

exhibition

Images New and Old

Chitrak Gallery has black and white photos from East Timor and 19th century Indonesia as a part of the Chobi Mela.

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LORAST'E or East Timor where many of the photos were is a territory of 32,300 square kilometers located in the eastern part of Indonesia with a predominant population of Roman Catholics. Since the Indonesian invasion in 1975 this place of 18,00,000 people has seen more blood shed violence and human suffering than any in history. Therefor when self-determination brought a political maneuvering on the part of the power players, the East Timorese jumped at independence which cost thousands of lives. Though in august 1999 the people of East Timor decided their fate with a referendum, the fate of the Timorese children is uncertain as they still face poverty. East Timor become an area of total chaos and havoc when the militia with some rude elements of the Indonesian military ruined the infrastructure of East Timor when the

results of the polling reflected the desire of the people to gain independence. Thus the lives of thousands of parents were parents were taken and their children now roam the streets and look after themselves. Yet the faces of the children carry hope ("esparansa") which shows the victory of the human spirit over suffering.

Kemal Jufri presents a picture of girls with pretty though worn out dresses with frills and skirts during the traditional early morning traditional mass at Nobel Laureate Bishop Bilo's house. Another shot brings in the image of a girl kissing the image of Jesus on a crucifix held by a local parish priest. The mother looks on with a smile on holy Thursday mass. This is a Roman Catholic tradition which is practiced in East Timor. The next scene brings in the scene of East Timorese children enjoying the beach on a hot afternoon in Dili. In another scene we see naked children plunging into the water with great glee. You can see ship and hills in the back-



ground and the photo has been taken through a space between crags. We move on to see how former East Timorese champion Joao trains a teenager to spar amidst the ruins and wreckage.

In another display we see East Timorese hang out in Don Bosco's orphanage. Seated children are seen against a backdrop of paintings of Jesus and Mary on the wall. This shot is taken from between two pillars from the top of which hang the legs of a child. In another shot we detect how East Timorese look at girlie magazines from behind barbed wires and barricade of poles for the first time in their lives and these pictures are being shown by a UN soldier at Dili airport area.

Again we see an East Timorese girl carrying wood from nearby forests for her parents to cook the food. We also see children looking through a burnt school at Aituirilam. Eye witness accounts of these children speak of soldiers creating the devastation a month after the referen-

dum. We see the angry and agonized eyes of the children from behind the ruins.

More pictures bring in crying children and parents where there is open mourning of the lost relatives during the commemoration at the Liquecak massacre. A monument is built



at the ground where the bloody incident took place. Next we come upon East Timorese children in a class where lessons are being conducted despite the absence of desks, chairs and even books. We also detect East Timorese children at a garbage dump who scavenge for whatever is available. The dump is littered with rubbish generated by the UN staff. Another unusual picture is that of an East Timorese child atop and Anzu angel which was built in 1996, near the Comoro airport. Also fascination is the picture of the East Timorese children standing in front of a soldier painted on one of the walls of their house. Their home was leased out to soldiers during the occupation.

Also moving is the picture of the popular dance 'tebetebe' which means to stand with one's feet on the ground and is a traditional celebration mode to remember the freedom fighters. This dance was for the benefit of the nuns who had come to dis-

tribute toys to the children. The photo of East Timorese children hunting for small fish in the mud to take home in the outskirts of the city. Although donors promise aid yet in the war torn territory. Pictures of Muslim East Timorese are also moving and eye-catching.

The Transfixed Spectator" we have the nineteenth century photos of Kassian Caphas, the first Javanese photographer who took court pictures of the Sultans of Yogyakarta. In this manner he was the source of many court portraits of the royal family. He also acquired a fame as the preserver in photographs of the Hindu-Javanese antiquities in the surrounding of Yogyakarta, as in the case of Candi Lara Jonggrng and the Candi Borobudur.

A Buddha's statue in Boddhisatw in the central cellar of the Candi Mendut brings the well known religious figures against decaying bricks dating from 1900. There are then the ruined temples of Candisewa built in a complex in 1902.

Again, we detect a guest house at Rangtritiis with the photo of people who have made a journey to the Indian Ocean coast in 1897. There are delightful and intriguing portraits of the crown prince and his mistress. We see the sultan's ancestral heirlooms too, such as the golden throne with its footrest dating from 1888. We also see a Ringit Tiang which is a performance of a traditional play showing a king calling his vassals to war, 1889.

The depiction of the East Timorese children showing courage despite the rampage of the Indonesian military and the photographs of Cephass are wonderful delineation of life in the present and past.



Recommendations

Mine, Yours, His/Her's

An exhibition titled Mine, Yours, His/Her's of creative interactive paintings by Omar Zafar was inaugurated at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts on December 20. The exhibition was jointly inaugurated by Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs and George Papandreou, Foreign Minister of Greece.

