# In praise of vanishing peoples

## Shameem Hasan's exhibition of "Nishkanda" at Goethe Institut

HAMEEM Hasan, who held his exhibition "Nishkanda" at the Goethe Institut, says, "although this is a photographic exhibit, I do not consider myself primarily a photographer. The lens is merely a medium through which I express my feelings and beliefs. It is just like others use painting, acting or singing to tell others of their innermost feelings. Even though I have not been trained as a photographer I have something to say through my photographs. I have my ideologies and dreams to

improve society and they motivate my work. 'Nishkanda' is a part of a trilogy.

Alliance Francaise and the pictures in them were mainly taken from 'Nokni Middi' (worcall themselves 'Achik Mandi'





"At first I had an exhibit called

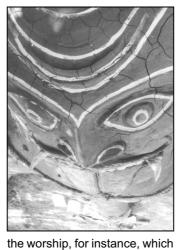
'Mandi: Dying Rituals' at the ship of tutelary deity) ritual of the Mandi the third largest indigenous community in Bangladesh. Generally called 'Garo' these people are proud to



nings. I feel that we should return to our original pristine

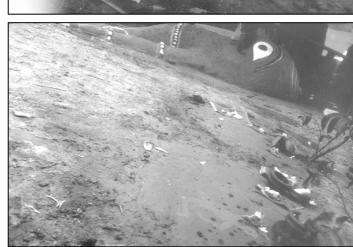
The third part of the trilogy was 'Mro- a pilgrimage' and this is about one of the eleven indigenous communities of the Chittagong Hill tracts focusing on their way of life, their trees, flowers, totems and taboos."

"'Nishkanda' is the second part of the series and it deals with a local deity of the low caste Hindus and here I am inspired by Sartre's 'Iron in the soul'. I had photographed these people ten years back and coming back from Russia and the Nether-lands I focused my attention on the same people. These photographs are taken at Tangail, where I have my home. Professional photographers will not like my work and term them as too dark. I prefer the pictures to be misted and covered in dark shades as the theme demands it. The subject is the folk god of the ignored Hindus. They say that this worship is to get rid of fear and grief. I believe that there is a lot of sense in this although it is different from our customary Muslim beliefs. They cover the god's phallus during



is interesting. "To me this is not a mere





uttering of magic spells or a hidden protesting ritual of frightened pagan people. With civilization the fine elements of nature are probably defeated. Our own society, in its present state, is a confused one. It does not, for example, know whether it is 'Bengali' or 'Bangladeshi'. A lot of good qualities in it were destroyed with the passage of time. If our sense of values were all that admirable, we would not see the list of rampant evils in our society that go unchecked. Even though we are supposed to have come upon the right religion yet evil prevails in our everyday existence. We are



religion of others as in the case of 'Nishkanda' worship where evil is warded off by prayers and sacrifice." Shameem has taken differ-

ent aspects of the worship in his photos. In one of them you saw the eye and eyebrow of the god done in green and red against a backdrop of black. The deity was depicted as all-seeing. In another scene we saw the god lying on the ground with focus on his body and limbs as well as the head which one finds atop the stomach. This was found in variations of brown, green and In another photo we saw the

roots of an old "shaora" tree and near it banana and mango leaves, hibiscus and "togor' flowers as well as sweets given for worship. In the next picture we found the god's head on the ground with fangs, moustache and decoration on the head and neck. His red vibrant tongue was depicted as hanging out. Nearby, some children can be seen peeking from behind the deity. There was also the priest making preparation for the ritual offerings. One found the

for slaughtering animals for the worship. One could also detect the "dhol" and the "gamchha", which covered the phallus of the deity, were all a part of the ritual. The scene was caught just before the actual sacrifice of a goat. The other adult onlookers were also included. Scattered utensils were brought into this image. This was specially in dark green, black and gray, tones which invoke reminiscence of the historical past. In another photo one found

the head of the pigeon that had been sacrificed as well. Blood stains mingled with the four repeated scarlet dancing figures of primitive men. At the back of this depiction of mud was the god reigning supreme over the scene. Shameem, in his depiction of

ancient rites before the little herd of god brought in a simple, forgotten way of life that was untouched by modern civilization. Peace and harmony prevailed among the trees and boulders where the primitive people went on undisturbed with their routine of ancient customs and traditions.

