RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Vietnam Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and the Embassy of Vietnam are jointly holding a week long photography exhibition Vielnam. the country, people & culture' by ABM Salahuddin and several photographers of Vietnam at the Academy gallery. The exhibition will be held from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm (3:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Fridays)

Theatre Silver Jubilee

July 19-21 Group Theatre 'Tarun Shamproday' from Seralganj celebrates its Silver Jubilee at the Bhashani Auditorium on July 19 at 10 am. Veteran theatre personality Azkarul Haque will inaugurate the celebration which features three stage performances. A reunion of all activists of the group will take place at 7:30 pm including a discussion session and reception of eminent personalities. Below is the schedule of the three drama performances: July 19 at 10,00 pm

Swapnobilash starring Zahid Hasan and Afsana Mimi July 20 at 7.30 pm Oedipus by Pabna Theatre '77 July 21 at 7,30 pm Muktodhara by Rangpur Natya

Video show

July 16-July 20 An exhibition presenting video works of 15 French resident artists will begin from July 16 at Alliance Francaise. The screening will take place everyday at 5:30 pm, except Fridays. La Galerie will also presen the exhibition of digital pictures by French artist Alexandre Bocquillon Opening times from 9am to 12 am and from 5pm to 8 pm everyday except Saturday, 5pm to 8 pm.

Drama festival

July 14-July 18 To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mahakal Natya Shamproday a 5day-long drama festival is going on at the Mahila Shamiti auditotium. The schedule is as follows: July 17 Meraj Fakirer Ma by Theatre(Baily road) (Morning) Kanjush by Lok Natya Dai (Shiddheswari)

(Evening) Shikhondi Kotha by

Mahakal Natya Shomprodaya.

Channel your thoughts

Visions of the pioneer satellite channel

CULTURE

Saiful Bari (Chief Advisor) and Nawazish Ali Khan (Director of Programmes) express their views, self-assessment and self-criticism, ideas and future planning about ATN Bangla in an interview with Harun ur Rashid and Kausar Islam Ayon of The Bally Star

THE Daily Star: ATN Bangla is another name among the country's television viewers with satellite cable connection. How do you evaluate the impression of ATN Bangla as a private TV channel?

Saiful Bari (SB): Founded in 1997, this is the first ever satellite TV channel in the country. The channel's impression is actually a mixture of opinions. We have quite a few good programmes that have attracted the audience. We have also some drawbacks--mostly technical-that have put us behind other TV channels. We are however developing gradually.

TDS: Among the criticisms of ATN Bangla, one is that the transmission gets often faulty resulting in still picture, incoherence between picture and sound, and the like. What is your opinion?

SB: Yes, we have lots of problems in transmission. The satellite link is not strong enough. But we are trying to improve it. Audience must have noticed by now that the inconsistency has decreased to a considerable extent.

TDS: Another area of allegation is the linguistic inefficiency of your journalists.

SB: Yes, we admit it. But we are

organising training and workshops to improve this TDS: Which programmes will

you name that make the channel worth watching?

Nawazish Ali Khan (NAK): There are in fact several of them. Some of them have stopped by now, anyway, like the show Abdullah Al Mamuner Adhghonta and the talk show Kothamala. These were good programmes and attracted viewers. And also there is Amra Korbo Joy--a programme by children aged about 10-15. Regarding subject-based interview shows one must mention Face to Face. And amongst the musical shows Pop Dhamaka surely entertains its



Saiful Bari

audience. TDS: You have a few magazine

NAK: Yes, Kichhukkhon has a large audience. Although items of the show do not always have much intellectual depth and the humour is rather coarse, the final 'punch' the programme involves has a sure effect. It's pure entertainment.

TDS: Sawaal Jawaab is also a highly popular item of ATN. What

do you think are its features that give it the acceptance?

NAK: Both the concept and content of the programme contribute to its richness. People, especially those from the middle class have lots of queries regarding religion and also about the religious pertinence of many day-today activities

TDS: Why do you air Bangla films that are very often full of obscenity and violence?

SB: One must admit that the primary objective of any private concern is to return the investment. ATN Bangla too is no exception. Since Bangla films attract a lot of Ads and promotional, we cannot help but showing them.

