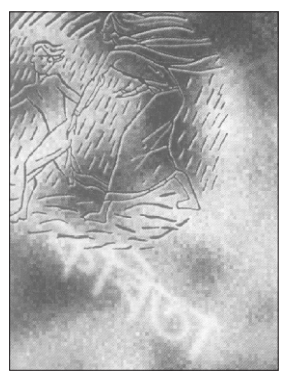


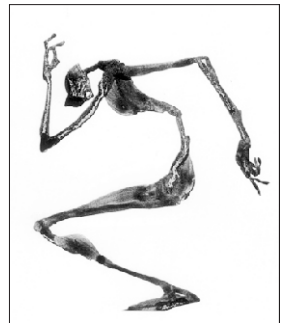
RECOMMENDATIONS



Srabon Mela
July 29-1 August
The fifth Srabon Mela begins at Gopibaag. This four-day program will include traditional dances, songs, poetry recitation and various other items.

Exhibition

July 11- August 1
A miniature art exhibition is going on at the Shilporag Art Gallery from 11 July to 1 August daily from 11 pm to 8 pm. Venue: Gallery Shilporag, House: 15, Road: 16, Dhanmondi.



Maya
August 02-11
A solo painting exhibition titled Maya by artist Khaled Mahmud will be inaugurated on August 2 at La Gallery, Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, RA) at 5.00 pm. The display of artworks will remain open every-day from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm. till August 11.

Music

Songs of yesterday

"Srijan" organises a cultural evening at Bishwa Shahitya Kendra

NOVERA DEEPTA

WHEN Nazrul singer Shahin Samad came on stage, she announced, 'I will sing for you but only if you promise to sing with me,' and sang the famous number Prithibi amare chay. The audience didn't disappoint the singer either, and started to clap and chorus with the rhythm of the music. Then again the same thing happened when she sang another very popular number of Shahin Dev Barman titled Banshi shuney ar kaj nai.

Cultural organisation Srijan arranged a cultural evening with some prominent and promising singers of the country who sang a



Munir Begum performing at the soiree

number of old Bangla songs at the Bishwa Shahitya Kendra auditorium recently. With their slogan 'to prevent anti-culture, the prac-

tice of pure culture is the only way to make the trend of Bangla culture go smoothly', the organisation organises these programmes on every last Sunday at 6.30pm at the auditorium.

The programme was inaugurated by a singer of the Shwadin Bangla Betar Kendra, Shahin Samad and the principal of the South Bridge International School, Zinat Choudhury was also present at the ceremony.

BTV artiste Zinia Khan Moyna sang two folk songs Bhromor koioyia and Ami na jani piririr eto jala. Farhana Bobby Lipi is an enlisted singer of Bangladesh Betar who sang three modern songs Akash meghe dhaka (Chitra Sing), Amar mon boley tumi ashbey (Runa Laila) and Emon ekta jhinuk khunje pelam na which were greatly applauded by the audience.

Around the world

Bengal sweeps Indian film awards

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA

BENGALI film personalities and films asserted their supremacy at the Indian national film awards announced here last evening.

In a record of sorts, actress-director Aparna Sen and her daughter Konkona Sen Sharma bagged the awards for best director and best actress respectively for the feature film "Mr and Mrs Iyer", a love story in the midst of communal violence, directed by the mother.

This is the first time that mother and daughter duo bagged the top national film awards in the same year.

"Mr and Mrs Iyer" also got the award for the best screenplay as well as the award, named after late actress Nargis Dutt, for the best film on national integration.

Eminent director Buddhadeb Dasgupta's "Mondo Meyer Upakhyay (The Tale of a Naughty Girl)", starring actress Rituparno Sengupta, was adjudged the best feature film.

The Indira Gandhi award for best debut feature film of a director was jointly shared by two Bengali films "Patal Ghar" directed by Abhijit Choudhury and "Prohor" by Subhadra Choudhury.

