

## Dhaka Day by Day

## Isha's Murder Left a Question to Ponder

By Nipu Tarik

The recent murder of a school-boy, Isha, is one of the most heinous crimes that has ever happened in this metropolitan society. And if we take a closer look into our societal ways and habits, we shall soon be able to realize the horror gripping our life and society. Isha was murdered by a group of boys whose ages range between 14 to 17. At no point can they be considered matured enough to carry out a well-orchestrated plan to perform dacoity and kill a boy of their own age. The episode borders on the absurdity, yet it is painfully true for us.

We have to agree that we live in such severe circumstances as portrayed in Golding's novel, "Lord of the Flies". The novel depicts how some lawless children turn primitive and sadistic enough to kill Simon, one of their mates whom they mark as their unknown enemy.

Unfortunately, Isha is the Simon of our society. His murder has an echo of the killing of Simon and who without having much understanding and knowledge about his friends, falls victim to the temptation baited to him.

Now, are we really entering into the world of "Lord of the Flies" — a world where there is no social authority, parental guidance and civic

standards? It may be true. The boys not only managed to commit a murder, they also succeeded in stealing some valuables and selling them out. Like other seasoned criminals they distributed the booties among themselves. Nothing came in their way and nobody prohibited them until the police took them into custody. It shows their disregard for and indifference to any punitive measures. Should we not deduce that they are devoid of any fellow feeling and moral teachings? We understand their parents have no control over their activities and options.

The guardians hardly ever take pains to know how their children are growing up and what type of company they keep. They are too busy to give time to their progeny and save them from degeneration.

Those children, reportedly, are the viewers of many films presenting titillation, obscenity and all kinds of sexual abuses. They are the listeners of the cheap, crude and suggestive songs. But often they do not know they are walking through toxic cultural garbage. The cultural rot leads to moral degradation and it becomes an ideal breeding ground of crimes. Now the question is how to save their souls.



## BCS (Agri) Assoc slates statement

By Staff Correspondent

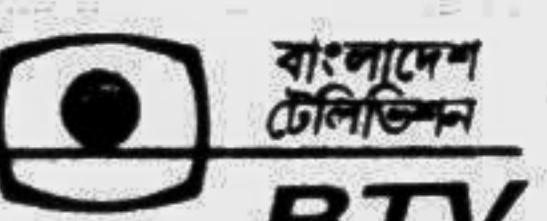
Leaders of the BCS (Agriculture) Association yesterday protested a recent statement by a number of association members terming it false, baseless and motivated.

In a rejoinder, they said a section of the association members issued the statement to serve their own purpose.

The leaders said that most of the executive committee members of the BCS (Agriculture) Association differed with the opinion, expressed by those who had demanded appointment of an agriculture cadre member to the post of the director general of the Agriculture Extension Department (AED).

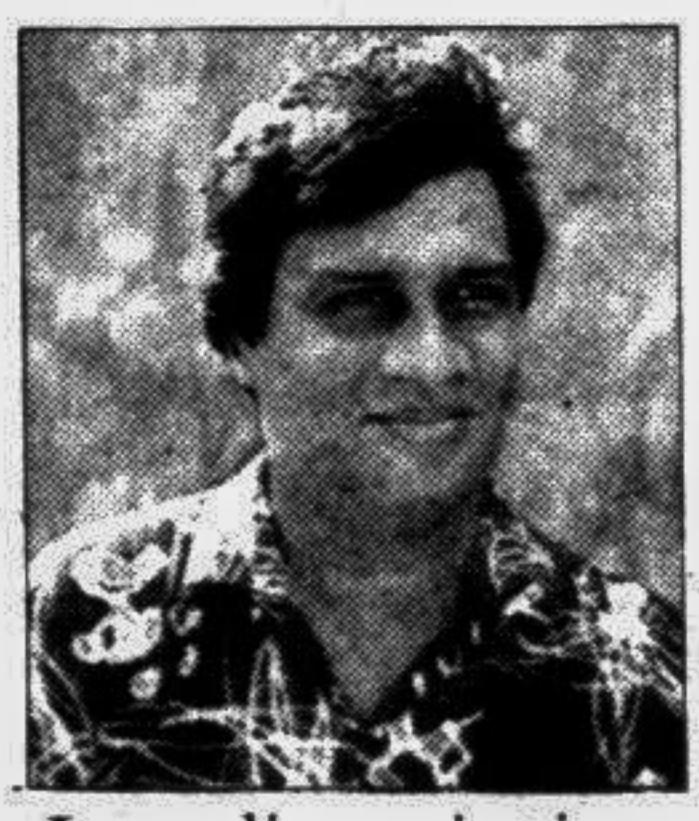
The rejoinder further said the incumbent DG is a highly qualified agriculturist and president of the Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh.

Under his leadership, the AED has made much progress over the past two and a half years, it said.



Tuesday

4:30 Opening announcement programme summary  
4:45 Programme on Mass Education: Esho Para Shikhi  
5:10 News in Bangla  
5:25 Drama serial: The Miraculous Melopes  
6:00 National Television Debate competition  
7:00 Open University  
7:25 Musical Programmes: Sangeeta  
8:00 New in Bangla  
8:30 Drama serial: Chhaya Shikari  
10:00 News in English  
10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure  
11:30 Khabar the News  
11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
11:45 Closing



## Jamal's painting show opens today

By Staff Correspondent

A week-long exhibition of paintings by Jamal Ahmed opens at the Divine Arts gallery, Sonargaon Hotel, at 3:00 pm today.

The 27th solo show by the artist will be inaugurated by Yofi Hamano, General Manager of the Sonargaon Hotel.

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