

## A PHOTO, A FACT, AN EMOTION



*"A young girl scavenging amongst the garbage at the Demra dump in Dhaka in her struggle to survive. Myriads of flies swarm the area. The survival of many people living in dire poverty depends on garbage. The Demra dump, one of largest in Dhaka city, is a dangerous area polluted by noxious smells. On a daily basis numerous people gather to collect goods such as plastic bags, plastic bottles, old toys and metal items, at the end of the day selling the goods they have collected for a few coins and allow them to live to see another day."*

### **"LIFE IN GARBAGE"**

Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Azim Khan Ronnie, Bangladesh**



This photo was selected to participate in the third edition of Waste to Photo in 2019, the photo contest connected to the Sardinia Symposium, International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium organised by IWWG.

More than 100 photos were received to enter the third edition. The competition, open to all, aimed at recreating a scenario representing the global situation with regard to waste and landfill.

The panel of judges, which will include members of IW-WG-MB and professional photographers, will choose the winning photo during the symposium week. The winner will be declared and price awarded during the symposium gala dinner.

In addition, the most significant shots were used to set up a photographic exhibition to illustrate the differences, the contradictions, the difficulties and progresses encountered by this complicated issue in a series of contexts throughout the world, ranging from the developing countries to the more industrialized nations.

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### **Azim Khan Ronnie**

Azim Khan Ronnie was born in Dhaka and brought up in Bogra, Bangladesh. As a photographer with an overwhelming passion for photography, his main aim is to capture life moments, adding to their significance by fixing them in time. He loves to travel to new places, meet new people, and enjoy the experience afforded by photography to capture Earth's beautiful and awe-inspiring moments. He also loves to experiment with his photography.

He has taken part in many International Photography contests and has won a series of international photography awards, including the HIPA Merit Medal Award 2018, Won Andrei Stenin International Press Photo Contest 2019, SI-ENA International Photography Award 2019, Two awards from Drone photo contest 2019, Winner Agora images, BBC Wildlife Photo Contest winner 2017, and Grand prize winner from Chania Photo Festival, Greece etc. His photographs have been published in The Times, The Sun, The Guardian, The Telegraph, Daily Mail, New Atlas, BBC Wildlife Magazine, National Geographic Magazine, and the Smithsonian magazine, amongst others.