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Celebrating Test Status in Urban Way

Pleasure and pain reign the Pepsi BCB Mega Live Concert at Bangabandhu Stadium

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'ESTATIC' is the perfect word to describe how everybody felt after Bangladeshi boys achieved their long-awaited Test status. Celebrations began in many ways. The most significant of was the mega live concert organised by world famous soft drinks PEPSI and BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on June 30. It was also the largest ever concert in Bangladesh.

Miles, LRB and Nagar Baul, three front ranking bands of this generation, performed live in this spectacular event marking Bangladesh's joining the elite club of Test cricket. The soft-drink company, PEPSI, gave away tickets for the concert with one of their latest items. Almost 30,000 enthusiasts enjoyed this live show and celebrated the accomplishment of their boys.

People in thousands started in the stadium premises even before the twilight. The gates opened around 6.00 p.m. Band-music fans rushed in, and the entire stadium was filled within minutes. Still hundreds of them stood outside trying to get in and be part of the celebrations. The police tried to stop them and put the situation under control.

The concert started around 7.30 p.m. Miles took the stage first. Pepsi BCB Mega Live Concert started with the song *Bismoy Jatra*. The members of Miles delivered their famous songs *Jala Jala*, *Tumi Nai* and *Chand Tara* without any break. But the audience were not in their usual cheering mood. The reason was simple, the sound system was not sufficient and the placement of speakers was also wrong, and so the crowd of the eastern gallery, eastern clubhouse and a part of the western gallery didn't have access to the perfect sound. The eastern club house audience was very angry because they were not only missing the sound, but they were at the rear of the stage. It was a problem for them to see the performance properly. Being irritated, they became angry. Some tried to get inside



Ayub Bachhu sings, while Saber Hossain Chowdhury president, BCB and other officials and players join him on stage - Star Photo

the ground while the police tried to stop them.

By then, Miles performed another song *Biragi Mon*. After performing this song the band realised that there was a problem with the sound system and stopped their music. The audio technicians tried to solve it by placing speakers in front of the galleries, which worked to some extent. This whole process took almost 45 minutes. *Se Kon Dorodiya Amay* was the song Miles started playing after the break. Still the sound was not good enough for the listeners. Miles gave a sound check for individual galleries after performing the songs *Tumi Ki Shukhi* and *Sonali Rode Shishir*. At last it was pleasing and most of the audience was quite happy. It seemed like the

concert just became alive. The sound system should have been fixed before the concert started. Without any break they performed their favourite song *Dhiki Dhiki*. The crowd loved the song and danced with it. The last song Miles performed at the concert was *Firige Dao*, which actually made the galleries move. Before Miles left the stage they gave a thank you note for PEPSI, BCB and to those who worked hard for the hard earned Test status.

The LRB came next. Ayub Bachhu gave a sound check while he ran through the stadium with a chord-less guitar. Before he started his performance he thanked all who worked hard for turning this day into a reality. LRB started with the song *Prem*, and the

give another big hand to BCB and then asked them to sing with them. Then they started playing their famous songs *Shei Tumi* and *Madhabi*. While LRB was playing the songs, some crowds from the western gallery managed to enter the ground, with the police personnel chasing them all over the ground. The last song LRB performed was *Sare Tin Hat Matti*. The audience enthralled by their performance.

Then it was time for the last performer of the night -- Nagar Baul. As James walked on stage, hundreds dashed into the stadium-ground. The police were unable to stop them. Though they were all over the field, yet they kept themselves off from the cricket pitch. James spoke congratulating the boys who worked so hard in earning the precious stature of Test cricket. Nagar Baul started with the fa-

