

documentary

Tears of Fire : Crying Out for Justice

A video documentary by Mrityunjoy Roy Sentu holds up the plea for an International war tribunal to try the criminals who masterminded the genocide in Bangladesh in 1971

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IT is very sad that little has been done to try the war criminals of 1971. The few documentaries that have been

made have focused on the liberation war itself and the cruel violence that marked the struggle for our independence. Amidst this when someone comes up with a good piece of work, not just content wise but

also in its making, than that certainly deserves some attention. 'Tears of Fire' is such a video documentary by young director Mrityunjoy Roy Sentu. The 30 minute documentary is a piece of work that searches

the genocide that claimed the lives of three million people of the country. Mrityunjoy Roy traces the atrocious attack of the Pakistani army on the innocent masses of the country. He tries to depict n his documentary how

Schanberg, New York Times correspondent for South Asia at that time and who authored the book Dateline Bangladesh and the film The Killing Fields. Another participant is Prof Benjamin N Frencz, the last surviving prosecutor of the Nuremberg trial and a person who has always lent voice to the holding of a similar trial for Bangladesh's war, R K Taylor one of the human rights activists who initiated the blockade against the Pakistani ship that was to carry the weapons from the US military for use in the genocide back here, Phillis Taylor, another activist who organised, street dramas, street songs, rallies and the like to make the people in the west aware of the atrocities being done in Bangladesh. Another participant is Dr William Greenough the founder of the Bangladesh Information Centre that provided the photographs, news and documents to the Senators and congressmen in the US and American people at large.

There is also an interview with a war widow, a war orphan and their people intimately involved with the war, who explained the irreplaceable losses they suffered and how they feel about



The people's joy on Victory Day on Dec 16 1971

those responsible for such brutal acts having gone unpunished in such a civilized world.

Tears of Fire is not a ground breaking documentary that will make everyone sit up and take

notice about it. But it is a well made film that will nevertheless claim the attentions of a lot of people I this country who too are asking for a trial of those brutal men ho heinously carried out the genocide and have still gone scott free with blood on their hands.

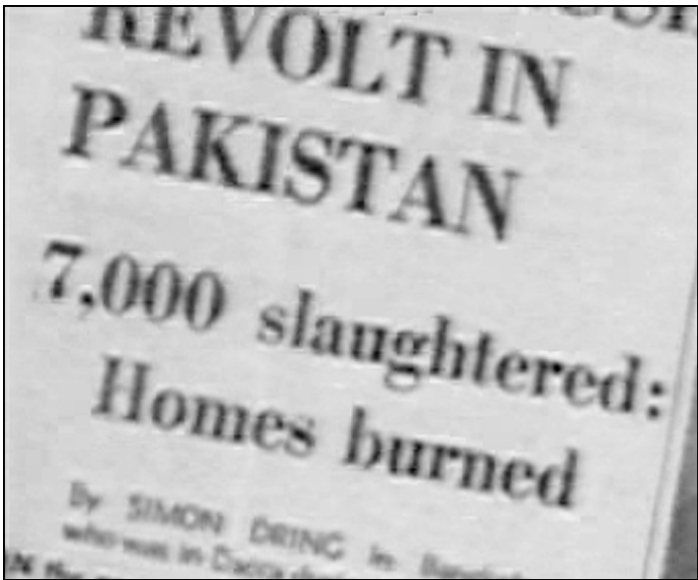
Roy has done a commendable task of putting forward the sentiments of the people in their demand for a, International Tribunal to try the people who masterminded the human tragedy in 1971. The documentary in its 30 minute layout has neatly been put together in its script, and narration to present its say to the people. The editing is excellent, especially if compared to many other documentaries being produced in a haste who don't pay much attention to the finishing of a short film. The sound effects are also neat.

Mrityunjoy Roy Sentu shows promise of becoming of a good filmmaker as his first amateur venture with such a delicate topic shows. Tears of Fire will remain a milestone in his career in any case.

At present the documentary is available on the CD-ROM brought out by the Liberation War Museum in its introduction of the Liberation War of our country.



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib delivering his historical speech at the Ramna Race Course



Simon Dring's reports in the west on the genocide in Bangladesh



The bodies of people killed indiscriminately

the barbaric Pak regime had attacked the people without provocation and takes help from different people who were involved with important parts of the war at that time.

What Roy has tried to do is present the extent of the cruelty that was carried out to support the plea for a War Tribunal to try the criminals who have gone without punishment so far.

The film unfolds with the documentation of how the war broke out, leading slowly to the genocide that the country experienced. There are still many people around this world who are yet unaware about the massive human tragedy that took place right in this country with the approval and under the commands of another nation that claimed to have a democratic government at that time. Roy interviewed international figures who were involved in our war, either in trying to get us help from abroad, or by making information available to the outside world about the in-depth of the genocide being carried out here.

