

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Press Photo

January 07-29

DRIK Gallery inaugurates prestigious photojournalistic exhibition titled *World Press Photo* today at 4 pm. The display remains open for all from 3 to 8 pm everyday.

Exhibitions

January 04-15

A joint exhibition title *Buthan: an Act of Offering* by Kama Wangdi of Bhutan, Deepa Islam and Jasim Uddin Xeon of Bangladesh, and Yannick Joris of Belgium is going to start at the gallery of Alliance Francaise at 6:00 pm. The show remains open for all from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

January 08-22

The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a solo exhibition, titled *Evidence* of artist Mohammad Eunus, featuring his works on oil, acrylic paints and acrylic sheets, starting from January 8 at the gallery premises. The show will remain open for all from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm everyday.

January 04-February 04

Russian Cultural Centre holds a month-long children's book exhibition dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of the prominent Russian writer A P Gaidar at the centre's library.

Film show

January 11-12

Russian Cultural Centre in cooperation with the Zahir Raihan Film Society will hold a Retrospective of Russian films dedicated to the 80th birth anniversary of Russian film director Serge Baratian at the auditorium of the centre.

January 11

04:00 pm *A Chef In Love*
6:00 pm *The Colour of Bomb Grenades*

January 12

4:30 pm *The Legend of The Suram Fortress*
6:00 pm *Ashik Kerib*

January 13-14

A two-day-long Russian film session and photo exhibition dedicated to the 3000th anniversary of the Russian Northern Capital St. Petersburg at the Jahangiragar University, Savar.

January 13

2:00 pm *Vor (The Thief)*
4:00 pm *Dersu Uzala*

January 14

2:00 pm *Sisters*
4:00 pm *The Odyssey*

Film Festival

January 05-11

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy holds a week-long film festival at the Experimental Theatre Hall of the academy's Jatiyo Natyashala Bhavan at 6:00 pm everyday. The schedule is as below:

January 10 Golapi Ekhon Trainey
January 11 Shimana Periye

Album review

Dark Syed

Ditio's 1st project Prothom

FAIZUL A TANIM

THE perception of new-genre music is expressed to a relationship consisting of composers, performers, musical diversification and everyone involved in the production of contemporary music. The present-day westernised music is progressively more involved in the fusion with music of other traditions and cultures with variety of popular music. We (the Bangladeshi based music fans) continue to encourage this varying perspective of new breed music, which depicts and discovers a brand new taste welcoming each new endeavour.

One such expatriate musician is Ditio, who once was involved in the Dhaka rock scene in the company of band Sweet Venom but presently dwells in London. His most recent project is Dark Syed—a band having Eastern *Jibon Mukhi* influenced vocals backed by music that focuses heavily on rhythm guitar. He has that *Baul dhong* in his choral lines, which he tries to blend with western style music making his own authentic venture.

Born to eminent authors of the country Syed Shamsul Haq and Anwara Syed Haq, Ditio's songs are heavily influenced by the likes of Bob Dylan. The theme-based songs are lyrically powerful in an effort to explore various socio-political themes and that talk about life having folk influences.

One might find the tunes monotonous on first hearing, but it gradually swings to a more composed array of compositions. The compilation is launched from CMV record label.

The album *Prothom* has a diverse outlook as



ming.

Shohor is like 'one of those divisive songs whose video was withdrawn from airing minutes before transmission as the censors regarded the starkness of the lyrics to be unsuitable for national broadcast,' remarked the artist. The way the song was performed in a Dhaka concert raised the same atmosphere as if the audiences felt a message of social consciousness. *Bishal* is a song dedicated to a late talented fellow musician. The album is itself a remembrance of Bishal Khaer.

The compilation nearly closes with a sophisticated song *Bichar*. It reminds one how the final judgement always rests in the hands of God.

Ditio feels the need for international record labels to commence operation in Bangladesh. 'Our local record labels should sign up with International Association of Record Labels for our music to be recognised. It is the entry point factor, which is still not letting our music videos to be aired in international music channels like MTV,' he opines. All the songs reflect aspects of life, from happiness to sadness and the dark tinge of melancholy giving rise to the band name.

As a special mention here for the band:

Ditio Syed-Haq: Vocals, Lyrics, Guitars and everything else with strings

Max Zastiera: Drums and percussion

Brian Bogdanovic: Keyboards and programming

Readers can know more about the band logging on to www.darksyed.com.