NAK: Also you must agree that Bangla films have a large audience. Just think of the low-earning people who don't have many options for entertainment. Bangla films are the only source of recreation for them. Above all, we always try to maintain the minimum

TDS: Tell us about your news bulletins--what policy do you



Nawazish Ail Khan

followin news making? SB: We are always conscious about the national interest and

TDS: How many news bulletins and other similar items are aired on ATN Bangla at present?

SB: Amongst the regular ones, are the hourly bulletins, Graameyganjey at 5pm, and three peakhour bulletins at 7pm, 10pm and

some commercials are permitted to be aired after a certain time of a TDS: Do you have any policy as regards reaching audience who

11 pm. Also there is the Breakfast

News at 8 am. In fact, we have been

the first in the country to air the

first news bulletin of each day.

And the audience must have

noticed that the news is not the

repetition of the previous night's

TDS: What is the situation

SB: The condition is frustrating.

Around 60% of the Ads directly go

to BTV. The private channels are

struggling hard to capture the rest

NAK: Another point may be

added in this context. It is because

of this financial crisis that the

channel used to show low quality

commercials. But we are aware of

the regulations about running a

private channel. For example,

regarding Ads and commercials?

SB: As an individual channel we do not have any such policy or plan. But personally I believe that there should be a corporation comprising all the private channels. Only then will it be possible to do something in this field. Otherwise, no private channel can do anything alone.

don't have access to the channel?

TDS: What are your future plans about the over-all development of ATN Bangla?

NAK: We are soon coming up with a number of new productions celebrating our 6th anniversary. You have already heard about the training and workshops for the improvement of the crew. We are also recruiting more efficient people. Having said all these, we may assure once again that we are going to wear a new look very

Celebration

Asad turns 50



Friends and well wishers presenting bouquets to the eminent actor.

NOVERA DEEPITA

A TITH colourful masks in the background, the stage decorated with red-orange-yellow curtains and fresh flowers, a portrait of Raisul Islam Asad was kept upon a stand at the corner of the stage. Well wishers of Asad signed their names and wished him luck, who recently turned 50 on July 15.. Dhaka Theatre threw a Birthday celebration of actor Raisul Islam Asad a freedom fighter and founder member of Dhaka Theatre at the Shilpakala

Asad's mother and Nasiruddin Yusuf gave the actor a Uttaria (shawl). On behalf of the Dhaka Theatre and Gram Theatre a

Maanpatra (citation) written by the playwright Salim Al-Din, was dedicated to Asad.

The actors of Dhaka Theatre, Abhinaya Shilpi Shangha, Jahangirnagar University, Nagorik Natya Shamprodaya, Mahakal Natya Shamprodaya and other organisations gave flowers to the actor on his Birthday.

Among others Ramendu Majumdar, Golam Kuddus, Ataul Huque, Murshedul Islam, Poet Hassan Hafiz, Leenu Billah, Apurba Majumdar, Ahsanul Haque Minu, Sallauddin Zaki and others also spoke at the occasion. Later on in the programme, Mita Haque, Shubir Nandi and Shimul Yusuf performed

Around the world



Ballnese dancers perform Kanyaka Sura dance as the masts of the ninth century Indonesian replica ship is seen in the background. It reflects the power of ancient Indonesian's maritime skills and their incredible

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The any change in the progra

 News Bulletin om. 2:00 p.m 3:10 pm. 4:00 pm. vs(Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm. Naws (English) at 3:00 pm. 10:00 pm. ate Night News(Bangla and English)/News Headlines at 11:30 pm. CHANNEL Breakfast News 07:15am. 9:00am s(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00,

relegant of BTV news(Bangla and ish) at 11:30 pm. ATN BANGLA News(Bangla) at 8:00 am. 12:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.News (Engsch) at 9:00 p.m. Telecast of BTV News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm. Latest News(Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am.1pm. 2:00 pm.3:00

pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm., and 8:00 pm

News Headlines/Bangla) at 5:02 pm. 6:30 pm. 9:45 pm. News (Bangla) 11:00 pm. TARA BANGLA NewsHeedline(Bangla) at 5:30 pm. 7:30 pm. Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm. Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at

