

Culture

exhibition

Painters' Drive to Help the Flood Afflicted

A five daylong exhibition opens at Gallery Chittrak

By Fayza Haq

In order to raise funds for those afflicted by the recent floods, painters and printmakers held an exhibition at Chittrak Gallery. Farida Zaman's water-colour has the haunting fishing nets done in beige and orange horizontal and diagonal strokes containing gray fish done with delicate strokes. You have to look hard to find the fish within the haze of the nets. Below is a patch of gray surrounded by splashes of water. The background is left white. Farida, who has often visited the countryside in her childhood and adult days, brings in the beauty of Bangladesh nature and the importance of fishing in our lives. Another nature depiction is by Hamiduzzaman, which brings in boats, their oars and poles in impressionistic forms. The sky merges with the water and land in front in grays and blues. We have known Hamiduzzaman for his sculpture and here we admire his paintings too. Shakoor's painting of the simplified peacock and fish has the calligraphy of poem on top in praise of sleep and the creeping evening. The bird is white and outlined with black and has a touch of beige in it. Sparse dots and circles complete the creation.

More realistic is Hashim Khan's painting of kites. There is a figure of child in a "lungi", much smaller in proportion to the coloured kites, in gray. Below are splashes and squares of green and orange, matching with the kites in the sky. Rafiqun Nabi's bird is eye-catching and cute despite the sparse use of colours and strokes. It is realistic with the quick strokes of black and touches of red. There are touches of blue and beige to lend enchantment. Qayyum Chowdhury's delineation of a woman is done in charcoal gray with a touch of red and yellow with circles to suggest bosoms. Her eyes are blank spaces while her lips are vermilion. At the back trees and birds are brought in with quick strokes. Sattar's lithograph has a mother and child image with definite Bangladeshi touch. The nose, eyes and eyebrows are done in quick simple strokes depicting the woman feeding the child. At the background we see shadows of menacing soldiers.

A print by Kazi Abdul Baset bring in women carrying fish with simple geometrical patterns highlighting the sari while the leaves are brown swirls. Kanak Champa Chakma's delineation of Hill Tracts life is as exotic as ever.

There is a figure of a girl in brown and blue. The basket is green and so are the leaves hanging out from it. She is crossing a bridge below which water is suggested with blue and white. The beauty of untouched nature is painted with a passion. Mithu's abstraction with flowers, leaves and a vase. There is a touch of red in front and the rest is in swirls of green, yellow and white. Lines and dots are carefully included. At the back are masses of emerald green to denote the mountains. Ahmed Nazir's painting is done in stripes, squares and rectangles with abstract wave-like patterns on it. It is in blue, green and white with red and gray hints of colours suggesting a bird and a smudge of a dot.

Jamal Ahmed's water-colour has a river done in green, beige and gray horizontal sweeps. The sky is pale and there is only a horizontal gray stripe across it. There is heron seen flying over in orange and gray with details of wings and beaks. Hironmoy Chanda's contribution is an abstraction with triangles, rectangles and circle in different shapes and colours.

The efforts of the artists to lend a hand to the distressed is admirable indeed.



The visitors view at the art works in the exhibition

book fair

A Lifeless Book Fair

7th Dhaka Book Fair is being held at the city's Physical Training College ground, Mohammadpur.