The exhibition has reopened after the Eid holidays on December 31 and will continue from 12 to 8 p.m. till January 9.

Exhibition

Selected Indonesian exhibitions titled Images from Antara News Agency, The Children of Timore Lorosa'e and The Transfixed Spectator are being held at the Gallery Chitrak, House#21, Road#4, Dhanmondi.

The people of East Timore and the children of Timore Lorosae are subjected to severe poverty through ugly conflicts. East Timore became an image of total devastation after the militia, along with rogue elements in the Indonesian military, went on a rampage burning and destroying infrastructure in East Timore, when the announcement of the referendum results reflected that the people's will was for independence.

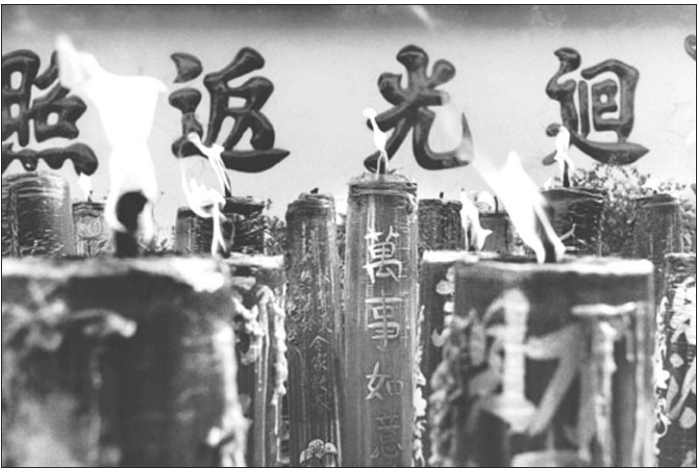
The exhibition will run till January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day.

Cancellation of Chobi Mela Events

Two exhibitions of Chobi Mela are being cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. They are namely:

Hasan Saifuddin Chandan's My Photography scheduled to be held at Drik Gallery rooftop from January 6, 2001 and Pablo Bartholomew's Nagas: Marked by Beauty at Indian Cultural Centre gallery from January 7, 2001.

Further information on the new exhibition will be informed soon.



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



My Best Friends Wedding

on HBO at 10:00 tonight. 'Pretty woman' Julia Roberts stars as Julianne Potter in the Best Romantic Comedy of the year, who falls in love with her best friend (Dermot Multroney) the day he decides to marry someone else (Cameron Diaz). The movie tells the funny, romantic story of how far we have come-- and how long we go--in the game of love.

Starring : julia Roberts, Dermot Multroney, Cameron Diaz, Rupert

Power 2:45 The Glimmer Man 4:45 Laguna Heat

STAR WORLD 6:30 Life In The



Friends on Star World at 8:00 p.m.

28th American Music Awards 12:00 Dharma & Greg 12:30 Chicago Hope 1:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2:30 Everybody Loves Raymond 3:00 Frasier 3:30 Grace Under Fire 4:00 The Bold & The Beautiful 4:30 Mork & Mindy 5:00 Happy Days 5:30 Baywatch 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Home Improvement 7:30 STAR Kids 8:00 Friends 8:30 28th



Mork & Mindy on Star World at 8:00 a.m.AXN

American Music Awards 9:15 STAR News Asia 9:30 28th American Music Awards 11:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 11:30 Friends 12:00 STAR News 12:30 28th American Music Awards 3:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 3:30 JAG 4:30 The Pretender 5:30 Creflo Dollar Daily 6:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries

STAR PLUS 6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR

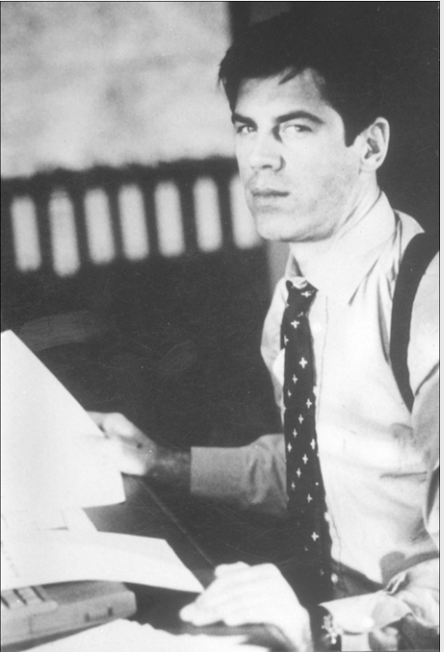
Geetmala 7:30 Hit Ya Fit 8:00 Cine Jharokha 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Siski 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 I Love My India 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Patang (Rajendra Kumar, Mala Sinha) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Tarana (Dilip Kumar, Madhubala, Jeevan) 3:30 Bollywood News 4:00 Ahan Sati Wahan Bhagwa (Prithviraj Kapoor, Anita Guha) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Mangal Masti-Boond Jo Ban Gaye Moti (Jatendra, Rajashree) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Baaz (Guru Dutt, Geeta Bali) 12:30 Baaz (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Jahan Sati Wahan Bhagwan (Prithviraj Kapoor, Anita Guha) 5:30 Baaz (Guru Dutt, Geeta Bali)

