

exhibition

Abstract Expressionism

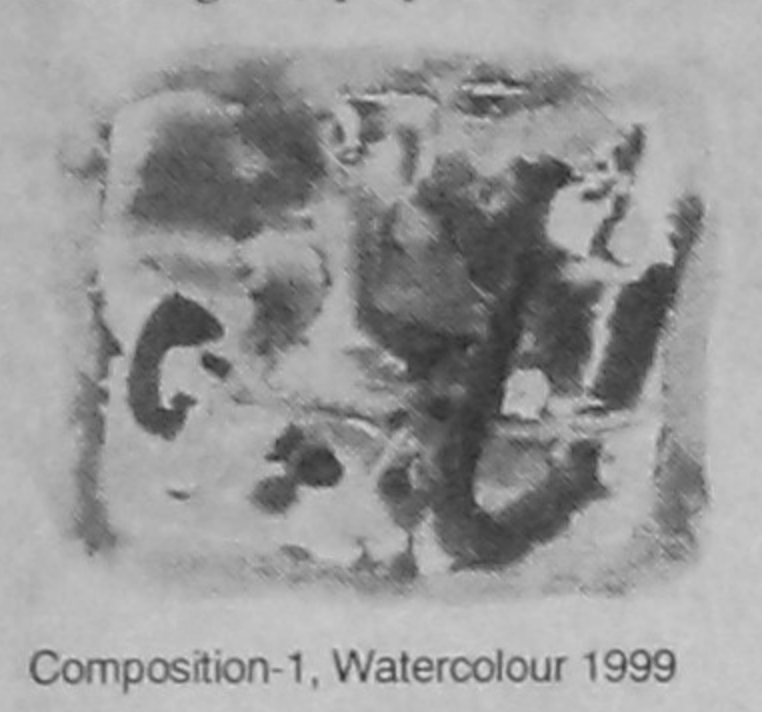
Solo painting exhibition by Abu Taher starts at the gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

By Nafid Imran Ahmed



Abu Taher

ABSTRACT expressionism, the vivid, emotionally charged non-representational paintings characterized by very bold use of colour and mass. Abstract expressionism is not a unified artistic style; what the artists who promulgated it had in common was the search for a significant subject in an abstract format. They sought a format that could express their individual personalities and at the same time could lead to the expression, through the process of painting, of a universal, timeless content. In abstract expressionism the means are the subject rather than the representation of any object. All art is abstract to some degree; that is, it is removed from the perceived elements of nature. Paintings displayed at the exhibition at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery portray this true essence of abstract expressionism. Master abstract expressionist of the country Abu Taher displays some of his painting here.