By Tawfique Ali

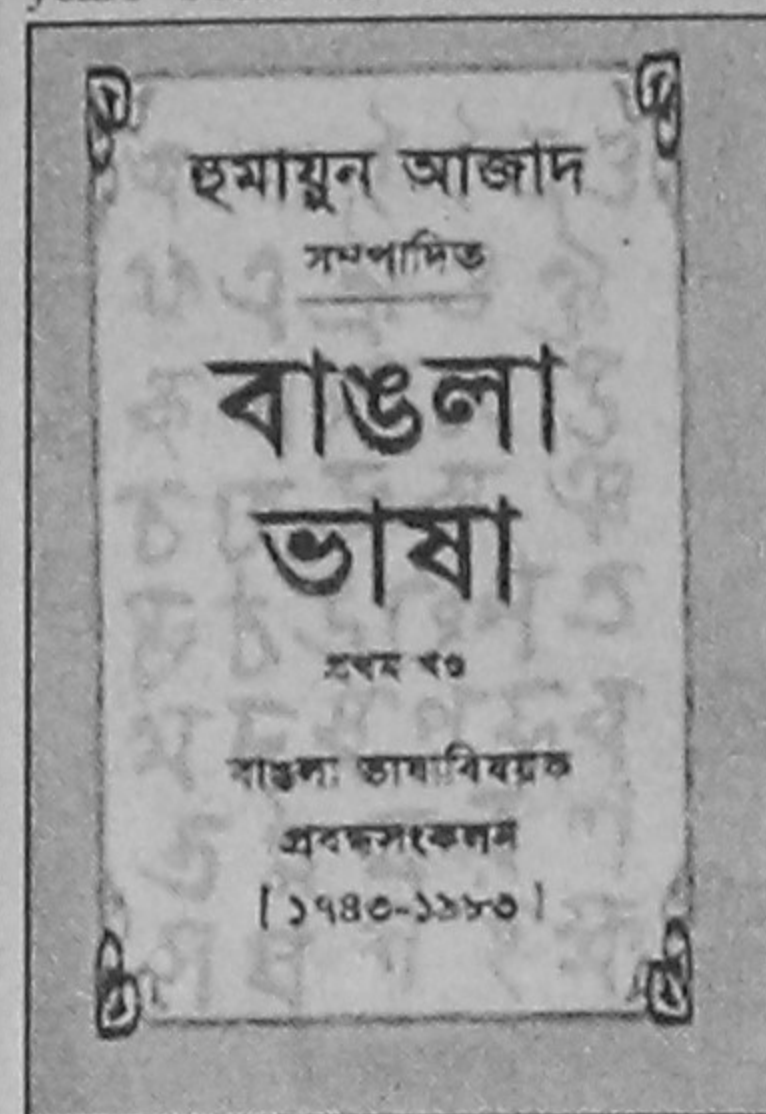
Book fair has been a captivating occasion not only of collecting new books but a festive occasion of public get together also during the last couple of years. In recent years book fair has become a

more to discourage visitors' enthusiasm. Almost all the participants have agreed in common, that an inconvenient venue has dulled both their sale and occasion's festivity.

Despite that, a good number of publishing houses, NGOs, and institutions have rented stalls and pavilions to display their old and latest publications. Some of those are University Press Limited, Nazrul Institute, Chitra Prokashoni, National Book Trust

