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STATEMENT

New normal is a world that has shifted into irreversible discomfort, fear and all sorts of hideousness that were dystopic possibilities we thought once could only happen in fiction. And constantly, it requires us to rethink our footing on this present trembling ground.

We have now been reduced to statistics. We are numbers of those who have been infected. We are numbers of those who have been killed. We are numbers of those who have been saved. We are numbers of those who are collateral damage. We are numbers of those who are beyond reprieve.

Every day we are bombarded with numbers. At one point, these numbers were just too many that people already fail to recognise that each number represents a LIFE. Although in these statistics 1 is just 1 out of 100,000, for a real person that 1 could be a mother, a sister, a daughter, or self.

This is not to disparage the highly advanced scientific discipline of Statistics. This is a reaction as to how statistics figure out in our daily lives; especially how these numbers have tendency to flatten or to dehumanise; and how it desensitises many on the actual depth of tragedy we are all facing. What to do with it?!



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We cannot all be doctors at this time of pandemic. We cannot all be magistrates at this time of institutional violence. We cannot be many other persons. What we can all be, at all times, is a better version of our self, submitting to greater good of mankind.

As an artist, I endeavour to remain a productive one, because I figured that creating art is the best way to reclaim agency of a life that is being taken away from me. I have the honour to be doing this ambitious project in the company of friends and family who share my passion and commitment. In our individual and collective efforts, we hope to contribute in reclaiming the humanity of our current tragedy. Not to further the grief but to help us face the realness of it, to learn whatever lessons that we may find, to help us navigate this more fragile world we now walk on.

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