There are short interviews with such people as Sydney



A rickshaw puller's body dumped on his own vehicle

### Recommendations

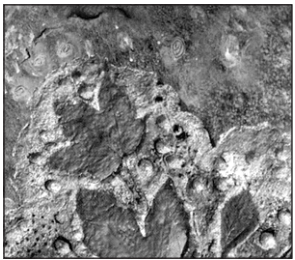
#### 14th National Art Exhibition

Three-week long Fourteenth National Art Exhibition 2000, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will be inaugurated on January 23, 2001 at the Academy auditorium at 4:00 afternoon. The exhibition will go on till 12th February daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. From 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The exhibits will be on display at Bangladesh shishu Academy and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Gallery.

#### Musical Evening

Muktijudha Jadughar (Liberation war museum) presents a fund raising winter evening of musical soiree.

Pramila Chakrabarti's solo musical recital will be held at the Cafe Theatre of the Museum---5, Segun Bagicha, on January 26 at 6. Snacks will be served in the tea-break.



#### Art Exhibition

Alka mathur and Naresh Kapuria's joint show opens at Bengal Gallery on January 18. Alka Mathur is a familiar name in the Dhaka art circle. These two artists together promise a mind stirring show for the city's gallery-goers.

#### The War We

##### Forgot

A photography exhibition on the history of country's Liberation War has opened at the Drik Gallery. The show displays historic images of the internationally renowned press and other photographers who were in Bangladesh during the War in 1971. The works of Abbas, Barbey, Henri Bureau, David Burnett, Horst Faas (Associated Press), Michel Laurent (Associated Press), Raghu Rai, Rashid Talukder, among others, have been kept on display. The exhibition is open for all from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily and will come to an end on February 2.

## TV GUIDE

### PICK OF THE DAY



#### Poodles Springs on HBO Tonight at 10:00

The genre of the detective thriller is revisited in this intense new adaptation of Raymond Chandler's lost masterpiece. Caan is a retired Philip Marlowe who is forced to relocate to posh Poodle Springs, California with his wife (Meyer) when he is wrongly accused of murder. However, a mobster has other plans for Marlowe and coaxes the detective out of retirement to track down a deadbeat gambler. What appears to be a routine case becomes one of Marlowe's toughest when he follows a trail of debauchery to uncover the gambler's two different lives and wives as well as a corrupt seume by his wealthy father-in law to turn Poodle Springs into a gambling mecca, with from John F. Kennedy

Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 J.A.G. 10:00 The Pretender 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 1:00 Grace Under Fire 1:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 2 Guys A Girl, And A Pizza Place 6:30 Maggie Winters 6:55 Star News Asia (5

TSN 1:30 Small Wonder 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Shagun 3:30 Gharwali Uparwali 4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Sewlal Mewawala 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids- Daily 7:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Hasna Mat 9:00 Siski 9:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

Meri Saheli

#### STAR MOVIES

7:00 Drama : Mystery Of Spoon River 9:00 Comedy: Bitter Sulte 10:30 Action: Apocalypse Now 1:00 Action: Fist of Horror 3:00 Drama: A River Runs Through It 5:00 Thriller : Final Descent 7:00 Action : Terminator 2 9:15 Action : Jekyll Island 11:00 Drama : Mystery Of Spoon River 1:00 Action: President's Man 3:00 Thriller: Nowhere in Sight 5:00 Comedy : Drama : Silent Justice

#### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

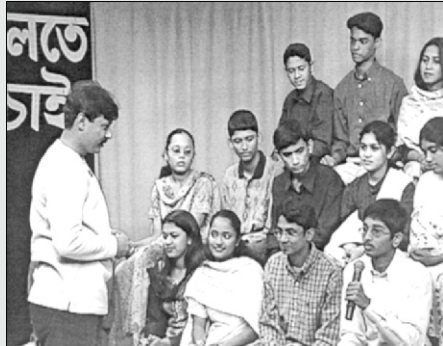
6:30 Eyewitness II 7:00 ESPU 7:30 Outer Bounds I & II 8:00 Without Warning I 8:30 Lonely Planet V 9:30 Beyond 2000 10:00 Next Step 10:30 Go For It! 11:30 Intimate Escapes 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives I 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Medical Mysteries 3:30 Animal Survivors 4:00 In Care Of Nature 4:30 Outer Bounds I & II 5:00 Without Warn-



