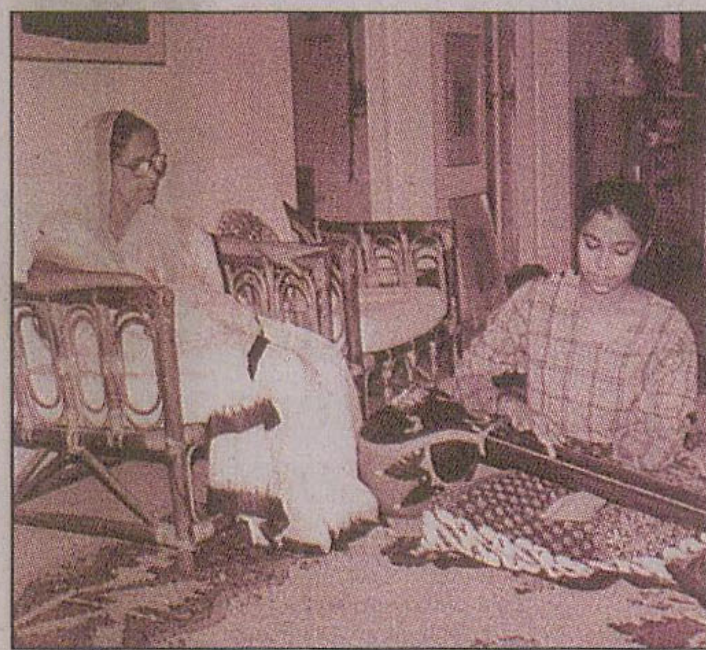


Photography Exhibition

A day in the life of Sufia Kamal



FAYZA HAQ

We may not be able to see Sufia Kamal anymore. We have, however, Proshanta Karmakar Buddha's exhibition of photographs tracing a day in her life at Gallery Chittrak.

From his childhood Proshanta wanted to immortalise the lives of remarkable women in Bangladesh who have contributed towards the society. This he meant to do by photographing them. Since the days

he read Sufia Kamal's poems in his school days he had great admiration for her. When he grew up and came to Dhaka from Faridpur, he contacted Sufia Kamal's daughter Sayeeda Kamal, who is an artist, and had rapport with Proshanta, who is a painter too.

Proshanta went early in the morning, when Sufia Kamal was asleep, and began taking pictures from the time she was in repose, so that she was unaware that she was being photographed. As she got up, she had her morning round of betel leaf and a picture depicts her before a stand with a paan-dan.



Sufia Kamal listening to her grand daughter sing, (R) the poet reading a book at leisure

Next, there is a picture of her reading the daily morning news and later we see her having her breakfast with her daughter and family.

The camera is then focused on Sufia Kamal reading a book and writing. Later, we see her meeting guests, and next, praying after

lunch. Her granddaughter Tia is seen as entertaining her with song and music. Her writing of poetry in the evening is also captured and so the rest of the day is depicted through the lens in black and white.

"Although I spent the entire day with her, I did not disturb her in

any way, and I myself had no problem. I felt it is interesting to study how a celebrated lady spends an average day. This, incidentally, was done on February 9, 1996. I was amazed that despite her fame, she felt no pride and kept no distance from me and my camera, although I was young and not quite known at that time. Of course, I was lucky that I knew Sayeeda and got entry into the household," says Proshanta.

Proshanta photographs in black and white. Drawing inspiration from Anwar Hossain, he believes that classic photography is always in black and white. He began taking photographs from 1985, under the guidance of his elder brother, Kalidas Karmakar. He had given him a Canon AE-1. Also guiding him was Syed Rafiqur Rahim since 1993.

He has had two photographic exhibitions, one on the Eiffel Tower at Alliance Francaise, when he went there to study, and one on the parents of muktijoddahs (freedom fighters) at the National Museum. He is now concentrating on having an exhibition on the seven wonders such as the Great Wall of China and the pyramids of Egypt. He has also been working on the lives of gypsies and the buildings of historical importance such as the Kantojir Mandir and the Lalbagh Fort so that eventually he can have an exhibition on them overseas.

The exhibition jointly organised by Gallery Chittrak and Shanjher Maya Trust is on till June 29.

Theatre Festival, Chittagong

Neel Mayurer Jouban to be staged today

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Barisal-based theatre troupe Shwabdaboli will stage Neel Mayurer Jouban today at an eight-day theatre festival arranged by Nadimukh at Shilpakala Academy, Chittagong. Nadimukh has organised the festival to observe its 15th anniversary.