Opening Announcement

Shuprobhat Bangladesh

Selected Modern Songs

Every hour on the hour 7:30

7:40

8:00

8:30

10:00

10:25

10:30

11:30

BBC World

9:00	Film: Sea Is Green
9:15	News Headlines
12:00	Opening Announcemen
12:10	News Headlines
12:30	Shangbadpotrer Pata
I Miles	Theke
1:00	News
1:05	Magazine : Upahar
2:00	News Headlines
2:05	Cartoon Film
2:30	Open University
3:00	News in English
3:10	Bangla Feature Film
4:00	News Headlines
5:00	News
5:30	Computer Round
6:00	News: Desh Janapodh
6:10	Tathya Projukti
6:35	Jiboner Alo
7:00	News Headlines
1100	Share Market
	TO A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE

News at Ten

Headlines

Weather Forecast

Harano Diner Gaan

Late Night News/News

ATN BANGLA ATN Bangla News 10:50 Musical Prog : Music ATN Bangla News 12:20

Aiker Sangbadpotro Srether Pata Theke Bengali Feature Film: Mayer Kenna Islamic Prog : Sundar Jeboner Ajker Sangbadpotro

5:00 Gramgonger Film Magazine : A Sapteher Chobi 5:50 Musical Prog: Uro Cola Saat Rang Islamee Sawal O

7:00 ATN Bangla Evening 7:30 Cooking Prog: Quality Labone Labonge Drama Serial 8:10

Sullanar Sapno 8:40 Film Magazine Henolux Benudon Bichitra ATN Bangla News 9:25 Repoling Prog:

Prekhapot ATN Bangla News 10:35 Musical Prog : 11:00 ATN Bangla News 12:00 Bengali Feature Film: Sareng Bow 05:02 Headlines

05:04 Century: Disaster (Part-2) Cine Gaan Islamic Programme: Apnar Jigyasha Headlines 06:32 Shubhashanda 07:00 Sports World 07:17 Itihasher El Diney Telefilm: Dhrubotara 07:30 (Part-5) 08:00 Ondukarer Phool (Part-2) 08:35 Shunskrity Ey Shaotaho

Drama: Aranya 09:45 Khoborer 10:22 Shandaney 11:00 Weather Forecast Telefilm: Atodin 11:30 Kothai Chhiley Film: Dark Knight 12:30 Helio Music News at Eight (Bangla) CHANNEL-i E Shoptaher Natok

07:15 Channel-I News 9:00 Channel-i News 2:00 Bangla Feature Film 5:35 Jonopoder Khabor

Joto Poth Toto Moth Music Plus Amaaar Chhabi Channel- News Drama Serial: Thief Of Baddad Megha Senal Garihagolpo Channel-I News Drama Serial Charisma

6:10

6:45

7:50

8:25

9:35

10:00 Band Show: Close Up Hit Wave 10:30 Channel- News 11:15 Sangbad Potrey 11:30 Late Night News of 12:15 Channel-I News

HBO 8:15 Simon Saz Dragonheart 12:00 Bicentennial Man 2:45 4:45 **Final Destination** Erin Brockovich Under Slege 2 Diamond of Jeru Bicentennial Mar

1:15

The Three Jack The Bear The Others 1:30 **New Port South** 3:15 1900 My Sea Out Cold 7:00 The Others Micki & Maude

10:30 MGM 9:00 Revenge of Pink 11:30 Buddy factor Kevin 2:00 Little Man Tate RIG-3 7:00 Full Moon in Blue 9:30 Thrilling Thurdat: Incognito

BBC Asia Today/World Asia Today/Asia World Business 11:30 World Business World Business Report/Sport Today Fast Track Hardtalk Simpsons World Asia Today/World 4:30 **Business Report**

7:30

A Better Way To Die

STAR MOVIES 8:15

Till Human Voices

5:30 Hardtalk 6:30 World Business

TARA BANGLA 8:30 9:00 10:00 12:00 12:30 1:00

5:30 5:35 6:00 6:30 6:32 7:00 7:30 7:32 7:37 8:00 8:15 8:30 8:32 Report/Short Today Top Gear.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

The smartly turned out ATN crew celebrating the 6th Anniversary of the Channel.



STAR MOVIES: 7:00 pm. Out Cold. Rull Mountain, Alaska is a no frills ski resort, and the staff is a bunch of partying snowboard burns. The late founder Page Muntz, was famed for skling with his backside exposed, and in fact is so memorialized by a statue. But his son, Ted, plans to sell the resort to hotshot ski mogul John Majors, who starts turning it into a slick resort, which of course has no room for most of the staff. The exception is Rick, the most serious of the bunch. But there's a complication: Rick met Majors' stepdaughter Anna on vacation in Mexico.