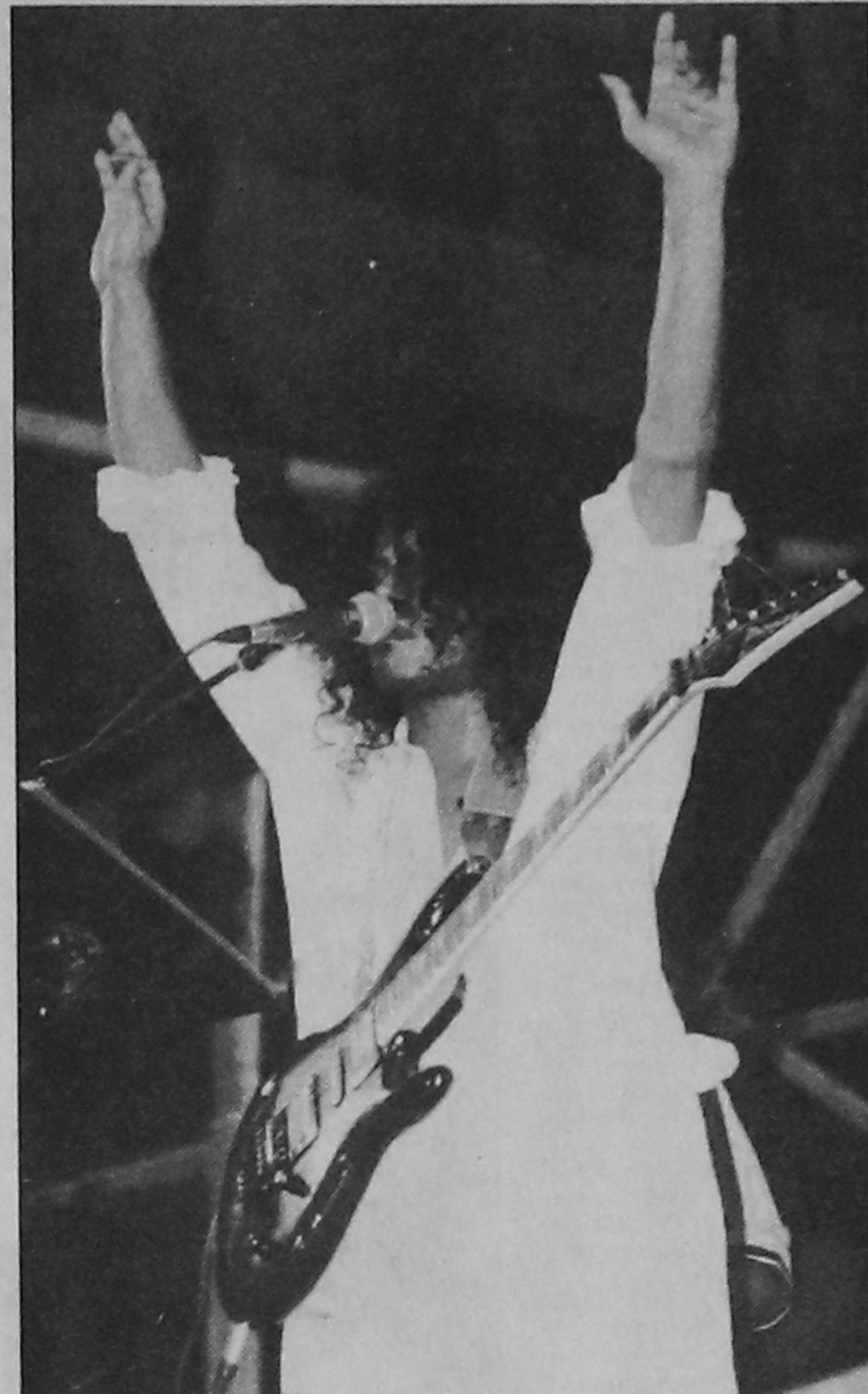
tried to escape through that. Most of them were either run over or utterly beaten by the police. Even this correspondent was not spared. Several others were severely injured during stampede accompanied with police lathi charge. The police even came charging in the galleries. Those who took shelter in the Baitul Mukarram mosque were also lathi-charged. After a while, the angry crowd started breaking glasses of public vehicles on the roads.

Apart from the last-minute skirmishes, the Pepsi BCB Mega Live Concert

was very successful and was probably the best ever concert in Bangladesh, which the audience will remember for a long time to come, with both pleasure and pain.