Anniversary

Famed cartoon character Tintin turns 75

AP, Brussels

Forever young, the beloved European cartoon character Tintin turns 75 today, without a hint of gray and the same youthful bounce in his step. Tintin—whose adventures as a cub reporter take him around the world—has become an icon in Belgium, where the perception is the French tried to usurp him.

Reflecting his appeal in both countries, two papers in Belgium were fully illustrated with Tintin cartoons yesterday and in France, *Le Figaro* is to publish a special 114-page paper with 250 illustrations.

'Don't forget Tintin was a journalist,' said Ivo Vandekerckhove, chief editor of *Het Belang van Limburg*. 'He was born in a newspaper, so he is made for the paper.'

Tintin first appeared in the Brussels *Le XXme Siecle* newspaper on January 10, 1929. His 23 adventures have sold over 200 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 55 languages. It's not surprising that anniversary celebrations will spill beyond



Evergreen Tintin (C) with his all-time companion dog Snowy and comical Captain Haddock

Belgium, with exhibitions planned in countries including the Netherlands, Britain and Spain.

In Brussels, an exhibition and tour will visit some of the Tintin scenery and the home where car-

toon artist Herge was born as Georges Remi in 1907. He died in 1983, meaning Tintin will get older than his creator this year.

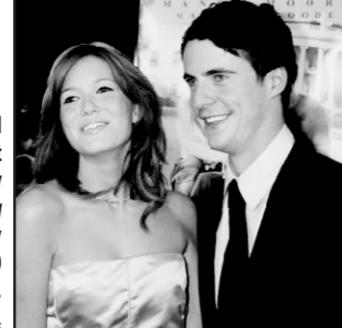
From Belgium, Tintin first went to 'the Land of the Soviets' to put the dastardly Communists in their place. Then he helped spread colonialism in the Belgian Congo before trekking to the capital of crime, Chicago. Before World War II, he added Egypt, India and China, where the classic *The Blue Lotus* is set.

'Tintin is a very important person for Belgium,' said Finance Minister Didier Reynders, 'not only in Belgium, but across the world.'

The books also have a political quality beyond the endless debate about Herge's relations with German occupiers during World War II.

No new adventures have been published since Herge's death 20 years, but Tintin hardly disappeared. His face now appears on everything from watches to mugs to T-shirts.

Around the world



Singer-actress Mandy Moore and co-star Matthew Goode pose at the premiere of their new romantic comedy *Chasing Liberty* in Hollywood on January 7. The film opened on January 9 in the United States.

PHOTO: REUTERS

An acrobat suspended from high-wires floats past a helium-filled balloon during a performance called *Of Angels and Light*, as part of the Sydney Festival at Olympic Park on January 7. The performers of the Studio Festi Italian acrobatic-dance troupe seemed free of gravity.

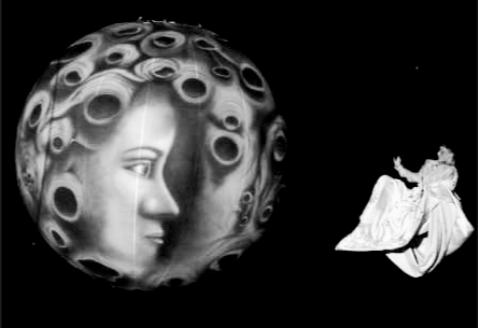


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News Bulletin

BTW

News Headlines(Bangla) at 9:40 am, 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) 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-I

Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00 am.

News(Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.

Telecast of BTW 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.

Telecast of BTW News(Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

Lates News(Bangla) at 09 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ITV

News Headlines(Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.

News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News(Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm.

Tara News(Bangla) at 8:30 pm.

11:30 pm.

Tara News Bangladesh(Bangla) at 9:30 pm.

BBC World

Every hour on the hour

BTV

Suprobut Bangla-desh Natun Kuri 2003

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Moner Kotha

Debate Competition

Wrestling

Share Market, Weather Forecast

Swastha Katha

Film Show: Fortune Hunter

Drama: Pop Show

Shur Lohori

Talk show : Drama serial : Bengali feature film : Moner Moto Bon

Shapla Shaluk

Sustha Thakur

Islamee Sawal O

Jawab

Talk show : Anodristee

Thunder Stone

Musical prog.

Mega serial : Lal Neel

Bagine

Mega serial : Baba Falok Rai

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CHANNEL-I

Tritia Matra

Live Talk Show: Naba Kotha

Chithi Pelam

Ebong Cinemar Gaan

Drama Serial: 51borti

Feature Film: Samar

4:00 pm

2:00 pm

1:30 pm

1:00 pm

4:00 pm

2:00 pm