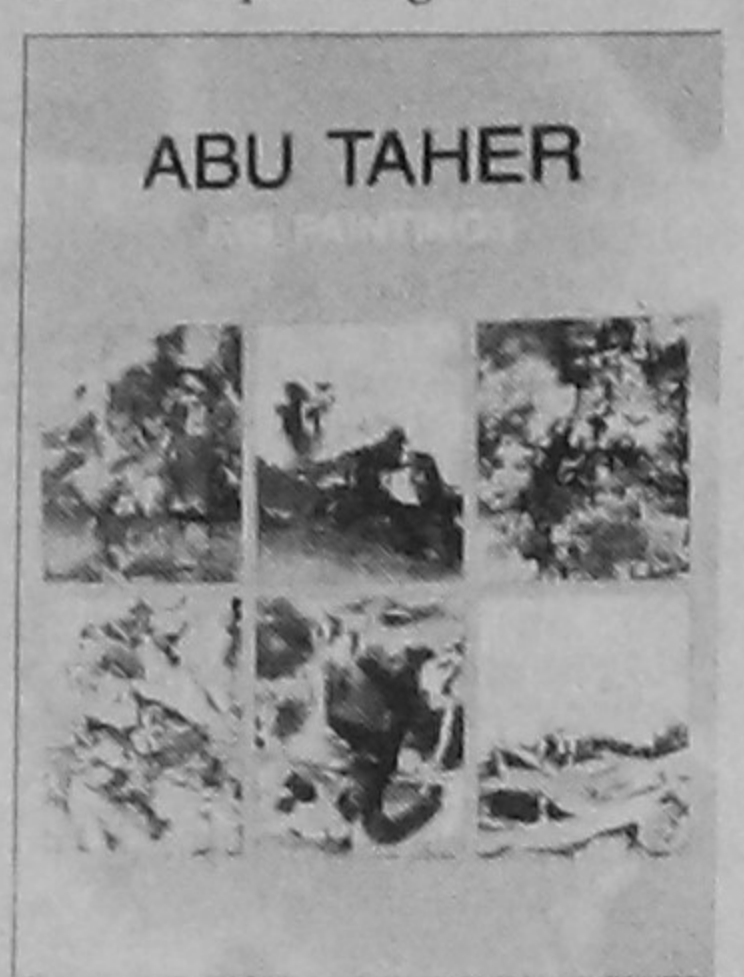
Composition-1, Watercolour 1999

Abu Taher's solo painting exhibition started at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy gallery on March 5. Also a book on his paintings coincides the show. Taher puts on his works done during the past decade at the exhibition. Hundreds of colourful paintings have lightened up the Shilpakala gallery. Most of his

works are abstract compositions, there are watercolour and drawings too. One of the major attractions of the exhibition is artist's collage works done with varieties of cloths, paper cuttings and photographs.

