

## exhibition

## Portraying Life of Polish Muslims

A Week-long photo exhibition on Polish Muslims opens at Shilpakala Academy gallery on July 12

By Fayza Haq

A photo exhibition of the life of the Polish Muslims will open at the Shilpakala Academy on the 12th of July and this will continue till the 18th of July.

The Polish Muslims are the Polish Tartars. These Tartars live in Poland today as descendants of settlers of the second half of the 17th century. The Moslems have enjoyed religious freedom and the settlers are either handicraftsmen or tanners or tradesmen. When Poland had been divided between its neighbours between Prussia, Russia and Austria, the Tartars did not create their own troops or cultural or social organisations. However, they took part in the struggles for Poland and a Tartan cavalry was formed. During the second World War the Tartan Muslims, like all other Polish people took part in the fight against Germany and the Soviet Union. After the war, a lot of Tartars from the districts of Wilno and Nowogrodek, which was captured by the Soviet Union, moved to Poland as repatriates.

The Tartars celebrate the birth of a boy or girl child with the 'azan'. The child is placed next to the Koran along with



bread, salt, water and burning candles. The imam recites prayers and the child's name is kept. After sometime the circumcision of the boy takes place.

During a Tartar marriage there is more burning of candles, and placing of bread and salt. The imam writes into the contract the sum which the husband will pay in case of divorce. The girl's face is covered

with a veil and wedding rings are exchanged.

For the Tartar funeral the imam is there too with the nose and ears of the corpse filled with cotton wool, and the body covered with a woolen grave-cloth. Candles are burnt and prayers are read. When the mourners return home they share a sweet dish.

The Polish Muslims are

Sunnis. The Tartars are not hindered from free practicing and teaching of their religion. They offer "zakat" and observe Ramzan, "Kurbani" is also observed keeping Abraham's offering of his son to God. The death of the martyr Hussein or Ashura is also kept in mind when a compote is drunk after a ceremonial dinner. Similarly, the Prophet Muhammad's birth is also observed among the Polish Muslims.

## event

## Natya Nandan Starts Its Journey

Publication ceremony of first ever theatre tabloid held

By Cultural Correspondent

JULY 7, 1999. Very few newspapers cover the events and articles on theater and drama. Four or five daily newspapers cover these events in their culture page. The real Drama Newspapers, that cover's the cultural events, are rare to find, especially in our country. The few remaining theater newspapers are filled with intellectual discussions that the readers find hard to digest.

*Natya Nandan* is one of the pioneering newspapers to start writing on the plays staged in our country. Their main objective is to bring under focus the theater events from all over the country and to serve the drama lover and critics with some easy reading articles on different aspects of our drama world.

The first publication ceremony of the *Natya Nandan* was held today at the Mahila Samiti Auditorium. Due to some unknown reasons the function was shifted from the Guide House Auditorium, where it was scheduled. The ceremony started half an hour late. Among the invited guests, renowned dramatist and playwright Ramendra Majumder and Sarah Zaker was present. Prominent cultural activist Sayeed Ahmed was also present

papers in our country", he commented. He ended his speech by congratulating and thanking the effort and the editorial team of *Natya Nandan*. Among the guests drama columnist Kamal Uddin Kabir and a member from the Munsighanj Theater also spoke on the occasion.

In her speech the editor Rokeya Pracchi said that she was very pleased to see the dream to bring out a tabloid on theatre come true. She started all alone and now she could not count the exact number of people working with her for the publication. She asked all the drama activists and performers to help her and to guide her on her ambitious mission. Being inexperienced, she requested comments from them that would help the paper mature.

*Natya Nandan* a colorful twelve page paper contains articles and events related to drama performance of home and abroad. The first publication of *Natya Nandan* holds not only articles on drama performance but also many writings involving the peoples behind the scene whose contribution in a drama performance are no less than that of a performer. Reaching out to the drama lovers and critics all over the country and provide them with different topics on drama is their main goal.



as chief guest. Editor of "Theater", Ramendra Majumder congratulated the whole team of the *Natya Nandan* for bringing out their first publication and asked them to maintain the standards they have set with their inaugural issue. Sayeed Ahmed was honored with the first copy of the publication.