Mork & Mindy on Star World at 2:00

**CHANNEL-i**  
6:15 Kathi Kathi  
6:50 Akattorer  
Dinguli 7:00  
Mancholak 7:40  
Prosongo  
Cholochitto 8:00  
Din Protidin 8:50  
Focus 9:00 Anuvobe  
Anukhane 10:00

Drishti 5:50 Ajker  
Potrikay 6:00  
Ekushey News  
Headlines 6:05  
Classic Cartoons  
6:30 Life on the  
Land 7:00 Bolte Chai  
7:30 Ekushey News  
8:00 Drama Serial:  
Bismriti 8:30 Pother

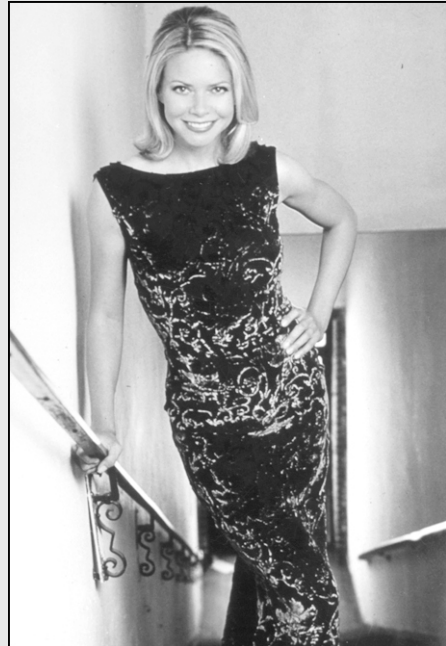


Bolte Chai on Ekushey TV at 7:00 in the evening.

Reciting from Holy Quran 10:10  
Music 10:40 Addar Table 11:15 Kathi Kathi 11:50 Akattorer Dinguli 12:00 Mancholak 12:40 Prosongo Cholochitto 1:50 I Focus 2:00 Anuvobe Anukhane 3:00 Bangla Cinema: Bhai Bhandu 6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 I Music 6:40 Addar Table 7:15 Musical Programme: Dujone 7:50 Akattorer Dinguli 8:00 Drama: Taka 8:40 Chitti Pelam 9:15 I Street Show 10:00 Music Circle 10:50 I Focus 10:00 Bangla Cinema: Khamotaban

Paychali 9:00 Khela 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Chitrogeeti 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

**ZEE CINEMA**  
6:00 Hawas (Anit D, Neetu) 10:30 Wafaa



Maggie Winters on Star World at 10:30 tonight.

**ZMGM**  
6:30 Reason to Die 9:00 Gangland 11:30 The Big Man 2:00 Perfect Man 4:30 Four Friends 7:00 Underground Aces 9:30 FX II 11:30 Bring on the Night 1:30 Angel 1:30 Unchanged 4:00 Lethal Panther

**BBC WORLD**  
6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC

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Pother Panchali on Ekushey Tv at 8:30 to night.

BBC News 11:15 World Business Report 11:30 Holiday 12:00 BBC News 12:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Top Gear 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business Report/World Business Report 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Asia Business Report/Asia Today

#### HBO

7:00 The Concierge 9:00 The War 11:30 A Perfect World 2:30 The Paper 4:45 The Glimmer Man 6:45 Seven Years in Tibet 9:30 Cinema Secrets Ep 7: Leading Ani-

mals 10:00 Poodle Springs 12:00 The Concierge 2:00 Heartbreak Ridge 4:45 The Paper

**AXN**  
6:00 Dark Skies/The Last Wave 7:00 Heart of Courage 8:00 Cyberteam in Akihabara/Flame of Recca 9:00 Slam Dunk/Samurai X 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/Terror on Ward One 11:00 Heart of Courage 12:00 Pensacola III/Call to Glory 1:00 Who Dares Wins 3:00 Who Dares Wins/ Cyberteam in

Akihabara 4:00 Flame of Recca/Slam Dunk 5:00 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 6:00 I Dare You 7:00 VIP II/Dr Strangeval 8:00 Movie: Gattaca 10:00 Charlie's Angels I/ Terror on Ward One 11:00 VIP II/ Dr Strangeval 12:00 Movie : Gattaca 2:00 Dark Skies/The Last Wave 3:00 Silk Stalkings V/Compulsion

#### STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Babul (Dilip Kumar, Nargis, Munawar) 12:00 Geet Bahar Kisi Ki Aathai (Dharmendra, Mala Sinha) 8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Pyaasa (Guru Dutt, Waheeda Rehman, Mala Sinha) 12:30 Pyaasa



Ally McBeal on Star World at 11:00 tonight.

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**STAR WORLD**  
6:00 Murder Call 7:00 The Oprah Winery Show 8:00

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#### 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



The Pretender on Star World at 10:00 in the morning.