

Culture

award Paying Tribute to a Cultural Giant

Karim Sharafi has been conferred the Sheltech Award 1999

By Muneera Parbeen

EMINENT cultural personality and noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent Karim Sharafi was awarded the Sheltech Award 1999 at a ceremony at the VIP Lounge of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

National Professor Kabir Chowdhury was the chief guest at the ceremony attended by Sheltech Chairman Tapan Chowdhury and Director Kutubuddin Ahmed as special guests.

Karim Sharafi is like an institution himself. He hardly needs any introduction. His rich contribution in the fields of art and culture is incommensurable. His active involvement in our independence movement is a testimony to his deep concern for freedom and what is right for humanity. During the volatile time leading up to our independence he was beaten up by the police, jailed and tortured in every possible way. Charges were brought against him, and his songs were banned from being played. But none of these could possibly dampen his spirit.

His contribution in the field of Rabindra Sangeet is formidable. His songs are as



Karim Sharafi receiving the Sheltech Award 1999 at a ceremony held at the VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club yesterday evening.

— Star photo

popular with the common listeners as with the critics. His relentless efforts to uphold the standard of Tagore song in the

county has led him to be actively involved with the leading institutions in the country.

Sharafi was born

Mukhdumjaha Shah Syed Karim Ahmed Sharafi on May 8, 1924 in Birbhum District in West Bengal. His mother died

when he was only four-year-old and subsequently his maternal grandparents reared him. In 1934 he joined his father in

Calcutta town.

In 1940, while still a school student, Sharafi took part in a protest against Hallwell Monument and was severely beaten up by the police. Later in 1942, he was jailed for his participation in the 'Quit India' movement. After he was released from jail, Sharafi got admitted to Krishnanath College. He then decided to pursue medical studies and got admitted to Campbell Medical College. But his involvement in the student federation and IPTA kept him away from the concentration required by his studies and he soon dropped out. In 1946 he got admitted to the Commerce department of City College.

Sharafi came to Dhaka in 1950 and joined the radio as a casual artist. Here again he attracted the attention of the police intelligence with his song 'Obak Prithibi', forcing him to quit Dhaka again. Subsequently he was involved in the patriotic movement leading to the independence of the country. When Ayyub implemented martial law in the country in 1958, his songs were banned from being played on the radio. This ban was not lifted for years till after the independence.

For his contribution in the field of art and culture, he was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 1985. In 1988 he was awarded the Nasiruddin Gold Medal. The same year he also won the Begum Jibunnessa and Mahabubullah Trust Prizes. In 1997 he was honoured by

the Calcutta Bangla Sangskriti O Shilpo Bikkhon Committee as a Borenya Bangalee (an award given to outstanding personalities). The next year in 1998 Shikkha O Sangskriti Charcha Kendra honoured him with the Kriti Bangalee Award 1405.

After the independence of Bangladesh, Sharafi continued his involvement in the cultural activities as before. In 1983 he set up the Sangeet Bhaban of which he is the principal till date. When the Rabindra Sangeet Shilpa Goshthi was formed in 1988, Sharafi was its executive President. The next year he became the President of the association, a position he still holds now.

Sheltech through its different activities promotes culture in the country. It introduced the award in 1998 to honour leading personalities for their contributions in different fields. Last year's Sheltech awardee was poet Shamsur Rahman.

congress

The First Writers and Poets Congress 2000

By Cultural Correspondent



Shamsur Rahman
Courtesy: Nasir Ali Mamun

"POETRY is the voice of civilisation", with this slogan in focus, the first congress of the poets and the writers will be held at the Kachi Kacha auditorium, 37/A, Shgun Baghicha on April 28. Eminent poet Shamsur Rahman will be the chief guest and Asad Chowdhury will be the special guest on the occasion. Mohammad Sajjad, Khandaker Ismail, Obydul Haq will be present as the

speaker at the ceremony.

The programme is dedicated to late poet Shufia Kamal and Rokunujjaman Dada bhai. An anthology entitled Eknazar will be published on the occasion. This year the Padak 1999 will be conferred to Shamsur Rahman for poetry, Mahfuz Anam for Journalism and Humayun Ahmed for novel. In addition five more selected writers and poets will receive certificates of honour. Poets, writers, and playwrights from all over Bangladesh will join the ceremony. The programme is open for all.