In the regional language category, internationally-acclaimed director Rituparno Ghosh's "Shubho Muhurat" was declared the best Bengali feature film.

Veteran Rakhee won the best supporting actress award for her role of an "unlikely" detective in "Shubho Muhurat."

The best cinematography award went to Abhik Mukhopadhyaya for the film "Patal Ghar". The awards were announced by eminent director Prakash Jha who is the chairman of the jury for the national film awards.

Bollywood star Ajay Devgan bagged the best actor award for his lead role in the period film "The Legend of Bhagat Singh" directed by Rajkumar Santoshi. This is the second time that Devgan got the national award for best actor, the previous time being for his role in the Hindi film "Zakhm" (The Wound) directed



Aparna Sen

by Mahesh Bhatt. The news about his winning the national award for the second time reached Devgan when he was in the midst of shooting along with Amitabh Bachchan for Santoshi's next film "Khaki" in Bombay yesterday.

Bollywood's most expensive film "Devdas" directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali got five awards including the one for best popular film providing wholesome entertainment, best costume, female playback singer, best choreography and best art direction. The movie also earned the award for its "technical finesse and its modern re-interpretation of an enduring classic" penned by Saratchandra Chattopadhyaya.

A R Rahman won the award for best music director for a Mani Ratnam directed Tamil language film while Udit Narayan was declared the best male playback singer for a song in the Hindi film "Zindagi Khoobsurat Hai."

Both Aparna Sen and Konkona were elated reacting to the news of their winning the national awards. "It is very special to get an award in your own country," said the senior Sen whose "Mr and Mrs Iyer" was premiered in the Locarno International Film Festival last year and earned an award there.

"The feeling is yet to sink in," said 24-year-old Konkona, an English literature graduate from Delhi's St Stephen's College who got the national award in his third appearance in a lead role in a feature film. She had made her debut in the Bengali film "Ek Je Chilo Kanya" with Sabyasachi Chakrabarty and Debasree Roy and her second film was "Titli."

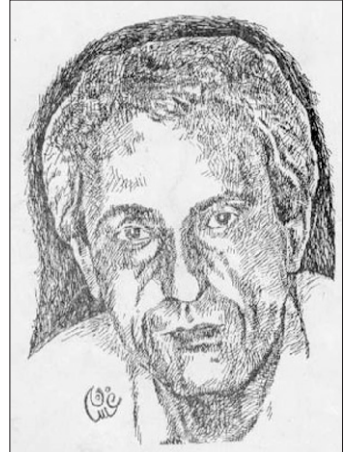
Exhibition

Nazi Al-Ali's 'cartoonic' observations

Capturing the cries of Palestine

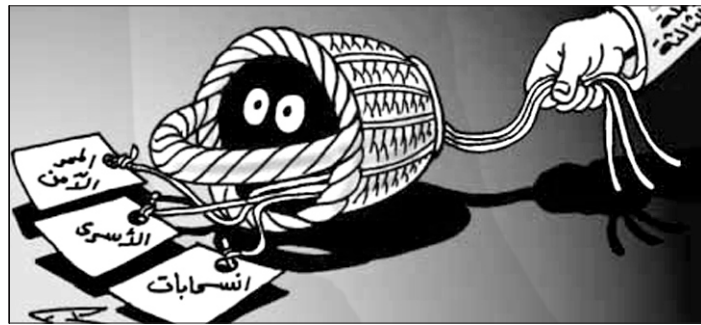
ELITA KARIM

A little man, covered in rags, standing still with an indifferent look on his face, watches the demise of his country. He stares at the crying ladies in



hijab, the population crawling within confusion, the western militants playing their usual games and the silent cry of Palestine.

Nazi Al-Ali was probably the only cartoonist ever to have influenced the Arab world. His cartoons spoke of the hypocrisy, the pain and the irony of the lives of the western world. He was killed on July 22, 1989 in Kuwait, right in front of Al-Kabs, a daily newspaper office.



