

'Debris of Desire' selected at SIFF

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Debris of Desire", a film produced by Bangladeshi filmmaker Josim Ahmed, has made the official selection of the Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF).

Directed by Indranil Roychowdhury, the Bangladesh-India joint production is part of the Asian New Talent Award at the prestigious film festival, that is set to begin on July 25.

The film, carrying the Bangla title "Mayar Jonjal", stars Aupree Karim and popular Indian actor Ritwick Chakraborty, and follows Satya and Chandu, two struggling members of the underclass, who turn to a life of crime.

"SIFF is not only a renowned film festival around the world, but is also the biggest film market in Asia. It is indeed a privilege to have my work selected in the festival," Josim Ahmed told this newspaper.

The film will be showcased in the Shanghai Film Art Center, Tianshan Cinema-Hongqiao Art Center and OSGH Cinema on July 25, July 29 and August 1 respectively. The festival, one of the first major film events to be held physically since the Covid-19 outbreak, will run until August 2.



Josim Ahmed



A broken railing on the Bijoy Sarani flyover is a potential risk to vehicles passing through, with a deep trench next to it. Moreover, a family is seen walking along the flyover's narrow ramp, which they are not supposed to.

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No end to

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areas like ponds, haor and swamplands are integral in managing massive rainfall the region experiences. But unfortunately, the city and its surroundings lost many of such areas over the decades."

"We must protect water retention and vegetation areas, and take measures centring over-siltation of the river. We need a long-term plan that would consider these issues while developing the city and surroundings," said the architect and urban planner.

Md Shahiduzzaman Sarkar, executive engineer of WBDB in Sylhet, said after a couple of hours of rain, Surma starts overflowing beside the city. Consequently, many areas become inundated and the canal water does not go down.

"Surma needs to be dredged to regain its navigability. As BIWTA is working on a massive project centring this issue, we cannot make immediate plans to dredge part of the river beside the city," he said.

SCC Chief Executive Officer Bidhayak Roy Chowdhury said, "When Surma overflows, we

really have nothing to do. The river needs to be dredged properly soon."

When asked about protecting water retention and vegetation areas, he said, "We are protecting all water retention areas inside the city limit, but most of such lands are outside the perimeter."

The city corporation covers only 26.5 square kilometres. A proposal to include another 60.62 square kilometres of surroundings had been placed and is awaiting approval from local government and rural development ministry, he further said.

The proposal was placed in 2014.

"Once approved, we will protect all water retaining areas in accordance to a comprehensive plan," Chowdhury added.

Contacted, BIWTA authorities said while they have made considerable progress, dredging part of the river beside the city will take substantial time to commence.

As for the Ecneec mega project, authorities concerned are yet to go fully operational with it. They have only recently received the allocation, informed the CEO of the city corporation.

Plans underway

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relevant officials of the city corporation. In this regard, a committee has already been assembled and a three-tier working plan is also being prepared.

The plan will focus on finding out the best way to establish a safe bicycle network for the city. It will work on relevant issues such as how the lanes are going to be marked.

Jalal Ahmed, president of the Institute of Architects, said an integrated plan is very important in order to separate motorised and non-motorised vehicles from moving together.

Contacted, DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam said they have asked committee for an integrated plan so that the city corporation can take appropriate initiatives. "In spite of challenges, we will go for an integrated bicycle network as it will be beneficial for the environment and public health," the mayor said.

Bicycles are also considered logically

'Find alternatives to mass layoffs'

Academics, journalists urge media houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of different universities and well-known journalists have urged the owners and editors of media houses to not let go of journalists and employees, and find out alternative ways to overcome the financial crises created due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In their statement, 60 teachers and 16 journalists asked both public and private organisations not to stop advertising, which is a good source of revenue for the media.

"We all know that the novel coronavirus has created a dangerous situation and the future holds more uncertainty. It is expected that during this grave crisis, people will come together to help one another," reads the statement.

"Owners of many television channels and newspapers decided not to give bonus to journalists and staff members within a month of declaration of closure by the government. Some well-established and profitable organisations awarded 25 percent of bonus. Some media outlets are planning to dismiss and send journalists on forced leave without salary... news like these are alarming," the statement also added.

"We're well aware that economic activities are undergoing a setback due to the coronavirus and media is being adversely affected... Media [outlets] could not collect arrears of advertisement from public and private organisations. On the other hand, sale of newspapers has also dropped. Overall, the situation has become tougher for mass media," it said.

She taught

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financial banking account regularly, he said, adding, "We got numbers of some senders and are trying to get details."

"We have also come to know that Mohona was in touch with top Neo-JMB leaders. We got some names from her and are conducting drives to arrest them," he said.

He, however, refused to disclose details of this leadership as it may alert them.

After converting to Islam from Hindu religion in 2009, Mohona met members of Neo-JMB's female wing on social media and started working as a member.

She was then added to a messenger group where she met two youths -- Al Amin and Rasel.

"Of them, Rasel lives in Bogura. To make her a Bangladeshi national, Rasel managed to get a birth registration and NID card for her," said a high official of the CTTC unit.

Later, Rasel sent the documents to Mohona's address at Jatrabari in 2017

Six 'JMB members' arrested in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

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The arrestees will be handed over to Savar Model Police Station after completing legal process, added Sajedul.

Filing of a case was underway, said Saiful Islam, inspector (investigation) of the police station.

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Sheela Saha passes away

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Disclosure of Second Quarter (Q2) Un-Audited Financial Statements as at and for the half-year ended 30 June 2020

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Jamuna Bank Limited in its 370th meeting held on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. through Virtual Platform adopted the Un-Audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the Second Quarter (Q2) ended on June 30, 2020 and also disclosed the following financial indicators:

Particulars	Consolidated				Solo			
	Jan 01 to Jun 30, 2020	Jan 01 to Jun 30, 2019	April 01 to Jun 30, 2020	April 01 to Jun 30, 2019	Jan 01 to Jun 30, 2020	Jan 01 to Jun 30, 2019	April 01 to Jun 30, 2020	April 01 to Jun 30, 2019
Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax in BDT lac	15,534.34	12,606.48	4,897.24	7,375.67	15,901.50	12,802.18	5,070.54	7,471.52
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	2.07	1.68	0.65	0.98	2.12	1.71	0.68	1.00
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFS) in BDT	1.43	1.75	-	-	1.42	1.84	-	-

Note: Previous quarter's figures have been rearranged to conform to the current quarter's presentation.

Particulars	Consolidated				Solo			
	Jun 30, 2020	Jun 30, 2019	Jun 30, 2020	Jun 30, 2019	Jun 30, 2020	Jun 30		