Featuring the chronological history of resistance as well as courage against oppression, Neel Mayurer Jouban portrays the urge for freedom of the inhabitants of the region. Syed Dulal directs the play.



A scene from the play

Anti-drug cultural campaign in Rajshahi



Artistes campaign on an open truck on drug awareness

A three-day campaign began in Rajshahi recently. The campaign was held in observance of the International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. The function was organised by development organisation CCD Bangladesh, its affiliate Youth Voice and Bangladesh Advanced Students Alliance (BASA). The programme was also supported by the National AIDS/STD Programme and UNICEF to raise mass awareness on these social ills, says a press release.

Roaming cultural shows were held in crowded streets all over Rajshahi on the first day. Youth Voice members rendered Gombhira and Baul Asor with messages on anti-drugs.

Musical Soiree

Yet another venture by Srijon

ERSHAD KAMOL

In Srijon's earlier musical soirees titled Phela Asha Diner Gaan, the younger singers rendered mostly songs of yesteryears originally sung by the eminent singers of Kolkata. In contrast, the main attractions of Srijon's 48th such function were instrumental and vocal recitals by prominent local singers.

Since 2002 Srijon has been regularly arranging Phela Asha Diner Gaan on the last Saturdays at the Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum.

The musical soiree began with an instrumental. Shantanu Salahuddin was on the santour while Meher Hossain was on tabla. The duo presented a composition based on Kashmiri dhun. And the symphony of the string instrument with the rhythm of tabla was well appreciated.

Later, ATM Jahangir presented two Tagore songs Bahuyuger opar hote and Borshono mondirito andhokar.

Farhana Akhtar Shirley presented Ei meghla dine ekia and Asru diye lekha, which are popular songs of Hemanta Mukhopadhyay and Sabina Yasmin respectively. Young singer Suman Majumdar rendered Bara eka eka lage (originally sung by Mahmudunnabi) and Baje go bina (originally sung



An upcoming singer performs at the programme

by Manna De).

Another attraction of the musical soiree was the duet of Farhana Akhtar Shirley and Suman Majumdar. The duo presented two popular duets - Tumi shat sagorer opar theke and Amar Swapno tumi which were earlier rendered by Shahnaz Rahmatullah and Mohammad Ali Siddiqui and Asha Bhosle and Kishore Kumar duo.

Ahmed Newaz's presentation of Manna De's Rim jhim jhim brishti and Mahmudunnabi's Ke jano aaj amar chokhe were attractive. Farzana Mili rendered two songs by the two legends: Lata Mangeshkar of India and Ferdausi Rahman of Bangladesh. She presented Ashar sraon mane nato mon and Phuler mala respectively.

Upcoming singer Jharna Rahman sang Mahmudunnabi's popular song Ami shat sagar pari diye and Sandhya Mukhopadhyaya's Thoi thoi shawan elo.

Nazneen Mimi rendered two songs by Mitali Mukherjee and Asha Bhosle respectively. She presented Ami ki tomar moto and Ekhoni noy jabe jodi.

The final presentation of the soiree was two folk songs by Halima Parveen. She presented Ami bandhur prem agune pora and Tup tap brishti jhore.

The programme is an appreciable endeavour to promote the young artistes of the country.

Seventh Children's Theatre Festival

Kishore Khudiram wins applause

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

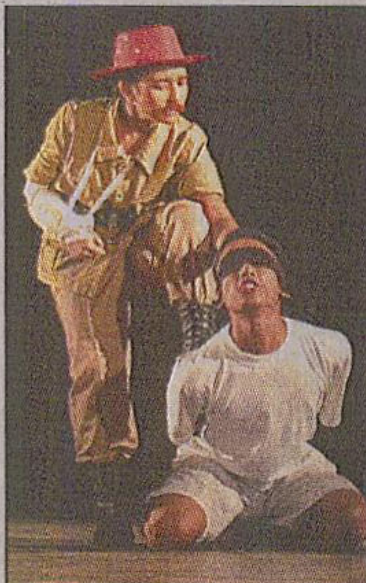
"Ek bar biday de ma ghurey ashi..." There is hardly any Bengali who is not familiar with the inspirational song written on martyr Khudiram who fearlessly stood up against the British raj.

