

Pick of the week



The Movie

Yojimbo
July 7 at 12:00 Noon on Star Movies
Many critics believe this film represents Kurosawa at his very best. The film is basically a Western in Samurai guise. Two gangs are fighting for control of a feudal-period town when a super-swordsman samurai arrives. He adds plenty of action to the fighting when he agrees to sell his services to both sides. The film's star Toshiro Mifune won the Best Actor Award at the Venice Film Festival.



The Musical

Speakeasy: U2
July 5 at 12:00 Noon on Channel V
This week CHANNEL [V] speaks exclusively with U2 from New York during their current tour of America. U2 discuss their latest release POP and its hit singles Discotheque and Staring At The Sun. Channel [V] also talk with the tour roadies and Edge's guitar technician, who share behind-the-scenes experiences.



The Serial

Chicago Hope
July 7 at 10:30 on Star Plus
In Right to Life, Hancock comes under fire after he performs an emergency abortion to save a woman's life. Hancock and Camille rush to a pregnant woman's aid when she collapses in the clinic. Using an antiquated ultrasound monitor, Hancock checks for signs of a heartbeat, but finds none. As the woman, Ellen Clark, continues to experience painful contractions, the ultrasound monitor displays images suggesting a massive rupture from the uterine wall.

Satellite TV MUST WATCH

BBC

Friday 4th July
7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:25 50 Years Of Independence 8:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 8:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Top Gear 11:00 The World Today 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News 2:25 50 Years Of Independence 2:30 Time Out: Film 97

Saturday 5th July
5:00 BBC World News 5:30 This Week 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 Weekend World: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Weekend World: Britannia 8:00 BBC World News 8:25 50 Years Of Independence 8:30 World Living: Film 97 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 Weekend World: BBC Global Report 9:55 50 Years Of Independence 10:30 World Living: Building Sights 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 This Week 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Weekend World: Horizon 2:00 BBC World News 2:25 50 Years Of Independence

Sunday 6th July
2:25 50 Years Of Independence 2:30 World Living: Film 97 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 Weekend World: Britannia 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Building Sights 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 Hard Talk 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 Weekend World: BBC Global Report 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Breakfast With Frost 8:00 BBC World News 8:25 50 Years Of Independence 8:30 India Business Report 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 World Focus: Horizon 9:55 50 Years Of Independence 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Top Gear 11:00 BBC World News 11:05 Weekend World: Britannia 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 Weekend World: BBC Global Report 2:00 BBC World News 2:25 50 Years Of Independence 2:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World

Star Movies

Friday 4th July
7:30am Classic: The Long Duel 12 9:30 Film Club: Thank You Jack 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Action: Best Seller 15 1:30 Adventure: A Cry In The Wild 12 3:30 Family: Josh And S A M 15 5:30 Family: Asterix The Gaul G (Arabic Subtitles) 7:30 Adventure: Avalanche 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 UK Top Ten 10:00 Gold: Bad Girls 15 12:00 Friday Fury: One Man Army 18 2:00 After Dark: Dangerous Desire 18 4:00 Western: Banditos 5:30 Thriller: Mr Wrong 15

Wednesday 9th July
7:30am Romance: That Night 15 9:30 Family: Josh And S A M 15 11:30 Film Club: Heart Of Dore 15 1:30 Classic: Sea Of Sand 3:30 Comedy: Fast Talking 15 5:30 Family: The Day The Earth Rung Away 7:00 Extreme Close-up 7:30 Double Bill: Brian Dennehy FX 15 9:30 The Movie Show 10:00 Double Bill: Brian Dennehy Blue Heat 12:00 Summer Samurai: Throne of Blood 15 (English Subtitles) 2:00 Action: Blackbelt 4:00 Horror: Countess Dracula 18 5:30 Comedy: News Front 15



BAD GIRLS
Four of Hollywood's hottest actresses star in this Western as a group of wronged women who become gunfighters to win back their money, their rights and their dignity. Starring Drew Barrymore, Madeleine Stowe, Andy McDowell and Mary Stuart Masterson. July 4 at 10:00 pm on Star Movies