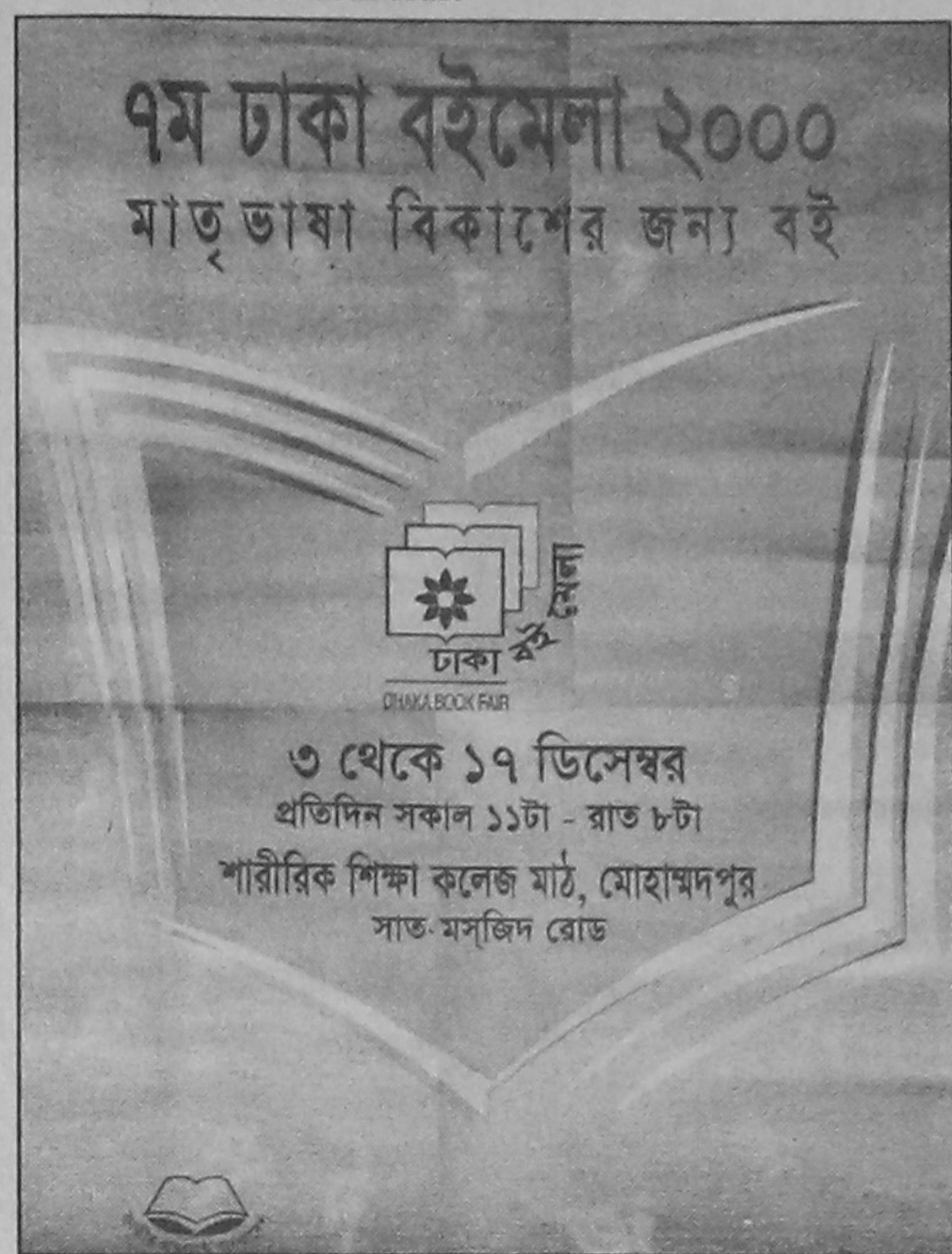
of the Indian sub-continent like Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Zinnah, Rabindranath Thakur and Amartya Sen. In most of the stalls a high number of Bangla novels of popular Bangalee novelists has been arranged to attract the young readers. Chitra Prokashoni has made a collection of four different novels of four writers to sell at a relatively cheap price Tk 100. There are only book stalls in this fair which is also free from chaotic loud speaker.

tion, Environment and Pollution Control, Finance, Gender, Governance and Legal Reform and many more. The bank offers the following products and services for the inquisitive customers available with the MIDAS: Research papers, policy papers country studies, the World Bank Economic Review.



much-awaited festivity both in the life of the city dwellers and for the book lovers from around the country as well. On the whole, book fair creates an immense enthusiasm among the people of all age groups every year. Though its sole objective is to promote books, book fair has been a part and parcel phenomenon of the country's annual cultural events too.

