



## ART BANGLA FOUNDATION starts new journey with 'Pratibimba Parampara'

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Cherished as a cultural hub, Lalmatia welcomed a new gallery near the premises of Lalmatia Housing Society School. The official launching of the gallery Art Bangla Foundation took place on September 17, 2022 with the inauguration ceremony of a group exhibition, "Pratibimba Parampara".

State Minister of Cultural Affairs, K M Khalid attended this event as the chief guest. The Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Liaquat Ali, the managing director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited Rupali



Chowdhury, and the Dean of the Dhaka University's Fine Arts, Prof. Nisar Hossain, were present as special guests. Prominent actor and Member of Parliament Asaduzzaman Noor graced the ceremony as well. Art Bangla Foundation honoured artists and art enthusiasts Samarjit Roy Chowdhury, Mustafa Monwar, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam, and Abul Khair with crests for their outstanding contribution to art and culture.

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The tiny spaces of Art Bangla Gallery are wreathed with jaw-dropping artworks from artists who contributed in finding a new identity of Bangladesh, after our liberation. The first painting that might catch your eyes upon the entrance would be Kalidas Karmakar's long rectangular abstract mixed media piece with collage, and a plethora of colors used with much depth and dominance. This first room also contains Farida Zaman's thought-provoking

square piece "Amar Dosh" with bold yellow and black. Above this are two vivid blue Kamal Kabir paintings with lovely abstractions labeled "Freedom". The real-life hens and roosters are wonderfully painted by Alakesh Ghosh. Abdul Mannan's "Bank of Jamuna" portrays a realistic scene with an unreal beauty.

The next room holds a vibrant urban fantasy scenery "Golapi Meghe Shobuj Tia" by Nazlee Laila Monsur. Naima Haque painted a modern girl with guitar in greyscale labeled "A Bird Thought to Be". Dominating the room is Samarjit Roy Chowdhury's "Storming Wind" with a mix of deep and light shades in chaotic brushstrokes.

The largest piece in the gallery "Jump" belongs to Shahabuddin, and it is a semi-realistic figure drawing with large brushstrokes and character tones depicting a person in motion. An S. M Sultan piece is there with the usual rural scenery. Hashem Khan's "Baul" show his conventional portraits with versatile, eye-soothing backgrounds in dynamic brushstrokes. Zainul Abedin's watercolour landscape is hung there with all its glory. The tiny yet majestic black and white masterpiece "Gunn Tana" is a wood engraving by Safiuddin Ahmed. The innermost space contains a niche that holds a blue tapestry by Rashid Choudhury that appears to be two figures embracing each other, portrayed in geometric shapes.

The Art Bangla gallery is also adorned with more legendary artists' artworks that would leave one mesmerized and overwhelmed. The exhibition is a sea of information one can dive into, and come out with much knowledge. This open-for-all exhibition will run at Art Bangla Gallery till October 1, 2022.

## All aboard for 'Beauty Circus'

"Beauty Circus" will hit theatres on September 23. To create a buzz for the upcoming release, a press meet was arranged at the BIAM Foundation in Banglamotor, on Saturday (September 17). Jaya Ahsan, Ferdous, ABM Sumon, and Sharmin Sultana Sumi, were present at the event.

The crew members paid a special tribute to their co-artists, SM Mohsin and Humayun Shadhu, both of whom passed away. Jaya Ahsan performed a duet with Sharmin Sultana Sumi on their newly released track "'Boye Jao Nokkhotro'" at the event.

Mahmud Didar shared that "Beauty Circus" promises a ride full of action, entertainment and revenge. "We have lost the culture of the circus, which was a part of our heritage," shared the director. "The film will be a unique experience for the audience."



## Leonardo DiCaprio may join season 3 of 'Squid Game'

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio might join the cast of Netflix's highly anticipated series "Squid Game 3".

"Squid Game" creator Hwang Dong-hyuk revealed to Variety that the second season will commence in Korea and thus there won't be any Hollywood star in this season. However, they are planning on roping Leonardo DiCaprio as he is huge fan of the series.

"Squid Game" will release on Netflix in 2024.



