

telefilm

Life is Like That

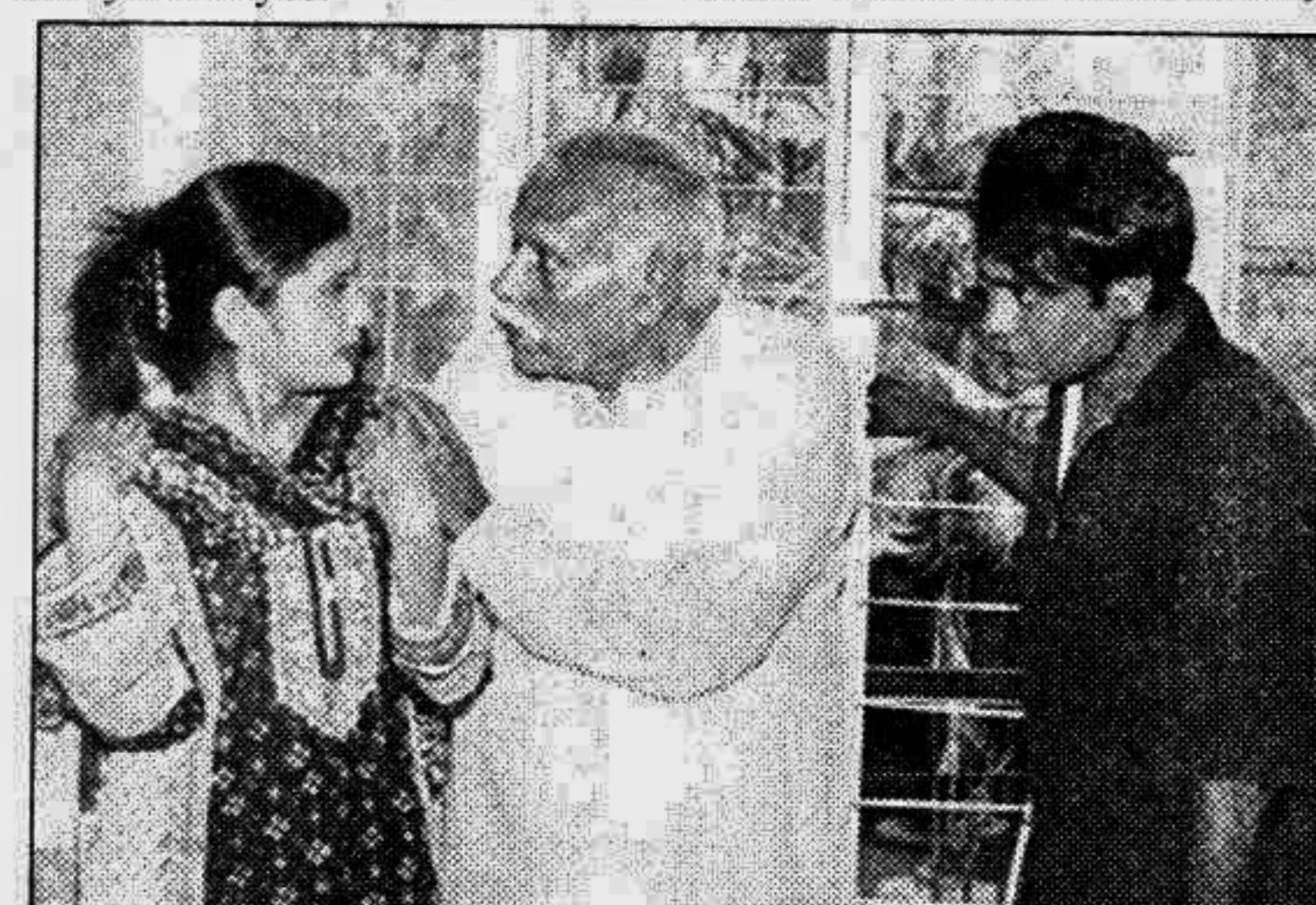
Preview of telefilm *Protidin*, a production of Anyadin, held

By Shahana Parbeen

A fairy tale or fantasy story commands everyone's attention. This is perhaps because the events outlined in such stories are impossible in reality. All these charms and excitements do not happen in an ordinary life. What actually happens in an ordinary life is ordinary events. Waking up, washing up, having breakfast, going to work etc. etc. is what practical life is all about. Presenting such an ordinary life on screen in a manner so as to command the viewers' attention can be really tough. But Rezanur Rahman has taken up this challenging task.