Dhaka Book Fair has been a potential supplement to our yearly book festival for seven years now. This year's (7th) Dhaka Book Fair, organised by Jatiya Grontha Kendra (National Book Centre), has been inaugurated on December 3 at the Physical Training College ground at Mohammadpur. The public response to this year's Dhaka Book Fair is remarkably poor, one reason behind it being an outskirts venue of the fair. A very thin presence of the visitors at the fair has made it almost lifeless. Though the venue itself is spacious enough for the visitors to hang around in a relatively chaos free location, the transport facility for the commoners to travel there is not that adequate. Apart from that, according to those who have taken part in the fair, the ongoing month of Ramadan has added all



of India, MIDAS, Agami Prokashoni, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Maola Brothers and many more. The variety of books on the display ranges from novels, poetry collection, children book to academic book of various sorts. National Book Trust and Publishers' and Sellers' Guild, Calcutta are two organizations taking part in the fair from India. National Book Trust is displaying a collection of some valuable books on historical personalities

MIDAS is the sole distributor of the World Bank Publications in Bangladesh. The Bank's publications are sold in local currency at 70% discount on the cover prices in US dollar at current exchange rate. The World Bank publications include research works and analysis on wealth of economic and social data in the form of papers and books. The bank affords a wide range of such publications for sale: Agriculture, Banking, Educa-

Recommendations



Painting Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of the painting exhibition by Nurul Amin will be held today at the Divine Art Gallery at 11:00a.m.

Eminent art critic Sayeed Ahmed will inaugurate the exhibition as chief guest, while artist Professor Abdus Sakoor will be present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. till December 18.

Shatabdi

Shatabdi's eid collection has been put on display at a four-day show, which started on December 7 at Arial Centre at Dhanmandi. Designer Nadira, well known for her creative design brought her latest sari and salwar-kameez ensemble to the show. The show will remain open from 11 in the morning to 9 in the evening until December 10.

Bangla Faces

The Goethe Institut, Dhaka and Drik gallery have jointly organised a workshop on photography with renowned German photographer Thomas Lüttge at the Goethe Institut.

This is the second workshop of this kind by Lüttge in Dhaka. This year he will be conducting the workshop within the framework of the 'Chobi Mela', the first photography festival in Asia. The workshop will come to an end on December 11.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled Gaurabom Atmadan Chiro-Jagorak.

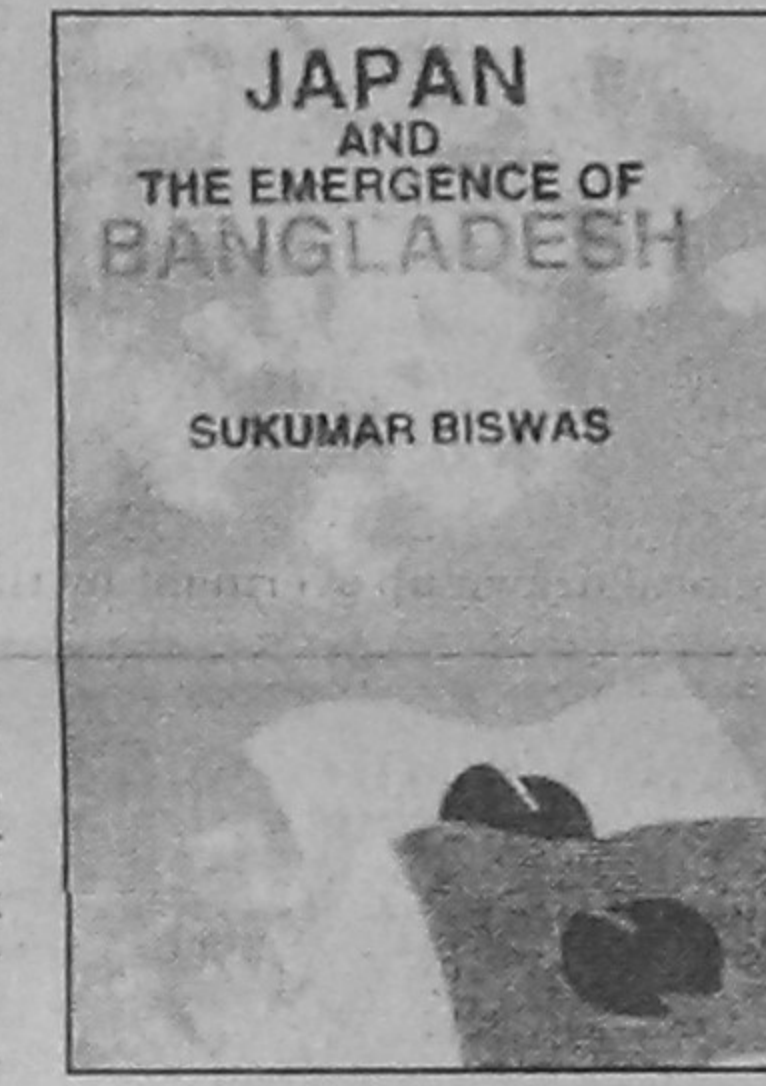
The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.