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## Police take

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alleging that Bipul raped the girl.

"But police are not taking any action against Bipul even though a week has passed since I lodged the complaint," said the father.

Contacted, Moktarul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said police went to the spot after receiving the complaint. In primary probe, police did not find any truth in the allegation of rape, but Bipul attempted to rape the girl.

"So, we have asked the victim's father to revise his complaint. We suggested filing a complaint of attempted rape. We will then take action," the OC said.

Samira Hossain Chowdhury, resident medical officer of Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital where the victim is being treated, yesterday told The Daily Star that no medical test was conducted on the girl as police were yet to ask for it.

## History beckons

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regional competition have so far been won by India. Bangladesh will be appearing in their second final while Nepal will compete in their fifth.

Hosts Nepal will have an edge on paper, thanks to their better FIFA ranking - 102 against Bangladesh's 147 - and the fact that they have never lost against Bangladesh.

However, Bangladesh have already ripped the record books by condemning India to their first defeat in the history of the competition, a feat later emulated by Nepal on their way to the final. From the point of view of performances, too, Bangladesh are ahead, having scored the most goals and having the two top scorers in their side.

Hence there will be no shortage of confidence on the part Golam Rabbani Choton's charges in their bid to creating history.

## French 'Spiderman'

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He began climbing in 1975, training on the cliffs near his hometown of Valence in southern France. He took up solo climbing in 1977 and rapidly became a top climber.

Since then, he has climbed more than 150 towering structures around the world including Dubai's Burj Khalifa - the world's tallest building, the Eiffel Tower, and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.

## There could be

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submitted their written proposals but after the dialogue, some actually had changed their opinions on EVM and other issues.

"We took the decision regarding parties' stances in line with what they had told us during the talks," he said.

When asked about the allegation of some political parties that EC misrepresented their opinions, Alamgir said, "... They might have changed their stance after talks and they can do it."

"There could be some kind of misunderstanding. We have video clips of the talks. We have documents about it. We will review these and then make the documents public," he said.

On the other hand, Rashida Sultana said their analysis was accurate.

"We know we are right, still there could be some mistakes. We will review the documents."

## Sentence of Khaleda

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opinion on the issue a few days ago.

"I earlier said the government would further extend the suspension of the prison sentence of the BNP chief if her family wanted it. Then her family applied to the government. I sent the relevant file with my opinion for extending it on the previous conditions to the home ministry, which will now issue a notification to this effect," he said.

"Khaleda Zia would not be able to go abroad and she has to take treatment inside the country," the law minister said.

Anisul said the government freed the BNP chief after suspending her jail sentence as per section 401 (b) of the Criminal Code of Procedure (CrPC).

On March 25, 2020, Khaleda was

Meanwhile, the EC yesterday removed Chattogram Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Mominur Rahman from his post as returning officer for the Chattogram zila parishad elections.

Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, Chattogram regional election officer, was appointed to the position after Mominur's removal, an EC notification said.

Rasheda Sultana said punitive action would be taken against Mominur after investigation.

The decision was made for the DC's "biased behaviour" as a returning officer, said Rasheda Sultana.

Mominur on Thursday sought blessings from all for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and prayed for her return to power in the next general election.

He also prayed for the victory of the Awami League-nominated chairman candidate of the Chattogram zila parishad elections.

freed from jail after the government suspended her jail sentence for six months. She walked out of jail at a time when the world was reeling from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The BNP chief landed in jail on February 8, 2017, after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a special court in Dhaka in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. On October 30 the following year, the High Court enhanced her punishment to 10 years after dismissing her appeal.

The former prime minister was convicted by another special court in Dhaka in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case on October 29, 2018. Khaleda was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment by the court.

She is now in her Gulshan home.

## Govt creating chaos to stay

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release of the arrested BNP leaders and activists.

He said Myanmar was bombing the border areas, but the Bangladesh government was silent "because it [the government] is not elected by the people. It cannot mobilise public opinion against the bombing."

He then asked the government to step down immediately and hand the power over to an impartial government.

