

DU sculpture on liberation war relocated

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The 55-ton gigantic sculpture with a height of 30 feet symbolising the liberation struggle, situated on the Dhaka University campus, will start shedding scarlet water simulating blood late this month.

This is the first of its kind in the country with musical system inside the structure of the sculpture and a special effect of simulated bloodshed.

The scarlet water representing blood will symbolise massive bloodshed during the period of Liberation War. Songs on Liberation War will

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also be played through the musical system in the sculpture.

The 30-feet sculpture was built by noted sculptor Shamim Sikder in 1989 in front of the official residence of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University at Fuller Road. The sculpture from the beginning had the exceptional features. But the systems were never used before.

Recently the Dhaka University authorities transferred the sculpture from the old site to the road island between the Salimullah Hall and the Udayan Biddyalaya. It took the authorities ten days and a total expenditure of about Tk 5 lakh to move the sculpture to the present site.

It was earlier suggested by some sculptors to cut the sculpture into several parts to make the shifting process easier as the authorities failed to lift it with their own crane. Later it was shifted using a hired crane.

The sculpture needed to be shifted from its old site as a ten-storied apartment building for the teachers of the university is being constructed there.

In the process of shifting, the sculpture suffered minor damages which are now being repaired.

The repair work is going on under the supervision of the sculpture's creator Shamim Sikder, personnel of the Engineering Division of DU and sculptors from the Institute of Fine Arts.

The inauguration of the sculpture which symbolises the liberation struggle at its new site is likely to take place on the eve of Victory Day.