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The trial of the suspected killers of the SMR and his family is necessary. The killers must be held accountable for their actions. However, the mechanism must be fair and exemplary. This would be excellent opportunity to examine all wrongful deaths. Examples of countries that have begun to confront their past are South Africa, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Some have been more successful than others. Too many times in our past we have ramrodded one's viewpoint down other peoples' throat and only to see a new interpretation with a change in govt. We cannot afford to make that mistake again. This is our last chance. We have to mature as a nation.

Jamir Chowdhury
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I support the parliamentary action to repeal the indemnity bill which made by Mostaque and approved by Zia. The killers of Bangabandhu and his family, four leader, Sk. Moni and his family, Mr. Sanjib and his family should be tried and punished in court. If the killers get the message that no killing go unpunished, in future no one will dare to do the same. This should be done for our national political stability. It is unfortunate that BNP and JAMAT did not participate in repealing this bill. Though they did not like Bangabandhu's government, they should have supported AL's initiative to repeal this black law. I want to see a fair trial of Manzur, Zia and Taher Killing. I think it is possible if AL takes initiative to do that.

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It has been a long time since Sheikh Mujibur Rahman died but no one had even given a little thought that something should be done cause we are human beings and although we die we still have the right to fight for ourselves and that fight is fought by the people who are the closest to us, our relatives, and friends. As a result, I support this capture of the suspected murderers of the Father of the Nation hundred percent. He, along with his family was brutally murdered and the murderers knew that if one lives it will be trouble for them but they can never deny the power of Allah for He has given one the power of understanding what is good and bad, and whatever one chooses will be one's fate for the rest of one's life. I believe that the inter-pol, C.I.A. etc. should help the Bangladesh government to search for the murderers who are abroad for we respect their rules of justice and they should too. I believe that Awami league will bring a change in Bangladesh but they must be

careful that the change is slow and steady, for it always wins the race.

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Of course they should be punished who had a role with the killing of father of nation and jail killing. No excuse.

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The trial of the most gruesome murder cases from 1975 till 1979 in modern, civilized history should be held without question, so that such nefarious acts never again take place anywhere in the world as we step into the 21st century. The killers must be tried for not only overthrowing a democratically elected government but for also annihilating entire families under the pretext of a hoax revolution. A murderer is a murderer and attempts to rehabilitate killers by vested interest groups and rogue terrorist nations have earned Bangladesh a bad reputation worldwide.

I appreciate the bold move by the Awami League government, especially the hard-working officers and personnel, working day and night, of the NSI, the DFI, the Special Branch and the CID to crack open the crimes perpetrated against humanity 21 years ago. It is only a matter of time when the killers will be tried and prosecuted for their sins and thereby earn Bangladesh its lost reputation as a civilized, democratic country in the league of nations. All nations that respect the rule of law should hand over these blood thirsty assassins to the Bangladesh Home Office for a fair, and speedy trial to bring the apocalyptic episode in our treacherous history to a long-awaited end once and for all. We cannot afford to spend any extra time and efforts on these terminators in the Era of the Information Superhighway.

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I am very happy to pass the Indemnity Repeal Bill in JS. I think it is necessary to trail every killer in Bangladesh. But I am afraid that it is major problem for our Government. Because reference from our Newspaper Many of killer are surrounded with the Government Not Only Faruque Rashid gong. Every one who are related with this murder should be punished. What's going on I don't want to know. But I want to real judge for this murder.

Tapash Sengupta
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Though I am against promoting any kind of violence, but still I feel that killers of Mujib should not go unpunished. Govt. should hang them

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OPINIONS Indemnity (Repeal) Bill

openly in Suhrawardy Uddan in a sacred ceremony. This will and should be a warning against all the future conspirers of such incident.