Humayun Ahmed
Courtesy: Nasir Ali Mamun

workshop

Film Workshop Concluded



Award giving ceremony of the Chalachitram Film Society's workshop

By Cultural Correspondent

A 4-day long film workshop on the relationship between film and other arts viz poetry, paintings and fiction, organised by Chalachitram Film Society was held at the German Cultural Centre from 10 to 13 April. The workshop was con-

ducted by Mr Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay, Head of the Film Studies Dept of Jadavpur University, India. A total number of 42 participants attended this workshop. A certificate distribution programme after the completion of the workshop was organised on 15th of this month. Mr Mostafa Monwar was present as the chief guest on the programme while Dr Markus Litz, Director of the

Goethe-Institut and Ms Riva Ganguly Das, Counselor (Information & Culture), High Commission of India in Dhaka were present as special guests. Mr Sanjoy Mukhopadhyay, the director of the workshop presented a key note paper at the programme titled 'Film & other Arts'. The film 'Red Desert', directed by the world famous Italian film maker Antonioni was screened after the programme.

the preview

Londoni Koinnya on BTV

By Cultural Correspondent

Package drama *Londoni Koinnya* written by Shakoor Majid and directed by Tauqir Ahmed is scheduled to be telecast from Bangladesh Television on 1st May 2000 at 8:30 PM. This is the first television drama that is made in Sylheti dialect.

The casts are, Shomi Kaiser, Tauqir Ahmed, Shibhu Bhatt, Arindam Dutta Chandra, Rabeya Khatun Dulu, Shomsher Hussain, Malik Akhter and others, music by Shujee Shyam, camera — Rafikul Bari Chowdhury, produced by Mohid



Towkir Ahmed stars in *Londoni Koinya*

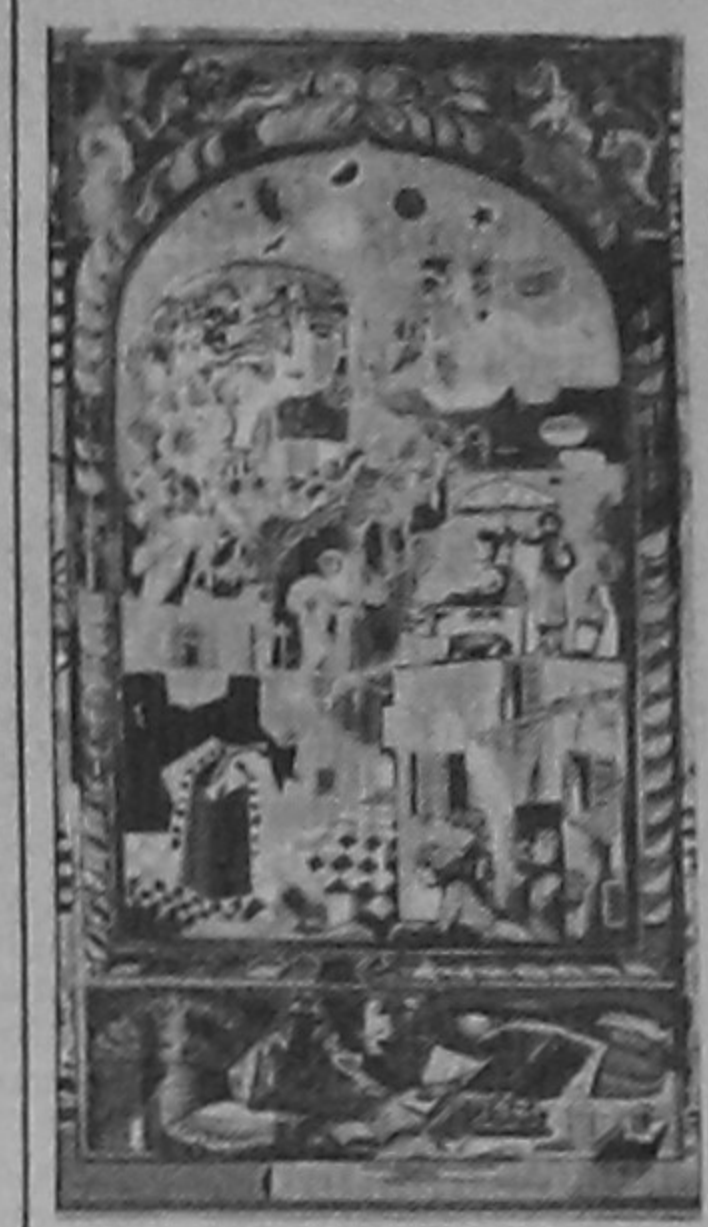
Mustafa Kamal and Shakoor Majid.