Cricket player Halim Shah dancing with a young girl in the concert - Star Photo



James performing at the PEPSI BCB Mega Live Concert - Star Photo



Crowd celebrating the Test Status at the concert - Star Photo

crowd loved it. After this LRB gave a thrashing performance playing *Ghum Bhangna Shohor*, *Tumi Bhul Korecho* and *Raater Tara*. While LRB was performing the present and former players of Bangladesh National Cricket Team entered the ground. They danced along with the music. Bachhu again came to the ground, playing his guitar. He then invited the players and officials of BCB to join him on the stage. The cricketers came up and enjoyed singing and dancing along with the band. The band then played *Hashie Dekho Gatte Dekho*. Before starting the next number Bachhu asked the audience to

mous song *Dukhini Dukkha Koro Na*; the audience cheered and sang along with him. Then, the Nagar Baul gave an astonishing performance by playing *Jedin Bondhu Chole Jabe*, *Nag-naginir Khela* and *Pakhi Ure Ja Jare*. There was magic among the audience when this band came to perform. The audience ran, jumped, sang and went crazy. James again started *Sultana Bibiana*, *Zikri* and *Lila Bai*. The spectators once again rejoiced with their favourites. While singing James asked the audience to keep themselves off the pitch and his request worked. Time to time, the law enforcers continued chasing the audience. Before James, the Baul, started his last song. TV anchor Abdur Noor Tushar came on the stage and asked the crowd inside the ground to sit wherever they were till the concert ends. He promised that arrangements would be made and the gates will be opened so that they can go out. James started performing his last song *Jatra*, and as it started the obvious took place.

The policemen on the ground started chasing and hitting the audience from all sides. The crowd ran but most of them were victims of baton-charge. There was a small exit at the western gallery, and hundreds

event



Sri Lankan ladies perform dance at a function at Hotel Sheraton yesterday marking the launching of Dhaka-Colombo direct flight. - Star Photo

TV Guide

Monday 3 July

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

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Cartoon: 4:30 Sashtotha (Health Development For Mother & Children) 4:45 Sports Programme 5:20 Prayaas (Magazine) 5:45 Pusti Thathto 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Live Transmission New Artist Audition From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Dolanchapa (Song of Nazrul) 7:25 Aviztra (Programme On Youth Development) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:05:30 Package Drama: 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:30 Songtanjoli 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Tuesday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

EKUSHEY

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Classic Cartoons 2:20 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara 2:50 Chitrogeeti 3:15 European Football Show 4:00 UEFA European Championships -- 2000 Italy vs France 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Drishti Public View 7:00 Circus! Circus! 7:20 Animated Series: Jumanji 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Road 9:00 Prothom

Kodim Phool 9:30 Shampa Rezar Boithok 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Chana Mookh Chana Shoor 10:50 The Big Fight 11:15 UEFA European Championships -- 2000 Italy vs France

MTV INDIA

7:00 Non-Stop Hits 8:00 MTV Classic 9:00 Non-Stop Hits 11:00 MTV Most Wanted Vj Shehnaz 12:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Liat Vj Shehnaz 1:00 MTV Housefull Vj Nafisa 1:30 MTV Kenwood Nafisa 2:30 Non-Stop Hits 3:30 Love Line Vj Malaika 4:00 MTV Bakra 4:15 Non-Stop Hits 4:30 MTV Select Vj Nikhil 5:30 MTV Most Wanted Vj Shehnaz 6:30 MTV Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 7:30 MTV Ek Do Teen 9:30 MTV Hit Film Music 10:00 MTV House Full Vj Nafisa 10:30 MTV Monday Masti 11:00 MTV Lovelife Vj Malaika 11:30 The Grind (Beach Show) 12:00 MTV Chill Out Vj Cyrus/Asif/Nikhil 1:00 MTV Non-Stop Hits

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 Colgate Ziz Zag Best Of The Day 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 1:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 2:00 Kumar Ajay Saree Prs Rangeen Tarane 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Classic 7:30 Total Recol 8:00 Music Zone 8:30 Nexgen 9:00 Music Mag 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Siz-

zlers 10:30 Himani Gold T. Jharokha 11:00 Pop Busters 11:30 Shabab 12:00 Brake Fail

DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrito Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khela Aar Khela 10:30 Gane Gane 10:35 Daily Sops: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sops: Hay Mohajebon 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs: 11:30 Parliament Hour / Musical 12:00 Bengali Film: 2:30 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Sops: Maha Probuhi 3:30 Daily Sops: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sops: Bhul Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Program 5:05 Tarunder Janney 5:30 News 5:40 Camera Cholechhy 5:50 Palli Katha: 6:10 Serial: 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:70 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinindan 8:00 Serial: 8:30 Serial: Juti/ Banglar Sodeasi Gaan 9:00 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokho Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 11:00 Bengali Movie:

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:30 Alaap 7:00 Monihaar 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Plabons 9:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #17 10:00 Mojar Khela Kobitay 10:30 Serial: Half Chocolate 11:00 Serial: Guest House 11:30 Serial: Gugli 12:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojar Chobi #17 12:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 1:00 Serial: Agni

Yuger Padatik 1:30 Bhahari Aahar 2:00 Serial: Iskabanor Bibi (Indrani, Shila Dittay) 2:30 Bangla Movie- 5:00 Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Asian Sky Shop 6:30 Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Beauty Parlour 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Hiyer Maahay 9:30 Serial: Jibaon Rekha (Indrani, Kushol) 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Din Protidin 11:30 Serial: Nil Chander Alo 12:00 Serial: Children's Programme 6:32 Series: Flying House 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Kashmir Dateline 8:00 Serial: Sahasra 8:30 The News 8:32 Serial: Kapal Kundla 9:00 Samachar 9:15 The News 9:30 Serial: Beta 10:00 Serial: Sai Gang Maishy 10:30 Serial: Laj Gaang (Detective Serial) 11:32 Mirror of the World

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(NATIONAL)

6:30 UGC Programmes 7:00 IGNOU Programme 7:30 Samachar 7:45 Subha Sabera 8:30 The News 9:32 Current Affairs- Programme 10:32



Tarin appears in the drama Probashi Porjon on Ekushey television on July 5 at 8:00pm

SONY ENT. TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Charibusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka (Daily Soap) 9:30 Aurat 10:00 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:30 Daily Soap- Itihaas 11:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 11:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 12:00 Charibusters (Trailer Show) 12:30 Movers And Shakers 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Boogi Woogi 2:30 Daily Soap- Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 3:00 Daily Soap- Aurat 3:30 Daily Soap- Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Daily Soap- Itihaas 4:30 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 5:00 Junoon 5:30 Bajaj Ki Lehren 6:00 Just Mohabbat #154 6:30 Tupe Dil Qurban #15 ('Karmaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) 7:00 The Poppadum Show 7:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 8:00 Charibusters (Trailer Show) 8:25 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh 8:55 I Love You #31 # Ep- Yes Boss ('Anup Soni, Shruti Ulfia) 9:35 Saaya #83 ('Achintay Kaur, Anup Soni, Aar Mahadev, Monisha) 10:10 Missing #53 Ep- (Pre. Jacky Shroff) 10:45 Movers And Shakers 11:30 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 12:00 Heena #79 ('Rakhi Bhijani, Siman Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Nina Kulkarni) 12:30 Family No. 1 #87 ('Karmaljeet, Tanvi Azmi, Kabir, Aporna) 1:00 Thodi Si Bewafai #8 ('Suroj Thapar, Diya, Allok Nath, Beena) 1:30 Kaash #9 2:00 Movers And Shakers 3:00 Daily Soap- Nazdeekiyan 3:30

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travelers- 8:30 Lonely Planet- 9:30 Eyewitness- 10:30 Danger Zone- 11:00 Outer Bounds- 11:30 Shark Files- 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives- 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Naturequest 7:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 7:30 Untamed Australia 8:30 Wild Discovery 9:30 The New Detectives 10:30 On The Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 The New Detectives

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7:00 Classical Music 7:15 Tik Back 7:45 Subah Aaj Tak 8:30 Imaging Science 9:00 The First Edition 9:32 Serial: Talash 10:00 India News 10:15 Light Music 10:32 Pakistan Reporter 11:00 Serial: Arpon chandi (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 Science 5:00 The First Edition 5:32 Serial: Talash 6:00 Pakistan Reporter 6:32 Serial: Arpon 7:00 Urchandi (Serial In Bengali) 7:30 Hindi Film Show (Rpt): Zee Movies 8:30 OST 9:00 Film: 11:00 Frank Sinatra 11:30 Film: 1:30 OST 2:00 Film: 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Film: 6:30 Frank Sinatra 7:00 Film: 9:00 Hollywood Remembers

