



## Press Release

### **Berlinale Spotlight in Dhaka**

The Berlinale has presented specially curated film programmes around the globe for many years now. *Berlinale Spotlight* is an extension of the main festival in February and makes Berlinale activities visible throughout the year.

On the occasion of the Dhaka DocLab (August 31 - September 5, 2018) the Berlin International Film Festival will present a *Berlinale Spotlight* in Bangladesh.

“*Berlinale Spotlight* gives us the opportunity to make our work concrete and tangible beyond the confines of the festival in February. We’re excited about the IFI Bangladesh and Dhaka DocLab’s interest in the Berlinale and thank them for the chance to network with filmmakers in Bangladesh. Our festival representatives Dorothee Wenner and Meenakshi Shedde are looking forward to meeting established film professionals and new talents,” says Berlinale Director Dieter Kosslick.

“The Berlinale’s interest in Bangladesh is excellent news for our film professionals. The new generation of filmmakers in Bangladesh is working hard to establish their place alongside the world film fraternity. This is an excellent opportunity for them,” commented Samia Zaman, president of the International Film Initiative of Bangladesh (IFIB).

Within the framework of the Dhaka DocLab, Berlinale initiatives such as the *Berlinale World Cinema Fund (WCF)*, *Berlinale Talents* and the *Berlinale Co-Production Market* will be presented alongside a documentary film programme. The screenings will be open to participants and the general public.

The following films will be presented:

*Fire at Sea* by Gianfranco Rosi, Italy (Winner of the 2016 Golden Bear)

*Amal* by Mohamed Siam, Denmark / Egypt / France / Germany / Lebanon / Norway / Qatar 2017 (with funding by the WCF)

*Kinshasa Makambo* by Dieudo Hamadi, Democratic Republic of Congo / France / Switzerland / Germany / Qatar / Norway (*Panorama* 2018, with funding by the WCF)

The *Berlinale Spotlight* in Bangladesh is presented in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Bangladesh.

More information on the Dhaka DocLab, the International Film Initiative of Bangladesh and the Goethe-Institut Bangladesh is available at:

[www.dhakadoclab.org](http://www.dhakadoclab.org)

[www.ifi-bangladesh.org](http://www.ifi-bangladesh.org)

[www.goethe.de/ins/bd/en/index.html](http://www.goethe.de/ins/bd/en/index.html)

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