## Homes, shops

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Mahfuzur Rahman, convener of Rugganj BNP, said, "They carried out about 15 attacks in the last 20 days. They robbed our houses, attacked our supporters, and left them injured. But the police are not doing anything."

Contacted, Shahjahan Bhuiya, general secretary of Rugganj AL, said the allegations were false. "No one from our party was involved in those incidents."

Abir Hossain, assistant superintendent of police in Narayanganj, said there was an "unrest" in the area, but police brought the situation under control.

## 7-year-old murdered

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officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station.

"Criminal Investigation Department's forensic team has collected samples and evidence from the spot. After physical examination and considering the circumstantial evidence, it seems the girl was raped before murder," said Shakila Sultana, deputy commissioner (port) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

The body was sent to Chattogram Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## NTAC urges

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The overall positivity rate was 13.61 percent.

At least 284 patients recovered from Covid-19 during the period. The total number of recoveries now stands at 1,960,615 and the recovery rate at 97.17 percent, added the release.

After a downward trend for around a month, the number of daily case detection has started rising since early this month.

Meanwhile, the health minister has announced that no first and second doses of Covid-19 vaccines will be given after September 11 as the expiry date will end by that time.

## Russia widens

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asked to wait," he told Reuters.

Izium's mayor said yesterday that work at the site would continue for another two weeks.

## Myanmar envoy blames

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A number of mortar shells and bullets have been landing on the Bangladesh side since mid-August.

Security experts say these are clear violations of international rules.

Khurshed further said, "We said [to the Myanmar ambassador] 'the conflict between Arakan Army and Myanmar military is your internal matter. How you would solve it is up to you. [But] No mortar shell or bullet should land on our side -- you have to take responsibility for that'."

The Myanmar envoy was told that Bangladesh is a responsible and peace-loving state and has been patient despite the repeated air and land space violations.

Khurshed said Dhaka is doing what it can in a diplomatic manner and as a responsible state but "that should not be considered our weakness".

He said the foreign ministry may brief the Asean ambassadors in Dhaka about Myanmar's repeated violations.

About the ambassador's response, Khurshed said Aung Kyaw Moe did not come up with a clear statement, but said he would convey Dhaka's concerns to Naypyidaw so they can take effective action.

However, the envoy said the mortar shells and bullets landing

in Bangladesh may be acts of the Arakan Army.

About Dhaka's response in this regard, Khurshed said it is not yet certain who were behind the violations. "But whatever and whoever it may be, Myanmar has to take responsibility."

Requesting anonymity, a foreign ministry official said the Myanmar ambassador even said that members of the Arakan Army may have also entered from Bangladesh side.

"We told him we have zero tolerance for sheltering insurgents," he told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, an inter-ministerial meeting was held to discuss the tense situation on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border near Tambru.

Officials from the ministries of foreign affairs, home, disaster management, and the BGB, and Coast Guard were present.

"We told the BGB and the Coast Guard to remain on high alert so that no Myanmar citizen can enter Bangladesh in any way," Khurshed said.

In 2017, about 7.5 lakh Rohingyas fled Rakhine State of Myanmar and took shelter in Bangladesh, creating immense pressure on the country's economy, ecology, security and diplomacy.

## Zila parishad candidate

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the case.

AlZal Hossain, inspector of Hat Gangapara police investigation centre, said the victim filed a case with the police station, accusing three named and two unnamed people.

After primary interrogation, police found the names of the other two accused.

Speaking to this correspondent, the victim said, "They raped me to stop me from competing in the election."

Though her relatives accompanied her during the campaign that day, she was alone when the rape incident occurred, she added.

"Once the news [of the rape] broke, I was being questioned. I am now

facing obstacles in my campaign."

In the last union parishad election, she was a member candidate for women's reserved seat, but was defeated.

She said some voters are sympathetic while others are disrespectful regarding the incident.

Contacted, Abul Hossain, assistant returning officer, said police have already taken action in this regard.

He added the member candidate began campaigning way ahead of the official date to begin electioneering, which is to start on September 26.

He said at least seven other women, including the victim, were competing from Ward-2 of the upazila.