

CULTURAL FEAST

Theatre Festival
 Title: Angikey Boichitrey
 Organiser: Theatre
 Venue: Experimental Theater Hall, Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy
 Time: November 27-December 03
 Literary personality: Sardar Fazlul Karim will inaugurate the show at 6:00pm and will hand over the Munir Choudhury Honorary Award and Muhammad Zakaria Memorial Award. Theatre's new play *Mukt* will be staged in the second part of the programme.

Painting Exhibition



Artist: Ranjita Das
 Venue: Shilpangan, Road #5, House #25, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205
 Time: November 26-December 11, 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 8:30pm

Exhibition

Title: Christmas & Winter Collection
 Organiser: Art & Soul Gallery
 Time: November 26-December 26, from 11am to 8pm
 Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, House 16, Road 36, Gulshan 1

Commemorative Programme

Occasion: Death anniversary of Naren Biswas
 Organiser: Kanthashilon
 Time: November 27, at 6pm
 Venue: Liberation War Museum, Shegun Bagicha
 Niranjan Adhikari will be awarded with this year's Naren Biswas Award in the programme

Documentary Show

Title: Month of Documentary
 Organiser: Alliance Francaise
 Time: November 28-30
 Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road

November 28
 5:00pm Oiles a mes amis que je suis mort
 7:00pm Operation Lune

November 29
 5:00pm Marguerite telle qu'en elle-même
 7:00pm La vie sans Brahman

November 30
 5:00pm Grand Littoral
 7:00pm On n'est pas des marques de velo

Concert



Group: European Union Chamber Orchestra
 Organiser: Dhaka Sheraton & Homebound
 Venue: Osman Ali Memorial Hall
 Time: November 28, at 7pm

NEW BANGABAZAR FIRE

300 Bangla films burnt to ashes

A wakeup call for the authorities

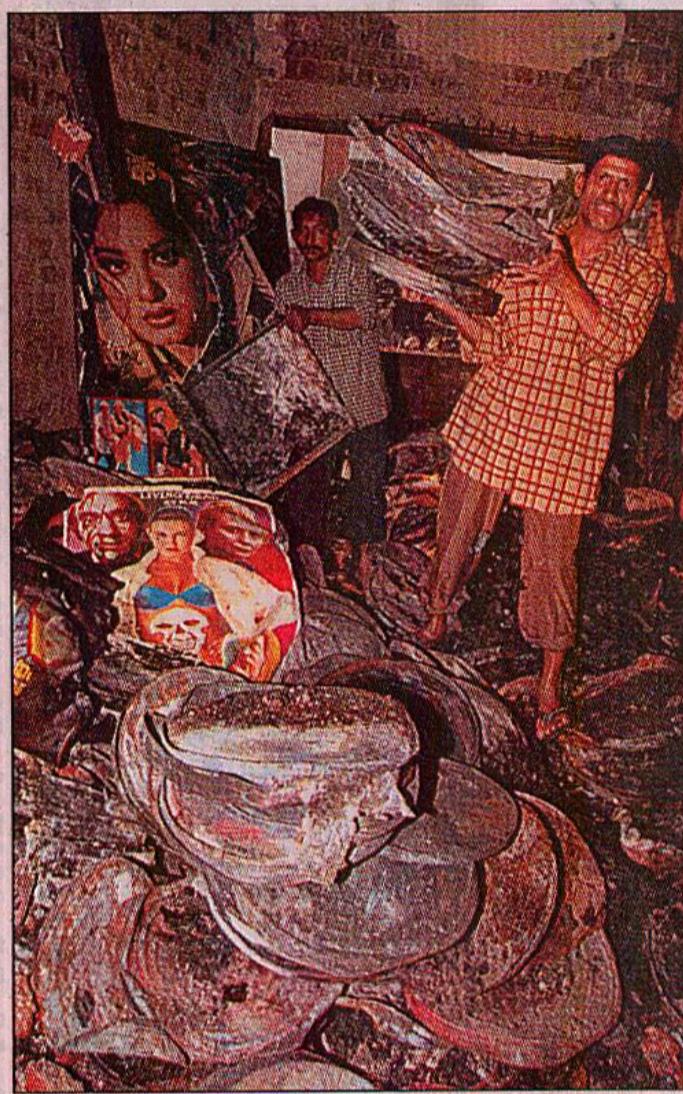
KAUSAR ISLAM AYON

ACTOR Razzak will never be seen on screen singing the evergreen song *Neel akasher nichay ami rasta cholechhi eka* in the film *Nil Akasher Nichay*. Neither will cine buffs see films such as *Uttar Falguni, Nanad Bhabhi, Abhirabhi, Lalu-Bhulai, Anarkoli, Anki-Milon, Bhanga-Gora, Matribhumi, Nakol Shalizada, Alo Amar Alo* and many others.

