting at Jatiya Press Club, marking World No Tobacco Day with its founder President Dr Arupratan Chowdhury in the chair.

"The country's people and the world are hailing the country's astonishing development, but BNP cannot see it. They have made a habit of criticising the government every day without any reason. I urge them to not make themselves a laughing stock by making such unnecessary criticism."

"Our country has left behind many countries including Pakistan, and in some cases India, in all economic and social indices. We have graduated from a least-developed country to a middle-income one," the minister added.

On another note, Hasan said the government has imposed many conditions against consumption of tobacco, and the ratio of tobacco consumption has reduced significantly.

"I have not consumed tobacco in my entire life, as I promised my father that I would never do so," the minister said.

He also urged the young generation to stay away from tobacco to live a healthy life. State Minister for the Cultural Affairs Ministry KM Khalid

and Acting Secretary to the Youth and Sports Ministry Dr Md Jafar Uddin addressed the meeting as special guests. The organisers accorded reception to Hasan Mahmud and yesteryear film actor-turned-lawmaker Akbar Hossain

Pathan Faruque for being non-smokers.

World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31

to increase awareness on the negative impact of tobacco.

Stone extraction turning Bandarban into a desert

Indigenous leaders tell human chain; also demand stop to sand-lifting in Sherpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Right activists and leaders from various indigenous communities yesterday demanded immediate steps to stop illegal extraction of stone from natural waterbodies in Bandarban, and sand from rivers in Sherpur.

The call was made from a human chain in front of National Museum in Shahbagh. Bangladesh Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad, Bangladesh Adibashi Nari Network and Kapaeeng Foundation jointly organised the event.

They alleged that the local administrations are turning a blind eye towards such illegal activities, and are reluctant to take any steps against the perpetrators, who are influential people.

Reading out a written statement, Khasri Dhopo, a member of the Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad, presented a six-point demand, including taking steps to stop illegal extraction of stone and sand, proper implementation of high court's directive in this regard, ensuring punishment of all perpetrators involved in extraction, preserving indigenous people's rights on environmental and natural resources, and bolstering the government's role to protect forests, environment and biodiversity in the country.

Pallab Chakma, executive director of Kapaeeng Foundation, said rampant stone extraction from hill tracts area including Lama, Ali Kadam, Rowangchhari and Thanchi upazilas is gradually drying

up waterbodies and effectively turning Bandarban into a desert.

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"People of the hills are suffering from severe water shortage as an influential group, without paying heed to rules, are continuing illegal stone-mining at Sangu and Matamuhri rivers," he added.

He also urged the government to take steps to stop illegal sand extraction from rivers in Sribardi and Nalitabari areas of Sherpur.

Rafiq Ahmed Siraji, a representative from the Association for Land Reform and Development, threatened to launch tougher movement if the government does not take any step to stop this crime. Bangladesh Chhatra Union's former

president Manabendra Deb said such illegal extraction will bring severe environmental disasters to the country. "Local administration is turning a blind

"Local administration is turning a blind eye towards the illegal act by influential people in the areas," he claimed. Mahbubul haque, a member of rights

body Jono Udyog, said the administration is not monitoring those who are violating the High Court's direction. "It is shameful for us," he added.

Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad

Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad General Secretary Alik Mriee and member Sohel Hajong also spoke at the human chain. On February 24, 2019, the High Court

directed authorities concerned of the government to immediately stop extraction of stone from Sangu and Matamuhri rivers in Bandarban.



Jumatul Wida observed

Unb, Dhaka

Muslims across the country yesterday observed Jumatul Wida, the last Friday of Ramadan, with due religious zeal and reverence.

A large number of devotees attended Jum'a prayers at mosques, with special munajats seeking divine blessings for peace and progress of the country and the unity

of the Muslim Ummah.

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The biggest congregation was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, while special arrangements were made to accommodate additional devotees at all mosques of the city.

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Before the prayers, imams and khateebs
delivered sermons on the importance of
Ramadan, Eitekaf, Eid-ul-Fitr and other

Nusrat Murder

TIB questions exclusion of ex-Sonagazi OC from PBI charge-sheet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday demanded judicial probe into the role of police, especially that of former Sonagazi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Moazzem Hossain, in the brutal killing of madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi.

Issuing a statement, the Bangladesh chapter of the Germany-based anti-graft watchdog said it thinks exclusion of the ex-Sonagazi OC from the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) charge-sheet is "questionable".

On Wednesday, PBI submitted an 808-page charge-sheet before the court of Feni Judicial Magistrate Jakir Hossain. The principal of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa Siraj Ud Doula and 15 others were charged for the killing of Nusrat.

In the statement, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said, "Although PBI has submitted charge-sheet following prompt investigation done with significant effort after Nusrat's killing, we cannot be assured of its perfection and objectivity. Because, people of the country learnt through mass media about ex-Sonagazi OC's questionable role the entire time -- since the day her family filed the case after Nusrat became subject of sexual harassment till the brutal attack carried on her.