Asia Today

World Business

Report/University

Nonte Fonte Rept.

Bhagne/Tele Times

Live Dashtay Rpt.

Soja Sapta

Anyatama

Harir Khabar

Tara Sundari

Taka Na Sona

Tara News Head-

Live Angana

Travel Show

TVC

Antakshari Rpt

Rahashva Sandhan

Tara News Head-

Alker Shironaam

Howzzat Hungama

Howzzat Hungama

Tara News Bangla-

Howzzat Hungama

Tara News Head-

Nonte Fonte

Taka Na Sona

Gane Gane

Hoi Hullor

Tara News

Antakshari

Bakwas

8:30

10:15

1:30

2:00

2:30

3:30

3:35

4:00

4:30

5:00

MGM: 9:30 pm. Incognito. Harry Donovan is an art forger who paints fake Rembrandt picture for \$500,000. The girl he meets and gets into bed with in Paris, Marieke, turns out to be an arts expert Harry's clients are using to check the counterfelt picture he painted

9:30

9:32

10:00

10:30



The Others On Star Movies at 8:30 pm. A woman named Grace retires with her two children to a mansion on Jersey, towards the end of the Second World War, where she's waiting for her husband to come back from battle. The children have a disease which means they cannot be touched by direct sunlight without being hurt in some way.

12:30

1:00

1:30

2:00

2:00

2:30

3:30

4:00

4:30

5:00

Syllebusey Nel Howzzat Hungama Serial Raini Heena Kabis Howzzat Hungama

ALPHA BANGLA Chena Mukh Achena 9:30 Monush Khyapa Thakur 10:30 De Re/First Take 11:00 Nilu Hazrar Hatva Rahasva 11:30 Gaan Unitd. 12:00 Spandan-12:35 Aananya 1:00 Nayantara 1:27 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Pratiblmba Bhagya Chakra Bengali Feature film Gaan Unitd. Bhawanipurer Chatujjera Alpha Khabar Ek Palake Nilu Hazrar Hatya

2:35 2:45 5:00 5:27 5:30 6:00 7:00 Sara Bangla 7:30 8:00 Pratibimba Ek Akasher Niche 9:10 Ananya Spandan 10:27 Jhankar 10:30 Alpha Khabar Jodi Prem Dile Na ZEE CINEMA

An AB Laut

10:30 Bollywood Brunch-Izzatdaar 1:30 **Badaltey Rishley** 5:30 Dhanna 9:30 Divya Shakti ZEE 8:30 Cartoon Network On 9:30 Ek Nazar 10:00

Mrs. Madhuri Dixit 10:30 Mulk 11:00 Pyar Zindegi Hai 11:30 Chausath Panne (Dil Naa Jane Kyon...) (Dhoop Kinare) 12:00 Lipstick 12:30 Astitva...Ek Prem Kahani 1:00 Kittle Party 1:30 Vishwaas 2:00 Piya Ka Ghar Cinema Hits 5:30 Ek Nazar Cartoon Network On 6:00 7:00 Ek Nazar Piya ka Ghar 7:30 8:00

Thursday Premiers 8:30 Chausath Panne 9:00 Astitva...ek prem kahani 9:30 Milt Kittle Party 10:00 10:30 Mulk 11:00 Lipstick SONY Om Namay Shivay 8:30 9:30 Good Morning Disney 10:30 Chartbusters

Music Mantra

Indian Holiday

Cook It Up With Tarla

11:00

11:30

12:00

6:00 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 Chartbusters 8:00 Music Mantra 8:30 Meri Biwi Wonderful 9:00 Sambhay Asambhay 10:00 Naam Kum Jayega STAR PLUS 9:00 Taaza Hits Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 9:30 Fox Kids 10:10 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet Meri Saheli 10:30 Pal Chinn 11:00 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii 11:30 Sahelii 12:00 Shant Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 12:30 12:55 Taaza Hits Kasautii Zindagii Kay 1:00 1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa

Bandhan

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Kabhi Aaye Na Judai

Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

Bhabhi

Shagun

Kaahin Kissii

2:30

3:30

4:00

Sambhay Asambhay Kkusum Gooni-Ateet Ki Naam Gum Jayega Kutumb Dhadkan Ghar Ek Mandir Alpaviram Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya Malgudi Days Dekh Bhai Dekh Just Mohabbat

