

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

April 5-10
'Earthen', an institute of three artists Debashis, Swapan and Shahadat, holds a Terracotta Art Exhibition at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. The show continues up to April 10 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

April 4-8
Artlinks organises a solo of digital painting by New York-based artist Masud U Alam. The exhibition remains open from 3 to 8 p.m.

April 6-9
North South University Photography Club (NSUPC) will hold an art exhibition in Room 100 at BTA Tower, North South University. The show remains open from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

April 4-15
Shilpagan is holding a special 12-day painting show by reputed painter Ranjit Das. The show remains open everyday from 10 am to 8 p.m.

Book Fair

April 2-15
'Shrabon'-a literary publishing house, holds an amazing book fair at its stall at the Aziz Super Market, to protest the ongoing US-led war against Iraq. The book fair is open until April 15.

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April 6-8
An informal fine art exhibition will be held at House No. 57, Flat # 1, Road 13A/2, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The exhibition will include musical performance, performance art, installation art, interactive art, photography, sculpture, painting and film screening.

Book Fair

Books' call for peace

Shrabon, a small publishing house in the city, holds book fair to protest US-led war in Iraq.

HARUN UR RASHID
THE world has seldom witnessed such mass protest as has been recently taking place worldwide in condemnation of the ongoing Anglo-US invasion of Iraq.

Iraqis, and expressing an intellectual angst in protest of this invasion, Shrabon Prokashoni has organised a book-fair at its library at the Aziz Super Market at Shahbagh. The assemblage features books on wars that have taken place on earth at times. And these

and Anti-War Book Fair, the event opened on April 1. Anti-British movement activist Pranesh Shamaddar inaugurated the fair. The fair continues through April 15.

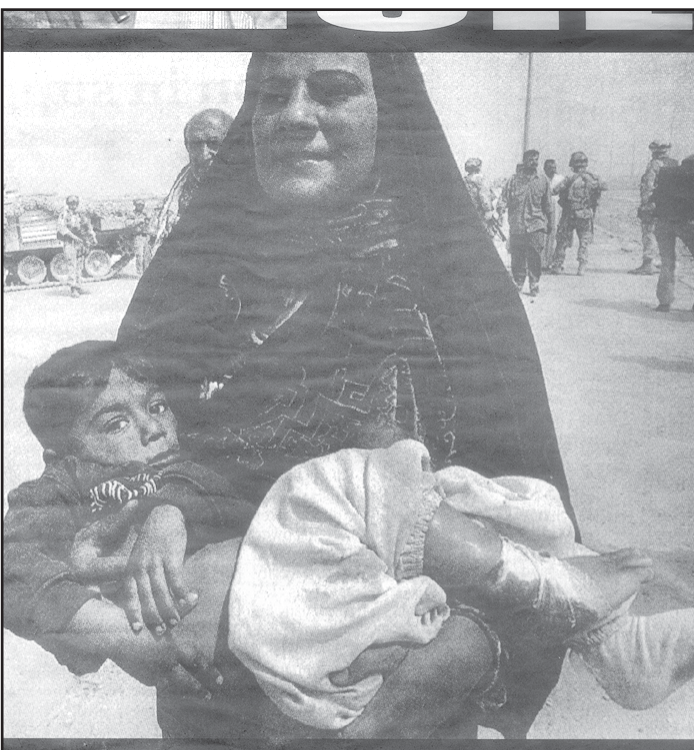
Shrabon has put on sale more than a hundred books that include all major genres of writing—from classics to histories, political critiques to research works, historical analyses to philosophical rhetoric to unequivocal support for communities under the onslaught of wars. The books are written by our own writers as well as those from all over the world. And the books published in the country go at a 25% discount!

The classics on the shelves at Shrabon include titles like Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Maxim Gorky's *Mother*, Dinbandhu Mitra's *Neel Darpan*, Mir Mosharrif Hossain's *Jamidar Darpon*, Akhteruzzaman Elias' *Khowabnama*, Ernest Hemingway's *Old Man and the Sea*, Lorka's books of poems. There are biographies and autobiographies of world figures—both famous and notorious—like Che Guevara, Abraham Lincoln and Adolph Hitler. Noted Communist activist comrade Mujaffar Ahmad's autobiography that reflects on the communist movement in the Indian subcontinent is also there.

Those interested in history would find at the book fair some valuable history-documents on the World War II, The Liberation War of Bangladesh, the histories of nations like the Arab and the Japanese, the history of the Sepoi Movement and many others.

There are memoirs of the Bolshevik movement in Russia and the Cuba Movement that would make readers optimistic. On the other hand, memoirs of the genocide in Bosnia, Palestine and other regions will give one the grim feeling caused by holocaust.

Books like *Iraq-er Saddam Jug, Iraq-er Biruddhey Onnyay Juddho, Terrorism and Response to Terrorist Threat* present analytical studies of the recent world events. In one of his books, Badaruddin Umar analyses the characteristics of the neo-colonialism that is at work at present. Hasan Imam



Posters published on the occasion of the book fair express solidarity to Iraqi people.

makes observations in his book on the post-9/11 America.