The story is based on true incidence regarding the crises emerged on arrival of British Citizen Bangladesh girl from London to Sylhet. Most of the unemployed, uneducated youngsters want to marry her only to go to London. Her parents also like high price from the candidate bridegroom and demands a lot. The girl feels that she is no more a human being, but has turned herself into a passport. She likes to destroy her identity, revolt to her parents and goes out to search a good human being.



Shomi Kayser in a scene from *Londoni Koinya*

RECOMMENDATIONS



Chandra Shekhar Dey

A ten daylong exhibition by Chandra Shekhar Dey started at the Gallery 21 on April 21. Artist Mostafa Monwar was inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest while artist Rafiqun Nabi, Monirul Islam and Syed Abdullah Khalid was also present as special guests.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 10.00am till 8.00pm till April 30.



Kibria

The long-awaited exhibition by Mohammed Kibria, which was postponed for unavoidable reasons opened on Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali new year. Organised by the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, the exhibition was inaugurated on Friday (Apr 14) at 6.00 pm at House No 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmandi, Dhaka.

The exhibition was inaugurated by artist Shafiuddin Ahmed.



Abdus Sakoor

The inaugural ceremony of the painting exhibition by Abdus Sakoor will be held at the Designer's Den gallery on April 29 at 5.00pm. Pithaya Pookaman, ambassador of Thailand will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while Dr Nazrul Islam, art critic and professor, University of Dhaka will also be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open to all till May 9.



Calcutta: People and Nature

Solo photography exhibition titled 'Calcutta: People and Nature' was inaugurated on April 21 at the cafeteria of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Ahaduzzaman M Ali, chairperson, Mass Communication and Journalism Department, University of Dhaka inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while Shubir Chowdhury, director, Department of Fine Arts, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Zakul Haq, course director, Dhaka Film Institute was also present as special guests.

These photographs were taken during the four-month cinematography workshop conducted by Chitrabanti (social communication centre), Calcutta, India. The exhibition will remain open to all from 9.00am - 12.00pm and 5.00pm - 8.00pm till April 27 (except on Saturday).

TV Guide

Monday 24th April

(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 6:30 Top Gear 7:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report /24 Hours 7:45 Reporters 8:00 BBC News / Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:45 Reporters 9:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report /USA Direct / Asia Today /24 Hours 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Reporters 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Life- Geraldine Off-line 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Correspondent #2/2- The Cocaine War 12:00 BBC World News 12:30 India Business Reports 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 Click Online (Pres-Stephen Cole) 2:00 World News 2:10 Correspondent #2/2- The Cocaine War 3:00 World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Top Gear 5:00 BBC The World Today 5:30 Correspondent #2/2- The Cocaine War 6:30 Face To Face India (Presenter- Karan Thapar) 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 World Living: Life- Geraldine Off-line 8:30 HARDtalk 9:00 World News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 World News 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 World Living: Mastermind India (Quiz Presenter- Siddhartha Basu) 11:00 BBC World News 11:35 World Business Report 11:45 World Sport 12:30 HARDtalk 1:30 World Focus: The Travel Show 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Earth Report: White Gold #1/2- The Pirate Menace 4:00 W. Id News 4:30 World Business Report 4:45 Asia Today 5:00 BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] Hit Machine 9:30 Virtual [V] 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox 1:00 [V] First Day First Show 1:30 [V] Line Lagoo 2:00 [V] Hit Machine 3:30 [V] Style Police 4:00 [V] Hit Machine 4:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 5:00 Virtual [V] Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 5:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 6:00 [V] Launch Pad 6:30 Tea With [V] (Back To Back Vids) 7:00 [V] Line Lagoo 7:30 [V] Hit Machine 8:30 [V] Tonight 9:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox 9:30 [V] First Day First Show 10:00 [V] Hit Machine 10:30 [V] Late Night 12:30 [V] Hit Machine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nana 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment News) 9:15 The Trial Show - Film Trailer 9:30 TVC Shopping 10:00 Kuchha Pappad Pukka Pappad 10:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 11:00 Small Wonder 11:30 Daily Soap- Kabhie Kabhie 12:00 Star Talk 12:30 Tvc Shopping 1:00 Film Based: Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Daily Soap- Saahil 2:00 Zara Hatke Zara Bachke 2:30 Daily Soap- Swabhiman 3:00 Darr 3:30 Gumrah 4:00 Kuchha Pappad Pukka Pappad 4:30 Power Rangers 5:00 WWF Wrestling: The Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Daily Soap- Maal Hai To Taal Hai 7:00 Film Based: Hit Ya Fit 7:25 The Trail Show: Film Trailer 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Srimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 8:30 Hindi Serial - Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Hindi Serial - Savans 9:30 Star News (English) 10:00 Hindi Serial - Main 10:00 Hindi Serial - Sajid No, One 11:00 Aaj Ki Baat 11:30 Daily Soap: Zameen Aasma 12:00 Star News (Late Night Edition) 12:30 Daily Soap: Swabhiman 1:00 Daily

