

'Come on Bangladesh, just do it!' staged in Denmark

Azad Abul Kalam on his latest play



Azad Abul Kalam (L) and co-actors in the play

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T ALENTED theatre actor-director Azad Abul Kalam along with four actors has performed in a play titled 'Come on Bangladesh, just do it!' in Denmark recently.

Shamina Shawkat, Shahnaz Zarin Sattar, Mohammad Abul Wadud, Azad and Mohammad Akbar Reza. Tracing the genesis of the play, Azad said, "The concept of 'Come on Bangladesh...' is innovative in the sense that it's a satire on 'cheap labour'.

performance titled 'Come on Bangladesh...' which is based on a Danish fable. Danish fable 'The Elf Hill' was written in 1828 for a festival performance at the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen.

On the selection process of the actors and directors for the play, Azad asserted, "Danish delegate Hanne Thornager took interviews for the selection. Later, they appointed a language expert to teach the Bangladeshi actors Danish language.

Using multimedia in the play 'Come on Bangladesh, just do it!', the whole process of 'cheap labour' business -- order, manufacturing and export-- has been portrayed on the stage. "A narrator unfolds the whole process on the stage. To portray 'the export process', a huge container was used on the stage in which the actors performed. This scene was displayed live through four cameras," said Azad.

Danish designer Nicolaj Spangaa made the huge and innovative set, using the whole auditorium. In addition, he was the light designer of the production.

The production had a far reaching impact on Azad and the other Bangladeshi actors. And returning to Bangladesh from Denmark, Azad is directing a new production for his troupe Prachyanat. Azad said "I'm directing Rabinranath Tagore's popular play 'Raja'."

Azad has his own interpretation of Tagore's play. Azad informed, "We see so much corruption around us. To make the play easily understandable to the present audience, I'm using contemporary replicas of leaders such as Bush and Blair."

Azad Abul Kalam further added that Prachyanat will stage 'Raja' on Christmas Day.

Celebrating Eid Stars and the festivity

MAHMUDA AFROZ

Eid is the time of the year to don one's best clothes, flash the new pair of earrings and for men to show off their expensive leather shoes. The Daily Star talked to some cultural personalities -- noted and young -- on how they celebrated Eid. Excerpts:

Afroza Banu:

I just got back to the country after spending one and a half months abroad with my son. So I couldn't go shopping. My sisters have taken care of that for me. But I did bring back gifts for my near and dear one's from Canada. I love cooking. I usually do all the

cooking on Eid.

Samina Choudhury:

I don't like expensive clothes. I did the rounds of the regular shops but I've done a lot of shopping from the Taantbostro Mela. I bought a few sarees and I really liked the indigenous clothing material as well. I design Punjabis and some of the Punjabis my friends and family received from me have been designed by me.

Jaya-Faisal:

"For us eid shopping means shopping on chaand raat. We have a gala of a time shopping on that night," says Faisal. "Faisal has bought me plenty of clothes. He loves shopping for me and I must admit he has great choice," adds Jaya. "On



Samina Choudhury

Eid we visit both our parents' houses and then go to our relatives."

Sanjida Preeti:

Though I'm a casual dresser usually, on Eid evening I like wearing a saree. When Sanjida spoke about her eid itinerary she had a big smile on her face and just blurted out "sleep". Apart from that hung out with her friends too.

Deeghi:

We went to Bashundhara City and my mother bought me some very pretty dresses. I am pretty busy throughout the year. On Eid I love going to my grandparent's house. I like going for long drives too.



Faisal and Jaya



Deeghi

Eid-special telefilms

'Shoyombora' on ntv



Apuke Karim and Tauqir Ahmed in Shoyombora

Based on a short story by Dilara Hashem, telefilm 'Shoyombora' is scripted and directed by Ejaz Munna.

A conservative patriarch exercises his authority in an imperious style over his two daughters. Though one of the daughters accepts the strict family norms, the other girl cannot come to terms with the rigid discipline. She is in love -- a daring feat for a girl under constant surveillance. She is punished for not toeing the line. Tortured mentally

and physically, she realises that the only way to freedom is to break out of the prison she is currently in. The telefilm examines whether a girl like her can exercise freedom of choice.

'Shoyombora' will be aired today at 2:30pm on ntv.

Apuke Karim, Tauqir Ahmed, Amirul Islam Chowdhury and Rowshan Ara Hossain play major roles in the film.

'Ekhono Kuasha' on Rtv

Telefilm 'Ekhono Kuasha' starring Tarana Halim, Mahfuz Ahmed, Shoeb, Mousumi Biswas and Zahid Hossain Shobhon will be aired today at 3:50pm on Rtv.

