



Abul Hasan Chowdhury, MP, international affairs secretary of the Awami League (L) recently attended a conference on Building Global Human Security, organised by the Society for International Development in Kuala Lumpur. He is seen here responding to the key note address by the Deputy Speaker of Malaysia. Seated on his left the Chairperson, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia Dato Abdullah Fadzil Bin Che Wan.

## Improvement of BTV news, programmes stressed

Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam has stressed the need for improvement of news and programmes of Bangladesh Television (BTV) with a view to facing the challenges from other televisions, reports UNB.

The minister was addressing senior officials of the TBV at the auditorium of the Ministry of Information yesterday.

"It is a competitive market and failure to cope with the expectations of the viewers would minimise the importance of BTV," the minister said.

To bring a revolutionary change in the programmes was not possible overnight, he said adding that any change in the programmes should be made in conformity with our national and cultural heritage.

Terming TV as a powerful electronics media, he called upon the BTV officers and technicians to make all-out ef-

orts for making TV programmes more creative and attractive.

He further emphasised the need for exclusive coverage of financial news and strengthening of the news section.



### Wednesday

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| 4:30  | Opening announcement                      |
| 4:45  | Programme summary                         |
| 5:10  | Sports programme                          |
| 5:25  | News in Bangla                            |
| 6:00  | Agami                                     |
| 7:00  | Unmesh                                    |
| 7:25  | Open University                           |
| 8:00  | Tagore songs                              |
| 8:30  | News in Bangla                            |
| 9:00  | Nritter Taale Taale                       |
| 10:00 | Mini series: Mysteries of the Dark Jungle |
| 10:30 | News in English                           |
| 11:30 | Protishar Alo                             |
| 11:40 | Khabar/ The news                          |
| 11:45 | Tomorrow's programme summary              |
|       | Close down                                |



Gallery-goers looking at art works by artist Jamal Ahmed (in white shirt) at the Divine Arts gallery, Sonargaon Hotel. The 27th solo week-long exhibition of paintings and acrylics by the artist was inaugurated yesterday. The show will run from 9 am to 9 pm until November 21.

## Kumar Sanu to perform at Hotel Sonargaon

By Staff Correspondent



Kumar Sanu

In just six years, he has recorded over six thousand songs for over six hundred Indian films in 14 languages. He is equally popular in places from Dubai to Dhaka. He is going to present his bests tonight in Dhaka for the first time.

Kumar Sanu, the hit singer of the Bombay film industry, arrived in Dhaka yesterday afternoon with a pounding heart to see the city where his ancestors lived some 50 years ago.

"I am proud to be a Bengalee. My parents' home district was Bikrampur. So I am very thrilled to have the opportunity to come here," Sanu told the press in a conference in Hotel Sonargaon yesterday evening.

The Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel has organised the two-day commercial musical evening by Kumar Sanu at the hotel in observance of the tourism month '94. Sanu and 17 others including his band members and dancers will perform before an audience of 1000 every evening. "If you are ready to organise a charity show or something, I would

surely respond to your call. I am ready to sing for all," Sanu told the press.

Sanu's father Pashupati Bhattacharya was a singer of Dhaka radio some 45 years ago. His mother Usha Rani Bhattacharya was also involved with music. "I grew up in a musical atmosphere. Initially I was a table player. Until 1978, I never sang before the public," Sanu, who has recently trimmed his waistline and changed his appearance dramatically, said describing the development of his career.