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Zee English

8:00 Late Show With David Letterman 9:00 Kate And Allie Academy Awards Winners 9:30 Remarkable 20th, Century 10:00 Music Zone 10:30 The Roseanne Show 11:30 Benny Hill Show 12:00 Sunday Special: Nothing Lasts Forever 12:30 Kate And Allie 1:00 The Roseanne Show 2:00 Music Zone 2:30 Friends 3:00 Remarkable 20th, Century 3:30 Sunday Special: Nothing Lasts Forever 4:30 The Roseanne Show 5:30 The Music Show 6:00 OST 6:30 Remarkable 20th, Century 7:00 The Roseanne Show 8:00 Pop Pourrie From India: To Night With Feroz 8:30 Friends 9:00 Unforgettable 80s: Check It Out 9:30 The Roaring 90s: The Gregory Hines Show 10:00 Prime Time: Twilight Zone 11:00 News 11:30 Late Show With David Letterman 12:30 Friends 1:00 News 1:30 The Roseanne Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: The Big Lebowski (Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi, Julianne Moore, John Turturro) (15) 9:30 Action: Rambo-2 (Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Charles Napier, Steven Berkoff) (15) 11:30 Drama: Malice In Wonderland (Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Alexander, Richard Dysart, Joyce Van Patten) (PG) 1:30 Action: Navy Seals (Charlie Sheen, Michael Biehn, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer) (15) 3:30 Comedy: Cabin Boy (Chris Elliott, Ritch Brinkley,

James Gammon, Ricki Lake) 5:30 Sci-Fi: Urge To Kill 7:30 Comedy: Father of the Bride-2 (Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Kimberly Williams, Martin Short) (G) 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Monday Comedy: L.A. Story (Steve Martin, Victoria Tennant, Marilu Henner, Sarah Jessica Parker) (15) 12:00 Comedy: Houseguest (Sinbad, Phil Hartman, Jeffrey Jones, Kim Cattrall) 2:15 Drama: Malice In Wonderland (Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Alexander, Richard Dysart, Joyce Van Patten) (PG)

Zee Movies

8:30 OST 9:00 Film: Swiss Family Robinson 11:00 Frank Sinatra 11:30 Film: What's Up Tiger Lily? (Woody Allen) 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: Cleaning The Cube (Christian Slater, Steven Bauer) 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film: Nickolas Nickleby 6:30 Frank Sinatra 7:00 Film: Lethal Panther 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 The 9 o'clock Show: To Die For (Nicol Kidman, Matt Dillon) 11:30 Film: Tainted Love 1:30 Film: Nickolas Nickleby

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Brake Fail 10:00 Old Is Gold 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Brake Fail 11:30 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 12:00 Bajaj Music Box 12:30 Saare Ga Ma Classic 1:00 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Kumar Ajay Sarce Prs Ranganen Tarane 2:30 Ta Ra Rum 3:30 Brake Fail 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Music Quiz 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Saare Ga Ma Classic 7:00 Ponds All Time Romantic Hits 7:30 Total Recall 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Nexgen 9:00 Music Mag 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Pop Busters 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fail

1:00 Colgate Ziz Zag Best Of The Day 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 Just Jammin 3:00 Ta Ra Rum 4:00 Music Zone 4:30 Brake Fail 5:30 Pop Busters 6:00 Sizzlers

CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 What A Cartoon Show? 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Batman The Animated Series 10:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 10:30 Garfield & Friends 11:00 Cave Kids 11:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 12:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 12:30 The New Scrappy Doo 1:30 Extreme Ghostbusters 2:00 The Roadrunner Show 2:30 Tom & Jerry Kids 3:00 Garfield & Friends 3:30 Smurfs- Toon Tamasha 3:30 Flintstones 4:00 The Mask 4:30 Swat Kats 5:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 5:30 Dexters Laboratory 6:00 What A Cartoon Show? 6:30 The Powerpuff Girls 7:00 The Popeye Show 7:30 Batman The Animated Series 8:00 Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries 8:30 Garfield & Friends 9:00 Extreme Ghostbusters