## TV Guide

Thursday 8th July  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

## BTW

3:00pm Opening announcement, Al Quran, programme summary  
3:10 Recitation from the Geeta 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Ujjal-Uchchhal 4:30 Cartoon: Burney and Friends 5:00 TV School Debate 6:00 Religion and Life 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme from Chittagong Centre 7:10 Life and Livelihood 7:30 Sandha Malatee 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Special Discussion 9:00 Geeti Bichitra 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Drama Series: The Sensitive Samurai 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Close down

## BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Living: Travel Show-Holiday Guide 7:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today 24 Hours 9:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/Asia Today 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 USA Direct 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Film India (Anchore- Victor Benarjee) 1:00 World News 1:30 Talking Movies 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: The Money Program 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 Wild World-Wild Life 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living: Top Gear - The Air Show 9:00 World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Money Wise Presented By Sucharita Ghose 11:00 The World Today 12:00 World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:30 World Focus: Panorama 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: The Big Trip #4/16- Caribbean 3:15 Europe Direct 4:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today 24 Hours

## CHANNEL [V]

7:00 Turn On [V] (Back to Back vids) 8:00 Turn on T [V] (Back to Back vids)  
8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Zabardast Hits 12:00 House Arrest 12:30 Indian Top 10 1:00 Zabardast Hits 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Turn On T [V] 4:30 [V] BackBench 5:30 Turn On T [V] Teen Strip 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 House Arrest 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 Turn on TV 10:30 Sophiya's Choice 11:00 Turn On T [V] 11:30 Band at Bedtime 12:00 Over the Edge VJ Sophiya 12:30 Turn On T [V] 3:30 Turn On T [V] 6:00 Turn On T [V]

## STAR PLUS

6:30 Nisha 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 The Trial Show 9:30 Tele Shopping 10:00 Good Morning India-Rpt 12:00 Picture This 12:30 Tele Shopping 1:00 Film



Thieves on Star World at 8:00 pm

## STAR MOVIES

7:30 Thriller: Griefers (15) 9:30 Comedy: Collision Course (15) 11:30 Drama: A Son's Promise 1:30 Comedy: Money for Nothing (15) 3:30 Drama: The Boston Strangler (15) 5:30 Comedy: Greetings (15) 7:30 Horror: House IV 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Film Fever: Innocent Lies 12:00 Comedy: Sister Act 2:00 Drama: The Long Walk Home (15) 4:00 Comedy: Collision Course (15) 5:45 Drama: Song's Promise

## PTV-2

7:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Hamed/Naat 8:20 Cartoon: 8:30 Kabhrain 8:45 Cut Piece 9:20 Aahang & Roshni 9:45 Phool Chandi 10:00 Serial 10:30 Buttons and Raas 10:55 Mill Nagma 11:00 Kabreen 11:10 Absar 11:55 Tele Play 12:45 Kawai 12:55 Koran-E-Hakim & Bismillah 1:15 Serial 2:00 Serial 2:45 Perspective & Health Forum 3:40 Talimi Malumat 4:35 Aurat Aur Kanoon 5:25 Serial 5:55 Serial: Chayaa 6:25 IOU Course 7:05 Mukabill Hai Aalma 7:20 Analka Wala Zir 7:45 English News 8:05 Jawaan Sangeet 8:45 Serial 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:35 Mast Mast Sanyo (Musical Show) 11:15 Sunhere Yadan 12:15 Serial: Khas Khas Khabrain- Close Down