Top Of Th Tops

Dollar Bahu

Zee & You

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Boom

Sansaar

Stories

12:00 Gudgudee

1:00 Jai Ganesha

Feature Film

Nickelodeon

Razzmatazz

10:30 Rishtey The Love

11:30 India S Most Wanted

12:30 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki

Deewane To Deewane

Manzilein Apni Apni

Kuch Lamhe Kuch

Weekend Cinema

Feature Film

**ZEE CINEMA** 

6:00 Feature Film

Nagme

10:00 Feature Film

Movie Fare

News in Hindi

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## collection

salwar-kameeze ensemble for the upcoming Eid festival opens at Arial Centre on November 29. Open from 10 am and 8 pm, the show will run till December 4

opened at The High Commission of India cultural centre, 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. The show runs everyday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. till November 29.

## ion works show

# Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with Indian High Commission in Dhaka, has organised a fortnight long Alfred Hitchcock Retrospective. 'The Lady Vanishes' starring Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave & Cecil Parker, will be screened today at the Indian High Commission

### **Fashion**

Altamira, a fashion gallery, is now being held at House #1, Road #2, Dhanmomndi. The show, open from 10 a.m to 10 p.m. everyday,

# TV GUIDE

## **BTV**

12:00p.m.Live telecast of the parliamentary sessions from The National Parlia-

2:00 Live Cricket! One day match between Bangla desh and Zimbabwe from Dhaka stadium

News Headlines 4:00 Khabar 4:50 Mahe Ramadan

5:00 News Headlines 6:00 Khabar 7:00 News Headlines (English)

8:00 News in Bengali 9:05 Drama: Swapnoloker Chabi

### 10:00 News in English **EKUSHEY**

12:30 Shoptaho Ghura Deshiure 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 1:30 Documentary Pro-

Tropic 1:50 Surer Prodeep Bangladesh-Zimbabwe 2<sup>nd</sup> International Coca-Cola Cricket Match Live Tele-

grammed: Japan Video

cast from Dhaka **Ekushey Headlines** Ajker Potrikay 6:00 **Ekushy Headlines** Eksuehy Headlines

7:30 **Ekushey News** 7:58 Ek Minute 10:30 Ekushev Business 11:00 Ekushey Nightly News

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10:50 Film Magazine Boliwoder Khobor 11:20 Bengali film: Nayaner Alo 12:00 ATN Bangla News

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8:45 Musical prog : Surer Badhan 9:20 Drama Serial: Jibon Nodir Jowar Vata 10:00 ATN Bangla News

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6:25 Drama : Joar Vata Drama (S) Durbin Music Horizone Din Protidin 8:00 8:15 Na Bhola Khatha 10:40 Music Plus 10:45 Drama: Joar Vata

11:15 Drama (S) Durbin 12:00 Music Horizone 12:35 Na Bhola Khatha

2:00 Bangla Cinema: Natun (Razzak/Sabana/Alamg Mahe Ramadan 4:50

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**BBC WORLD BBC News** 6:30 Holiday 7:00 **BBC News** 7:30 Hospital 8:00 **BBC News** 8:30 Correspondent 9:00 BBC News 9:30 This Week 10:00 BBC News 10:30 India Tomorrow 11:00 BBC News 11:30 India Biz Report Profiles

12:00 BBC News **12:30** Wheels 1:00 **BBC News** 1:30 Hardtalk India **BBC News** 2:30 This Week **BBC News** 3:00 3:30 Earth Story 4:00 **BBC News** 