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I shall say Indemnity Bill was a black spot of our nation. Any law protecting the murderers is a shame for the humanity for the sake of humanity any murderer must have to be prosecuted. Otherwise we shall be guilty in the eye of the future generation. Initiative to outlaw the Indemnity Bill is a positive approach from the new government which should be unanimously supported by the every corner of the society. I hope the government will also investigate all the past political killings irrespective of the political identity and that investigation should be carried out by the independent body headed by a respectable person.

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The repeal of the indemnity bill is in my belief a act of national treason on part of pm Hasina.

First of all, if things had properly been done, the indemnity bill protecting the killings made by Mujib's private army (Rukhi Bahini) should have been repealed also to make it fair for both sides.

Secondly, Mujib was a dictator who enriched himself by selling international aid into the Indian black market and who let his population starve in 1974. Secondly, many of his close comrades were killed or jailed whenever they disagreed. Let's not forget that Mujib made himself president for life in 1975, an example of despotism and tyranny.

This is why I think it is unfair to take to court the army officers who committed a heroic task by removing this terrible despot. It is however UNFORTUNATE that all of his family was killed. It was not Farook's nor Rashid's wish, but the sepoys encountered such a resistance that every one was killed. I deplore this act and believe that it is a shame on the honour of an officer to have innocent victims on one's conscience. But please let's not forget how many people would have died under a

longer Mujib reign.

What shocks me the most if the fact that Zobaida Rashid was jailed on fake charges and was later tortured by CID. This is unacceptable by any standards and BNP should attack the govt for violation of human rights.

At last, I believe that no fair trial can be given to Farook and his friends. If any trial has to take place, then it should take place in an international court. It is clear that no judge will rule against Hasina's wish.

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From the little news I get from Bangladesh, the value and sanctity of life has devalued consistently. Both major parties appear to be actively engaged in political killings and abnormalities, a mere reality in Bangladesh. On the other hand the ruling party is all out to try the 1975 coup members while totally disregarding the current chaos and political murder both in the public and academic sectors. To add to the so called fairness decree one sees HM Ershad 'bailing out' in case after case.

Should we try the SMR killers? By all means, provided we hold similar accountability for others involved in today's political murder. It is evident that the judiciary arm of the government is out to appease the ruling party. I wonder if a trial is necessary because we know the outcome of that trial already. This will be nothing more than a political lynching to satisfy the few in furthering their political ambitions.

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Till this government's take over, I had not been too concerned about politics in my homeland. But events make even the most nonchalant feel deeply. My countrymen just placed the same blood-thirsty cabal in office whose previous reign was a five year nightmare. Famine, Rakhibahini terror, murder, abduction, one party dictatorship and, above all the readiness to give it all to Mrs Gandhi. And PM Hasina Wazed is supposedly a democrat? Give me a break! I fear for my flag and my faith when I reflect that the Awami League is back in

charge. When I return, will the proud red and green still fly at Savar or will it be the Indian tricolor? Will our mosques and churches be safe or will they be under the tutelage of the defilers of Babri Masjid? For the love of freedom, don't let the League succeed in what it failed the last time: selling us into abject Indian slavery!

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I believe that mujib's killing is the demand of time and for the sake of saving the whole nation. Over the last 20 years many of my bangladeshi brothers might have been forgotten the actual situation in 1974 and 1975.

Many may have forgotten the famine in 1974 but I have not. I believe that the killers are the heroes of our liberation. They brought independence for us for the second time. I salute them.

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Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a great leader and had a great contribution to the independence movement of Bangladesh no doubt about it. People honoured him and should honour him what he did before liberation. But after liberation he was against himself the way he had been before liberation. So that, he went against the people. No murderer should bypass but on Aug. 15 1975 almost whole nation did welcome this change. So, why only several army officers including Faruque and Rashid are being faced to justice while the army chief of that time have been being free. Any way, this is not a proper step for the govt. and certainly not for the country and not for the nation who needs to go forward in every step.

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First of all I wonder how such a bill (indemnity) exist in a civilised society. No matter it is Sheikh Mujib or his family, for any killing occurrence the criminal must be punished. Some time I become ashamed by comments for others.