The use of vivid colours brightens Taher's works, while small details with coloured strokes and geo shapes creates boundaries of colours for the canvases. In his abstract compositions he creates a multi-coloured background, on which he details by spraying colour, creating lines and geo shapes. In some paintings he created

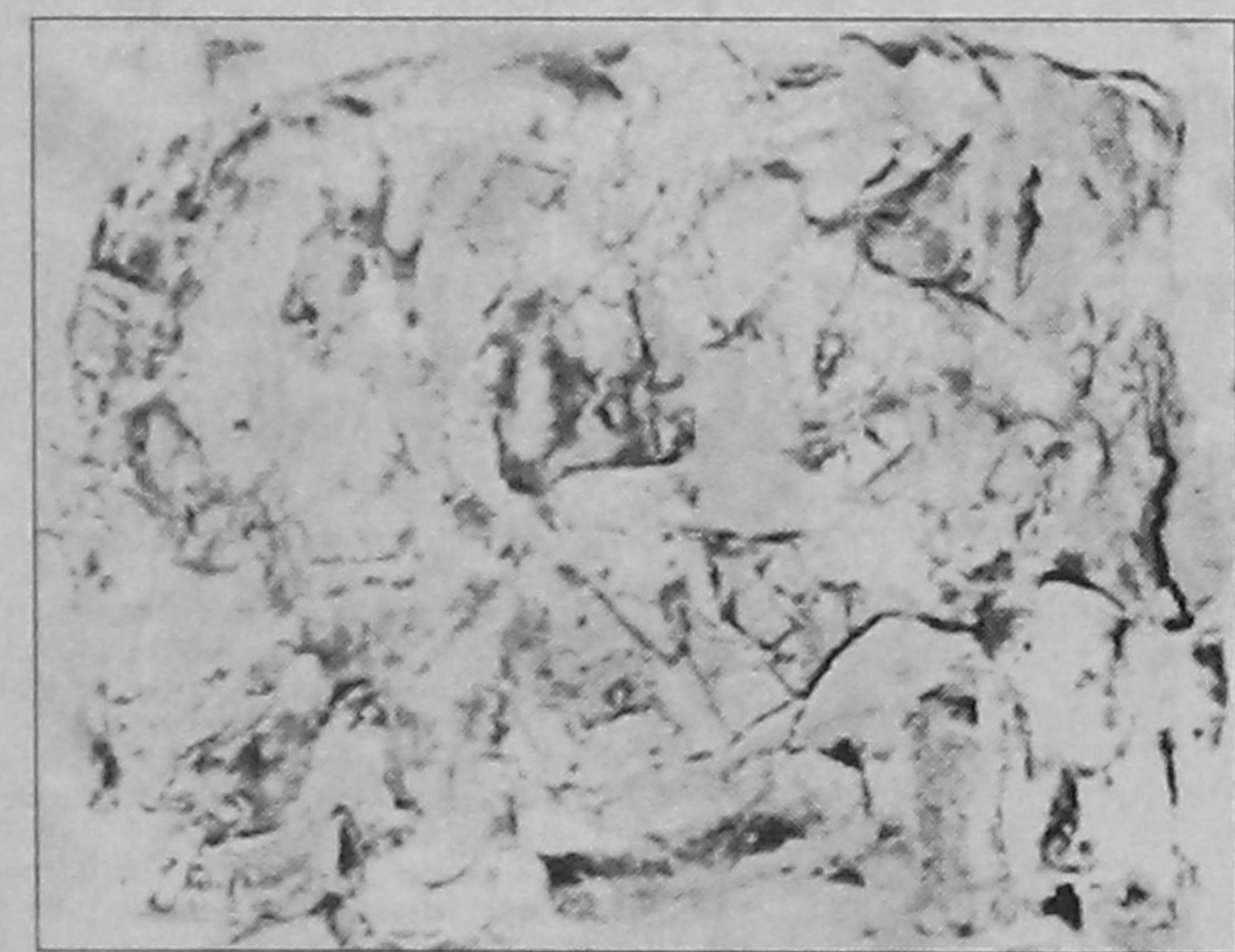
thick paint layers having sand textures. Colourful strokes on these textured canvas lighten up the work and provides a three dimensional feel.