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Hospital

**BBC New** 

**BBC News** 

Top Gear

**BBC News** 

BBC News

Crusades

10:30 India Tomorrow

10:00 BBC News

11:00 BBC News

11:30 Earth Story

People's Century

Dateline London

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## STAR WORLD

**6:00** JAG Nash Bridges 7:00 The Pretender 8:00 The Lost World 9:00 10:00 Ally McBeal 11:00 The Practice 12:00 First Wave 1:00 Roswell 2:00 3:00 Crown and Country 3:30 Travel Asia 4:00 Baywatch Hawaii 5:00 The Simpsons 3rd Rock From the Sun

### 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hospital 1:00 BBC News

BBC News Top Gear 3:00 BBC News 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Asia Business

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## **HBO**

8:30 Nowhere to Hide 10:30 Gold Diggers The

Crossroads: Cross-3:45 Killers In The House

Beethoven 9:30 Midnight Run 12:00 Milk Money 2:15 Arlington Road 4:30 Trapped

## STAR GOLD

10:30 Geet Bahar 11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Beete Hue Din 1:00 Sunday Noon Show: Amne Samne (Mithun Chakraborty, Bindya Goswami)

3:30 Tarana (Dilip Kumar. Madhubala) Geet Bahar

Geet Bahar Dil Ki Rani (Raj Kapoor, Madhubala) 7:00 Milan(Sunil Dutt,

Temptation Island

People's Century

Report/Asia Today Report/Asia Today

6:30 My Husband's Secret Secret of Bear Moun-

12:30 Band of Brothers 05:

Mission Impossible

12:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum

Sunday Blockbusters Milan(Sunil Dutt.

Nutan) 11:00 Beete Hue Din 11:30 Mere Mehboob (Rajendra Kumar, Sadhana) Mere Mehboob (Contd....)

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



BTV: 9:05 p.m. Swapno Loker Chabi. Joy is the eldest son of a middle class family. Unemployed, fun loving he seems to be not bothered with the problems of life. But he wants to become a good writer. He spends his time in the park. Riya is an artist. She meets Joy at the park.



IHT World

The X Files

Generation

9:00

9:30

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STAR WORLD: 10:30 p.m. The X Files. Signs And Wonders: At a secluded house in McMinn County. Tennessee, a man who we will come to know as Jared Chirp looks over a printout labelled 'medical test results'. Jared becomes frantic and starts packing his suitcase. Unbeknownst to him, a darkened figure stands outside the house observing.

# 6:00 Star News Focus Asia Star Trek The Next

Rendezvous With Simi

**ESPN** 

6:30 Uefa Champions

Matchday

8:30 South Africa Cricket

Highlights

ber Launch

10:30 Racehorse Digest

11:00 Atp Tennis Show

11:30 International Beach

9:30 Cricket Programming

League 2001/02 Uefa

Champions League

Indian Tour Of South

Africa 3rd Test, Day 2,

Africa Centurion, South

Super Selector Decem-

Soccer Beach Soccer

Worldwide Acapulco,

12:00 English Premier Football

Football League

South Africa Cricket

Indian Tour Of South

Africa Centurion, South

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Mexico Spain @ Portu-

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3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily Kenneth Copeland Ministries Life In The Word With 4:00 Joyce Meyer 4.30 World News

### 5:30 Mork & Mindy STAR PLUS 6:00 Mirch Masala

Fashion TV

6:30 Star Geetmala 7:30 Aatma 8:30 Dharam Aur Hum 9:30 Jap Tap Vrat 10:30 Kaun Banega Crorepati Junior 11:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri

12:30 Chhupa Rustam

1:30 Mirch Masala 2:00 Hit Filmein Hit 2:30 Mail Milap Star Sunday Matinee Barkha Bahar (Navin Nischol, Rekha) Hit Filmein Hit Sanget

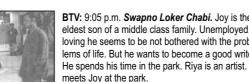
Fox Kids Sunday

Son Pari

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Jubilee Plus

Musafir Hoon Yaroon





STAR WORLD: 11:30 p.m. Star Trek: The Next

## Generation. Cause and Effect: Investigating a previously unexplored area of space, the Enterprise crew expects nothing but the normal routine of the

unknown. After Dr. Crusher makes a mysterious complaint about hearing voices in her quarters, a time disturbance is detected close to the ship. 9:00 Star Mast Movie: Diliale (Aiav Devgan. Sonali Bendre.