"Especially, specific allegation has been raised against him for 'trying to bury the killing incident as suicide' and for 'having link in giving protection to the killers'.

"Amid such a reality, it is not unusual to raise questions whether there is any logical reasoning to exclude him from the charge-sheet, or whether he has been given impunity for being a member of the law enforcement agency," the statement said

Nusrat, a student of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa, was set ablaze on April 6 for refusing to withdraw a sexual harassment case against madrasaa principal Siraj

Ud Doula.

The Alim examinee succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka
Medical College Hospital five days later, triggering a public



সম্ভ্রাসবাদ কে 'না' বলুন স্কুল, কলেজ ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য উগ্রবাদ বিরোধী রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা



আগামী ২৫/০৬/২০১৯ হতে ০১/০৭/২০১৯ খিঃ পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ পুলিশের সন্ত্রাসদমন ও আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ প্রতিরোধ কেন্দ্র নির্মাণ প্রকল্পের আওতায় কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রান্সন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ কর্তৃক সপ্তাহব্যাপী "সহিংস উগ্রবাদ বিরোধী সচেতনতা সপ্তাহ" পালিত হতে যাচ্ছে। এ উদ্দেশ্যে শিক্ষার্থীদের মধ্যে সহিংস উগ্রবাদ বিরোধী সচেতনতা সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে স্কুল, কলেজ ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষার্থীদের নিকট থেকে নিম্নোক্তভাবে প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশ গ্রহণের জন্য রচনা আহবান করা হচ্ছেঃ

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১। রচনা পাঠানোর শেষ তারিখঃ ২০/০৬/২০১৯, বিকেল ১৭.০০ টা

২। রচনা পৌছানোর ঠিকানাঃ উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার, কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম বিভাগ, কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রাঙ্গন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ৩৬ মিন্টো রোড, ঢাকা। ই-মেইলঃ dcct.ct@dmp.gov.bd

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৩। পুরস্কারঃ ১ম পুরস্কারঃ ৫০,০০০ টাকা , ২য় পুরস্কারঃ ৩০,০০০ টাকা, ৩য় পুরস্কারঃ ২০,০০০ টাকা।

প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের নিয়মাবলীঃ

- ১। রচনা বাংলা ভাষায় লিখতে হবে। তবে উদ্ধৃতির ক্ষেত্রে বিদেশী ভাষার ব্যবহার হতে পারে। সে ক্ষেত্রে উদ্ধৃতির বাংলা অনুবাদ থাকতে হবে।
- ২। A4 সাইজের সাদা কাগজে নিজ হাতে লিখে অথবা এমএসওয়ার্ডে কম্পিউটার কম্পোজ (SutonnyMJ ফন্ট) করে পাঠাতে হবে (উভয় পৃষ্ঠায় নয়)। লাইন স্পেস ১.৫ ও ফন্ট সাইজ ১২।
- ৩। লেখার সাথে নিজের ও শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম, শ্রেণী/ বিভাগ, রোল, বর্ষ, শাখা এবং মোবাইল নম্বর (যোগাযোগের জন্য) উল্লেখ করতে হবে। ৪। প্রতিযোগীদের শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রদত্ত শিক্ষার্থীর পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি ও পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০২ (দুই) কপি ছবি
- পাঠাতে হবে।

 ৫। প্রতিযোগীকে রচনার সাথে এই মর্মে অঙ্গীকার দাখিল করতে হবে যে, এই রচনা লেখকের নিজস্ব, রচনাটি অন্য
- কোন রচনা বা রচনার বাক্য বিশেষ অবিকল নয় বা হুবহু অনুবাদ নয়। উল্লেখ্য, অঙ্গীকার দাখিল করা সত্ত্বেও যদি কর্তৃপক্ষের নিকট নির্ভরযোগ্য সূত্রে প্রমাণিত হয় যে, রচনাটি নকল বা অনুবাদ তাহলে তা বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। ৬।পুরস্কার প্রাপ্ত রচনাসমূহের সর্বস্বত্ব কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রাঙ্গন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিটের জন্য সংরক্ষিত
- থাকবে। কাউন্টার টেরোরিজম এন্ড ট্রাঙ্গন্যাশনাল ক্রাইম ইউনিট প্রয়োজনে নির্বাচিত রচনাসমূহ বা সকল রচনা নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইটে বা বই আকারে প্রকাশ করতে পারবে।
- ৭। রচনা ডাকযোগে বা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে বা ইমেইলে পাঠাতে হবে। হাতেহাতে বা সরাসরি কোন রচনা গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ৮।খামের উপর "সহিংস উগ্রবাদ বিরোধী সচেতনতা সপ্তাহ" উদযাপন উপলক্ষে রচনা প্রতিযোগিতা লিখতে হবে। ৯। বিচারকদের রায় চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।



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