There is also a recently published little magazine called *Manush* at the book fair. The little-mag contains writings of literary figures from all over the world on the Afghanistan crisis that the world recently saw. Published from Shamabesh Prokashoni, *Manush* loudly rejects and lashes at the US idea of 'fighting terrorism.'

Some foreign publications besides the local ones, found room at the book fair, although Shrabon does not sell them. *The US War Against Nicaragua* by William I Robinson and Kent

Norsworthy, *Voices of Sanity: Reaching out for Peace*, Noam Chomsky's *Year 501: The conquest Continues* and *Deterring Democracy* are some of them.

Books apart, the fair also brings posters, T-shirts, stickers and cartoons all inscribed with anti-war and peace-demanding slogans.

At a time when the world has turned into a podium of unanimous call for peace, wide protest against the US-led war in Iraq, Shrabon's endeavour surely adds a strong momentum to Bangladesh's voice against any war.

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Thai fair 2003

ELITA KARIM

IT was Thailand all over the Grand Ballroom, at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel. From the 31st of March to the 2nd of April, a Thailand exhibition had taken place, organised by the Department of Export Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Royal Thai Government. The Minister of Commerce Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, the Ambassador of Thailand H.E. Mr. Prithak Probubpha and the Thailand Trade Representative Prachaub Chayasarn were present at the inauguration ceremony, held in one of the seminar rooms.

Mr. Prachaub Chayasarn, Thailand Trade Representative had begun the ceremony by taking the floor. He had spoken of the long lasting friendship between Thailand and People's Republic of Bangladesh hoped that this relation would develop further in the future. Mr. Prithak Probubpha, Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh had also spoken of the fast growing friendship between the two nations, not only socially but also in the business sector, emphasizing on the recent visit of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to Thailand, which undoubtedly enhanced the bridge. The Chief Guest of the ceremony Mr. Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, the Minister of

Commerce had spoken about how the business community and the government of both sides (Thailand and Bangladesh) are actively participating in various activities. The exhibition finally began after Mr. Khasru inaugurated it.

More than a hundred companies had taken part in the exhibition. The products were organised in a way which had made it trouble-free to track down one's desired stall. Several visitors belonging to different nationalities had been seen checking out the quality and prices of the products starting from autotrans, chemical products, children products, toys and games, construction materials and hardware, cosmetics, electrical appliances, food products and beverages, furniture, garments, textiles and fashion accessories, gift and houseware, herbal products, leather products and footwear to service trade.

This exhibition was not only a foreign exposure for the people of Bangladesh regarding Thai products and their differing and varying qualities, it was undoubtedly another step towards a stronger link between Thailand and Bangladesh.

Announcement

There must be a thousand questions that you would like to put to your favourite artistes, but never had the chance to. We would like to give you that opportunity. We start our "Personality of the month" with eminent Rabindra sangeet artist Kalim Sharafi. So, send us questions that you would like to put to Kalim Sharafi, latest by April 10, 2003 at:



Personality of the month
Culture-desk
19 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
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TV GUIDE

CHANNEL-i	ATN BANGLA
07.15 Prothom Shur	6:00 Islamic prog:
09.30 Music Plus	8:00 ATN Bangla News
10.10 Special Programme	8:25 New Singer competition Prog: Nabin Boran
10.50 Unnyayon Manusher Jonnyo	9:35 Musical prog: Surer Madury Sandatara
11.30 Drama Serial: Grihogalpo	10:10 Drama Serial: Sandatara
12.10 Amar Chhobi	10:50 Drama Serial: Dhola Mia Kala Mia
12.50 Drama Serial: Dhik Lakkhobar	12:00 ATN Bangla News
02.00 Bangla Feature Film: Owada	12:20 The Daily Newspaper
05.35 Janopader Khabar	Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
05.45 Alokito Bangladesh	12:40 Film song's prog: Shurcobi
06.10 Music Plus	1:20 Bengali feature film Utthan Pothon
06.45 Prescription	4:50 The Daily Newspaper
07.15 Channel-i News	Discussing Prog: Ajker Sangbadpotro
07.45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Q)	5:00 Gram Banglar Sangbad
07.50 Close Up Juke Box	5:15 Children Prog: ATN Shapla Shaluk Gold Medel Protijogita
08.25 Drama Serial: Amader Graam Amader Shafali	6:25 Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab
09.00 Channel-i News	7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
09.31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (R)	7:30 Weekly Drama: Ame Tumake Bhalobashe
09.35 Amar Chhobi	8:40 Band Musica Prog: Pop Dhamaka
10.00 Drama: Beli	9:00 ATN Bangla News
10.25 Channel-i Mobile Quiz 2525	9:25 Drama Serial: Durotha
10.30 Channel-i News	10:00 ATN Bangla News
11.10 Shagbadpatrey Bangladesh	10:30 Speical Talk
11.30 Live Telecast of BTV Late Night News	
12.15 Channel-i News	

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9:30 The Locusts	12:00 Leave It to Beaver
1:45 Beyond the City Limits	3:30 Commandments
5:15 Wayne's World 2	7:15 Last Action Hero
10:00 Conspiracy	12:00 The Hunted
2:15 *Batteries Not Included	4:30 Wayne's World 2
6:30 Movie: My Stepmother is an Alien	9:30 Who Dares Wins
11:30 Eco-Challenge New Zealand	10:30 The Outer Limits New Lease
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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 10:00 p.m. *Conspiracy*. The historical recreation of the 1942 Wannsee Conference, in which Nazi and SS leaders gathered in a Berlin suburb to discuss the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question". Lead by SS-General Reinhard Heydrich, this group of high ranking German officials came to the historic and far reaching decision that the Jews of Europe were to be exterminated in what would come to be known as the Holocaust.

