CULTURAL FEAST

National Zainul Festival 2004

Occasion: 90th birth anniversary of Shilpachariya Zainul Abedin
Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy,Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Foundation
Time: December 10-30
Schedule

December 10
Title: Children's Art Competition
Time: At 10:00am
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi

December 12-January 07
Title: Special Exhibition of Zainul Abedin
Time: From 11am to m7pm in weekdays and 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Fridays
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangladesh National Museum.

December 13-24
Title: Photography Exhibition on Zainul Abedin
Time: From 11am to m7pm in weekdays and 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Fridays
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University

December 17-30
Title: Handicrafts Fair
Time: From 11am to m7pm in weekdays and 3:00pm to 8:00pm on Fridays
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

December 22-24
Title: Folk Song Festival
Time: Everyday at 6:00pm
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Premises

December 24
Title: Seminar on the life and works of Zainul Abedin
Time: at 9:30am
Venue: National Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

December 29
Title: Special rally
Time: at 10:00am
Venue: From the premises of the Institute of Fine Arts

December 25
Title: Day-long programme
Time: at 9:30am
Venue: Zainul Abedin Museum at Mymensingh

December 29-30
Title: Special cultural programme
Time: Everyday at 6:00pm
Venue: Bakultala, Institute of Fine Arts

CHOBI MELA III

Stories of refugees, machine guns and tradition

HARUN UR RASHID

THE British Council is hosting three exhibitions of the ongoing Chobi Mela III, displaying photographs of Peter Fryer and Hilary Knox from the UK and Then Chih Wey from Singapore. Peter Fryer presents 42 photographs under the title *The 4th Generation*, focusing on the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Palestine. Hilary Knox's *The World's Largest Machine Gun Shoot* depicts the display of weapons at the Knob Creek Gun Range in Kentucky. Wey's eight pictures capture the struggling tradition of lifestyle in Masouleh, Iran.

Will the Tradition Survive?, Then Chih Wey

The World's Largest Machine Gun Shoot, Hilary Knox

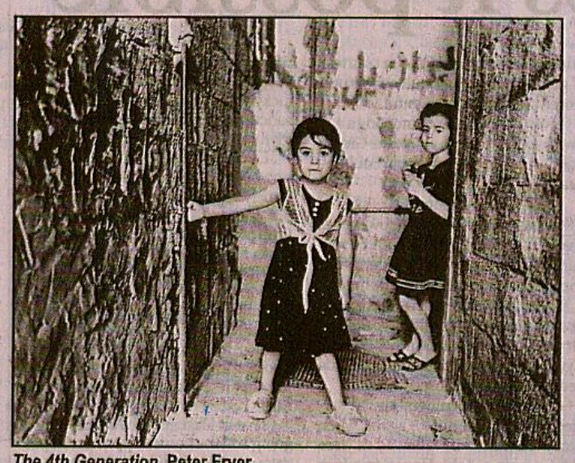
Peter Fryer focuses on the everyday resistance of the Palestinians against the horrors of occupation of and exclusion from their homes and homeland. The Palestinian refugees have been living in the camps of Lebanon, Palestine and the 'unrecognised villages' in the Galilee and the Naqob Desert since the tragedy of 1948 when the Palestinians were forced out from their country. Today there are over 3.4 million Palestinian refugees across the Middle East including the overcrowded camps along the borders of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, informs Fryer.

Fryer's photographs, all black-and-white, depicts these people now in the 4th generation. Born in Lebanon they are still classed as 'foreigners' with minimum political and civil rights. 'Often the children of the camps remember Palestine through the memories and dreams of their grandparents, although this older generation is fast disappearing,' says Fryer.

Hilary Knox's display presents some interesting aspects of the three-day weapon display held twice a year in Bullitt County of Kentucky. Photos show a wide array of weapons and ammunitions including AK 47, M 16, Uzi, assault rifle, flame-thrower, canon and napalm displayed at the event. Fruit juice jars filled with bullet shells, enthusiastic people firing Totenkopf guns, stickers depicting strong emotions against terrorists and posters of Osama Bin Laden, depicted as a target for shootout practice, come as the subjects of Knox's pictures. A photograph shows a stall that provides flame-throwers and napalm rental.

