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The grisly grenade attack remembered at BSA

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Commemorating the victims and their memories of the horrific grenade attack that took place on August 21, 2004, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organised Muktijuddher Chetona Binashi Dhongshojoggo Sthapona Shilpo at the Nandan Moncho of BSA recently. The initiative was based on an idea developed by Liaquat Ali Lucky, Director General, BSA, and later curated by artist Professor Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash.

The event was presided over by Liaquat Ali Lucky and inaugurated by K M Khalid, State Minister for Cultural Affairs.

The programme began after observing a moment of silence to honour the memories of the deceased victims of the August 21, 2004 grenade attack at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka.



This was followed by a welcome speech by Badrul Anam Bhuiyan, Director (Secretary), BSA. "Over 400 people were injured and 24 had lost their lives, including AL Women Affairs Secretary, Ivy Rahman. Luckily, our current

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina managed to survive the attack," he said. "What shocks me the most is, the attack was held in broad daylight at a rally which was promoting anti-terrorism. Thinking of the incident still

makes me tremble with fear."

The welcome address was followed by a short introduction by artist Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash. "We are artists, and our only tool to express any emotion, be that joy or sorrow, is the stroke of our brush. Through this performance today, we only mean to express our sorrows," mentioned Shahjahan.

The performance started with young artists sketching on their canvases in a peaceful environment, unaware of the tragedy that awaited them. Suddenly, a number of grenades took over the stage and drops of red started raining all over the artists as the devastating incident ensued. The show ended with a portrait of Sheikh Hasina by Shahjahan Ahmed Bikash, where shewas seen in tears, staring at her promise of a golden nation.

Bonna Mirza's latest endeavours

SHAH ALAM SHAZI

Prominent actor Bonna Mirza is known for her unique ability to mould herself into a broad range of characters. Her illustrious career so far has been ornamented with stellar performances on television, the silver screen, as well as on stage.

Bonna Mirza is currently working on a new film titled *Ghor Gerosti*, directed by Ranim. The movie is based on a story revolving around the Liberation War of 1971, written by renowned author Hasan Azizul Huq. The film has received a grant from the Government of Bangladesh.

Apart from working on *Ghor Gerosti*, Bonna Mirza is also working in theatre as a member of the troupe Desh Natok. She has been an integral part of their play *Nrittyapuran*, which completed its 100th staging recently. Bonna Mirza

is also acting in the upcoming play by Desh Natok, titled *Jol Bashor*, directed by Masum Reza. "The stage is my primary address. I will always keep working on stage," said Bonna Mirza.

Besides acting on television, stage and in films, Bonna Mirza is also a successful emcee and elocutionist. She was the conferred with the title of Best Actor by Bangladesh Television in 2003 for her performance in the tele-fiction *Prottaboron*, and the BACHSAS Award in 2001 for her performance in the play *Nrittyapuran*.



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Mahatab Rashid

SHABABA IQBAL

Young cartoonist Mahatab Rashid has worked for numerous popular publications of the country, including Kishor Alo, Rosh + Alo and Unmad. His weekly comic series, Mahakabboo, is published in Chutir Dine, in addition to enjoying a huge fan base online. Mahatab also has a keen interest in the field of cover art. He began designing book covers for the Ekushey Boi Mela in 2016, mainly working with children's books. He takes out a minute for *The Daily Star* to answer some fun questions.

Name one character that you would like to draw.

Dream (Morpheus) from *The Sandman*.

What was the last movie you watched?

Hereditary.

What is your favourite comfort food?

French fries.

Who is your favourite author?

That would be a tie between Neil Gaiman, Isaac Asimov and Shahidul Jahir.

Name three things that you cannot live without.

Soundcloud, books and tea.

'1917' Trailer: Sam Mendes brings pulse pounding first World War movie

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Oscar-winning director Sam Mendes returns this year with his war film *1917*. The first teaser trailer of the film was released recently. The film stars George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Mark Strong, Andrew Scott, Richard Madden, Claire Duburcq, with Colin Firth, and Benedict Cumberbatch.

Like the title suggests, the film is set during the height of the first world war, in the year 1917. The trailer of the intense war film opens with

two young British soldiers, Schofield (George MacKay) and Blake (Dean-Charles Chapman) as they are given a seemingly impossible mission. In a race against time, they must cross enemy territory and deliver a message that will put a stop a deadly attack on hundreds of soldiers – Blake's own brother among them. They have only a day to complete the task.

The screenplay is cowritten by Sam Mendes and Krysty Wilson-Cairns.

The film is set to be released on December 25th, 2019.



'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood' hits Star Cineplex

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Once Upon a Time in Hollywood is a comedy-drama film written and directed by Quentin Tarantino. Produced by Columbia Pictures, Bona Film Group, Heyday Films, and Visiona Romantica and distributed by Sony Pictures Releasing, it is an international co-production between the United States and the United Kingdom. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie, Emile Hirsch, Margaret Qualley, Timothy Olyphant, Austin Butler, Dakota Fanning, Bruce Dern, and Al Pacino. They are part of a large ensemble cast who star in multiple storylines in a modern, wonderful tribute to the final moments of Hollywood's golden age. The film is set in 1969 Los Angeles, where an aging television actor and his stunt double and longtime friend navigate the changing Hollywood film industry. The film releases at Star Cineplex today.