The story of Khudiram unfolded at the Shishu Academy auditorium recently in the course of the ongoing Seventh Children's Theatre Festival. The group, Rangpur Shishu Natya Kendra staged Kishore Khudiram, a play that clearly moved the audience.

In a scene some young men were depicted undergoing training to carry out anti-British missions. Armed with only bamboo sticks, they sang "Jorse maaro dumdumar benider mathay maar." This vignette took the audience back in time, when numerous people gave up their lives for the motherland. Many were never to be found.

In the final scene, while carrying out a mission Khudiram was captured. He managed to survive but the British mercilessly tortured him in prison and finally executed him.

The sizeable audience greeted the actors with a hearty round of applause. The play was written by Abdul Hye Durbar and directed by Razzak Murad.



Young performers in the play

TV producer Aaron Spelling

dies at 83



AP, Los Angeles

Aaron Spelling entertained generations of television viewers with shows like Charlie's Angels and Beverly Hills 90210 and left an indelible stamp on pop culture.

One of the most prolific TV producers in history, Spelling chafed at the lowbrow label critics assigned his many hit series. He called his shows "mind candy" while critics referred to them as "mindless candy."

Spelling died Friday at his Los Angeles mansion after suffering a stroke on June 18, according to his publicist. He was 83.

Spelling's other hit series included Love Boat, Burke's Law, The Mod Squad, Starsky and Hutch, T.J. Hooker, Hart to Hart.

Among his prestige films for TV: Day One (1989), about the making of the atomic bomb; And the Band Played On (1992), based on Randy Shilts' book about the AIDS crisis.

Kidman walks the aisle, again

REUTERS, Sydney

Church bells rang to mark Oscar-winning actress Nicole Kidman's own special love story when she married country music singer Keith Urban in a traditional Catholic ceremony on a cliff-top chapel in Sydney on Sunday.

Kidman, 39, wore an elegant ivory-coloured dress, reportedly designed by French fashion house Balenciaga, and sheer veil and carried a simple posy of white roses.

Australian television reported that Kidman's friends, Oscar winner Russell Crowe and Broadway and film star Hugh Jackman, were among the guests.

Media have speculated that the groom, Grammy-winner Keith Urban, who arrived more inconspicuously in a blue four-wheel drive vehicle, would serenade Kidman with his hit I Want to Be Your Everything.

Kidman, who won an Academy Award for her role in the 2002 film The Hours, had a very public divorce from actor Tom Cruise in 2001, ending a 10-year marriage.

Kidman and Urban, both Australians but born overseas, met in January 2005 at an awards dinner held by the Australian government in Los Angeles honouring the two of them.



Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



FIFA World Cup 2006 On BTV at 08:50pm Italy Vs Australia Live from: Kaiserslautern



The Mask of Zorro On HBO at 09:30pm Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Banderas, Zeta-Jones

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTB News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm. News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm. Telecast of ATN News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30pm, 7:30pm. Tara News (Bangla) at 6:30 pm, 11:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC WORLD

Every hour on the hour

BTB 07:15 Shaswato Jibon 08:15 Mali O Manush 08:45 Bishwa Prodin 09:05 Open University 10:00 Satellite Programme 12:15 Sangbad Potrer Pata Thake 12:30 Shastho Tatthya 01:05 Laal Golap 02:15 Sisimpur 03:05 Alor Shoto Dall 03:30 Nritter Tale Tale 04:00 Dolon Chapa 04:30 Protashar Alo 05:05 World Cup 2006 highlight 07:00 Ei Desh Ei Shomoy 08:30 Teknar Theke Tetulia 08:50 FIFA World Cup 2006 (Italy Vs Australia) 09:30 Shangbad Potrer Bangladesh Public Reaction 09:50 Tricyonatra 11:05 Programme (Live) 12:30 Aaaj Dupurey 01:10 Ebang Cinemar Gaan 01:45 Public Reaction 02:40 Selected Drama 05:15 Jonoppor Khobar 05:30 Banijo O Orthoniti 06:00 Star Gals SG One 06:25 Business Show 06:40 Talk Show: Coppe Shoppe Bishwa Cup 07:50 Drama Serial: Nil Jyotsna 08:20 Drama Serial: Shimena 09:35 Drama Serial:

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08:40 ATN Taroka 10:35 Kothamala Rtv 08:40 Aj Potrekay 11:00 Biddhasram 12:05 Agantuk 01:00 Human Nature 02:00 Aj Potrekay 03:30 Islami Programme 04:00 Tagore Song 05:30 Football Carnival 06:00 Ajker Bangladesh 06:30 Rtv Exclusive 06:40 Band Show 08:00 Drama Serial: Agantuk 08:50 Drama Serial: Rater Galpo

10:45 Rtv Exclusive 10:50 Musical Programme CHANNEL 1 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh Cartoon 10:00 Bangla Film 10:30 Padma Raag 02:00 Bishwa Jurey 03:00 Goalmele Germany 03:30 Drama: Fapor 04:30 Expression 05:15 Small Ville 06:00 Saag Bela 06:30 Top News 06:45 Jonotar Ishthar 07:00 Shuk Tara 08:15 Drama Serial: Nokol Poshak

09:00 Baker Pathay 09:30 Bioscope 11:00 Goalmele Germany HBO 09:45 The Italian Job 12:15 GJA 02:00 The Birds II: Lands End 04:00 The Hitcher II: IV Been Waiting 06:00 Escape From Mars 07:45 The Last Ride 09:30 The Mask of Zorro 12:45 Van Helsing STAR MOVIES 08:55 Experience Hwood 09:25 Alexander 12:45 The Village 03:00 Experience Hwood

03:30 Daddy And Them 05:35 Wide Awake 07:30 Larva 09:30 Raging Sharks 11:30 Tomcats STAR WORLD 08:00 Hollywood Squares 10:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 09:00 The Drew Carey Show 09:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 10:30 The Apprentice 11:30 J.A.G. 12:30 Lost 01:30 Desperate Housewives 02:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 03:30 The Bold And The

04:30 Beautiful General Hospital 05:30 Ed 06:25 Sports Update 06:30 The Simpsons 07:00 King Of Queens 07:30 Friends 08:00 Seinfeld 08:30 My Wife And Kids 09:00 Still Standing 09:30 Yes Dear 10:00 Frasier 10:30 For Better Or Worse 11:25 Sports Update 11:30 Seinfeld NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 08:00 WWS 08:30 Nat Geo Junior 10:00 Croc Chronicles 10:30 Nat Geo Wild 11:30 Hayden Turner's Wildlife 12:00 Game For It 12:30 Secret China 01:30 No Borders 03:00 World Culture 03:30 The Living Edens 04:30 Nat Geo Junior 06:00 Croc Chronicles 06:30 Be The Creature 07:30 Storm Stories 08:30 People Out There 10:30 Air Crash Investigation 11:30 Creatures of The Night ESPN 08:30 FIFA World Cup Programming 2006 Fila World Cup Germany - Highlights(R) 07:20 News Special Sportscenter Update(T) 07:30 FIFA World Cup Germany (Pre Game)(L) 08:20 FIFA World Cup 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany Kaiserslautern; Germany Italy Vs Australia Round Of 16(L) 08:50 FIFA World Cup (Italy vs Australia) 10:30 Germany 2006 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany (Post Game)(L) 11:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter India(L) 11:30 Dunya Goal Hail(L) 12:50 FIFA World Cup(Switzerland vs Ukraine) STAR SPORTS 8:00 Bull Riding Pro Bull Riders Association Bull

11:00 Motorsport Asia(R) 11:30 FIFA World Cup 2006 Tahiti International(R) 9:00 Wimbledon Library Films Wimbledon Official Film 2005(R) 10:00 Team India Programming India Glorious - Headingly Special Yorkshire; England(R) 11:30 Race Day Quebec; Canada Canadian Grand Prix(R) 12:30 Formula One 2006 Formula One World Championship Quebec; Canada Canadian Grand Prix(R) 02:00 Chequered Flag - Chequered Flag; Formula One Quebec; Canada Canadian Grand Prix(R) 03:59 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk Preview(R) Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update(T) 04:00 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships London; Uk First Round(L) 03:59 Sportscenter India Sportscenter Update(T) 08:30 WWE Heat 10:30 West Indies v India: 3rd Test Day 4 Highlights 02:00 WWE Specials: ECW One Night Stand 04:00 West Indies v India: 3rd Test Day 4 Highlights 06:00 WWE Raw 07:30 West Indies v India: Straight Drive 10:10 West Indies v India: 3rd Test Day 5, Lunch