STAR MOVIES

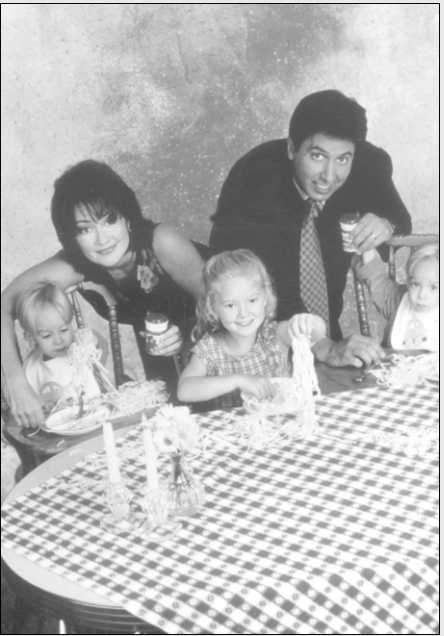
7:15 Romance : AU Pair (G) 9:15 Adventure : Camp Nowhere (PG) 11:15 Drama : Manhunter (15) 1:30 Midday Movie: The Truth About Juliet (15) 3:30 Drama : Naked Frailties (15) 5:30 Comedy : Oscar (PG) 7:45 Drama : Keys to Tulsa (15) 10:00 Extreme CU 10:30 Hollywood Action Night : CIA : Code Name Alexa (15) 12:30 Movie With Style : The Shooter 1997 (15) 2:15 Western : My Name is Nobody 4:15 Action : Inner Action (15)

6:00 Dark Skies/The Awakening Pt1 7:00 World Most Amazing Video II 8:00 Cyber team in Akihabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk/Samurai X 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels in Chains 11:00 Most Amazing Video II 12:00 Farscape II/Vitas Mortis 1:00 Movie: Blue Submarine No.6 3:00 Cyber team in Akihabara 4:00 Flame of Recca/Slam Dunk 5:00 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins



Murder Call on Star World at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 Heart of Courage/Heart of Courage 7:00 Pensacola III/Gypsy Tumble 8:00 Movie: The Stranger 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Angels in Chains 11:00 Pensacola III/Gypsy Tumble



Everybody Loves Raymond on Star World at 2:30 p.m.

BTV 3:00 Opening Announcement 3:20 Open University 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Nutritional Facts 4:20 Sports Programme 5:10 Debate in English 6:00 Khabar 6:10 Education for all 6:30 Programme of Chittagong Centre 7:00 Sangeeta 7:25 TV Quiz 8:00 News in Bangla 8:20 Drama Series: Satjajiter



3rd episode of drama serial Koyekjon Oporadhi on Ekushey TV at 3:05 in the afternoon.

Gappo 9:00 Drama Serial: Ora Kajana 10:00 News at Ten 10:20 Sonali Daraja 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Closing

Ekushey TV 12:00 Ekushey News Headlines 12:05 Ajker Potrikay 12:15 Bangla Movie: Hal Chal 2:40 Drishti 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:05 Drama Series: Koyekjon Oporadhi 3:30 Amader Kotha 4:00 Chitrogeeti 4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 5:00 Circus



Drama serial Nei Kono Thikana on Ekushey TV at 8:00 tonight.



Home Improvement on Star World at 7:00 p.m.

Without Warning I 5:30 Lonely Planet V 6:30 Let's Dance/there's No Food Like My Food 7:00 Real Kids, Real Adventures 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Hunters 9:30 Trauma IVLive in the ER 10:30 On the Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Hunters 2:30 Trauma IVLive in the



Drama Jibon Jekhaney Jemon on Ekushey TV at 9:00 tonight.

ER 3:30 On the Inside 4:30 Discovery Profile Series 5:30 Lifeline

CNN 4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia Business Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia Business Morning 6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00

CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World Sport 10:00 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A (Replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live

World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today Inc. Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today Inc. Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Mastermind India 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Earth Report World Rev 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Click Online 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Earth Report World Rev 6:00 BBC News 6:30 Mastermind India 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Holiday 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 09:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hospital 11:00 BBC News World Business Report 11:30 Jancis Italian Feast Rough Science 12:00 BBC News 12:35 World Business Report 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Talking Movies 3:00 BBCNews 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report / World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report

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