The reason? A devastating fire at the New Bangabazar Hawkers' Market on November 22 which destroyed around 300 films. The hub of the fire was a five-storey building at 1/1 Bangabandhu Avenue that housed 21 film-making and distributing offices. The number includes more than a hundred landmark creations of the golden period of Bangla films including two acclaimed films on the Liberation War made in more recent times—*Danga* and *Sipahi*.

Describing the damage caused by the fire, Ansar Ali of AHM Productions said, 'All the decade-old production houses situated in this building produced hundreds of classic films that were stored in the office compound. All of these films, except a very few, are lost forever as there are no more copies of the negatives of these films.' The havoc wrought by the fire was compounded by the clumsy 50-year-old five-storey building and the absence of fire fighting devices. 'We could not even try to save the films and other valuables in the building due to lack of fire fighting devices,' said Harun of Shadow Pictures.

The ZA Films spokesperson said that they have lost at least 20 films including *Kajol Lata, Nayoner Kajol, Anki Milon, Alo Amar Alo, Gayer Chheley*. Desh Kothachitro



The havoc wrought by the fire

has lost 30 of its titles including *Anarkoli, Swadhin, Shondhi, Anurodh, Khudha, Toposa, Nantu Ghatak, Poradhin* and many more. Chhayabani Shangsta lost *Shobar Ojantey, Etotoku Asha, Matribhumi, Anurag, Shawpno*

Diye Ghera, Bhanga-Gora, Shampon, Aka-banka, Chokher Joley etc. The fire burnt over 60 other films like *Bipod Sankey, Danga, Sipahi, Didar, Nanad Bhabhi, Uttar Falguni, Goyenda, Love Letter and Accident* produced

by Shanglapchitro, Shadow Pictures, Robi Chalachitro and Abhi Films.

Among others Geet Chitrakotha, Moushumi Kothachitro, Desh Chitrakotha, Masud Kothachitro, ZA Films, Parjoa Films, Rumi Films, Chhayabani Shangsta, Metro Films, MK Movies, Mohua Movies, Chaturanga Kothachitro, FT Productions, Five-star Productions, Azad Pictures, Monju Movies, Shawpan Pictures, Udayan Chalachitro, Momata Kothachitro have also lost many hit productions.

This latest disaster has once again brought into focus the necessity of preserving films in the Bangladesh Film Archive (BFA). Although the film producers are bound to submit to the archive a print of each released film according to the Copyright Act 2000, in Bangladesh no producer is interested in preserving their films in the BFA due to difference of opinion with the authorities.

KMR Manzur, chairman of Bangladesh Film Producers' and Distributors' Association, said, 'The authorities should share the cost of the print so that producers are willing to submit a copy of their films.'

The affected producers are distraught. 'If we had submitted copies of our films, they would not have been lost,' admitted Mujibur Rahman of Chhayabani Shangsta, adding, 'The government should make the archive more effective.'

The government should support the affected producers in recovering the loss,' said Manzur.

There is a brighter side for the hard-pressed producers: the officials of the Ministry of Information say that they will extend all cooperation to find ways to recover the immense loss.

First National Film Conference 2004 from November 28-30

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event.

Veteran journalist and the first Muslim filmmaker of the subcontinent, Obaid Ul Haque, will inaugurate the National Film Conference 2004 at 5:30 pm on November 28 at the CIRDAP auditorium. Eminent educationist Professor Abdulla Abu Sayeed will be present as the chief guest of the occasion while pioneer filmmaker Mahbub Jamil will preside. Morshedul Islam's latest film *Duratta* will be screened at the inaugural session.

The following two days of the conference feature seven keynote papers focusing on seven aspects of film activities. On November 29

four papers will be presented: 'Importance of National Film Principles' by Aminul Islam Khokon, 'Government Sanction and Patronisation in Filmmaking' by Bada Rahman, 'National Film Institute in Spreading Film Culture' by Tanvir Mokammel and 'Role of Television and Newspaper in Creating Artistic Films' by Faridur Reza Sagar.