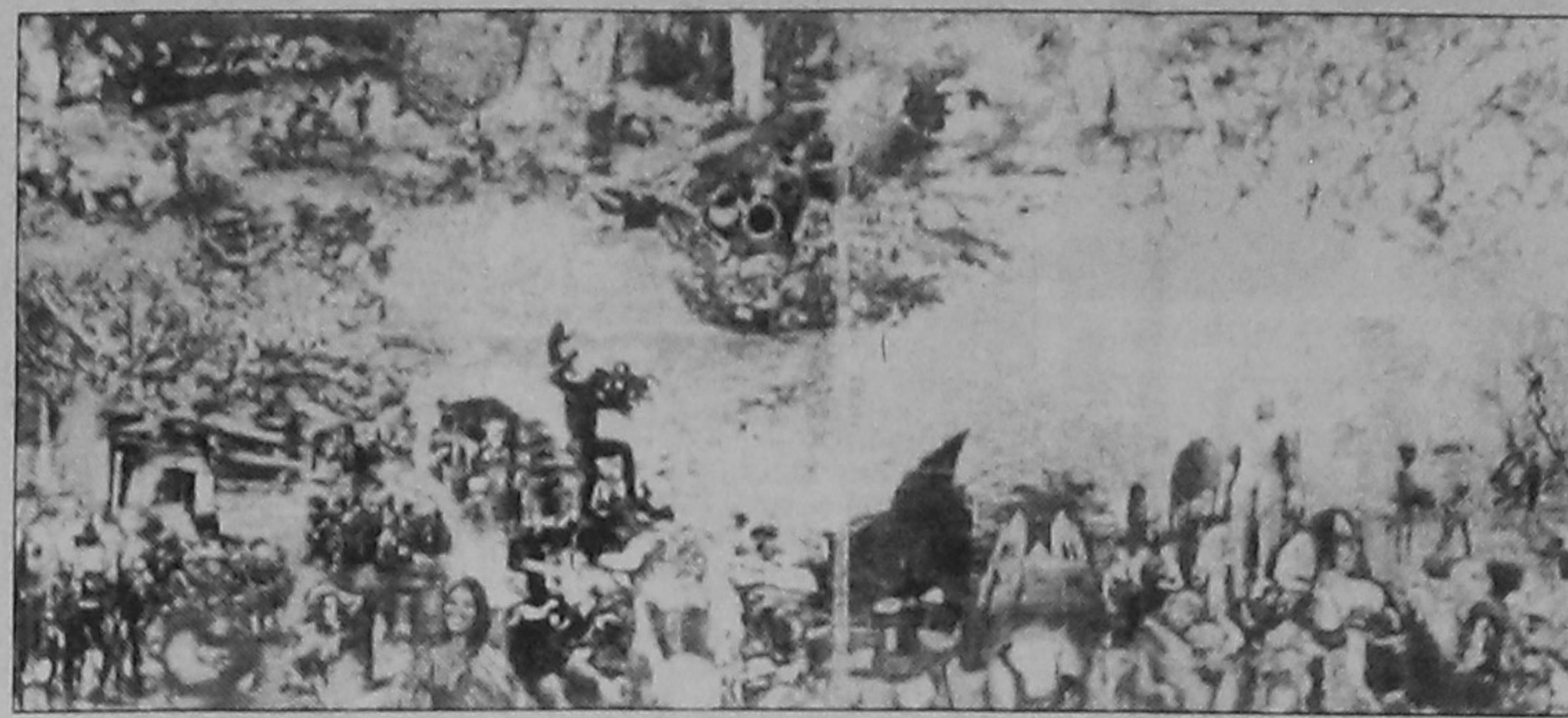
The cover of Abu Taher - His Paintings

The use of almost all shades of colours are observed in Abu Taher's works, but among them the use of basic colours are frequent. Taher uses dark colours in his watercolour paintings. In his works colours and forms are deeply related. In some paintings like *Aggression-29* change in forms and the relationship of colour with them can be noticed.

Taher's collages are something special and different. In a collage titled *Landscape* he pastes different materials of clothing, such as towel, cotton, netted, nylon, embroidered with leather. He painted this painting with dark and opaque colours. In another collage, *Flood* he pastes cuttings of magazines and calendars having photographs of water, ship, underwater world, flood, flood



Composition-12, Oil 1998



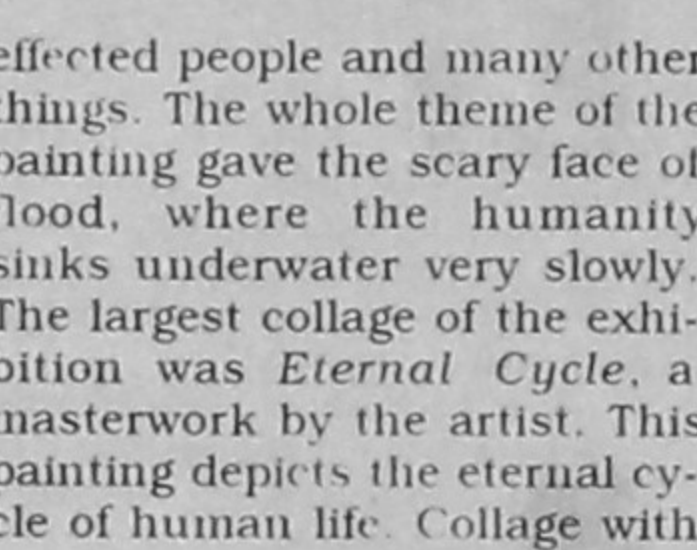
The Eternal Cycle, Collage 1998



Structure-2, Watercolour 1997



Rural Life, Oil 1999



Flood, Collage 1998

photographs of ancient people, city, war, musician, sculptures, religious monuments, catastrophe and hundreds of other things, which is in the cycle of life. He painted some coloured figures at the centre of the painting creating a circle and bonding all the collage photographs in the circle of life.

In an oil work titled, *The Old City* Taher captures the attractive form of the mediaeval architecture of the country. Having Islamic choreographic designs on the ceiling.

The Great Horizontals - 3, an outstanding landscape hangs at the exhibition. A tree trunk created with thick flow of colour lies in front of the viewer of the painting, from where he can experience the mysterious and vast horizon in front of him created with the magical touch of light sand-like colour.

Taher created a thick texture of colours - different, dark and greenish. Then sprayed off-white through the edge of the canvas in the painting *Composition With Sap Green*.

Some recent works and most of the watercolours of the exhibition reflect a change of style in Taher's work. Formation of semi-abstract and sometimes images are observed in these latest works. While talking with the artist himself, he said that the urge of doing something different has lead him with these figurative and semi-abstractive works. He draws from both love and righteous anger for things that destroy life. That is why sometimes 1971 and sometimes natural disasters are picked by him. His canvases might seem complex and mysterious at the beginning but they reflect almost every aspects of life, which is very familiar to us.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10.00am to 7.00pm till March 14.