The visitors look for new books at the fair

The University Press Limited offers the following range of its publications for its esteemed readers: Language and Literature; Mass Communication; Political Science and Social Development, Religion and Philosophy; History, Liberation War and Autobiography; Social Studies and Anthropology, Geography and Environment; Economics and Development and Women Promotion.

By the time the fair closes, hopefully it would draw the book lovers more and more. The Book Fair will come to an end on December 17.



BTB
3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Animation Film: Animal Show 4:30 Nutrition Facts 4:45 Mahe Ramadan 5:20 Shastha Tathya: Healthcare programme for mother and children 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Mach Banga: Folk Musical Programme 6:30 Programme from Chitragong Station 7:00 Mati O' Manush: Agricultural development programme 7:25 A special programme on Human Rights Day 8:00 News in Bengali 8:20 Shadinota Amar Shadinota: Special programme on Victory Day 8:30 Geeti Bichitra: Musical programme 9:00 Drama Series: Road Number Noy Bari Number Choy 9:30 Film Show: Team Night Rider 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Chayachanda: Programme with film soundtracks 10:45 Shilplok: A programme on paintings and sculpture 11:15 Khabar/ The News 11:30 Close Down

Jara Kemon Tara 4:00 Chironoti 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Religious Musical



Environmental scientist Dr. Ainun Nishat face to face in Sharashari, tonight on Ekushey television at 10:20

Programme 5:30 Drishti 5:50 Aiker Potriky 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 Classic Cartoons 6:30 Charidike 7:00 To Be Confirmed 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Proitbedon 8:30 Noorjahan 9:30 Drama Serial: Eka Ekjon 10:00 BTB News 10:20 Shorashori 11:15 Ekushey Nightly News 11:15 Proitbedon 11:45 Ekushey News Headlines

HBO
6:30 If Looks Could Kill 8:30 Mean Streets 10:45 Melanie Darrow 12:30 Cinema Secrets Ep 1: Whipping up Weather 1:00 Trapped 3:00 Flipper 5:00 Pure Country 7:15 Gremlins



The 36th episode of Nurjahan on Ekushey television tonight at 8:30

2. The New Batch 9:30 A Few Good Men 12:45 Two for Texas 2:15 Black Edwards's O B 4:45 Pure Country

STAR GOLD
8:30 Hello Cinema 9:00 Mere Hamdum Mere Dost 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Sunday Noon Show Nazrana 3:30 Geet Bahar 4:00 Mr



Star Film Utshav, starring Anarkali on Star Plus tonight at 8

Sambat 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Sunday Blockbusters Naya Drama: Dui Juddha 7:50 Daily Palki Palki 12:30 Palki 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Mr Sambat 5:30 Palki

CHANNEL 1
Morning 5:20 Nari Jagorone Begum Rokeya 5:40 Addar Table 6:00 Liberation War Drama: Juddha Abong 6:50 Ekaturer Dinguili 7:00 Daily Sope: Joar