I must tell you one of the comments made by a south Sudanese dinka (dinka is one of

the nilotic group of african tribe) gardener in Khartoum. We were living in Khartoum for few years as part of my professional involvement. Moses Duku was a very old man and used to work as a parttime gardener in Muhammed Parvez (working with UNICEF in Khartoum) house. As my house was just next street we used to chat long time definitely talking about my country. One day while we (me, my wife

Shahna), Parvez & Zahida Bhabli) were chatting and Moses were working silently in the garden. He walked down towards us and told in perfect english "Hey Mr Morshed & Mr Parvez can you tell me - why did you kill Sheikh Mujib".

We were surprised to hear such a straight comments from a gardener. That was really a shame for us in Khartoum, we had no answer.

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The repeal of the Indemnity Act in absence of the Opposition in National Assembly falls short of a national endorsement. It keeps the propriety of the trial of those accused of killing Bangabandhu may be open to question. The media in Canada seems as yet unconvinced, if Bangladesh government cares about western media at all. One way to make the trials credible to the west would be to provide the accused with all their human rights including the right to be represented by international lawyers in a properly constituted court of law. The modus operandi of the sudden removal of Bangladesh Bank Governor Khorsheed Alam which caused him to be gheraoed in his chamber smacks of brigandish tactics. Bangladesh can ill afford to present to the world an example which may be termed as "brigandish justice".

Dr. Samir Sarkar
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The killers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Should have tried long back. This trial is a long overdue. If we believe in the existence and the independence of Bangladesh we must recognise the contribution of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and must demand the trial of his

killers. Without Sheikh Mujib we cannot think of the independence of Bangladesh. The killers of Sheikh Mujib are Pakistani agents and anti liberation force, and they wanted to create Bangladesh as a confederation of Pakistan. Still I have the scar of 1971 and therefore, I strongly demand that there must not be any compromise with the trial of the killers. All the governments between 16 Aug 1975 - May 1996 tried to protect the killers & distort the history of Bangladesh. This trial will earn respect of the nation for the law and the judiciary system of Bangladesh.

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First of all, as a human being, it is a very normal act on the part of Sheikh Hasina for trying to bring the 15th August killers in front of the judgement. In a democratic environment nobody has the right to destroy a whole family for the misjudgement (if it is!!) of one member. Specially, not the people with arms. It is true that Sheikh Mujib's decision in some cases was wrong during that time, but on the other side, he was the person who brought the country into sight. Therefore, his contribution was much more than his destruction.

By killing someone or the whole dynasty doesn't assure any cure to the problem, which we have seen in our country as well as some other countries in the world. If we looked at the rest of the presidents who came after Sheikh Mujib, we can see some people always didn't like them. As a result, by some how everybody had to go. Instead, by letting stupid people (with no brains!!) take the charge on their hand at the beginning have created a trend in our country.

Now, that Sheikh Hasina is in power, she should punish all the people related to the killing, related to the stupid and unjust indemnity bill. Because I think, it was a shame to our justice department not to let them to do the jobs by bringing such an indemnity bill. Also, let the criminals know that they can survive under the law after such an act.

Good thing is, Sheikh Hasina didn't (at least so far) order to kill the criminals quietly behind general public's eye. She could do that, I might have done that if I was in that position. The only thing I want to see is how she handle the people who

are very kin to her was also involved in that killing. I think that's why the preparation is taking time. I hope, she would do the same justice for all the criminals. Lastly, I am not a person who is related to any of the party's but I have the sense of how the politics moves. Aside of all those, just as a human beings point of view, I think, in the democratic rules, while Sheikh Hasina is trying to bring judge for every person in the country, first thing she would do to bring the judge for herself. And that is natural and normal. Anything else would be abnormal behavior.

Students Working Rule In US

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Few days back I read an article about new rules for F1 students about working in the US. Some of it needs to be corrected. It is true that the department of Secretariat State has changed the rules of issuing Social security Card for foreigners. It is applicable for tourists also. It is written "Not authorize for employment". But for students, they can work, but have to fill out the proper documents.