The Spring, Watercolour 1997

to preview

Money-talk on ATN Bangla Tonight

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Mohammad Farsh Uddin in ATN Bangla's Money-talk

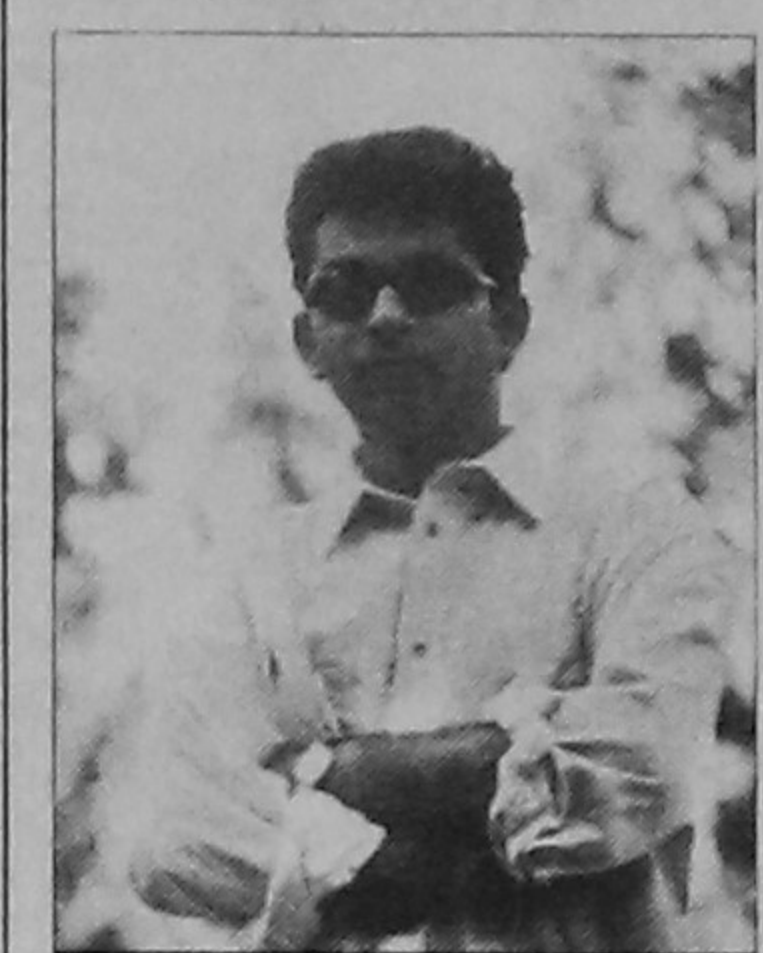
By Cultural Correspondent

ATN Bangla will air the show Money-talk on March 11 at 9.00pm. Produced by Motherland Multimedia Movement the programme is edited, hosted and directed by Syed Rana Moostafee. The programme will be repeated the following day at 9.30am.

Discussion on the past, present, future and the commonly faced problems of the banking system of Bangladesh and some recent facts and points on banking system of Bangladesh



Syed Rana Moostafee interviewing Dr Mohammed Farsh Uddin, governor Bangladesh Bank in the programme Money-talk.



Ferdous Bappi hosts the show Music Next Generation

which is yet unknown to the people including some corporations, with these topics the finance tv programme 'Sayed Rana Moostafee's Money-talk' will present Dr Mohammed Farsh Uddin, Governor, Bangladesh Bank. He answers some critical questions on banking sectors, unpaid loans,

the power of Bangladesh Bank, financial environment, *hartal*, interests and many other things.

Music Next Generation on Channel 1

Tonight Channel 1 will air the 12th episode of Music Next Generation at 8.00pm. Directed by Zerin Bappy the programme is edited and hosted by Ferdous Bappi.

This episode contains a special interview of the rock band Vikings and an unplugged song by Ark's guitarist Pancham. The most wanted part brings the song *Nei Projogon Nai* by Warfaze. There is also a quiz part having interesting questions on band celebrities about free tickets and free visa. Hamid Ahmed of Miles appears in the Star Profile part. Accept these the regular Mail Box will fulfill the viewers requests.

Nil Nil Aakash on i

The 6th episode of the drama

serial *Nil Nil Aakash* will be aired on Channel 1 on March 12 at 8.00pm. Screenplay and directed by Munir Hasan Chowdhury Tara the drama stars Zahid Hosen Shobhon, Selim Mahbub, Farzana Imrose Shumana, Premia Aziz, Monty Aziz, Sayed Atik and many others.