Bhata (Episode 69) 7:40 Music Next Generation 8:00 DinProtidin 8:50 Eye Focus 9:00 Recitation from the Holy Quran 9:10 Ramadanul Mubarak Special programme on Ramadan 9:25 Discussion: Islam & Science 10:10 Lipton Taza Monohar Ifar 10:20 Nari Jagorone Begum Rokeya 10:40 Addar Table 11:30 Liberation War Drama: Juddha Abong 11:50 Ekaturer Dinguili 12:00 Daily Sope: Joar Bhata (Episode 69) 12:40 Music Next Generation 1:50 Eye Focus 2:00 Television: Sultanar Swappa Evening 5:00 Recitation from the Holy Quran 5:10 Ramadanul Mubarak Special programme on Ramadan 5:25 Discussion: Islam & Science 6:10

STAR WORLD
8:00 The Pretender 9:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's: The Lost World 10:00 Ally Mcbeal 11:00 The Practice 12:00 Martial Law 1:00 World Championship Wrestling Thunder 3:00 Crown And Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch 5:00 The Simpsons 5:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 6:00 Star News Focus Asia 7:00 The X Files 8:00 Star Track- Next Generation 9:00 TV.Com 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star News

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STAR PLUS
6:00 I Love My India 6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Sunday Funday

Fox 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Chupa Rustom 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakhsri 12:30 Family Fortunes 1:00 Musafir Hoon Yaron 1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Hello Cinema 2:30 Mail Milap 2:40 Star Sunday Matinee: Fyar Ka Devta 6:00 Shrimati Shama Na Kehi Hai 6:30 Jubilee Plus 7:00 Star Bestsellers 8:00 Star Film Utsav: Anarkali 11:30 Jubilee Plus 12:00 Janata Ki Adalat 12:30 Shrimati Shama Na Kehi Hai 1:00 Hasna Mat 1:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakhsri 2:30 Jubilee Plus 3:30 Kuccha Papad Pucca Papad 3:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 4:00 Kabhi Kabhie Mere ghar Mein Bhuchaal Ata Hai 4:30 Gharwali Upanwali 5:00 Sewala Mewawala

Sunday Cont'd 10:30 The X Files 12:30 Cops 1:30 Star News Focus Asia 2:00 The X Files 3:00 Creffo Dollfar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copeland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World



Baywatch on Star World today at 4:00p.m.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



A Few Good Men Starring: Tom Cruise Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore

Airdate: December 10th at 10:00pm Riveting courtroom drama. While defending two young Marines accused of murder, a Navy lawyer finds he must face his own deepest fears. Eager to obtain a quick and quiet plea bargain, the Navy appoints Lieutenant J.G. Daniel Kaffee (cruise) to defend two Marines accused of murdering a fellow platoon member while conducting a "code red" disciplinary action. But what begins as a routine open and shut case, slowly unravels into a far more complex issue than the young Lieutenant lawyer expects. Suddenly realizing why he was assigned the case, Kaffee finds he must wage a major court battle to defend both his clients and his honor. Directed by Rob Reiner the outstanding cast in this film also includes Demi Moore and Jack Nicholson.

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With Joyce Meyer 4:00 World News 5:00 Fashion TV

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama: Welcome To Sarajevo 9:00 Thriller: Earthquake in New York 11:00 Sunday Bets: Cobb 1:30 Drama: Playing to Win 3:30 Star Kids Club: Dexter The Dragon and Bumble The Bear 5:30 Thriller: Reprisal 7:30 Thriller: D O A 9:30 Starbiz 10:00 Sunday Night Premiere: Metro 10:15 Action Force: Money Talks 2:15 Drama: Cobb 4:30 El This: Flashdance 5:30 Drama: Playing to Win

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushala 8:30 Wings 9:30 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 10:00 Jaws & Claws II 10:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids 11:00 Naturequest 11:30 ARK: Tales of the Animal Rescue Kids 12:00 Splat IV 12:30 Lonely Planet V 1:30 India Week 6:30 Discovery Profile Series 7:30 Vital Breakthroughs 8:30 Lifeline 9:30 Inside the Space Station 10:30 Discovery Showcase 11:30 Discovery Profile 12:30 Vital Breakthroughs 1:30 Lifeline 2:30 Inside the Space Station 5:30 Discovery Magazine