'Filistiner Bibek' or 'the cries of Palestine' was a set of cartoon sketches, made by Ali himself, and was displayed at the Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi, from July 22 to July 24. His cartoons spoke of the pain, torture and frustration that the people of Palestine had to go through. One of the illustrations was of a tired, lonely man, seeming older than his actual age, sitting and dreaming about a day, when he, along with the mass, can dream of a brighter future. Some of his illustrations also comprise of the question mark (?), emphasising the confusion and the silent frustration created by the 'superior powers'.

One can term this as a simple token of appreciation, to a messenger, who believed in portraying the real world, where laughter was a mere dream and pain was everyday life. Nazi Al-Ali's memory still lives amongst hundreds and thousands today, who openly, but silently, defy the meaningless wars.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

BTV News Headlines (Bangla) at 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm. News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm. Late Night News (Bangla and English) News Headlines at 11:30 pm. CHANNEL-i Breakfast News 07:15am, 9:00am News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am. Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) 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 (English) at 9:00 pm. Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 a.m, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.

ntv 05:02 Headlines 05:04 Century: Legacy (Part-1) 05:32 Hello Music (Ayub Bachchu, Abida Sultana, Syed Abdul Hadi, Warfaze) 06:00 Apnar Jigyasha 06:30 Headlines 06:32 Shubho Shandhya 07:00 Ei Shomoy 07:17 Iltishar Ei Diney 08:00 Siddiqi Kabir's Recipe 08:35 Shurer Jalsha (Artist: Ferdous Ara) 09:45 Headlines 09:47 Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey Sports World 11:00 News 11:30 Drama: Onipshito 12:30 Cine Gaan

CHANNEL-i 07:15 Channel-i Morning News 09:00 Channel-i Morning News 09:30 Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh Trilipi Matra 10:15 Music Plus 12:35 Bangla Feature Film: Charam Protishodh 05:20 Aporanha Kotla 05:35 Jonopoder Khabor 05:45 Chithi Pelam 06:10 Music Plus 06:45 Chhaya Jhankar 07:15 Channel-i News 07:50 Magazine Show: Kichhu Mone Korbenno Dot Com 08:25 Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur 09:00 Channel-i News 09:35 Drama Serial: Barafola Sharobar Drama: Swapno Mohora 10:00 Channel-i News 10:25 Channel-i News of BTV 12:15 Channel-i News

ATN BANGLA 6:00 Islamic Prog. 8:00 ATN Bangla News 8:25 ATN Computer Projukti 9:00 Drama Serial: Nakhkhro Drobotara Abong 9:35 Drama Serial: Aronner Kache Firey Asha 10:10 Drama Serial: Jal Mohol 12:00 ATN Bangla News 12:20 Akjer Sangbadpotro 12:40 Priyo Silper Priyo

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ALPHA BANGLA

9:30 Bichitra 10:00 Khyapa Thakur 10:30 Abisasya 11:00 Nilu Hazrat Hatya Rahasya Gaan Unltd. 11:30 Spandan 12:00 Spandan 12:35 Nayanlata 1:00 Jhankar 1:27 Jhankar 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Pratibimba 2:35 Bhagya Chakra 2:45 Bengali Feature film Gaan Unltd. 5:00 Jhankar 5:27 Bhawanipurer Chatujera 5:30 Alpha Khabar 6:00 Ek Palake/First Take 6:30 Nilu Hazrat Hatya Rahasya 7:00 Sara Bangla 7:30 Jhankar 7:57 Pratibimba 8:00 Ek Akasher Niche 8:30 Spandan 9:10 Spandan 10:27 Jhankar

TARA BANGLA 7:45 Tara News Bangladesh 8:00 Kamon Jabe Aaj-Kal 8:30 Nonte Fonte 9:00 Ghare Baire 9:30 Rajni 10:00 Kara Najar 11:30 Hoi Hullor 12:00 Tusher Agun 12:30 Fashione Bhushone 1:00 Tara Sundari 1:30 Taka Na Sona 2:00 Live Angana 2:30 Tara News Headlines 3:30 Tara News Headlines