Synopsis: Rupa and Iqbal returns after hearing that Rupa's mother is ill. Zafri hears the death news when he arrives. Tuli is Afzal's wife. While going out for office Afzal tells Tuli that he won't be back for lunch. On the other hand Iqbal comes to visit Rupa at her place. He understands her pain. He advises her not to break down. Iqbal goes out taking Rupa's younger sister. The time for Arnab's leave nears. Meanwhile police arrests Rupa's brother for murder. Iqbal stands besides Rupa and helps her with all his power.

cassette release

Hridayer Kanna - The Sound of Soul

R K Rana's solo audio album Hridayer Kanna released

By Cultural Correspondent

NEW comer and young singer R K Rana's solo album *Hridayer Kanna* was released on March 3 at the Ramna Restaurant. General M I Chowdhury, director Radio Bangladesh was present as chief guest. Many friends, fans and music lovers were present at the

function while it was presided over by actor Sirajul Islam. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, editor Bangladesh Observer, Sayed Abul Hossain Khaja, chairman Osmani Smriti Porishad, Srmatati Arati Dhar, singer and Abu Fazal, managing director, City Publishing House was also present as special guests on the occasion.



Singer R K Rana, actor Sirajul Islam and other invited guests at the launching ceremony of his first solo audio album *Hridayer Kanna - Sound of Soul*



Produced by Shangeeta the music for the album *Hridayer Kanna* is composed by Moni Zaman, Ajoy Mitra and Bari Siddiqui. The lyrics are written by Kamruzzaman Kajo, Ajoy Mitra, Habib Ahsan, Milan Khan and Mostafa Kamal Jahangir.

TV Guide

Saturday 11th March

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

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Hard Talk 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hard Talk 11:00 World News 11:30 World Living: Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Question Time India Talk (Presenter: Dr Princy Roy) 1:30 BBC World News 1:30 Earth Report: To Cap It All 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 USA Direct 3:10 Bare 4:30 World Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:10 Horizon - Out of Asia 7:00 BBC World News 7:10 Loyalties #1/3: No Surrender 8:05 Weekend World 8:30 Wild World: The Trials of Life 18/24 9:00 BBC World News 9:10 Bare 10:00 World News 10:30 Face To Face India (Quiz Presenter: Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Talking Movies 12:00 World News 12:30 This Week 1:00 World News Headlines 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 BBC World News 2:10 Horizon - Out of Asia 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Reporters 4:00 BBC News 4:10 Loyalties #1

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 Vir-

tual [V] Jobshop 11:00 [V] On Campus 11:30 [V] Hit Machine 12:00 [V] Style Police 12:30 [V] Gone India 1:00 [V] Hit Machine 2:30 [V] Mainstage 3:30 [V] Hit Machine 5:30 [V] Saturday Special 6:30 [V] Top of the Pops 7:00 [V] Hit Machine 7:30 Karaoke 8:00 [V] News 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Good Morning India (News Ent) 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 The Great Escape 10:30 Living On The Edge 11:00 I Love My India 11:30 Star Bestsellers Ep: Witness 12:30 TVC Shopping 1:00 Hit Ya Fit #216 1:30 Ajeeb Dastan 2:00 Serial: Dhondh #26 (Pooja Bhat, Akshay Anand, Aly Khan) 2:30 Bakemans - Ooh La La [V] Ruby #130 rpt. 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: Dhan Daulat 6:30 Kinetic Mega Show - VJ Ruby Bhatia 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Living On The Edge 8:00 Pal Chhin #48 8:30 Zindagi #21 (Supria Pathak, Sharmila Tagore, Urmila Matondkar, Kiran Kumar) 9:00 Serial: Gumrah #15 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Box Office Hindi Film: Yodha 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 1:30 Aaj Ki Baat 2:00 Kinetic Mega Show - VJ Ruby Bhatia 2:30 Zindagi (Supria Pathak, Sharmila Tagore, Urmila Matondkar, Kiran Kumar) 3:00 Serial: Gumrah 3:30 Saboot

STAR WORLD

7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Fox Kids Show - Biker Mice From Mars