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:00 Aalap 7:00 Griha Saja 7:30 News/Arghya 8:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dhara 8:30 Manabi 9:00 News/Bharat Bhroman 9:30 Bahari

Aahar 10:00 Grihosaja 10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma 11:30 Serial: Jeevan Rekha 12:00 Apnader Janya 12:30 Serial:



The X Files on Star World tonight at 10:30

Bhalobasa Mondobasa 1:00 Cine News 1:30 Serial: Bhawani Purer Chattujee 2:00 Serial: Jeman Bolben Sir 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Serial: Hiyar Majhe 5:30 Mon Niye 6:00 Arghya 6:30 Shudhu Tomake Chai 7:00 Serial: Googli 7:30 News 8:00 Serial: Jhara Samayer Upkatha 8:30 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 9:00 Kichu Smriti

Kichu Gaan 9:30 Serial: Iskabanor Bibi 10:00 News/Daibaddho 10:30 Serial: Anya Bhuvan 11:00 Serial:



The X Files on Star World tonight at 10:30

Chena Mukh Achena Manush 11:30 Serial: Andolon 12:00 Arghya

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 This Week 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 USA Direct 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Correspondent ex World Review 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Wheels 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Business Report 12:00 BBC News 12:30 BBC News 1:30 Face To Face India 2:00 BBC News 2:30 This Week 3:00 BBC News 3:10 The Entertainment 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click on Line 5:00 BBC News 5:30 USA Direct 6:00 BBC News 6:10 Firing Line 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Dateline London 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Top Gear 9:00 BBC News 9:10 Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Business Report 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:10 The Entertainment 1:00 BBC News 1:30 USA Direct 2:00 World News 2:10 Question Time USA 3:00 World News 3:30 Top Gear 4:00 BBC World Newsdesk 4:30 Asia Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report

CNN 4:00 World News 4:30 World Sport 5:00 CNN World View 5:30 Inside Asia 6:00 World News 6:30 The Artclub 7:00 CNN World View 7:30 World Beat 8:00 Larry King Weekend 9:00 CNN World View 9:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 10:00 World Report 11:00 World News 11:30 Inside Asia 12:00 World News 12:30 Your Health 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:30 Diplomatic License 3:00 Larry King Weekend 4:00 World News 4:30 Ebizasia 5:00 World News 5:30 World Sport 6:00 World News 6:30 CNN Hotspots 7:00 World News 7:30 Business Unusual 8:00 World News 8:30 CNNdotCOM 9:00 World News 9:30 World Beat 10:00 World News 10:30 CNN IndiadotCOM 11:00 Style South Asia 11:30 Ebizasia 12:00 World News 12:30 Style with Elsa Klensch 1:00 C N N IndiadotCOM 1:30 CNNdotCOM 2:00

World News 2:30 The Artclub 3:00 World News 3:30 Diplomatic License

AXN

6:00 Earth Final Conflict III/Abduction 7:00 Relic Hunter/Memories of Montmartre 8:00 OJ! The Section Chief 9:00 Highlander the Raven/Rogue 10:00 I Dare You 11:00 Relic Hunter/Memories of Montmartre 12:00 Earth Final Conflict III/Abduction 1:00 Movie: Universal soldier II 3:00 Who Dares Wins/ OJ! The Section Chief 4:00 OJ! Walker's World 5:00 Highlander the Raven/Rogue 6:00 I Dare You 7:00 Relic Hunter/Memories of Montmartre 8:00 Movie: Truth or Consequences N M (PG) 10:00 I Dare You 11:00 Movie: Truth or Consequences N M (PG) 1:00 Earth Final Conflict I/Truth 2:00 Nightman II/Keys to Kingdom 3:00 Silk Stalking IV/Natural Selection Pt1

The Simpsons on Star World today at 5:00p.m.