Britannia
July 5 at 7:05 pm on BBC
The Royal Yacht Britannia is a palace at sea — a ship unlike any other in the British Royal Navy. In the week following its departure from Hong Kong harbour at the ceremonies marking the handover of the territory to China, BBC World presents portrait of the vessel filmed during its recent visit to South Africa. Britannia is unashamedly old-fashioned. Launched in 1953, she seems still to belong to that era. Shining with chrome and brass and varnished wood, her hull is dark blue and there is no name at her bow or stern, just a single gold line of 24-carat gold leaf. Britannia is driven by steam with a top speed of 22 knots. Her speed is regulated by hand by opening and shutting large valves. Britannia costs 10 million a year to run. In one half are the Royal Apartments and in the other half 229 ratings, called Royal Yachtsmen, where 21 officers live and work. Ceremony and pomp is what Britannia is all about: grand arrivals in foreign ports with the Band of the Royal Marines playing; splendid receptions on the Verandah Deck for foreign businessmen; and promoting Britain to the rest of the world. The set piece and grand climax of any Royal visit is the State Banquet when dinner for 58 is prepared in galleys not much larger than an average kitchen.

The Sci Files — Battle for the Planet
Mad cow disease, E Coli outbreaks and the battle for the oil platform Brent Spar are all huge recent stories, each with serious implications for society. They share one major similarity they all have science at their core, indicating just how important science has become for everyone. In the new, six-part series The Sci-Files, Vanessa Collingridge investigates science and technology issues. Global warming is a world problem, requiring an immediate solution. Yet international debate has been raging for about a decade over whether it exists and all and whether, crucially, man plays a part in it. This was confirmed just a year ago and only now is the task of forcing the world's nations to act being addressed. Collingridge exposes the big business vested interests who have supported a handful of sceptic scientists whose arguments have helped delay consensus in favour of sustaining the status quo. July 10 at 6:30 pm on BBC

Global Report: Hong Kong
On the weekend following the handover, BBC Global Report will look back at events through the eyes of the BBC's correspondents in the region. July 5 at 9:05 pm on BBC



Star Plus



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In Finish Line, McKenzie announces to his staff that he is retiring. McKenzie announces to his staff that he is retiring, vaguely attributing his decision to medical reasons. The others believe that McKenzie suffers from prostate cancer, leaving the chances of survival open to speculation. McKenzie later admits to Brackman that he is dying. McKenzie's illness causes Becker to consider his own mortality. He makes a date to attend church with Jane. But Becker leaves the church during the middle of the ceremony. He confesses that he is a fraud, and was more concerned with the notion of bedding Jane than confronting his spirituality. July 5 at 11:30 on Star Plus



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With special apparatus supplied by the Resistance and a diversion by Edith, Rene sets about photographing the invasion plans. July 9 at 10:00 on Star Plus



Rising Sun
Sean Connery teams up with Wesley Snipes in this compelling mystery thriller based on the novel by best-selling author Michael Crichton. July 6 at 10:00 pm on Star Movies

Star Sports



MOTOR SPORTS
STAR Sports continues coverage of the FIM World Motorcycle Championship from San Marino and Germany this month. The year long season of 125cc, 250cc and 500cc racing roars around 15 circuits and got under orders in Malaysia in April. Motor sports fans can look forward to head-spinning, heart pumping, high-speed racing as top riders power their way to the checkered flag. July 4 9:30 pm-1:30 pm Men's Singles Semi-Finals July 5 11:00-5:00 pm Ladies Singles Final Men's Doubles Final Mixed Doubles Final July 6 10:00-3:00 pm Men's Singles Final Ladies Doubles Final