DD INTL

7:00 Classical Music 7:15 Tik Back 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Imaging Series 9:00 The First Edition 9:32 Serial: Talash 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Pakistan Reporter 11:00 Serial: Arpoen 11:32 Urcandi (Serial In Bengali) 12:00 Bharat Samachar (News In Hindi) 12:15 Hindi Film Show: 2:30 Samachar 2:40 The News 3:00 Classical Music 3:15 Tik Back 3:45 Subah Aaj Tak 4:32 Imaging Series 5:00 The First

Edition 5:32 Serial: Talash 6:00 Pakistan Reporter 6:32 Serial: Arpoen 7:00 Urcandi (Serial In Bengali) 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

ALPHA TV

6:30 Aalaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshrow 7:30 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Mukhoshier Antara Ley (Alpona Gowsami) 8:30 Serial: Mensaheb 9:00 Serial: Shyaola (Kushal Banerjee, Pallo, Sab-bosachi, Biplob Chatargee) 9:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #5 10:00 Mojar Khela Kobitae 10:30 Serial: Half Chocolate 11:00 Serial: Guest House 11:30 Serial: Gugli 12:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi 12:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 1:00 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 1:30 Khana Khazana 2:00 Serial: Iskabanar Bibi (Indrani, Shila Dittay) 2:30 Bangla Movie- Alo Amar Alo (Uttam Kumar, Suchitra Sen) 5:00 Bharat Bhromam 5:30 Asian Sky Show 6:00 Serial: Prem Trishna 6:30 Serial: Param Para (Nina Gupta, Mohan Vaudari) 7:00 Serial: Jigisha 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Beauty Parlour 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upakatha (Rupa Ganguly) 9:30 Serial: Jibaban Rekha (Indrani, Kushol) 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #5 11:00 Serial: Half Chocolate 11:30 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 12:00 Serial: Guest House 12:30 Bharat Bhromam 1:00 Ghrishajla 1:30 Bangla Movie- Alo Amar Alo (Uttam Kumar, Suchitra Sen) 4:00 Serial: Param Para (Nina Gupta, Mohan Vaudari) 4:30 Beauty Parlour

ATN

6:00 Islamic programme 6:32 Film songs 7:10 Drama serial 7:50 Drama serial 8:25 Special prog 9:35 Drama serial 10:10

Drama serial 10:45 Bangla Film: Protiga 6:32 Horoscope prog 7:10 Drama serial 7:50 Film songs 8:25 Magazine prog 9:00 Dance prog 9:35 Musical prog 10:10 Drama serial 10:45 Bangla Film: Golamer Jinjir

ETV

7:00 Circus! Circus! 7:25 Ju-manji 7:50 News 8:00 Noorjahan 9:00 MTV Countdown 10:00 BTV News 10:30 Mr Bean 11:00 Prohibitedon

Star Sports

7:30 Asia Sport Show 8:00 Spanish Football League 10:00 Asian Club Championship 12:00 Asian Club Championship 3:00 Fox Sports News 5:00 Motorsport News 2000 7:30 ANZ Sportsline 7:35 Asian Football Show 8:30 WWF Spec D-Wrestlemania 11:10 Asia Sport Show

ESPN

6:00 Live- ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball Oakland, Ca Usa- Baltimore Orioles Vs Oakland Athletics 9:00 ATP Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Monte Carlo By Hsbc Republic Monte Carlo, Monaco Men's Semifinal Match #1 11:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 11:30 Motorsport Asia 12:00 Sportscenter 'Possible F-1 Edits' Bristol, Ct Usa 1:00 FIH Women's Olympic Qualifiers 2000 Milton Keynes, England- Spain Vs Great Britain 1st Pool Vs 2nd Pool 2:30 ATP Tennis Masters Series By Mercedes-Benz Tennis Masters Series Monte Carlo By Hsbc Republic Monte Carlo, Monaco Men's Semifinal Match #2 4:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 5:00 Live- English Premier Football League- Manchester United Vs Chelsea 7:00 Italian Serie A Football Highlights 11:30 Live- Spanish Football League