8:30 Fox Kids Show - Spiderman 9:00 Fox Kids Show - X Men 9:30 Fox Kids Show - Goosebumps 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Jackie Collin Hollywood 11:30 Grace Under Fire 12:00 Mike Hammer Private Eye #7 10:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Series: Hercules Ep: If I Had A Hammer 5:00 World Wrestling Federation Metal 6:30 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences 7:00 Series: Baywatch Ep: Swept Away 8:00 Series: Water Rats #24 Message from the Dead 9:00 3rd Rock From The Sun Ep: Seven Deadly Clips 9:30 Series: Baywatch Ep: Swept Away 10:30 Series: Xena - Warriors Prences 11:30 Series: Hercules Ep: If I Had A Hammer 12:30 Mike Hammer Private Eye #8 1:30 Series: Water Rats #25 Message from the Dead 2:30 Grace Under Fire 3:00 Series: The Key of David 3:30 Morris Cernullo 4:00 Hour of Power 5:00 Lassie 5:30 Doogie Howser 6:00 Batman 6:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Comedy: Revenge of the Nerds-2 (15) 10:30 Romance: Love Thy Neighbour (John Ritter, Penny Marshall, Cassie Yates, Bet Convy) (12) 12:30 Thriller: Blood & Wine (Jack Nicholson, Jennifer Lopez, Michael Caine, Judy Davis) (15) 2:30 Star Kids Club: Newsies (Christian Bale, Bill Pullman, Robert Duvall, Ann Margaret) (15) 4:30 E! CP: Robert Duvall 5:30 Drama: Rodeo Girl (Katharine Ross, Bo Hopkins,

Candy Clark, Wilford Brimley) 7:30 Thriller: Wide Sargasso Sea (15) 9:30 Us Top Ten 10:00 Thriller: Poison (15) 11:00 Alyssa Milano, Jonathan Selauchi, Victoria Haas, Belinda Bauer (15) 12:00 Saturday Late Night Movies: Women & Men: Stories of Seduction (15) 2:00 Comedy: Eating Raoul (15)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jetsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popey Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:30 Dexter's Laboratory 9:00 Johnny Bravo 9:30 What A Cartoon Show 10:00 The Completely Mental Misadventures of Ed Grimley 10:30 Big Bag 11:00 Mon Chichis 11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 12:00 Two Stupid Dogs 12:30 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat 1:00 Bugs & Duffy Show 1:30 The Detective Squad 2:00 Goldie Gold And Action Jack 2:30 Captain Planet 3:00 The Mask 3:30 Adams Family 4:00 The Real Adventure of Jonny Quest 4:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 5:00 The Popey Show 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Johnny Bravo 6:30 What A Cartoon Show 7:00 Tom & Jerry Show 7:30 Bugs & Duffy Show 8:00 Two Stupid Dogs 8:30 The Detective Squad 9:00 The Twisted Tales of Felix The Cat

HOME TV

8:00 Kaboom Kazoom 8:30 High Five 9:00 Pahl Nazir 9:15 Cartoons 10:00 Action Drama 10:45 Chale Chalte 11:00 Hit

Hit Hurray 12:00 Hollywood Hangama 12:30 Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping Network 1:30 Tele Brands 2:00 Zuban Sambhalke 2:30 Ga Mere Man Ga 3:30 Duniya Gol Hal 4:00 Safar 4:30 Matinee Show 5:00 Tele Shopping Network 5:30 Chalfe Chalfe 5:45 Cartoon 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalfe Chalfe 8:30 Born Lucky 9:00 Popularly Yours 9:30 First Cut 10:00 Jaane Kya Tune Kahi 10:30 Duniya Gol Hal 11:30 Aamira & Family 12:00 Zuban Sambhalke 12:30 Panther 1:00 Bollywood Reporter 2:30 Kabhi Idher

ALPHA TV

6:30 Aalap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Margarita 8:30 Serial: Grialakshmeer Jinn 9:00 Bangla Movie- Maya Mrigya (Mohouya Roy) 11:30 Serial: Dour (Gorhe Baker) 12:00 Serial: Sanghaat 12:30 Serial: Shyaola (Kushal Banerjee, Pallab, Sabbosachi, Biplob Chatterjee) 1:00 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Serial: Plabon 2:00 Griho Sajja 2:30 Bangla Movie- Alo Amar Alo (Uttam Kumar, Suchitra Sen) 5:00 Bharat Bhromon 5:30 Asian Sky Show 6:00 Serial: Aamar Tumi 6:30 Serial: Reen (Navanit Nishai, Mohan Vardani) 7:00 Serial: Ebar Jombe Mawja (Gorgi Nandi) 7:30 Serial: Shesh Prashna (Ranjeet Malik, Anuradha) 8:00 News In Bangali 8:30 Serial: Andolon (Rituporna Sen Gupta) 9:00 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 9:30 Bharat Bhromon 10:00 News In