They need to have INS authorization for work. Normally in any big University, a foreign student can work even his first semester if work is available. If a company needs a student they can sponsor the student and the student can apply for H1 visa (Authorized to work in US.). After the approval of H1 the student may apply for Permanent residency (Green Card). If any company sponsor some one before he finishes his degree, the student can apply for H1 through department of Labour.

If a student finishes his degree in US, he can always apply for practical training (PT) within 3 months of completion of his study. The PT is for 1 year. During this time the student can work anywhere in the US legally, even in McDonalds. The rules changes everyday, but normally the rules and regulations for F1 became quite easier after congress passed different bills for F1 students.

I am studying at MI. If any student coming to MI or wants to study here, or needs any help, can contact me at mkhan@pass.wayne.edu.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 4th December
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement
4:00 Quran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15
Patriotic songs 3:20 Recitation
from the Gesta 3:25 Rerecast
of selected programme on
Freedom Fighting 4:15 Top Cat
4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in
Bangla 5:25 Maner Katha
6:00pm Lok-Lokaya 6:50 Open
University 7:00 The News 7:25
Documentary on Freedom
Fighting's Silver Jubilee 8:00
News in Bangla 8:25 Silver
Jubilee of Freedom Fighting —
Bangladesh in the eyes of
foreign journalists 9:00 Package
Drama 10:00 News in English
10:25 Those days of Freedom
Fighting 10:30 Ujjiban 11:30
News in Bangla 11:35
Thursday's programme 11:40
Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10
Newnight 10:00 BBC World
Headlines 10:05 World Focus:
Wheeler On America 11:00 BBC
Newsday 2:00 BBC World
Headlines 2:05 World Focus:
Horizon 3:00 BBC World News
3:30 Time Out: Film '96 4:00
BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC
World News 6:15 World Focus:
Panorama 7:00 BBC World
News 7:15 World Business
Report 7:30 BBC Newshour
Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out:
The Clothes Show 9:00 BBC
World Headlines 9:05 World
Focus: Wheeler on America
10:00 BBC World News 10:30
Time Out: Tomorrow's World
11:00 BBC World News 11:30
Time Out: The Travel Show
12:00 The World Today 2:00
BBC World Headlines 2:05 World
Focus: Pole to Pole 3:00 BBC
World News 3:30 Time Out: Top
Gear 4:00 BBC World Report
Inc. World Business Report/24
Hours

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00
Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame
by Frame 9:00 Jump Start VJ
Alessandra 10:30 Frame by
Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke
12:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00
By Demand VJ Trey 2:00
Frame by Frame 2:30 First Day
First Show 3:00 Fashion Police
3:30 Soul Curry 4:00 Planet
Rudy 4:30 Big Bang VJ
Alessandra 6:00 Rewind VJ
Sophia 7:00 By Demand VJ
Trey 8:00 Planet Rudy 9:00 The
Vibe 9:30 Videon Mangla Hai
10:00 First Day First Show
10:30 Soul Curry 11:00 House Of
Noise VJ Luke 12:00am Big Bang
VJ Alessandra 1:00 Haysah 2:00
By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big
Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 V
Spot 5:30 Speak Easy

STAR PLUS

6:00am Home and Away 6:30
The Sullivan 7:00 Aerobics Oz
Style 7:30 Star News 8:00 Sky
News 8:30 Star News 9:00 Sky
News 9:30 Aerobics Oz Style
10:00 Graham Kerr's Kitchen
10:30 El TV 11:00 Kate & Allie
11:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:30 Chicago Hope 1:30 Santa
Barbara 2:30 The Bold & the
Beautiful 3:00 Bunyard 3:30
Reporter 4:00 Home and Away
4:30 Lost in Space 5:30 The
Adventures of Black Stallion
6:00pm Kate & Allie 6:30
Graham Kerr's Kitchen 7:00 The
Road Show 7:30 Star News
8:00 Small Wonder 8:30 The Bold
& the Beautiful 9:00 Tehkikil
9:30 Star News 10:30
Baywatch 11:30 The Bold &
the Beautiful 12:00am Santa
Barbara 1:00 Beverly Hills
90210 2:00 Picket Fences 3:00
Quincy 4:00 The Oprah Winfrey
Show 5:00 Barnaby Jones