Australia's Mick Doohan has made the world of 500cc motorcycling virtually his own in past years, and this cool rider has given no indication relinquishing his grasp on the world championship. The three-time champ raced away with five of the first six races this season — including his 38th Grand Prix victory with a start-to-finish win in Austria. He passed British motorcycling great Mike Hailwood into second on the list of all-time winners. Hailwood took home four World Championships and 37 Grand Prix from 1962 to 1965. Doohan still has a long way to go before he catches the legendary Giacomo Agostini, whose dazzling career included 68 Grand Prix victories and eight world titles from 1966 to 1975. San Marino Grand Prix — July 6 — LIVE: STAR Sport's LIVE motorcycling action for the month begins on July 6 at the classic Imola track in beautiful San Marino. It's no surprise to hear that Doohan was the man who captured the Imola title in last year's rain-shortened race. Doohan was speeding away with the Grand Prix when the heavens began to open, he signaled to arch-rival, Alex Criville of Spain, who agreed that it was too dangerous to continue. July 6 4:30 San Marino (Imola) Grand Prix

GOLF
At the peugeot Open de France, Australian Robert Allenby will again try to win on the National Golf Club layout in Paris despite breaking his sternum in a traffic accident in Spain last October. Colin Montgomerie will be the man to beat at the Irish Open as the Scotsman received 127,000 pounds sterling for his two-stroke victory at last year's event. The golfing month closes with Loch Lomond World Invitational from Scotland. Dane Thomas Bjorn defends. July 10 11:30 Murphy's Irish Open

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY
If this year's British Lions are to emulate the all-conquering 1974 tour party some major hurdles will have to be negotiated. A congested European season has left an injured list as long as manager Frank Cotton's arm and while Neil Jenkins is recovering well from his broken arm and Tony Underwood's jaw is healing nicely, a provisional squad of 62 was named to fill any breaches. The three-test tour is also the most arduous ever undertaken by a Lions squad — the three matches fall just a week apart on June 21, 28 and July 5. One of the most talked-about selections has been that of Leicester centre will Greenwood who is yet to play for England, but is now challenging the likes of Jeremy Goscutt, Allan Bateman, Scott Gibbs and Alan Tait for a permanent spot in the backline. In many ways the open style of Lions rugby is the perfect introduction to international competition and if Greenwood can repay the faith placed in him we may be seeing the genesis of a new star of the English game. July 5 9:00pm/Third Test from Johannesburg — LIVE

DYNASTY
In Colorado Roulette, discovering Sean has taken the baby, Adam and Steven go after him. Adam is absolved of suspicion in the kidnapping of his son when Leslie is able to call Adam and let him know Sean has taken the baby and is holding her captive. Finding the location of the call through a wire tap, Adam and Steven hurry to the desolate mountain cabin. There, they find Leslie badly beaten, but Sean has already taken the baby and escaped... July 6th at 11:30 on Star Plus

New Books

What Needs To Change Visions for Britain
Edited by Giles Radice

Written before the recent election in Britain, this book forms part of the labour party's propaganda scheme, including an introduction by the newly elected PM Tony Blair. As it comes as a prelude to the party's takeover all the views incorporated into this book might yet promise a glimpse of Britain's future at the hands of the current administration.



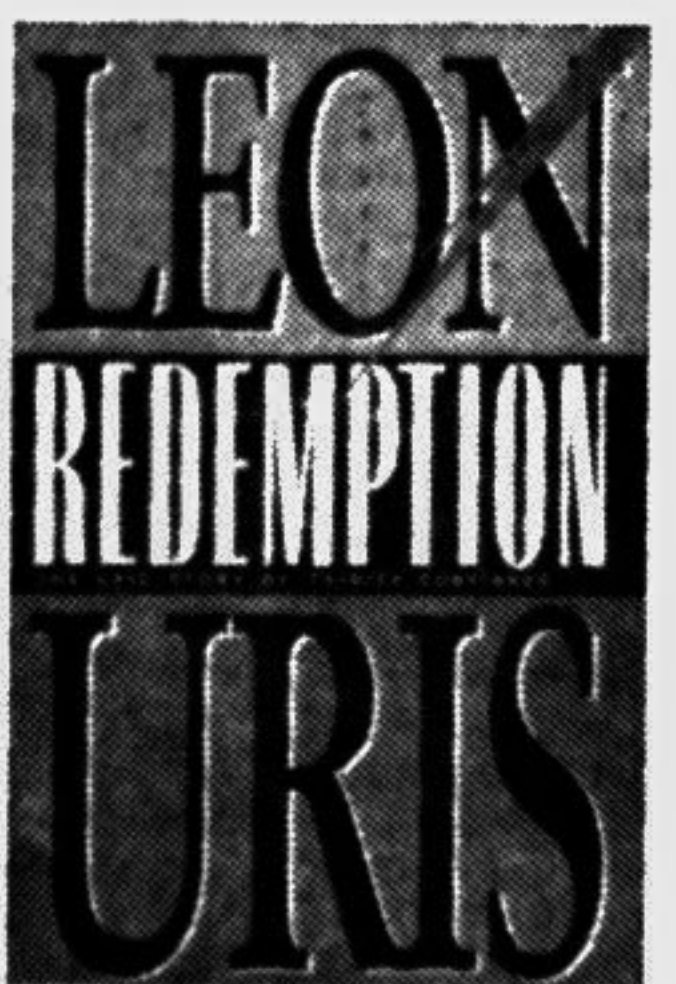
Understanding American Politics
Author: P.V. Deneberg
Price: Tk 585