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Beverly Hillbillies

1:45 Beverly Hillbillies 3:30 Antitrust 5:15 Jutitsy Caesar 7:00 Tucker 8:35 Out Cold 10:30 Antitrust 12:15 Snowbound

MGM

9:00 Rainman 11:30 Casualties 2:00 Traffic 4:30 History Is Made At Night 7:00 The Boyfriend School 9:30 What Women Want 11:30 Rig 4

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 9:30 p.m. The Ice Storm. Genre: Drama. (Kevin Kline, Joan Allen) In the weekend after Thanksgiving 1973 the Hoods are skidding out of control. Benjamin Hood reels from drink to drink, trying not to think about his trouble at the office. His wife, Elena, is reading self help books and losing patience with her husband's lies. Their son, Paul, home for the holidays, escapes to the city to pursue an alluring rich girl from his prep school.

STAR MOVIES: 8:35 p.m. Out Cold. Genre: Comedy/Drama (Jason London, Lee Majors) Bull Mountain, Alaska, is a no frills ski resort, and the staff is a bunch of partying snowboard bums. The late founder, Papa Muntz, was famed for skiing 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.

Travel Show 4:00 Antakshari Rpt. 4:30 TVC 5:00 Ei Prithivi 5:30 Tara News Headlines 5:35 Akjer Shironaam 6:00 Nonte Fonte 6:30 Howzzat Hungama Tara News Headlines 7:37 Hoi Hullor 8:00 Tara News Bangladesh 8:15 Tara News 8:30 Howzzat Hungama 8:32 Antakshari 8:40 Bakwas 9:00 Soja Sapta 9:30 Howzzat Hungama 9:32 Serial Rajni 10:00 Bangladesh Focus 10:30 Howzzat Hungama

Commandments 8:15 Hellraiser III: Hell On Earth 12:00 Stealing Beauty 2:15 The Next Karate Kid 4:30 Safe Men 6:15 Landspeed 8:15 Tales From The Crypt: Eps 7 & 8 9:30 Box Office America Ep 09 12:15 Dragonheart 8:15 Undisputed 10:00 Steven Spielberg's Taken Ep-4 11:45 Shallow Hal

PICK OF THE DAY

Traffic Crime/Drama, (Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones) On MGM at 2:00 p.m. A modern day look at America's war on drugs told through four separate stories that are connected in one way or another. A conservative politician who's just been appointed as the US drug czar learns that his daughter is a drug addict. A trophy wife struggles to save her husband's drug business, while two DEA agents protect a witness with inside knowledge of the spouse's business.

Biographies 1:00 Encounter the Killing (Naseeruddin Shah) 5:00 Hotlist 6:30 Sangam 9:00 Current Bollywood 1:00 Hotlist 9:30 Cartoon Network On Zee 10:00 Ek Nazar 10:30 M/s Madhuri Dixit 11:00 Milk 11:30 Pyar Zindagi Hai Chausath Paine (Dil Naa Jane Kyan) 12:30 World Business Report 12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today 1:30 Sci Shack Wild Moves 2:15 Hardtalk 3:30 Reporter 4:30 Asia Today/World Business Report 5:30 World Business Report/Sport Today 7:30 Click/Online 8:30 Asia Today 9:30 Hardtalk 10:15 World Business Report 10:30 Fast Track 11:30 World Business Report/Sport Today

ZEE TV

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ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Jaan Pechhan (Raj Kapoor Nargis, Shyama) 10:30 Pyaar Zindagi Hai (Vikas Klintri Ashima Bhalla) 1:30 Anari (Venkatesh Karishma Kapoor) 5:30 Mix Masala Mehbooba (Rajesh Khanna Hema Malini) 9:30 Houseful Hits