STAR SPORTS

7:30am World Cup Of Golf
Quarterfinal From Jamaica 8:30
Trans World Sport 9:30 Spark
10:30 Casio World Open
Highlights 12:00 International
Motorsports News 1:00 WTA



Tour Championships From New
York Final 3:00 Live Lipton
World Grand Prix Finals, 1996
Day 1 From Bali 6:00 Asia Sport
Show 6:30 Live 1996 Asian Cup
Championships A1 UAE vs A4
Korea Republic 7:30 Live 1996
Asian Cup Championships UAE
vs Korea Republic 10:15 Live
1996 Asian Cup Championships
Indonesia vs Kuwait 12:30
Lipton World Grand Prix Finals,
1996 Day 1 From Bali 3:00
Watersports World 4:00 Trans
World Sport 5:00 Gillette World
Sport Special 5:30 WTA Tour
Championships From New York
Final

STAR MOVIES

7:30am World Cinema: Yojimbo
15 (English Subtitles) 9:30 Film
Club: Green Ice 15 (Arabic
Subtitles) 11:30 Comedy
Father And Scout 12 (Hindi
Subtitles) 1:30 Family
The Return of Tommy Tricker PG

(Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Western:
Borderline 15 (Hindi Subtitles)
5:30 Adventure: Grand Theft
Auto 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30
Comedy: The Wild and the Free
15 9:00 The Movie Show 9:30
Double Bill: Christopher
Lambert Highlander II: The
Quickening (Director's Cut) 18
11:00 Indian Star Five 11:30
Double Bill: Christopher
Lambert Gumm 18 (Arabic
Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy: Wish
You Were Here 18 (Arabic
Subtitles) 3:30 Thriller: Docoy
18 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 World
Cinema: Casque Bleu? (English
Subtitles)

ZEE TV

6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:30
A to Z Computer 8:30 Through
the Gear 9:00 Helpline 9:30
Gaane Anjane 10:00 Lakme
Khursat 10:30 No Problem
11:00 Shayad 11:30 Hum

Panch 12:00 Sur Tati 12:30
Natra 1:00 A to Z of Computer
2:30 Rashad 3:00 Serial: TBA
3:30 Celeste 4:00 Suno Bhai
Sadho 4:30 Namaste India 5:00
A to Z Computer 5:30 Hum
Zameen 6:00 Cartoon 6:30 All
Out 7:00 Khana Khazana 7:30
The Hindi News at Seven 7:45
Raahat 8:15 Ek Nazar 8:30
Beji Ke PG 9:00 Aap Ki
Pasand 9:30 Banegi Apni Baat
10:00 Parampara 10:30 News
11:00 The Dream Merchant
11:30 Aap Ki Adalat 12:00
Sailab 12:30 Campus 1:00
Hasrateen 1:30 Tumhare Liye
2:00 Zee Arabia Pro 2:30 Zee
Arabia: Infotainment-TMM