## ZEE INDIA TV

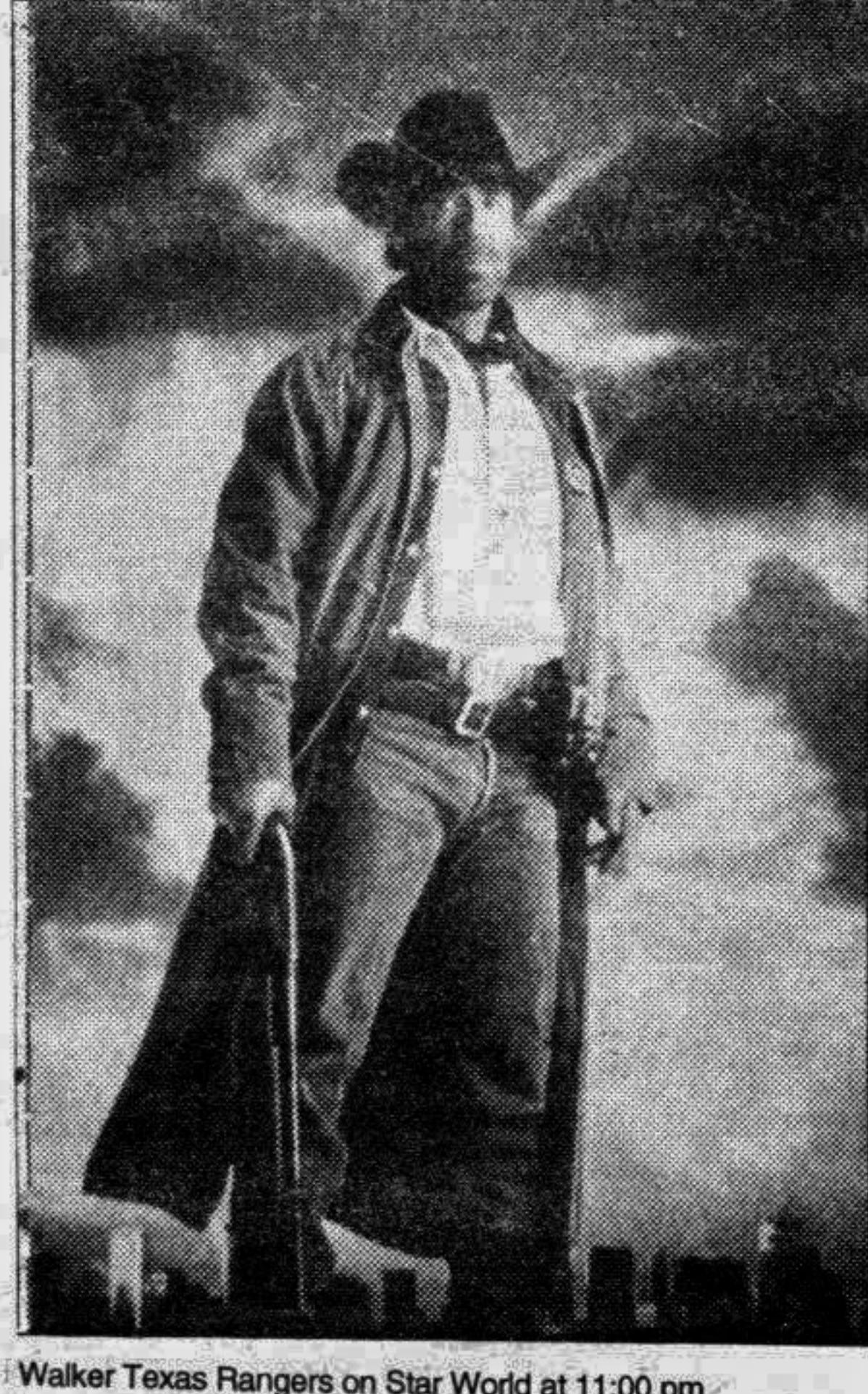
7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 12:30 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 App Ki Adalat 1:30 India Debates 2:00 Namaste India 2:30 Zee Sports Show 3:00 Session with Seshaan 3:30 Centre Stage 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 Agenda 2000

## MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul 10:00 Non-Stop Hits 10:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya 11:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amritra/ Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV House Full V Nafisa 1:30 MTV Ek Do Teen VJ Rageshwan 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malika 4:00 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 Pops Dance Connection Special- TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VK Nadya/ Rahul 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amritra/ Nikhil 7:30 Made In India VJ Cyrus 8:00 MTV Hipshakers 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 House Full VJ Nafisa 10:30 Destination Dance 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue

## MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B & Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30



Walker Texas Rangers on Star World at 11:00 pm

## World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fall 10:30 Hit Mix

11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 12:45 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Pop Busters 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Music Mag 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Medimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 Double Mint Double Mazaa 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 12:30 House IV 9:30 The Ticket 10:00 Film Fever: Innocent Lies 12:00 Comedy: Sister Act 2:00 Drama: The Long Walk Home (15) 4:00 Comedy: Collision Course (15) 5:45 Drama: Song's Promise