STAR MOVIES: 10:30 p.m. *Time Bomb*. When someone tries to murder watchmaker Eddy Kay, the incident triggers a barrage of nightmares and flashbacks into a past that isn't his own. Fearing for his sanity, Eddy contacts psychiatrist Dr. Anna Nollmar for help. Anna thinks he's hallucinating until another attack proves the dangers are all too real. The two of them go on the run, trying to discover the truth about Eddie's past and true identity before it kills them.

PICK OF THE DAY

Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot
On STAR MOVIES at 8.25 p.m.
A tough detective's mother comes to visit him, and promptly starts trying to fix up his life, much to his embarrassment. For his birthday she buys him a machine gun out of the back of a van, and begins to further interfere with his job and love life, eventually helping him with a case he's on.

11:30 The Late Hour	12:59 Night Owl
12:30 Fear Factor	1:30 Eco-Challenge: New Zealand
6:59 Scholastic Clifford.	7:29 Caillou
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8:59 Laurie Lee's Cider With Rosie	10:59 Gentle Ben: Black Gold
1:59 Family Law	2:59 Scholastic Clifford
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8:59 Early Edition Season I	9:59 Star Trek: Voyager
10:59 Johnson Country	
	12:00 Extreme Science
	1:00 On Assignment
	1:30 Sahara Sprinter
	2:00 Quest For K2
	2:30 Surfer's Journal
	3:00 Explorer's Journal
	4:00 Out There
	4:30 Next Wave
	5:00 Across The Line
	5:30 The Seal Hunters Cave
	6:00 Chasing Time
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	7:30 Elephant Men
	8:30 Self-Portrait
	9:30 Next Wave S2
	10:00 People Out There
	10:30 Dingoes: Friend Or
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	11:30 Dogs With Jobs
	12:00 Earthpulse
	12:30 Hippos Of The Zambesi
	1:00 Croc Chronicles S2
	2:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
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	4:30 Okavango: Africa's Wild Oasis
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	6:00 Mission Wild
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	7:30 One Life In The Desert Sea
	8:30 Croc Chronicles
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Championship 2003	Suzuka City, JAPAN
250cc(L); 500cc(L); 125cc(S)(R)	
8:30 Asian 9-Ball Tour	San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Singapore, SINGAPORE
9:30 International	Motorsports News International
10:30 Spanish Football	League 2002/03 Spanish Football League (S)
12:30 English Premier	Football League
English Premier	Football League
2002/03 Manchester, ENGLAND	
2:30 Sudirman Cup Dr	Sudirman Cup 2003
3:30 The Masters Official	Films The Masters Official Films 1999 (R)
4:30 Race Day	Interlagos, BRAZIL
5:15 Formula One 2003	Formula One World Championship, BRAZIL
7:30 Chequered Flag	Chequered Flag: Formula One, BRAZIL
11:30 Motorsport Asia (T)	
12:00 Lpga Golf Kraft	

8:00 Sportsline Tonight	Sportsline (L)
8:30 Cricket Talk Show	Best Of Harsha Online (T)
9:00 Asian 9-Ball Tour	San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour Singapore, SINGAPORE
10:00 Best Of Pga Golf 98	Best Of The Pga Tour-Planes, Trains & Automobile (T)
10:30 Sportsline Tonight	Sportsline (T)
11:00 Cricket Talk Show	Best Of Harsha Online (R)
11:30 The Masters Official	Films The Masters Official Films 2000 (T)
6:00 Spanish Football	League 2002/03 Spanish Football League (R)
8:00 Iska World Championships 02	Iska World Championships 02 Iska World Team Forms Championships Orlando, FL US (R)
8:30 Pro Wakeboard	Series 2002 Pro Wakeboard Series (Men's) Lake Elsinore, CA USA (R)
9:30 English Premier	Football League
2002/03 Manchester, ENGLAND	
11:30 Motorsport Asia (T)	
12:00 Lpga Golf Kraft	

Nabisco Championship	Rancho Mirage, CA U.S.A.
2:00 Figure Skating	Chevy Skating Spectacular: U.S. Nationals (R)
5:30 School Quiz Show	School Quiz National Final 2002 (T)
6:00 Western Union	World Football (R)
6:30 Escape From	Alcatraz Triathlon
7:30 English Premier	League Highlights
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2002/03 (T)	
8:30 Sportscenter Hindi	(L)
9:00 Best Of Pga Golf	Fantastic Finishes # 2 (R)
9:30 English Premier	Football League
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