11:30 12:00 12:30 1:30 2:30 3:30 4:30 5:30 6:00 7:30 8:30 10:30 11:30

Last Flightof Bomber Monitor:Buried At Sea DISCOVERY 8:30 Wild Discovery Reef Warriors 9:30 Globe Trekker Czech Republic Past is Wild, Future is Wild When Dinosaura Ruled China Blue Planet

Planet Food Southern Fitness Fantasy Lisa Dohahey Warren 2:00 Fitness Fantasy Andy 2:30 **New Detectives** Electronic Witness Wild Discovery 3:30 Crowned Lemurs and the Crocodile Caves

Hit Filmein Hit Sangee

Hum Saath Aath Hain

Film Topper - 301

Film Topper - 301

Khullia Sim Sim

Geet Bahar

Kuch Hit Kuch

Kuch Hit Kuch

Gunga Jumna

Kuch Hit Kuch

Kuch Hit Kuch

Kuch Hit Kuch

Kuch Hit Kuch

Poles Apart

Earth Pulse

On Assignment

Iski Topi Uske Sar

Through Thesa Eyes

Dogs With Jobs S3

The Whale Shark

Built For The Kill

Giants Of Etosha

Fantastic Plastics

Fairy Penguin

Ground Up

Earth Pulse

Africa

Animal Edens

Dogs With Jobs

Built For The Kill

Inside The Vatican

Attack-In Pursuit Of

Africa From The

Hit Filmein Hit Sanger

Sharada

STAR GOLD

8:30

11:55

12:25

3:55

4:25

7:55

8:25

10:30

11:00

NATIONAL

GEOGRAPHIC

Kumkum - Pyara Sa

Taaza Hits

5:55

Bom Winners seball/Cricket Real Kids, Real Shaka Laka Boom 5:30 Travelers Moomba Festival: Melbourne, Kasautii Zindagii Kay Australia 6:30 Speed Secrets of Wild Discovery African 7:30 Great Apes Hit Filmein Hit Sangee Past is Wild, Future is 8:30

4:30

Blue Planet Watery 9:30 Creatures Hit Filmein Hit Sangee **Medical Detectives** Time will Tell 11:00 Berman & Berman Biology of Attraction

ANIMAL PLANET Thursday APL Superstars 10:30 Wild Encounters 11:30 Whole Story 12:30 Thursday Imagine Wild Encounters **Emergency Vets** Breed All About It K-9 To 5

Wild on the Set 6:30 Planet's Funniest Wild Encounters Thursday Imagine 10:30 Wild Encounters ADVENTURE ONE Pioneers To The Deep Death Zone 10:00 Explorer's Journal 12:00 Surfer's Journal 12:30 Game For It

1:00 The Hunt For Amazina Treasures 1:30 On Assignment 2:30 Na Explorer 3:30 **Danger Diaries** Microlight Odyseey 4:30 5:00 Explorer's Journal 6:00 Franz Joseph Land 7:00 Across The Line - S2 7:30 Pioneers To The Deep Death Zone 9:30 Surfer's Journal 10:00 Franz Joseph Land STAR SPORTS Motorcycle Pro gramming 2003 Fim World Endurance

Championship Assen

Highlights(R)

Sportsline (R)

Dream Team (R) Harsha Harsha Sailing World (T) 10:00 National Rugby League: Queensland Vs New South Wales Champions Tour Golf Classic Ada Mi Usa

Final Round(T) Harsha Harsha Unplugged (R) Watersports Pro gramming Hot Water Futbol Mundial (T)

4:00 Wrestling Apple Crush Sbk World Superbikes Championship MontereyCa Usa Speed Formula Brow Asia Sepang Malaysia Rd 3 & 4(T)

Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L) World Pool Champion Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T) Dream Team (T) Futbol Mundial (R) World Pool Champion

ship 2003 Cardiff

Wales Day 6 2nd

Session(L) ESPN Tour De France 2003 Highlights Paris France Stage World Pool Champion ship 2003 Cardiff Wales Day 5 1st World Pool Champion-

Tour De France 2003 France Rest Day(S) Expn 2day (R) Goals! Goals Countdown (R) Sri Lanka Tour Of 2003, West Indies Vs Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 3(T) Sportscenter Hindi 8:30

International Ironman Triathlon-Final West Indies The Cable & Wireless Test Series 2003. West Indies Vs. Sri Lanka 2nd Test Day 3 Highlights(T)