Then Chih Wey captures the fading lifestyle traditions of the people of Masouleh in Iran. One of its attractions is the village architecture. A place with tourism features, Masouleh's age-old traditions are, however, constantly threatened by the influences of the tourists. 'Whether this beautiful little mountain village can survive in the new millennia remains to be seen,' comments Wey.

The exhibitions end today.



The 4th Generation, Peter Fryer

Women and Poetry

Celebrating the birth anniversary of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein

NOVERA DEEPITA

Despite women's contribution in every sphere, their role has not been fully recognised. This includes the arena of poetry. Even today many of their creative pieces are not in a published form.

To generate awareness about this issue, Women for Women, a research and study group, organised a seminar on Women and Poetry at the Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities of Dhaka University Wednesday last.

The programme marked the birth anniversary of the pioneer of establishing education system for the Bangalee Muslim women, Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein.

The seminar included two discussion sessions followed by rendition of folk songs and recitation by prominent and promising women poets of the country.

Speaking on the topic *Whether women have recognition for their contribution in poetry*, Professor Niaz Zaman of the Department of English, said, 'Although Rokeya is better known as a writer of powerful prose, both fiction and non-fiction, she also wrote poetry.' She also announced that Women for Women hopes to publish an anthology of poetry and folk songs by the women poets of Bangladesh which will include poets of all times.

Niloufer Begum, a poet and a former Joint Secretary, noted, 'Though it is a common idea that women are not generally associated with poetry, this is incorrect. Every child grows up hearing songs, stories and rhymes told by their mother and grandmother. These oral stories have been handed down through different generations of women.'

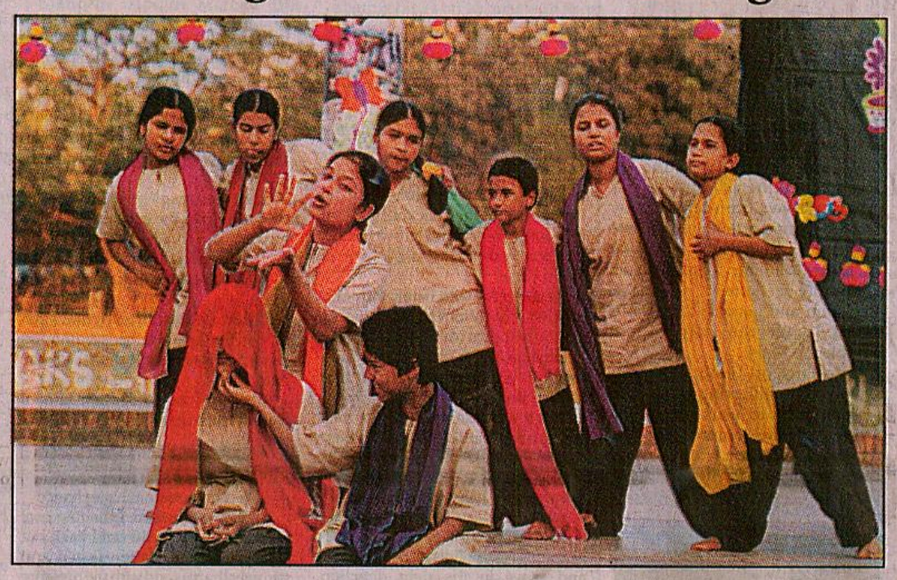
Quoting from one of Rokeya's poems, Hosne Ara Kamal of the Institute of Social Welfare, questioned the audience on the length of time women would take to rectify the harm done by men on earth '

The students of the Women's Studies Department at the Dhaka University presented the findings of a research paper that portrayed the creativity of women who came up with hundreds of songs and folktales in oral forms. The presentation was unique as several students performed marriage songs that are passed on by women through the ages, during the session. Though most of these songs celebrate weddings, it also carried the feeling of the discrimination against women and by the reality of multiple marriages. Through these folk songs that they collected from different times, from their grandmothers to the slum dweller women, they pointed out that women voiced their own sorrows, commenting on their own lives and of Bangalee women in general.