Rezanur has written and directed a teleserial which deals with the ordinary and usual happenings in the life of an ordinary family. The story revolves around the life of an ordinary family consisting of a father, three sons, a daughter and two household helping hands. The father (Sirajul Islam) is a retired widower. He spends his lonely days reading the newspaper, talking to Fazlu (one of the servants) or wandering about the house. The usual happenings which any inhabitant of the country is well accustomed to — like hartals, blockades, political unrests — disturbs him and worries him. His eldest son Arzu (Mohammad Bari) is a govern-

ment service holder and the leader of a political party. Apu (Selim Mahbub), the second son, is a businessman and used to be a student leader during his university days. The youngest son Tapu (Ritu Enam) works as a reporter for a newspaper. Although the family members have various differences between them, they all share a common interest — that the wellbeing for the only daughter Tinni (Nira). She is the apple of everyone's eyes.



Nira, Sirajul Islam and Selim Mahbub in a scene from *Protidin*.

Sometimes *Tapu* wonders about their family — to him, this family itself represents the whole of Bangladesh. Although living in the same house, they have different political ideologies, they have different philosophies and stances on hartals. They have different explanations and beliefs regarding the liberation war, nationality (Bengali or Bangladeshi?) and other basic issues. Nevertheless on the subject of *Tinni*, they all stand united. As the first episode unfolds, the viewers are gradually introduced to this very ordinary family with brief insights to each individual's personalities. [thank God there are no 'eccentric' family

item anymore!]

The ending of the first episode itself takes the film close to the viewers' heart. It's a scene a lot of people are familiar with — it's a pain and fear and tragedy that a lot of families have experienced. The father, making his usual rounds at night to make sure all his children are safely tucked in their nests, discovers *Tapu's* empty bed — *Tapu* didn't return home at night. What could be wrong? Was there an accident? Has he been involved in any fights with hooligans? Was he into drugs? The fear is very plain on Sirajul Islam's face.

The telefilm written and directed by Rezanur Rahman has been produced by Nadi Telefilms. Their current plan is to produce four episodes at a time (for a month) and continue up to 13 episodes. If the serial proves popular with the viewers, it may be extended up to 26 episodes. Rezanur Rahman was very open in his opening address, inviting critics to genuinely evaluate his work.

Among those present during the press show at Hotel La Vincl, included directors from ATN including Mahbubul Alam and some of the film's cast namely Selim Mahbub, Mohammad Bari etc.

Protidin (Everyday) will be aired on ATN on a weekly basis from September 3 at 10 pm.

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tor himself along with Kamal Pasha Chowdhury designed the stage. The audience was placed at both sides of the stage. The advantage of this unique stage planning is that the audience, so close to the stage can actually experience the play and get the feeling of being almost at the same place as where the scene is taking place. Use of trees all around and inside the stage gave the whole auditorium a lively look.

Banpangshul is a story about the tribal of Shakhipur, a place at Mymensingh district. Known as *Mandai* the history and lifestyle of these ancient and almost lost people are unknown to many of us. The lifestyle, religion, culture, joys and sorrows of the *Mandai* people are the base of the play. The real aspects of their lives come alive in the drama which depicts how they are tortured and ruled by the other settlers of the region.

There remains nothing new to tell about the play as it is already fresh in everybody's minds with its repeated staging over so many years. The critically acclaimed play in itself signifies the standard and creativity of the great playwright Selim Al Deen. Its staging was a befitting finale to the four days of celebrations to mark the golden Jubilee of the playwright's birth.

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A Befitting Finale

Selim Al Deen's birthday celebration comes to an end with the staging of *Banpangshul*

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

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TV Guide

Monday 23rd August

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:05 World Living: USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Top Gear 7:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC News inc. World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Correspondent 12:00 BBC World

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Tea with [V] 8:00 Virtual [V] 8:30 Tea with [V] 9:00 [V] 9:30 Tea with [V] 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 1:00 FDFS Special 1:00 FDFS

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 TVC 10:00 Good Morning India 12:00 We The People 12:30 TVC 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Virasat 2:00 Ek Mulaqat 2:30 Swabhimuk Pukk Pappad 3:30 Star Bestsellers 4:30 Lassie 5:00 Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Zaban Samhalke 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Saans 9:30 Star News 10:00 Main 2:10 30 Saajid No. 2 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 A Mouthful of Sky 12:00 Star News 12:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Murder One 2:30 Dangerous 3:30 Snowy River McGregor Saga 4:30 Media TV 5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 5:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Heartbeat 10:00 Peak Practice 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Women 1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Fashion TV 3:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 3:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 World News 5:00 AsiaNews Update 5:05 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Mr Bean 6:55 AsiaNews Update 7:00 Drama And Greg 7:30 Caroline In The City 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Mr Bean 11:30 Dharma And Greg 11:00 It's Man's World 11:30 Caroline In The City 12:00 Chicago Hope 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Mr Bean 2:00 It's Man's World 3:00 Caroline In The City 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Word In The Word 4:30 World News 5:00 2 Point 4 Children 5:30 Media TV

ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour - Zee News, Hindi 12:00 The Ent. Show 12:30 News In Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 India's Most Wanted 1:30 Vision Beyond 50 2:00 Zee Business Show 2:30 Mystery Unpicks 3:00 Question Hour 3:30 Zee World 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 The Diplomacy Show

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Hanging Out VJ Rauli/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/Amitra/Nikhil 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Houseful V Nafisa 1:30 MTV & Kenwood India Hit Lists VJ Rahul 2:30 MTV Select VJ Nikhil 3:30 Love Line VJ Malika 4:00 Essential 4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection Special- TV MTV 5:30 MTV Most Wanted VJ Nadya/Rahul 6:30 MTV Chill Out VJ Shehnaz/Amitra/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Hit Film Music 8:30 Non-Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 Houseful VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:30 Chill Out Non-Stop Hits Continue

STAR MOVIES

8:00 Drama: French Lieutenant's Woman 10:15 Family: Address Unknown 12:15 Comedy: Full Monty 2:15 Musical: New York, New York 5:00 Drama: French Lieutenant's Woman 7:30 Thriller: White Sands 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Star Movies Special Event: Simply Red And Superstars 12:30 UK Top Ten 1:00 Comedy: Heartbreak Hotel 3:15 E! C! Harrison Ford 4:00 Thriller: White Sands 6:00 E! CP: Drew Barrymore 6:45 Musical: New York, New York

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fall 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 74 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 UK World Premiere 12:15 Madimix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bajaj's Star Ek Mood Anek 2:45 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Artid Of The Fortnight 2:00 Pop Hungama 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Pop Korn 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Madimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 World Premiere 4:15 Pop Re Pop 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Music Mag 5:30

DD 7

10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sope: Dropadi (Rupa Ganguli, Suneetra, Kushal, Sankar) 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 1:30 Parliament

DD 7

5:55 Vande Mataram & Thought of The Day 6:00 Serial: Aradhana 6:30 For The Universities 7:00 IGCSE Programmes 7:30 Samachar 7:40 Subha Sabera 8:30 Business Plus 8:45 The News 9:50 This Morning's Business 9:00 Subha Sabera (Current Affairs) 9:30 Serial: Khatta Meetha 10:00 UGCS 10:30 Tarang 11:00 Young 12:30 Aurat 1:00 Serial: Aparajita 1:30 Ithas 2:00 Deewar 2:30 News in Hindi 2:40 News in English 2:50 Roop

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PTV-2

8:00 Tilawat Aur Tarjuman/Hamid/Naat 8:20 Khabra 8:30 Cartoon

STAR CINEMA

8:00 Drama: French Lieutenant's Woman on Star Movies at 5 pm

STAR SPORT

7:00 Asian Basketball Show 7:30 IAAF Track & Field Highlight Programming

STAR ACTION TV

7:30 Highlander I 8:30 Ghostsweeper 9:00 Yamato Takeru (Cartoon) 9:30 Estremists 10:00 Xtreme Sports-2 6:30 Splat 12:30 AXN 2000 6:00 Splat 6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Outer Bounds 8:00 High Adventure 8:30 Travelers 9:30 Superclites 10:00 Immortal Escapes 10:30 Great

CARTOON NETWORK

8:00 Cart Target Grand Prix 11:00 Sportscentre: International Edition

STAR WORLD

11:15 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs England 12:30 ATP Tour Tennis (Int'l)

STAR SPORT

1:00 World Volleyball Grand Prix 1999 Italy vs Brazil 3:00 World Volleyball Grand Prix 1999 Cuba vs Korea 5:00 English Premier League Matchday Preview 5:30 Film Show: Aakhri Daa (Vinod Khanna, Reena Roy) 1:45 Making Of A Legend 2:15 Film Show: Khatron Ke Khiladi

STAR ACTION TV

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventures of Jhonnny 7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 8:30 Peril of Panelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Flintstones Kids 10:30 Riche Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:30 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand 1:30 Fantastic Max 2:00 Crocado 2:30 The New

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