Anis and Naila, a newly married couple take a break from the hustle and bustle of city life for a few days in the hills of Chimbuk. There they befriend Neelkontho. The trio

spends some happy moments together. However, Anis and Naila discover that a mysterious woman visits Neelkontho every night and brings him food. Her story is unveiled in the telefilm.

'Ekhono Kuasha' is written by Mahbub Jamil and directed by Aruna Biswas.



Shoeb and Mousumi Biswas in the film

Movie Watch

'Babel': A troubling masterpiece

Babel, The latest multistory examination of the state of mankind directed by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and written by Guillermo Arriaga, may be a bit pretentious and facile in parts. But acknowledging that doesn't make it any less moving or profound. Even better than their managed to with Amores Perros and 21 Grams, the Mexican filmmakers come to grips with grief, intimate resentment and our universal failure to communicate. Yet also, amid loads of their trademark downbeat tragedy, Inarritu and Arriaga find more glimmers of hope than they previously have. Working on a worldwide scale, while concentrating on the cultural differences and political borders that separate people, they locate the things that unite us all as well.

The film shifts among four groups of people in Morocco, Japan and on both sides of the California-Mexico border. In the North African country, a devastated American couple, Richard (Brad Pitt) and Susan (Cate Blanchett), are trying to come to terms with the death of a child. The vacation isn't working. Then a shot rings out of nowhere, and the pair's priorities are swiftly reordered.

The bullet came from a hunting rifle newly acquired by a family of Berber herders. It was just the boys Yussef and Ahmed (Boubker Ait El Caid and Said Tarchani) fooling around. But Morocco being a Muslim country that depends on Western tourists, the authorities quite understandably go on terrorist alert.

Meanwhile, back in Southern California, the nanny of Richard and Susan's two surviving kids, Amelia (Adriana Barraza), can't wait to return to Mexico for her son's wedding. When her babysitting relief fails to show up, though, Amelia makes the unwise decision to take little Debbie (Elle Fanning) and Mike (Nathan Gamble) across the border with her. A great time is had by all at the wild, colorful country reception. But getting back



Cate Blanchett and Brad Pitt in Babel

home is not so easy.

How these stories relate to the carnal yearnings of a deaf teenager in Tokyo remains a mystery until late in the film. Rinko Kikuchi plays the character with a fierce intensity that may be the standout performance in a movie full of near-perfect ones. Not hearing-impaired herself, the actress learned Japanese sign language for the part. But it's her facial and body language that unforgettably express the confusion, anger and desire with exquisite specificity and heartbreaking awkwardness.

The sound and visual designs of the Tokyo sequences are Babel's most complex; a disco scene is the greatest Wong Kar-wai moment the Hong Kong master never shot. But Gonzalez Inarritu and his collaborators bring equality, if very differently, surreal touches to the Saharan and Sonoran deserts, while keeping everything grounded in the most basic human conflicts, needs and emotions.

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TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.
News Bulletin
BTV
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.
CHANNEL-i
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:30 pm.
Teletext of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:30 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Teletext of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
TARA BANGLA
News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.
Tara News (Bangladesh) (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.
BBC WORLD
Every hour on the hour

BTV
08:30 Bangla Feature Film
Eider Bishesh
Chhaya Chhondo
02:30 Tele Film: Odol Bodol
06:10 Magazine
Programme: Uchhash
06:45 Drama: Amar Istiri Gulbahar
08:30 Drama: Swapne Paoa Manush
10:25 Tele Film: Tekhnaf Theke Tetulia
CHANNEL-i
08:05 Amader Gaan
08:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
09:45 Gramephone
12:05 Tele Film: Rodela Megh
02:40 Tele Film: Batasher Khacha
06:00 Magazine
Programme: Eid Anando
07:50 Drama: Shongshar Shukher Hoy
09:35 Drama: Devdut
ATN BANGLA
09:20 Drama: Tara
Tin Jon
10:30 Bangla Feature Film: Matir Phool
Islamic Programme
01:30