Madhoo) 12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 12:30 Kalash 1:00 Sonpari 1:30 Meri Saheli Kaahin Kissii Roz 2:30 Jubilee Plus

3:00 Pal Chhin 3:30 Saahil 4:00 Sansar 4:30 Chhupa Rustan 5:00 Shanti

Sangeet Toppers CHANNEL [V] 7:30 [V] So Long Gone 8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart 10:30 [V] Sunday Stack

Session

South Africa Cricket

Indian Tour Of South

Africa 3rd Test, Day 3,

Lunchtime Show

South Africa Cricket

Indian Tour Of South

Africa Centurion, South

Africa 3rd Test, Day 3,

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Session

10:30 Ufa Champions League

Review

South Africa Cricket

Indian Tour Of South

Africa Centurion, South

Highlights 2001/02 Uefa

Champions League

# 13 Matchwk 7 H/Ls

League English Premier

England Sunderland @

11:30 English Premier Football

Football League

2001/02 Liverpool

South Africa Cricket

Africa 3<sup>rd</sup> Test, Day 3,

Africa Centurion, South

4:30

11:30 [V] Colossal Chaos Countdown 12:00 PO [V] [V] Sunday Stack 3:30 [V] Karaoke 4:00 [V] Sunday Stack

5:30 6:30 7:00 Countdown 7:30 PO [V]

> Test, Day 3, 2nd & 3nd Session

### STAR SPORTS Golf Programming 8:00

Australia Cricket New lia New Zealand @ 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Session World Cup Mix 1:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League

Nba Inside Stuff 2001/02 Rally Racing On The New Zealand Silverstone Goldrush Hillclimb 4:00 Yachting Rolex Fastnet

Indian Tour Of South Africa Centurion, South Africa 3rd Test, Day 3, 1sd Session South Africa Cricket Indian Tour Of South Africa Centurion, South



PICK OF THE DAY

### Midnight Run On HBO at 9:30 PM

A \$100,000 fee is put out for the head of Charles Grodin, for stealing a whopping chunk of the mob's money and giving it to charity, and a little extra for playing hide and seek with the angry gangsters who now have sleepless nights trying to bring him in.

[V] Weekend Spl [V] Sunday Stack [V] Colossal Chaos

### **SPORTS** Africa 3rd Test, Day 3

Golfglobe 2001 Zealand Tour Of Australia 2001 Hobart. Austra-Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Test, Day 4,

Limit 2001 Queenstown

2001 Cowes. United Kingdom Highlights Sports India 5:00 Australian Domestic Cricket Australian Domestic Circket-Ing Cup Sydney, Australia Queensland Bulls @ New South Wales Blues

9:00 Golf Tournament Bmw

[V] Sunday Stack [V] Weekend Spl 9:30 [V] Mainstage 11:00 Billboard US Countdown [V] Hit Machine

## **STAR NEWS**

Star News English 9:00 Star News Hindi

11:30 Star News English 12:00 Star Business Week 12:30 Star News English Limelight Hindi

6:30 The Big Fight 8:00 8:30 We The People Star News Sunday 10:30 Star News Ravivaar

11:30 Star News English

### 12:30 Star Business Week **ZEE TV**

6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal Aalaap 7:00 Yoga For Life 7:40 Jagran