Veteran woman activist and poet Taiubun Nahar Rashid, better known as TN Rashid, shared her experiences as well as the memories of the Liberation War. Economist Khaleda Salahuddin presided over the second session while poets Hosne Ara Kamal, Begum Razia Hossein, Kazi Rozy, Lilly Haque and Shamsuzzaman Noor recited poems and spoke about their experiences in writing and publishing poetry. This session was followed by a recitation from poetry by Begum Rokeya, Begum Sufia Kamal and Mumtaz Wadud.

CHILDREN DRAMA FESTIVAL

Generating awareness of child rights



CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

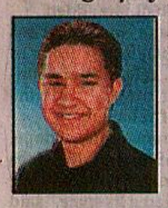
A children's drama festival was held recently at the Rabindra Sharabor stage, beside Dhanmondi lake. The festival was organised by Ichchey Children's Media Centre and sponsored by Save the Children Sweden-Denmark. With the slogan 'No more discrimination, all children are equal', the event was the first of its kind in the country. About 17 children's group from Dhaka and other parts of the country, including a children's group from Nepal and Butterflies from India. performed popular music and dance at the festival.

The festival was aimed at depicting the discrimination between children from all walks of life. Besides this, the function aimed to generate awareness on how children are using cultural events to achieve their rights.

The festival was organised with children from all spheres of our society. The organisations that participated in the festival were Bangladesh National Women Law Association (BNWLA), Underprivileged Children Education Programme (UCEP), Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID), Association for Community Development) (ACD), Community Participation and Development Jhinukmala (CPD), Incidin Bangladesh, Nari Mayitri, Child Brigade, Society for Underprivileged Families (Suf), Socio-Economic Enhancement Programme (Sip), Development Initiative for Social Advancement (Disa) and Paribartan Theatre.

The subsequent two days of the festival featured plays, dances, songs, recitation, comic-skits and many more items by the children. Most of the performers, who also come from the underprivileged and marginalised sections of the society, developed the productions themselves based on the experiences from their own lives. Asif Munir, the Programme Manager Advocacy and Communication of Save the Children, believes that the function revealed the immense potential of the children.

Photography exhibition



A two-day exhibition by promising young photographer Jamil Khan will begin at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Divine Art Gallery from today. The exhibition will be open to all from 10am to 9pm, says a press release. Jamil, still in his teens, started professional photography, taking snaps of amazing landscapes and water bodies of Australia along with 21 other students of Singapore American School. He traveled to Japan and Malaysia and took photographs of the temples, Mount Fuji, Japanese Spa and architectures, and islands, beaches, caves and rivers in Malaysia.

BRIDGING GENERATIONS: A UNIQUE ENDEAVOUR

War tale of Freedom Fighters

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The month of December is very significant in the history of our Liberation War, for we earned the much-coveted independence in this month after nine long months of armed struggle against the Pakistan armed forces and their accomplices. Hundreds of thousands of people sacrificed their lives in that struggle while innumerable others fought courageously on the war fronts. As a result, on the auspicious December 16, Pakistan surrendered to the allied forces. Since then December 16 has been observed as our Victory Day.

Prior to this year's Victory Day, Spectra Group has come up with a great endeavour to honour the freedom fighters. A grand reception will be accorded to the urban guerilla members of the Liberation War who executed many heroic operations in Dhaka city during the Liberation War. About three hundred young boys and girls will give the reception to 150 war heroes at the BIAM auditorium today afternoon.

The programme features the untold stories of the urban guerillas, their experiences during the war, stories of their women comrades and their help, their companions who sacrificed their lives and, above all, their patriotism that inspired them towards these heroic measures. Among the warriors will be people from different religious and political beliefs, the women freedom fighters, cultural personalities, businessmen, even day-labourers, rickshaw-pullers and motorcycle mechanics. Apart from their individual identities, the only identity they will bear on the occasion is that they are our valiant freedom fighters.