This detailed study of American political history scrutinizes each successive administration (including the Clinton presidency) to provide us a clear understanding of the policies and decisions that lend the superpower a lead over the rest of the world.



The Ideas That Shaped Post-war Britain
Author: David Marquand and Anthony Seldon
Price: Tk 520

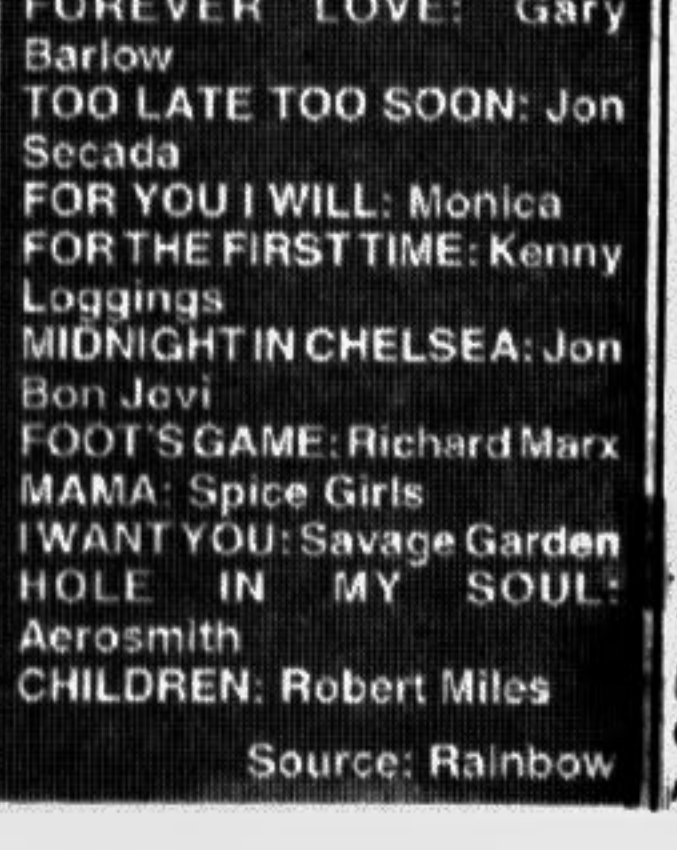
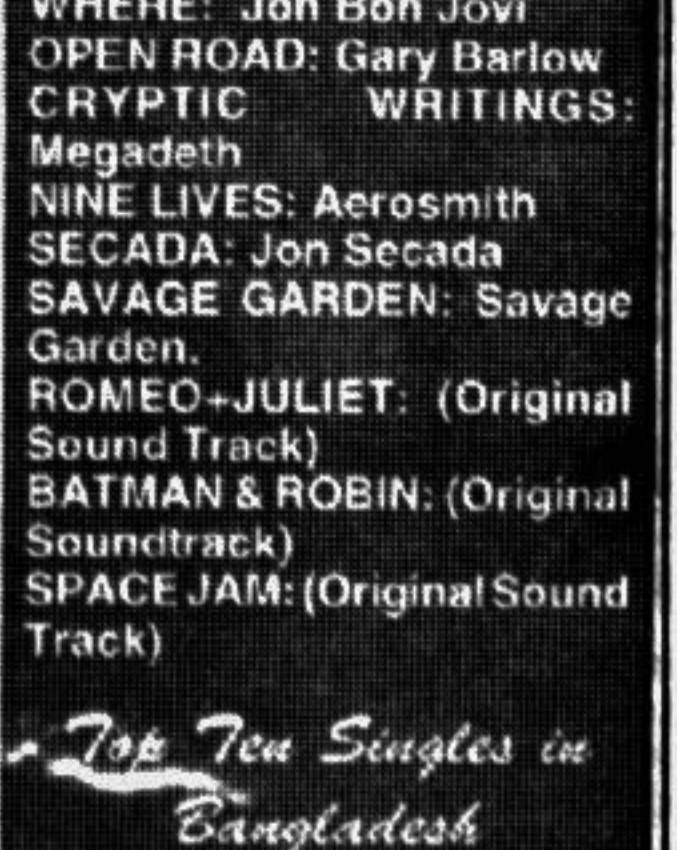
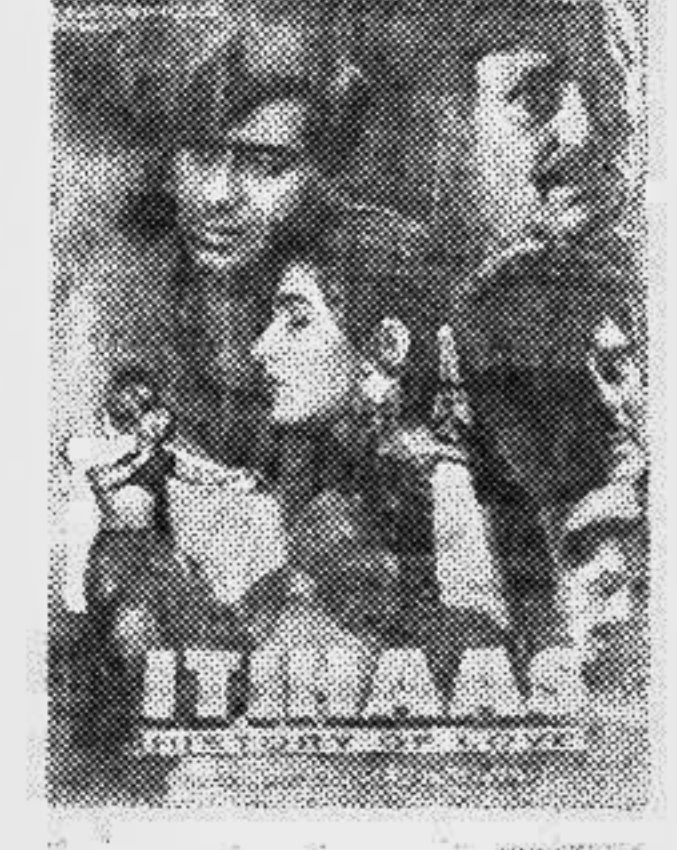
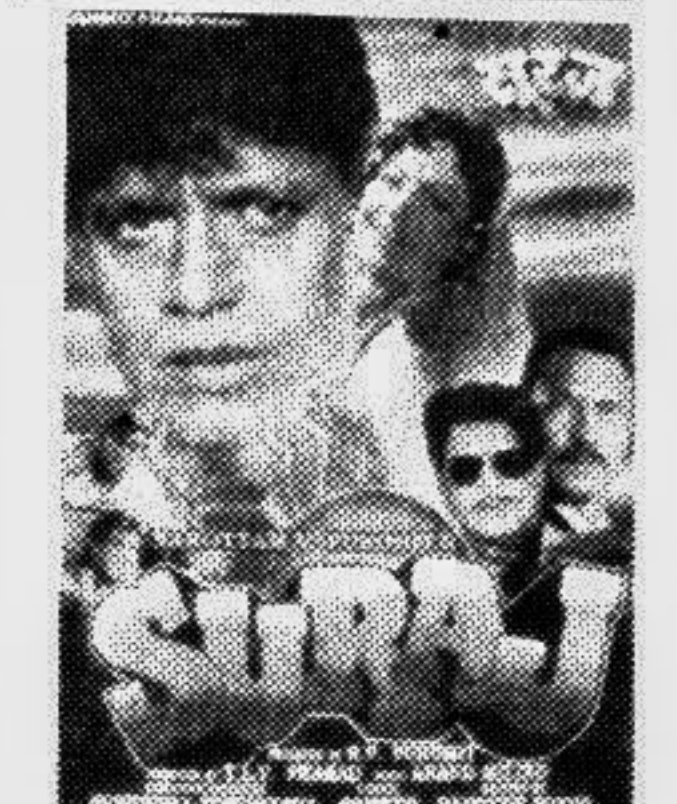
Just as the title suggest this book looks back on the war devastated British scenario to undertake an in-depth analysis of the gradually emerging social, political and economical phenomena in the post-war Britain.