On the closing day three papers will be presented: 'Study of Cinema at University Level and Importance of Film Institute' by Zakir Hossain Raju, 'Problems of Filmmaking and Film Screening as a Medium of Art and Entertainment' by Tareq Masud and 'Ways to Stop

Obscenity and Violence in Entertainment Cinema and Role of Censor Board' by Morshedul Islam.

Renowned cultural personalities including Mahbub Jamil, Shibli Sadik, Kabir Sarwar, Manzare Hassan Murad, Professor Kabir Choudhury, Rafiquzzaman, Mustafa Monwar, Anisul Haque, Professor Selim Al Deen, Professor Geeti Ara Nasrin, KMR Manjur, Sohanur Rahman Sohan, Chashi Nazrul Islam and Ahmed Sahrif will discuss the papers on different days.

The closing ceremony of the conference on November 30 will be attended by Editor of *Prothom Alo* Motiur Rahman and actor Bulbul Ahmed.

TV GUIDE

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

News Bulletin

BTV
 07:30 Bangladesher Hriday
 11:05 Holey
 11:15 Hello Apnayek Bolchi
 12:35 Satellite Programme
 03:15 Shangbadolper Pata
 Theka
 03:25 Bangla Feature Film
 Programme from
 06:35 Chittagong Centre
 07:05 Priyo Shilpi Priyo
 ntv
 07:30 Alif Layla
 08:30 Apnar Charpash
 09:00 Cine Magazine
 09:30 Priyo Manush
 10:30 Talk Show: Lai Golap
 01:05 Smrnil Janalej
 Drama: Jiboner El
 Shwad Millennium
 Tiffner Fankey
 Shubho Shondhya
 Amra Ekhon Unish
 Shomoy
 12:00 Talk Show: Kora Alap
 12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma
 01:00 Bangla-Gaan
 02:30 Trityo Matra
 02:50 Ganner Mela Praner
 Mela
 03:30 Shatyer Shandhane
 04:10 Dekher Gaan Shonar
 Gaan
 04:40 Janapader Khobor
 10:15 The Iron Giant,
 The Bourne Identity
 Deliver US From Eva
 05:00 Music Plus
 06:30 Amar Gaan
 07:50 Drama: Shonar Naay
 Nam
 09:35 Drama Serial: 69
 10:00 Drama Serial:
 Ahamish Bhalobashay
 Ekjan
 11:00 When A Man Loves A
 Woman
 11:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
 Kora Kezaz
 12:00 A Knight's Tale
 12:30 Shararat- Thoda Jodu
 13:00 Thaneedaar
 13:30 Sonpari
 14:00 Aur Phir Ek Din
 14:30 Rajdhani
 15:00 Parday Ke Peechey
 15:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
 16:00 Fox Kids
 16:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi
 Dhoon
 17:00 Meri Mrs Chanchala
 17:30 Pya Bina
 18:00 The Simple Life
 18:30 Young Posh And
 Loaded
 19:00 Adventure Inc
 19:30 Magnum PI.
 20:00 Star Asia Travel
 20:30 Oprah Winfrey
 21:00 Bold And Beautiful
 21:30 Hollywood Squares
 22:00 Who Line Is It
 22:30 Anyway
 23:00 Miami Vice
 23:30 Miss World
 24:00 Friends
 24:30 Just Shoot Me
 25:00 Tna Wrestling
 25:30 The Apprentice
 26:00 Friends
 26:30 Koffee With Karan
 27:00 Star Asia Travel
 27:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
 28:00 Oprah Winfrey Show

CHANNEL-i
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am; 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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) at 11:30 pm.

CHANNEL-I
 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 7:15 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30, 12:15 am.
 Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

ATN BANGLA
 News Headlines (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

ATN BANGLA
 9:10 Drama Serial: New
 10:45 Face/Off
 1:00 Eliminator The

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ATN BANGLA
 9:10 Long Time Dead
 12:00 Face/Off
 1:00 Hasna Mat
 1:30 Chali Ka Naam

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Shesh Akhbor

On ATN Bangla at 5:10pm

Musical Programme

Hosted by Shajal and Irfan

STAR GOLD

9:55 Nagni

10:00 Todi Naz

10:30 Shararat- Thoda Jodu

11:00 Kahan Jurrum Ki

11:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai

12:00 Aalish

12:30 Farz

13:00 Oprah Winfrey Show

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