ZEE TV

6:15 Yadoon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:45 Chehre 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guladasta 8:30 Zara Haske-Hai Zindegi 9:00 Zara Haske- Film Chakkari 9:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30 Ek Nazar & Guladasta 11:00 Yehi Hai Mere Apne #15 ('Kulbhushan Karbandda, Shafali Sagutta) 11:30 Basera #54 ('Papiya Sen Gupta, Kanchan, Rohit Kumar, Bydhey, Ronjit, Rohit Segal) 12:10 Naye Nazrane (Film Trailer) 12:40 Chust Durust Show ('Host- Poonam Dhillon) 1:10 Janam #54 1:40 Ihalak 1:45 Daily Sitcom- Hum Panch (Rerun) (Serial Amita, Rakhi Vijan) 2:25 Daily Shop- Sare Sapne Kahi Kho Gaye 3:00 Daily Shop- Kartavya (Serial) 3:30 Cinema Hits Hindi Film: 6:20 Ek Nazar (Hindi Film Trailer) 6:50 Disney Hour Cartoons 7:50 Sa Re Ga Ma ('Hasi, Lites, Aaman & Aayan) 8:45 Yehi To Pyar Hai #4 ('Sanjay Suri, Neha) 9:25 Haad Kar Di #Ep-104 (Sitcom) Dara Singh, Shachin Khadker) 9:55 Muskan #20 ('Sandha Mridul, Ayub Khan) 10:30 Thriller At 10 Ep- 11:00 Daily Soap- Aangan #Ep-180 ('Neena Gupta, Farha, Sumet Saigal, Arun Gavil, Rohit Kumar, Karli Kar Rane) 11:30 Daily Soap- Kartavya 12:00 Amanat #150 (Serial 'Pooja Madan, Sudhir Pandey, Smita) 12:40 Saheb Biwi Aur TV 1:10 Hum Hai Anari #8 1:40 Saare Sapne Kahi Kho Gaye 2:10 Dastak (Help Line)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Launching of AVA and The Stage is Yours

Publication ceremony of two books by Sayeema T. Hasan Tori will be held on July 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the National Press Club VIP Lounge. Finance Minister Shah A.M.S. Kibria will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

Ghazal Evening

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will present a live ghazal evening of 'Mesbah' on July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

For further information on the evening, please contact the reception of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka.

Workshop

A workshop by Nattya Academy starts next month. The entry form for the workshop should be submitted by July 6 at the following addresses: City Book Centre (opposite to City College), Modern Photostat (opposite to Kakrail petrol pump), Anjan's at Ayesha Shopping Complex (Malibagh and Sobhanbagh branches).

Cassette Release

A duet album titled *Mone Rekha Bhalobeshchilam* by artists S D Rubel and Ankhil Alamgir will be released on July 4 at the ballroom of Hotel Rajmont Ishakha at 7:00 p.m. The album is produced by Sangeeta. Pranab Gosh has done the music for the album.

Azad Rahman, director of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will inaugurate the cassette release ceremony as chief guest, while artists Sayed Abdul Hadi and Subir Nandi will also be present as special guests.

Barsha Collection

Design fashion house Altamira has started a dress exhibition at the Alliance Francaise de Dhaka from July 1. This collection is the Barsha Collection. 250 designed Sari and Salwar Kameez are on display at the exhibition. These dresses are designed by designer Moni Hossain.

The exhibition will remain open to all from 3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. till July 6.



Sri Sri Jagannathdev's Rath-Yatra Festival 2000

The Sri Sri Jagannathdev's Rath-Yatra Festival 2000 organised by International Krishnabhadrarita Shanga (ISCON) today at 4.00pm from the Sri Sri Radhagovinda Jew Mandir, Wari. The *Utha Rath-Yatra* will continue from July 11.

New Attractions of BTV Ekjon Aynal Laskar

BTV will telecast *Ekjon Aynal Laskar*, a drama, today after the news in Bengali. Written by Gazi Rakayet and directed by Salahuddin Lavlu the drama stars Masum Aziz, Wahida Malik Jolly, Rahamat Ali, Sayed Dulal, Gazi Rakayet, Chanda, M M Morshed, Shamima Nazneen and others.



Magazine Show - Uthshav

After a long eight-month break this July-September session BTV will resume telecasting *Uthshav*, the popular magazine show. A magazine show for all category of people. There will be the usual events, such as the Rawshan Jamil's Quiz, the game play with old songs. Besides these there will also be some additional items.

The programme is planned and hosted by Mosharrar Hossain.