## Khas Khabar 10:10 Bengali Movie

## DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of the Day 6:00 Aradhana 6:30 UGC Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Suba Sabera 8:45 The News 9:00 Current Affairs-Suba Sabera 9:30 UGC Programmes 10:30 Tarang 11:30 Yousg 12:30 Aurat 1:00 Aparajita 1:30 Ithaias 1:30 Waqt Ki Rafta 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Brake Fall 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 All Time Hits 8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Medimix Madhur Moments 8:30 Artist Of The Fortnight 9:00 Orpat Telephone Pop O Maan 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 6:45 Falak 7:00 Krishi Darshan 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Paricramma 8:00 Fera Feri 8:25 Geet Bahar 9:00 Samachar 9:30 The News 10:00 Idhar Udar 10:30 Serial: Nehle Pe

## Woh 3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature Film: Srikrishna Leela

## ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs Show) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldsta 8:30 Zara Has Ke-Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Has Ke-Film Chakkar 9:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Yehi Hai Zindagi 11:30 Raahin 12:00 Aashirwad 12:30 Suniye Zee... 11:00 Hudd Kar Di 1:30 Naye Nazrane 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Chhingaree 3:00 Raahin 3:30 Cinema Hits- HF Film 6:30 Ek Nazar 7:00 Disney Hour Cartoons 8:00 Cross Fire (Quiz Contest) 8:30 Choti Mukhi Bari Baat 9:00 Amanat 9:30 X-Zone Ep-50 10:30 Jaan 11:00 Banegi Apni Baat 11:30 Raahat 11:55 Jhalak-Trailer 12:00 Action Explosion Movie 2:30 News 3:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

## DD METRO

7:00 Yoga 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 9:00 The First Edition 9:30 Serial 9:30 Current Affairs Prog 10:00 Pankhidian 10:30 Saat Raag Sharat Ki Sang 11:30 STV 12:30 UTS Shopping 1:00 Music/Drama 1:30 Kashan 2:30 UTS Shopping 2:55 Samachar/News 3:10 Sports Time 3:30 Dhalit Sham Ke Suraj 4:00 Ank Ajbo 4:30 World Sports 5:30 Super Human/Syber Squad (Serial) 6:00 Phantom 6:30 Boy Meets World 7:00 Blossom 7:30 Metro Club: All out Star Show 7:50 Entertainment Now/Cinema Cinema 8:00 Sunheer Geet 8:30 Comedy Serial: Kuch Kahani 9:00 Ithaias Ki Prem Kahani 9:30 Sea Hawks (Serial: Nikki Anjali 10:00 Hindustani: Serial 10:30 Aaj Taak (News) 10:50 Jeene Ki Rah 11:00 Baap Se Bada Rupaiya 11:30 Siles Reech 12:00 Series Crime Busters

## DD INT'L

9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Sangeet Sitar (Film Magazine) 10:30 News Track (Reporting) 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Adalat (Serial) 11:45 Molila Nasruddin (Serial) 12:15 Bharat Samachar (News in Hindi) 12:30 TBA 1:00 Hindi Film 10:00 Hindi Film (Rpt) (Underrun Closed)

## CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Jhohnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy 8:30 Peril Of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little 10:00 Flintstone Kids 10:30 Richie Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocadoo 2:30 The New Scooby Doo 3:30 Galtar and the 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30

## ZEE NEWS

1:45 Ghari Detergent Cine Magic 2:15 Jamai Raja 5:15 Ustad Pedro, Shaikh Mukhtiyar, Meena Roy 8:15 Hahakaar, Akshay Anand, Chandani 11:45 Movie Fare 11:30 Kachhe Heere, Feroz Khan, Reena Roy 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Rerun 3:15 Ek Bechara, Jee-tendra, Shabana Azmi 6:15 Top Notch 6:30 Cine Sangeet 6:45 Cholo Cinema 7:15 Housefull Hits Baaz Govinda, Sonam 10:30 100 Days, Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit

## ATN

Morning Programme 6:00 AM Islamic Programme 7:00 Health Prog. 8:00 Drama Serial 8:30 Magazine Porg 9:00 Drama Serial 9:30 Drama Serial 10:00 Bangla Film - Oniran

## Evening Programme

7:00 Sur Chobi 7:30 Musical Prog 8:00 Drama Serial 8:30 Dham Dharkar 9:00 Magazine (Helenox) 9:30 Drama Serial 10:00 Drama Serial 10:30 Bangla Film - Ausrudya Lika

Moneywise presented by Suchitra Ghosh on BBC World at 10:30 pm