Redemption
Author: Leon Urts
Price: Tk 975

A sequel to the blockbuster Trinity, Redemption is yet another vivid and empathetic portrayal of the Irish independence movement. Against the backdrop of the political uprising Urts' characters loom larger-than-life with their single minded devotion to attaining a national identity. A captivating novel with flashes of Urts' literary genius — a must read for everyone.

Video



Spotlight

Samurai Summer

SANJURO Our hero in this film becomes mentor to a group of young, idealistic samurai trying to root out corruption in their clan administration. He opens their eyes to the fact that they are supporting the wrong man and are about to be betrayed and goes on to expose the real evil elements at large. Starring Toshiro Mifune and Yuzo Kayama. July 8 at 12:00 noon on Star Movies

THRON OF BLOOD Japanese version of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' starring Toshiro Mifune and Yuzo Kayama. July 8 at 12:00 noon on Star Movies

SUGATA SANSHIRO (Thur July 10) Martial arts film set in Meiji times in which the hero learns that judo is not just fighting, but spiritual discipline. Exciting combat scenes feature in this superbly made film which marked Kurosawa's feature film debut. Starring Susumu Fujita, Denjiro Okochi and Takashi Shimura. July 10 at 12:00 noon on Star Movies

HIDDEN FORTRESS Pure entertainment period film set during the sixteenth century civil wars. A young princess is trying to travel across a war-torn area with her clan treasure and her loyal retainer, who tricks two peasants into helping them. There's plenty of humour in the antics of the two low-life peasants while Kurosawa's overtures usual period drama clichés by having the princess dress and talk like a man. The film won the International Critics Award Director's Prize at the 1959 Berlin Film Festival. Stars include Toshiro Mifune, Kamatari Fujiwara and Minoru Chiaki. July 11 at 12:00 noon on Star Movies

Top Ten Albums in Bangladesh
RESTLESS HEART: White Snake
DESTINATION AND ANYWHERE: Jon Bon Jovi
OPEN ROAD: Gary Barlow
CRYPTIC WRITINGS: Megadeth
NINE LIVES: Aerosmith
SECADA: Jon Secada
SAVAGE GARDEN: Savage Garden
ROMEO-JULIET: (Original Sound Track)
BATMAN & ROBIN: (Original Soundtrack)
SPACE JAM: (Original Sound Track)

Top Ten Singles in Bangladesh
FOREVER LOVE: Gary Barlow
TOO LATE TOO SOON: Jon Secada
FOR YOU I WILL: Monica
FOR THE FIRST TIME: Kenny Loggins
MIDNIGHT IN CHELSEA: Jon Bon Jovi
FOOT'S GAME: Richard Marx
MAMA: Spice Girls
I WANT YOU: Savage Garden
HOLE IN MY SOUL: Aerosmith
CHILDREN: Robert Miles
Source: Rainbow

Courtesy: The Book worm