Titled *Shetubandhan: Notun Projanmo O Dhaka Guerilla '71*, the programme also features cultural show presented by artistes of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendro.

The unique effort will surely let the young generation learn about some of the dramatic episodes of our Liberation War.

PHOTO:AFP

A Japanese tourist draws details of the inside of a temple, one of nearly thirty Buddhist temples, in Luang Prabang, Laos. Luang Prabang, added to the list of World Heritage Sites in 1995 by UNESCO, has become the premier tourist attraction with an estimated 60-70,000 tourists, four times the resident population.

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 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) 11:30 pm.

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

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 pm.7:30 pm.10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA
NewsHeadlines(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
07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy Holey
09:30 Cricket Match: Bangladesh VS India
04:30 Bangla Feature Film
07:30 Bishaw Manobadhikar Dibosh
08:30 Apnar Charpash
09:00 Cine Magazine
09:30 Shanamdhanna
10:30 Talk Show: Lal Golap

CHANNEL-i
07:30 Musical Programme
08:00 Desher Gaan
09:45 Tritiyo Matra
10:30 Live Show: Tele Shomoy
12:00 Talk Show: Kora Alap
12:30 Shampurna Rangin
01:00 Bangla Gaan
02:30 Tritiyo Matray Apni
03:30 Shatyer Shandhaney
04:15 Dekhar Gaan Shonar Gaan
04:45 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:00 Janapader Khabor
05:30 Special Programme for Disabled
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 Bable up music net
07:50 Drama: Shajaler Ma
09:35 Drama Serial: 69
10:00 Drama Serial: Banchley Je Ki shukh

ATN BANGLA
09:15 Drama Serial: Shupatrer Shandhane
10:30 Annyodrishti
11:05 Islamic Programme
03:40 Binodon Jummabar
06:20 Amra Korbo Joy
08:00 Rupmadhuri
08:30 Drama Serial: Khowab
09:00 Drama Serial: Lal Nil Beguni
10:35 Cine Aha

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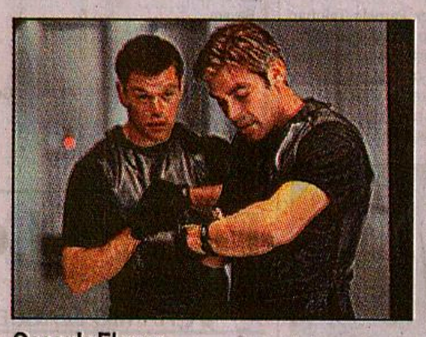
08:00 Aajker Shakal
09:20 Special Programme on AIDS
10:30 Apnar Jigyasha
11:30 Trans World Sports
01:05 Smritir Janalay
02:30 Drama: Bibhajan
03:45 Millennium
05:20 Tiffiner Fenkey
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri
08:30 Selected Programme
08:50 Pepsi Music Express
09:40 Drama: Purbashar Manager o Pub Parar Chaimya
11:25 Dindarpan

HBO
8:15 The Running Man
10:15 Ali G Indahouse
12:00 Vertical Limit
2:30 Beethoven's 4th
4:30 HBO Sneak Peek: Spider-Man
5:15 Sleepstalker: The Sandman's Last Rites
7:15 King Kong Lives
9:30 Ocean's Eleven
11:45 One Night At McCool's
1:45 Fallen
4:15 King Kong Lives

STAR MOVIES
8:45 Dawg
10:15 X2: X-Men United
12:30 Circuitry Man II: Ploughed Rewired
2:15 Return To Cabin By The Lake
3:45 Eliminator
5:20 Gang Related

PICK OF THE DAY

Shajaler Ma
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Momotazuddin Ahmed, Urmi, KS Firoz
Script: Momotazuddin Ahmed, Director: Hassan



Ocean's Eleven
On HBO at 9:30pm
Genre: Comedy/Thriller/Crime
Cast: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Julia Roberts
Director: Steven Soderbergh

