



LOOKING BACK AT THE DECADE-OLD TRAGEDY... “Ten Years After Rana Plaza”, an immersive exhibition by photo journalist Ismail Ferdous, kicked off at the capital’s Drik Gallery yesterday. The exhibition marks the ten years of the incident, through the interdisciplinary works of the photographer, who had been capturing the tragedy since 2013. The layout of the exhibition had been done by architect Farhana Nazim Chowdhury, along with collaborations with visual artists like Ata Mojlish. The exhibition is comprised of both interactive and poster art, leading the visitors through a winding road, through the victims and their family’s eyes. In collaboration with the Bangladesh Center for Workers’ Solidarity, the exhibition is partially funded by the 21st Century International Women’s Garment Workers Union Heritage Fund. The open-for-all exhibition will run till July 29, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

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False cases

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to a “master plan” of the ruling party ahead of the upcoming national elections.

“AL leaders and activists vandalised the BNP office in the presence of police, but the administration has not taken any action in this regard,” alleged Abul Hashem Bakkar, member secretary of the BNP Chattogram city unit.

Earlier, two cases were registered naming 15 BNP and its associate wing members and 600 unnamed persons in connection with vandalising the election camp of the AL candidate for Ctg-10 by-polls in Lalkhan Bazar on Wednesday night.

Will retaliate

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with them politically. But the Jubo League knows how to give a fitting reply if we are attacked,” said acting president of JL’s Dhaka city (south) unit Mainuddin Rana.

From the rally, the leaders also said they will show their organisational strength in a grand rally to be held on Monday.

After the rally, the JL leaders and activists brought out a procession in front of the AL headquarters in the capital’s Gulistan.

US delegation visit

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BNP is demanding caretaker government system which only exists in Pakistan, he mentioned.

“My question is that why they (BNP) only follow Pakistan. Mirza Fakhrul (BNP secretary general) a few days ago said Pakistan (period) was better. So, it is natural that they would follow Pakistan,” Hasan said.

Reply to a question about visit of delegations of the European Union (EU) and the US, the minister said the EU delegation came at the invitation of the Election Commission.

They held talks with the commission, ruling party

and opposition party and others and their visit was very much a positive one, he said.

About the visit of the US under-secretary and high-level officials, Hasan said Bangladesh has very good multidimensional relations with the US. “They are our development partner. In light with that, their visit was to further strengthen the ties,” he said.

The minister said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave shelter to over 12 lakh Rohingya people. The US delegation visited the Rohingya camps, he said. “Their visit also strengthened our ties,” he said.

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A ‘missing’ building

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These individuals have continued to make further installments for four consecutive terms.

Despite the lack of progress in the building’s construction, the DSCC revenue department has continued to accept installments from the affected individuals.

Approximately Tk 19 crore has been collected in the fund, with some individuals paying in two installments and others in three.

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Beijing

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in Urumqi, capital of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on Thursday evening.

The media delegation members are Daily Jugantor Chief Reporter Masud Karim, The Business Standard Deputy Editor Titu Das Gupta, The Financial Express Special Correspondent Mir Mostafizur Rahman, The Daily Star Diplomatic Correspondent Porimol Palma, UNB Special Correspondent AKM Moinuddin, Independent TV Special Correspondent Nafiza Dawla, ATN News Chief Reporter Ashiqur Rahman Apu, Daily Samokal Diplomatic Correspondent Tasnim Mohsin Mishu, Jamuna TV Senior Reporter Ahmed Reza and Somoy TV Diplomatic Correspondent Tajwar Mahmud.

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DENGUE OUTBREAK

DSCC distributes leaflets at mosques to raise awareness

UNB, Dhaka

In order to increase the awareness of prevention of dengue disease and control of Aedes mosquito, leaflets were distributed at the mosques under the Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday.

Besides, a discussion was held about what to do to prevent dengue, according to a press release.

The councillors of various wards of the corporation and the officials of the health department participated in this discussion and leaflet distribution programme, added the release.

The objective of this initiative is to educate the public about preventive measures against dengue and promote community engagement in combating the disease.

Earlier on July 13, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) opened a central control room to check dengue disease and Aedes mosquito under its area. DSCC Mayor Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh inaugurated the control room at Shitalakkhya Hall of the Nagar Bhavan.

A law to protect

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Folk culture, ensuring that the government will trace the origin of such cultural activities.

“To use those commercially, one would need to take the government’s permission and sign contracts with the origin communities about the usage conditions and tenure,” says the new act.

A part of the income, which will be settled by the contracts, will be spent in the cultural development of these communities.

The new act has incorporated the copyrights of ICT related products, activities, database, design by digital tools.

Using film scenes or sound recordings on any digital and social media platforms without permission will also be considered as copyright violation.

In the new law, dress designing, graphics, artistic images or any design using digital platforms have been included as an art form.

The copyright office will perform specific tasks including issuing copyright registration and certifying, licensing of translation, stopping import of illegal copies of any intellectual products, conservation of folk culture, advising the government about copyrights and providing incentives to the original artists.

Besides, the government will appoint additional copyright registrars. A clause has been incorporated in the act saying that the board for

the copyright office will be able to retain or cancel the orders of the registrar.

Barrister Aneek R Haque, advocate, Supreme Court, said there are a number of things that were not in the law before, which have been included.

For example, a separate chapter has been added to protect the rights of folk culture, and new clauses have been proposed to prevent piracy, he said.

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However, the copyright board has been given new powers that they did not have before, he added.

Noted Bangladeshi filmmaker Gias Uddin Selim said, “If any person intentionally violates or helps to violate the copyright of a film, they can be punished now.”

Farid Ahmed, proprietor of Somoy Prokashon, said if any publisher violates any condition of the agreement signed with the creator of a literary work, a fine of Tk 5 lakh will be imposed.

However, in the case of publication, the penalty amount has become much higher, he added.

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