1:30 Kuch Kehti Hai Yey 2:00 Naam Kum Jayega 2:00 Kutumb 2:30 Dhadkan 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Hubahu 4:30 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya 5:00 Malgudi Days 5:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 6:00 Just Mohabbat 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 Chartbusters 8:00 Music Mantra 8:30 Boogie Woogie 9:00 Gooji-Ate Ki 9:30 Kkusum 10:00 Naam Kum Jayega 10:30 Achanak

STAR PLUS

11:00 Meri Saheli 11:00 Pal Chinn 11:30 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli 12:00 Shanti (601 - 800) 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 12:55 Taaza Hits 1:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay 1:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu 3:00 Shagun (461 - 560) 3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai 4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii 4:30 Kaahin Kissii 5:00 Film Topper - 301 Series 5:05 Taaza Hits 5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 5:55 Taaza Hits 6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain Fox Kids 7:25 Film Topper - 301 Series 7:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan 7:55 Film Topper - 301 Series 8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom 8:30 Sonpari 9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay Sanjivani - A Medical Boon 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii

STAR GOLD

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11:00 Toyota World Of

11:30 Wildlife 12:00 Dogs With Jobs Earthpulse 12:30 The Ghost Of The Great Salt Lakes 1:30 Beyond The Summit 2:30 Sea Hunters 3:30 Chinese Footing Binding - The Vanishing Self-Portrait 4:30 Africa From The Ground Up 6:00 Animal Edens 6:30 Dogs With Jobs 7:00 Earth Pulse 7:30 Animalicious 8:30 Verions Of Everest 9:30 Sea Hunters 10:30 Bwiti The Struggle Against

ANIMAL PLANET

11:30 Young N Wild Safety First 12:00 Walk on the Wild Side Hawaii 12:30 Shark! Beyond the jaws 2:30 Stalking the Big Sharks 3:30 Wild Encounters Little Big Cats 3:30 Emergency Vets Doctor's Doctor 4:00 Emergency Vets Peterson's Day 4:30 Animal Doctor Possum Up Pole 5:00 Breed All About It Bouvier Des Flandres K-9 to 5 Canine Companion, Tucson Training Dog, Rattling Dog 5:30 Wild on the Set All Creatures Great and Small 6:30 Plane's Funniest 7:30 Wild Encounters Little Big Cats 8:30 Orangutan Rescue 9:30 They call Him Chantek 10:30 Wild Encounters Great Cats of India

DISCOVERY

11:30 Extreme Machines Incredible Robots 12:30 It's a Woman's World Face Value 1:30 Human Body/How to Build a Human Brain Power 2:30 New Detectives Unlikely Sources 3:30 Wild Discovery Fast Food 4:30 Splat Milos, Clay Art 5:00 Mystery Hunters New England Vampires/Aurora Borealis 5:30 Travelers Dia De San Juan: Asuncion, Paraguay 6:30 Challenge Deadliest Job in the World

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STAR SPORTS

2:30 Champions Tour Golf Ford Senior Players Championship Deardorn/Usa Second Round(T) 4:30 Wrestling Apple Crush (T) 5:30 Max Power 2003 (T) 8:00 Sportsline Tonight (L) 9:30 Harsha Unplugged (T)

TEN SPORTS

10:30 Indias Greatest Games: Ind v Pak 1st Test Chennai 1:00 Robot Wars 5:00 After Burn 6:30 Gillette World Sport 7:00 Bajaj Sports News Update 7:05 WTA Tour '03 8:30 Ina Healy On Wicketkeeping

ESPN

3:30 Premier Snooker League 2003 5:00 Sunderland England Marco Fu Vs Mark Williams F Inals(R) 6:00 Football Focus Extra (R) 7:30 National Cricket League Nottingham England Nottinghamshire Vs Hampshire Div 2 (R) 1:30 South Africa Tour Of England Npower Test Series 2003 Birmingham England Vs South Africa 1st Test Day 5 1st Session(R) 6:00 English Premier Football League Manchester England Manchester United Vs Liverpool (R)