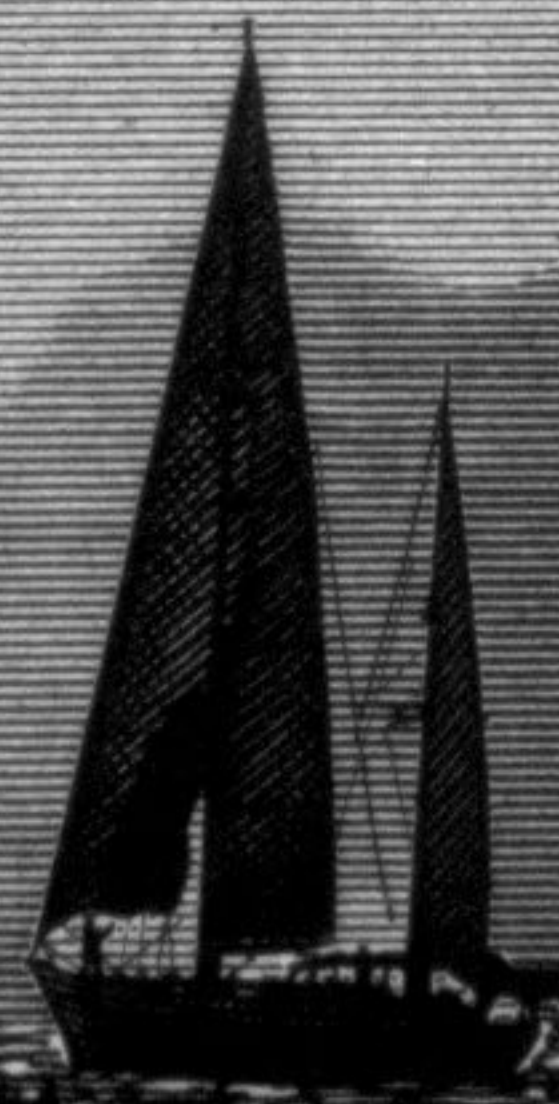
"In 1978, I was forced to sing two songs on the stage. Since then I used to sing on stage and develop my confidence as a singer. I used to copy the style of Kishore Kumar. My first hit songs were those I recorded for film 'Aashiqui' released in 1990."

He said adding that only after gaining popularity by "Aashiqui" songs he tried to uphold his individual style.

"Recently I have reduced my weight from 102 kgs down to 75 kgs," Sanu said replying to a question whether he would act as a hero in Bombay films in the future. "I have received a number of offers from the filmmakers. I intend to act in only one musical movie and never act again." Sanu's own favourites songs include, 'Jab Koi Baat (film-Jurm)', 'Mera Dil Kitna Pagal Hai' (Aashiqui) and 'Kuchh Na Kaho' of 1942: a love story.

Sanu was accompanied at the press conference by his promoter in Bangladesh Toshihar Ghosh, sales director of Hotel Sonargaon Tanvir Imam and one of the singer's cultural troupe members Kunika Sadani who has acted in over 38 films as vamp including hit films like 'Thanedar', 'Beta' and 'Andaaz'.

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## What's on today . . .

**Russian ballet:** The Zahir Raihan Film Society in cooperation with the Russian Cultural Centre will screen a film styled The Nutcracker. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. House No 23, Road No 2, Dhanmondi Residential Area. Time: 6:00 pm.

**Drama show:** Drama -- *Adim* (The Genesis) -- by Mamunur Rashid will be screened. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 7:00 pm.

**DU seminar:** On Parliamentary Democracy in Bangladesh: An Assessment. Venue: Lecture Theatre, DU. Time: 11 am. Key-note speaker: Prof Nazrul Islam, Department of Political Science, DU. Social Science Research Centre has arranged the seminar.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga:** The club will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka South:** The club's weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-Town:** The club's weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka North West:** The club will hold its weekly meeting. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Patiya Samity:** A general meeting will be held. Venue: 9, Purana Paltan. Time: 5:00 pm.

**Birth anniversary:** Friends and admirers of noted poet Mahadeb Shaha will hold a programme to mark the poet's 50th birth anniversary. Venue: Bakul Tala, Institute of Fine Arts. Time: 5:00 pm.

## Weather

### Dry weather likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail throughout the country with partly cloudy sky over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions during the next 2 hours till 6:00 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office forecasts night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions while nearly unchanged elsewhere across the country.

The maximum temperature in Dhaka was 30 degrees Celsius and the minimum was 16.8 degrees while the country's highest temperature was recorded 31.5 degrees Celsius in Teknaf and the lowest 14.7 degrees in Sri Mangal.

Percentage of humidity was 66 in the morning and 62 in the evening.

The sun sets today at 5:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:15 pm.