MD ZOBAYER HOSSAIN JOATI

Photojournalist

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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Photojournalist

Syracuse, NY & New York City, 2024 - Present

Photographed spot news, general news and feature stories across New York City & Upstate New York for Education Week, The Post-Standard, Zuma Press and The Daily Orange, shooting, captioning and filing on daily publication deadlines.

Research Assistant - The Alexia Grant

Syracuse, NY, 2024 - 2026

Supported The Alexia Foundation's photography grant initiatives as the inaugural Alexia Scholar under Professor Bruce Strong. Conducted research, collected and analyzed data, supervised junior researchers, presented findings, and handled program administration.

Teaching Assistant - Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY, 2024 - 2026

Delivered guest lectures, led studio and field labs, and mentored undergraduate and graduate students across three Newhouse courses: Multimedia Storytelling, Introduction to Photography, and Photo & Multimedia Fundamentals. Coached students in visual storytelling, Adobe Creative Cloud workflows, and long-term project development.

Independent Photographer

Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2021 - 2024

Selected independent projects:

We Live to Fight - Multi-year documentary on martial arts communities in Bangladesh. Published in Courrier International, Eyeshot Magazine, and WU Magazine; print acquisitions in India and Italy.

When I See a Girl - Conceptual portrait series addressing gender-based violence; featured in Roba da Donne (Italy), ScoopWhoop Hindi (India), and Bored Panda.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

2026 – Nominee, Joop Swart Masterclass, World Press Photo
2025 – First Prize, Student Award, World Report Award, Lodi, Italy
2025 - Winner, Kit C King Scholarship, National Press Photographers Foundation (NPPF) Scholarship, USA
2023 – Solo Show Awardee ("We Live to Fight"), The Inception Grant, Art Incept, New Delhi, India
2023 - Winner, The Alexia Student Grant, New York, USA
2023 - Award of Excellence, Spot News, Pictures of The Year Asia
2021 - Finalist, W. Eugene Smith Grant for Student Photographers, USA

EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
M.S. in Multimedia, Photography, & Design, 2024 - 2027

COUNTER FOTO – A CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

Professional Diploma in Photography, 2019 – 2021

CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

B.S. in Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, 2014 - 2018

The Eddie Adams Workshop XXXVIII, NY, USA – 2025

The New York Times Portfolio Review, NY, USA - 2025

Northern Short Course, Washington DC, USA - 2025

The Alexia Fall Workshop, Syracuse University, USA - 2024

Foundry Photojournalism Workshop, VII Academy - 2023

KEY SKILLS

Photo, Video & Audio
Microsoft Office
Adobe Creative Cloud
Nik Collection
News Writing
Studio Lighting
Captioning & FTP Filing

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)
Bengali (Native)
Hindi (Conversational)