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The Daily Star

RECOMMENDATIONS

Photography exhibition

August 23 September 01 A solo photography exhibition titled, 'Our glorious past: Sonargaon' by photographer Syed Zakir Hossain, begins at the DRIK gallery of Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition is open everyday from 3 to 8 p.m. The exhibition schedules also contain launching of a photo album.

Sculpture

exhibition

August 12 - 28 A sculpture exhibition of artist Ferdousi Priyobhashini continues at Bengal art gallery at Dhanmondi in the city. The exhibition runs everyday from 12:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Architectural designs' show Aug. 17 Sept. 09

An exhibition goes on at the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city to reveal the unfolding drama of the design and construction of Sher-ebanglanagar. Timetable: 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. (Saturday to Wednesday), 3:30 7:30 p.m. (Friday). The show is closed on Thursday.

Documentary August 29-31

Directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, a documentary production 'Shei raater kotha boltey eshechi' (Tale of the darkest night) appears on screen at the auditorium of Russian Cultural Center at the following timings: On August 29 at 4:00, 5:00 and

6:00 p.m. On August 30 at 10:00, 11:00,

3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. On August 31 at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Entry cards are available at Sagar Publishers, Pathak Samabesh. Arabian fast food Dhanmondi and at hall counter before shows

Photography On the fence between past and present

Zakir Hossain's snapshots exhibited at Drik Gallery aim to arouse awareness

SAIFUL ISLAM

T least these photos will document our heritage, Sonargaon is on the edge of complete instinction', said Syed Zakir Hossain, a photographer who worked months to frame the priceless beauty of the archeological treasure of Bangladesh, Sonargaon, only a few miles from Dhaka. 'Our Glorious Past', The solo photographic exhibition was inaugurated by eminent artist Mustafa Manwar on August 23 at Drik Gallery. A coffee table book featuring the photos exhibited at the auditorium was also being lunched at the occasion. Architect Samsul Wares, Matiur Rahman, the editor of "Prothom Alo", banker

Ibrahim Khaled and Iftekharuzzaman of Bangladesh Freedom Foundation were present on the inauguration and launching ceremony.

Iridescent and derelict, stylish and dampening, in a nutshell these four words could be uttered after having a look around the collection of photos featuring an example of our glorious past. Sonargaon, a historical capital, a refuge of the lovers of archeology is being reduced to a dilapidated dwelling area. 'Perhaps this is the only existing example of this kind', said a tourist in utter amazement. To his dismay, Mustafa Manwar was sharing his opinion with Motiur Rahman, 'The arches and the richly ornamented carving are being flat-





tened' in the name of reconstruction.

As a result of years of indifference, Sonargaon stands on a thin fence between survival and destruction. The photos showcase marvelous but dilapidated sights. The features of Panam Nagar, a treasure-trove of glory and architectural excellence, are irresistible. Eyes were glued to the wonders that had been caught by Zakir's camera. But this glory may not see life for long, as a ceaseless mending and moulding is going on, shaping Sonargaon in an eccentric manner. Speakers expressed their deep concern for the changing features of the brick built and lavishly decorated buildings.

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Anniversary

A day to remember

Sonargaon Hotel turns 21

CULTURE DESK HE Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel had arranged a grand

program on the occasion of 21st Anniversary Celebration today. On this day in 1981, this hotel was officially inaugurated by the then President of the country -- Justice Abdus Sattar while Begum Khaleda Zia was present at the inaugural function. The 20th anniversary speaks of a volume of hard work and a long path that the hotel had crossed to finally reach this mature age. The Pan Pacific Sonargaon has grown and met numerous winds of change and challenges that are evident and in some cases anticipated to emerge as a truly five star hotel. The road to adulthood made The Pan Pacific Sonargaon an equal partner in witnessing the nation going through the changes of

This time the center of the 21st anniversary functions was the Grand Ballroom of the hotel. A 50% discount was offered on the special buffet dinner of Taka 1200/- per person. It means, after discount the price of special buffet dinner was Taka 600/- only, while children below 12 years enjoyed the buffet for only

Event

Taka 350/- per person. In addition there was live music and a colourful fashion show which enthralled the audience.

Twenty-one years -- this establishment has moved along keeping a pace with the altering fabric of the Bangladeshi society. This steadfast growth has created an enigmatic but a compact bond between The Pan Pacific Sonargaon and the people of Dhaka. So, when the hotel decided to celebrate its birthday, people of Dhaka decided to show up in hundreds to make the occasion a gala affair. August 19 was the day marked for this Pan Pacific extravaganza. The people of Dhaka were aware of it as the hotel authority decided to offer a 50% discount on special buffet dinner at the Grand Ballroom. The newspapers carried the colourful advertisements and the chefs toiled hard to produce some of their specialties.

The first attraction of the evening was the buffet paradise. As the clock reached 7 o'clock, the ballroom started filling with people wanting to saturate themselves within the mouth-watering array of dishes. The gastronomic competition was on as the tongue indulged with tremendous gusto. The food seduced even the thriftiest of the eaters. The range was a perfect selection of Bangladeshi, Indian, European, Japanese and oriental food. The tantalizing aroma titillated the nostrils and worked fine as an appetizer. As for food lovers, this was a sort of an inner desire come to a material form. To make eating a pleasant pass time, there was live music followed by the main attraction of the day fashion show.

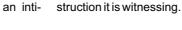
As the night was maturing, the gala affair took a more kaleidoscopic image. The Grand Ballroom was a sea of people. Their laughter, the assorted perfumes and the exhilarating dresses all formed an haute combination that reeked of elegance and flair. The crowd enjoyed the evening function with discerning taste, savoring the best of the food galore. The entire Ballroom took a festive mood and the guests were so enthralled that there was a little

room empty within the ballroom. The hotel authority thanks all is patrons for their support of long 21 vears and making the 21st anniversarv program a success. The Pan Pacific Sonargaon is aspiring to serve all the patrons and guests in the years to come with world class hospitality.

iron and grill bars, works of clay and stones are remarkable, a valuable aspect of our heritage' said Samsul Wares. 'Places like this could be held as economically unimportant, but we can recycle these buildings and can use them for a new university that could be based on that area. Thus we can make an economically viable use' of these apparently useless buildings. A walk around the spacious

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gallery at Drik could depress anyone who had known that this valuable tradition is being destroyed and reduced to mundane use by people who are careless of the treasure of the past Sonargaon must be saved at once from the decaying con-



TV GUIDE



Eminent singer Rumana Khan performs at a grand cultural event at the installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central at Hotel Purbani recently

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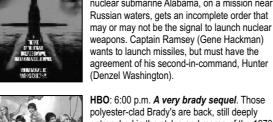
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Star News English

HBO: 6:00 p.m. A very brady sequel. Those polyester-clad Brady's are back, still deeply entrenched in the styles and mores of the 1970s, in this sequel to 1995's "The Brady Bunch Movie." Here's the story: Carol Brady's presumed-dead husband Roy re-appears and is taken in by the loving family.



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[V] Zabardast Hits

The Indian in the cupboard On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Omri receives for his birthday a coveted board, but also a strange little cabinet and Indian figurine, which ultimately prove to more fascinating.

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