7:50 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Nickelodeon on Zee 9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee 9:30 Jai Ganesha 10:30 National Challenge

Antakshari 11:30 Raazi Kiski 12:30 Quiz Contest 1:00 Hip Hip Hurray

### Asian Open Golf 2001 Day Three 11:00 Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour Of Austra-

lia 2001 Hobart. Austra-

Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Test, Day 4

lia New Zealand @

Highlights 12:00 Cricket Programming Super Selector December Launch Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League

Rally Racing On The

Limit 2001 Queenstown,

New Zealand Silverstone Goldrus Hillclimb Rally Racing Mai Indian National Rally Championship 2001 Bangalore, KR India Bangalore

Rally Samsung Nations Cup Samsung Nations Cup 2001 Washington, USA Highlights Australia Cricket New Zealand Tour Of Austra-

lia 2001 Hobart, Austra-

Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Test. Day 4

lia New Zealand @

Highlights

Zee Gym 9:45

1:00 Bollywood Top 5 1:15 Madhyantar Feature Film 1:30 5:00 Darpan Top Of The Tops 5:15 5:45 Film Time

Feature Film 6:00 Bollywood Top 5 9:15 Making Of A Legend 9:30 10:00 Feature Film 1:45 Tara Rum 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch

### Nagme Feature Film 5:30 Chehren **ZEE MUSIC**

6:00 Music Com 7:00 Aalaap 7:30 Tara Rum 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Artist Of The Fortnight 11:30 Music Box

12:00 Dial M 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00 Jharokha 2:35 Tara Rum 3:05 5:00 Music Box

Hit Mix 6:00 Dil Se Best of The Best 6:30 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Fillers 9:00 Compact Disc Music Box 9:30 10:00 Sizzlers

10:30 Jharokha

11:05 Music. Com

12:00 Phoren Maa

12:35 Shabab

1:05 Music Box

1:30 Jharokha

Face Of Evil 11:00 The Boys Next Door



# Kriti's rich collection of sari and

Art show A group art exhibition by Zahid Shamim, Kakoli and Safin has

# Crafts and fash-

A Crafts and Fashion Works Exhibition is now being held at the Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Shahbagh, Dhaka. The show will run till November 30.

# **Alfred Hitchcock**

Auditorium at 6 in the evening.

A colourful apparel show by runs till December 14.

Hit Pe Hit

Tara Rum

Phoren Maal

Pyaar Mohabbat Etc

# **ALPHA TV**

3:30

4:30

BANGLA 6:00 Safallya Manabi Arghya/Ananda Vilas 7:00 7:30 News Surer Ei Dharana Dharay 8:00

Lulko Choori 9:00 News Bharat Bhraman 9:05 Premer Phande 9:30

10:00 Samaver Sur 10:30 Soni Robi Moiar Chobi 11:30 Kashinath 12:00 Bideshini Bodhu **12:30** Tritiyo Purush

1:00 Ranna Ghar Goenda Paribai 1:30 2:00 Feature Film Arghya/Anand Vilas 5:00 Looko Churi

6:00 News Mojar Khel Kobitay 6:30 7:00 Ekuse Paa 7:30 Googly 8:00 Alpha Bangla Telechobi

Purobi 10:15 Talk Jhal Misti 10:45 Fk Palake 10:50 News 10:55 Ek Palake

11:00 Nijei Nayak 11:30 News 11:55 Ek Palake 12:00 Dai Baddha 12:55 Ek Palake

### 12:30 Bangla Feature Film Bharat Bhraman Saregama Prapto Baesko De Janya

Talk Jhal Misti

**HALLMARK** 1:00 Child's Cry A season Of Hope 3:00 5:00 Sesame Street Harvey 6:00

8:00 Ghostwriter 8:30 Wishbone 9:00 Sesame Street 10:00 Wildflower 12:00 Side By Side

2:00 Harvey Blonde 4:00 6:00 Touched By An Angel 9:00 No One Could Protect