03:15 Dance Programme: Anandolok
03:50 Tele Film: Ektai Bhul
06:20 Dating with Celebrity
07:45 Tele Film: Golap Sing
08:50 Comedy Drama: Grijamatagan
10:30 Drama: Urabo Bhalobasha
ntv
09:30 Mon Amar Shondhan Kori
10:05 Bangla Feature Film: Molla Barir Bou
02:30 Tele Film: Shoyombora
05:15 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
06:50 Unish Kurir Eid Anando
08:15 Drama: Jaal
09:50 Band Show: Birnuto
12:15 Drama: Atopor Tahara
Rtv
10:30 Puppet Show: Olosh Manush
11:30 Eid Anando Bromon
12:35 Film: Harry Potter 2
01:30 Drama: Kobir Manu
03:50 Tele Film: Ekhono Kuasa
06:00 Ajker Bangladesh
06:35 Eider Dhaka Ekal Shekal

PICK OF THE DAY
Jaal
Special play
On ntv at 8:15pm
Cast: Joya Ahsan, Mamunul Haq, Rifat Chowdhury
08:00 Tele Film: Rudro O Rodela Kabbo
10:50 Magazine
Programme: Eid Anando
CHANNEL 1
03:00 Telefilm: Khela Khela
05:15 Oder Niye Khusir Eid
06:00 Expressions
06:45 Romyo Bitorko
8:15 Drama: Ferao More
09:30 Fusion Bitz
10:50 Rupali Sonali
BANGLAVISIO
06:30 Diner Sheshey

08:00 Ichhey Puron Express
09:15 Drama: Cinderella
11:15 Dance Programme: Shombhason (Artists: Shibli & Nipa)
HBO
09:30 The Bone Collector
12:00 Mystery Men
02:30 Love Don't Cost a Thing
04:30 New on the Big Screen in October
05:00 The Rookie
07:30 Maximum Risk
09:30 Cellular
11:30 Hellboy
02:00 The River Wild
STAR MOVIES
09:00 Big
10:45 Little Secrets
12:30 Open Water
02:00 John Carpenter's Ghosts Of Mars
03:45 Species Ii
05:15 Avp: Alien Vs. Predator
07:00 Kingdom Of Heaven
STAR PLUS
08:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
09:00 V First Day First
Show-Starplu

09:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
09:30 Saans
10:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
10:30 Viraasat
12:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
12:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
12:55 V First Day First
Show-Starplu
01:00 Mirch Masala
01:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz
02:00 V First Day First
Show-Starplu
02:05 V Trailers - Star Plus
02:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
02:30 Kora Kagaz
03:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
05:00 V Trailers - Star Plus
05:25 V First Day First
Show-Starplu
05:30 Krishna Kathaiyen
06:30 Buzz On Maggie
07:00 Timon And Pumbaa
07:25 Bolly V - Star Plus
07:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz
08:00 Resham Darkh
08:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan
10:00 Baa Bahoo
Aur Baby
10:30 Nach Baliye 2
STAR WORLD
08:30 Shocking Behavior
Caught On Tape
09:30 Parkinson
10:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

12:30 Rendezvous
With Simi Garewal
01:00 Travel Asia
01:30 My Wife
And Kids
02:00 Yes Dear
02:30 Wild Card
03:30 The Simpsons
04:00 Growing Up Gotti
04:30 Shocking Behavior
Caught On Tape
05:30 Criminal Minds
06:30 Ghost Whisperer
07:30 The Simple Life
08:30 Tna Xplosion
09:30 World's Most Amazing Videos
10:30 Enterprise
11:30 Cops
SONY
09:30 Chart Busters Movie
Based
10:00 Music Mantra Music
10:30 Music Beats Music
11:00 Cadburys Bournvita Quiz Contest
11:30 Current Bollywood
Akela Thriller/ Horror
01:00 Cid Thriller
02:00 Boogie Woogie
06:30 Music Beats Music
07:00 Music Mantra Music
07:30 Chart Busters Others
08:00 Khushi Ki Duniya Drama
08:30 Boogie Woogie Dance
10:30 Akela
11:30 Khauffnaak

DISCOVERY
09:30 Discovery Spotlight
11:30 Honey We're Killing The Kids
12:30 StunDawgs
01:00 Discovery Week
01:30 Land Of The Tiger
02:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows
04:30 Wild Discovery
05:30 Discovery Marquee
07:30 Wild Discovery
08:30 Discover India
09:30 Destination India
10:30 Discovery Week
11:00 Finest Hotels In The World
11:30 Deadliest Catch
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
09:30 Untamed
10:30 Going To School In India
11:00 Dogs With Jobs
11:30 Nat Geo Junior
12:30 Seconds From Disaster
01:30 Air Crash Investigation
02:30 Naked Science
03:30 Nat Geo Encores
04:30 Megastructures
06:30 Monkey Business
07:00 Wild Safari
07:30 Born Wild
08:30 Melas
09:30 Nat Geo Utsav