

A stitch in time

It has been almost a year and half since the Rana Plaza disaster in Savar, but the survivors of the incident are still struggling to put the past behind and start anew.

Laboni Khanom, aged 24 years, lived with her parents, brother, two sisters, and her husband. She worked at Phantom Apparels in the Rana Plaza building for a salary of BDT 8,500 per month. She was content with her life and had a future planned for herself and her family.

In the Rana Plaza incident, Laboni lost her hand and also the momentum of her life. Her family has been very supportive since the accident. She is now being fitted with an operational upper limb prosthetic from BRAC Limb and Brace Centre. She hopes that this will allow her to gain back some mobility in her life and allow her to transition her daily life to a state of normalcy.

Laboni does not want to be part of the garments sector anymore. She would like to work with children, maybe as a teacher for a primary school. Her near-death experience and the struggle to survive have given her a new perspective on life. Currently she aims to enrol in an undergraduate programme. Laboni is grateful for the support she has received from her family and different aid organisations.