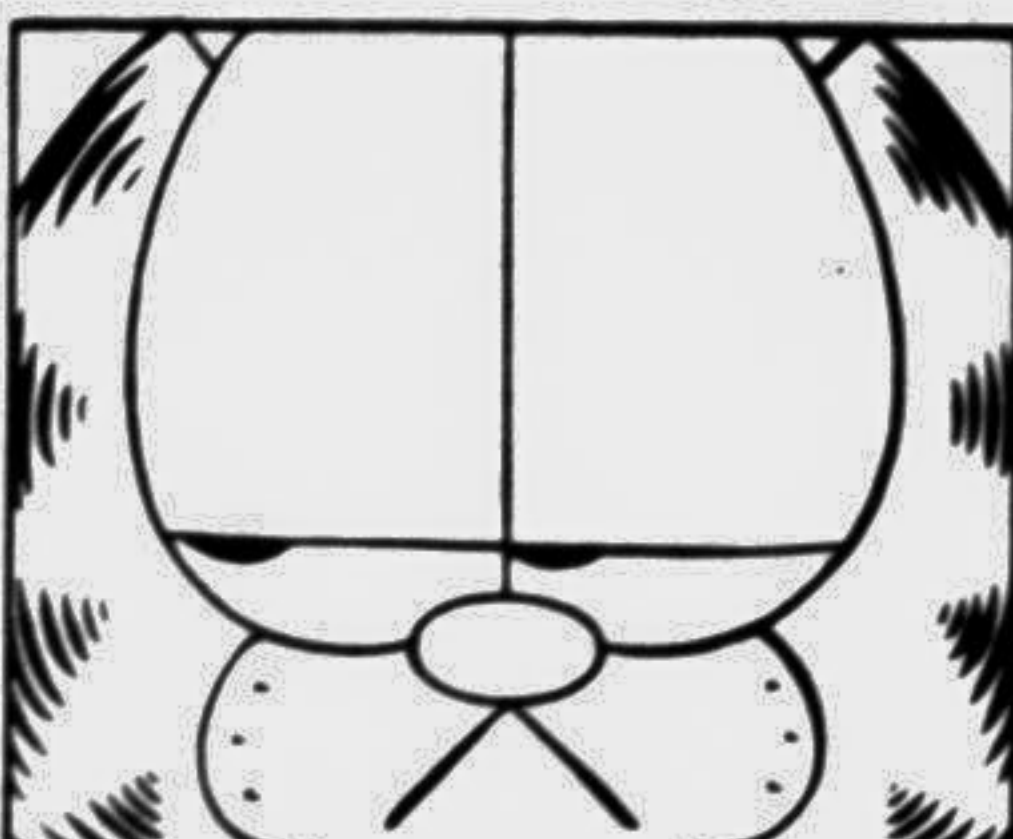
EL TV

6:30 Devotional 7:30 Tarane
8:30 Hariste Hariste 9:30 Ayeab
Dastan 10:30 Dance Mania
11:00 V3+ 11:30 Kam 12:00
People's Club 12:30 Upanyas
1:00 Chalo Cinema 1:30
Tanhayan 2:00 Special 3:00
Film Cha'at 3:30 Kal Bhi Aaj
Bhi 4:30 Liberty Public Demand
5:30 Special 6:30 Kal Bhi Aaj
Bhi 7:00 Hafta Hafta 7:30
Intezaar 8:00 Song Yatra 8:30
Ten Bhi Chup Men Bhi Chup
9:00 The Moor Usha Uthup
Show 9:30 Amar Prem 10:00
Top Of The Tops 10:30 Naam
Gum: Jeyaya 11:30 Casper
Gum: 1+ 11:30 Kamal
Combination 12:00 Subana
Safar 12:30 Di Dekho 1:30
Sur Sargam 2:30 Pyar Hi Pyar
3:30 Javan Ki Rang

PTV

8:00am Tilewat Aur Tarjuma/
Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30
Khabrain 8:45 Mansoobajast
Barai Khud Kafalat 9:00 Sur
Savaria & Sehra Ka Sefar &
Sade-E-Kasim 9:40 Shana Ba
Shana 9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab-Aik
Nazm 10:05 Boor Key Ladoo
10:30 English Film: Chop And
Dale 10:55 Mill Naghma 11:30
Khabrain 11:10 Ali Baba (Drama
Series) 11:35 Naghmazhar
(Drama Series) 12:00noon Urdu
Khai 12:55 Quraan-e-Hakeem 1:02
Bismillah 1:15 Ghikain (Drama

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