Bangali 10:30 Bangla Movie- Grialadaha (Uttam Kumar, Suchitra Sen, Bharat Bhoshon) 1:00 Grialadaha 1:30 Bangla Movie Alo Amar Alo (Uttam Kumar, Suchitra Sen) 4:00 Serial: Ebar Jombe Mawja (Gorgi Nandi) 4:30 Serial: Shesh Prashna (Ranjeet Malik, Anuradha)

ZEE CINEMA

6:30 Film Show- Amar Singh Rathod (Jairaj, Nirupa Roy) 9:30 Chalo Cinema 10:00 Bollywood Top 5 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Film Show: Achha Bura (Raj Babbar, Anita Raj) 1:30 Top of the Tops 2:00 Film Show: Bada Kabotar (Ashok Kumar, Reshma Sultan) 5:30 Bollywood Top 5 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Film Show- Pushpak (Kamal Hasan, Amla, Tinu Anand) 9:45 Gunjan 10:00 Making of The Legend/First Take 10:30 Special Event- Zee Cine Popular Awards 2:20 Cine News 2:30 Film Show- Mahaveer

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6:30 Rangeela Re 7:00 Chartbusters 7:30 Music Mantra 8:00 Film Show- Agnidaah 11:00 Chartbusters 11:30 Music Mantra 12:00 India Down 1:00 Film Show- Anjana 4:00 Chartbusters 4:30 Music Mantra 5:00 Film Show- Ek Shrinani 8:00 Chartbusters 8:30 Music Mantra 9:00 Uncensored 9:30 Film Show- Golmaal (Amol Palekar, Bindia Goswami) 12:30 Film Show- Bewafa 3:30 Film Show- Mein Tere Lye

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eye witness 10:30 Without Warning 11:00 What Went Wrong? 11:30 Uncharted Africa 12:00 Lands of Legends 12:30 New Sanctuaries- 1:00 Oceans of Mystery 2:30 The Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Amazonia 4:30 Beyond 2000- 5:00 Discovery News 5:30 Assignment Discovery 6:30 Going Wild With Left Corwin 7:00 So You Want To Be? 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Discovery Channel Eco Challenge 9:30 High Adventure 10:00 Outer Bounds 10:30 Wings Future Wings 11:30 Ultra science 12:00 Next Step 12:30 Challenge 1:30 High Adventure 2:00 Outer Bounds

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7:00 NBC Nightly News 7:30 Animal Attraction 8:00 Giants of Ningaloo 9:00 Family Hour 10:00 Fine of the Century 10:30 Human Impact 11:00 On Thr Edge 12:00 Violent Earth 1:00 Personalities 2:00 Science Adventures 3:00 Wild: Hypsi 4:00 Giants of Ningaloo 5:00 Family Hour 6:00 Find of the Century 6:30 Human Impact 7:00 On The Edge 8:00 Violent Earth 9:00 Personalities 10:00 Insects 11:00 About Asia 12:00 Violent Earth 1:00 Special of the Week

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Ramayan 9:30 Music Mautra (Trailer Show) 10:00 Chartbusters 10:30 The Bye 11:00 Indian Magic 11:30 The Good Home Show 12:00 Cook It Up With Tarla Dalal 12:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Film: Sachcha Jutha (Dharmendra, Rekha) 4:00 Udaan 4:30 Mahayagya 5:00 Heena 5:30 Kanyadaan 6:00 Saaya 6:30 Star Yaar Kalakar 7:30 CID Ep: Files 8:30 Hindi Fiture Film: Hindustani (Kamal Hasan, Monisha Koirala, Urmila Matondkar) 12:30 CATS 1:30 Aahat 2:00 Missing 2:30 CID 3:00 The Papadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite- Film: Dharamputra

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 7:55 Fitness Plus 8:05 Guldasta 8:30 TVS Saregama 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Hip Hip Hurray 11:30 Jaanam 12:00 Mr. Yudaand 12:30 Nestle - Jhatpat Khazana 1:00 Gudgud/Professor Pyarelal 1:30 Muskan 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Daayre (Mostafa Siraj) 3:00 Khubsoorat (Fashion Tips Show) 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: Farz (Jeetendra, Babita) 6:30 Gaane Anjana 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Special Event- Lux Zee Cine Popular Awards 11:30 Mohashvarti 12:00 Close-up Antakshari (Anchore- Anu Kapoor & Pallavi Joshi)