7:00 Unfaithful
9:00 Children Of The Corn Iii
10:30 Frank Mcklusky C.I.
12:00 Our Lips Are Sealed

STAR GOLD
9:50 Arjun Pandit
1:30 Baap Numbri Beta Dus Numbri
5:30 Justice Chouadry
8:30 Saajan Chale Sasural
11:45 Pratikar

STAR PLUS
7:00 Aatma
8:00 Taaza Hits
8:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
10:30 Simran Show
11:00 Rajdhani
10:55 Film Topper - 301 Series
11:30 Shaadi Number One
12:00 Kora Kagaz
1:00 Hasna Mai
1:30 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshiri
2:30 Meri Mrs Chanchala
3:00 Piya Bina
4:00 Aur Phir Ek Din
4:30 Rajdhani
5:00 Pardey Ke Peechey
6:00 Shaadi Number One
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Dhoom
8:00 Sonpari
8:30 Karma
9:30 Shararat - Thoda Jadu Todi Naz
10:00 Khulja Sim Sim
11:00 Kalcchakra
12:00 Aatish

STAR WORLD
7:00 Friends
7:30 Just Shoot Me
8:00 Hollywood Squares
8:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway
9:00 The Drew Carey Show
9:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
10:30 Smallville
11:30 The Simple Life
12:00 The Simple Life
12:30 Adventure Inc
1:30 Magnum P.I.
2:28 Star Asia Travel
2:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 Tna Wrestling
9:30 The Apprentice
10:30 Koffee With Karan
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 Baywatch

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
7:30 Africa From The Ground Up
8:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
8:30 $100 Taxi Ride
9:00 Game For It
9:30 Global Wolf
10:30 Hot Science
11:30 When Nature Strikes Back
12:30 The Simran Show
1:00 Croc Chronicles S2
1:30 Africa From The Ground Up
2:00 Crittercam-Wildtech Adventures
2:30 $100 Taxi Ride
3:00 Game For It
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6:30 $100 Taxi Ride
7:00 Game For It
7:30 Abdi- Return To Africa
8:30 Human Edge
9:00 Human Edge
9:30 Africa
10:30 Riddles Of The Dead S2
11:30 National Geographic's Taboo

STAR SPORTS
8:00 New Zealand Tour Of Australia Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Sydney Australia Australia Vs New Zealand 2 Odi Highlights(R)
9:10 New Zealand Tour Of Australia Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Brisbane Australia Australia Vs New Zealand 3 Odi 1st Session(L)
12:45 Asian Festival Of Speed Formula Bmw Asia Beijing China Round 8(R)
1:15 New Zealand Tour Of Australia Chappell-Hadlee Trophy Brisbane Australia Australia Vs New Zealand 3 Odi 2nd Session(L)
5:00 Nba Basketball Houston Tx Usa San Antonio Spurs Vs Houston Rockets (S)
7:30 English Premier League Preview (T)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Fa Classic Matches Fa Cup Classic Matches Arsenal Vs Sheffield Wednesday Fa Cup 92/93 Final(T)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 Nba Inside Stuff (T)
11:30 Sunny Programming Sunny By Night Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 Highlights (S)

ESPN
7:00 Sunny Programming Sunny By Night Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 1 Highlights (R)
9:00 Taking Guard Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 Preview(L)
9:30 India Tour Of Bangladesh Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 1st Session(L)
11:30 India Tour Of Bangladesh Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 Lunchtime Show(L)
12:10 India Tour Of Bangladesh Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 2nd & 3rd Session (L)
4:30 Follow Through Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 Review(L)
5:30 Castrol Awards The Castrol Awards For Cricketing Excellence 2004 (R)
6:00 Motorsport Asia (T)
6:30 Hitz (R)
7:00 Pool/ Snooker World Pool Masters 2004 Egmond Aan Zee Holland Oliver Ortmann Vs Thomas Engert Fina L(R)
8:00 English Premier League Preview (T)
8:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 Cricket Show Espn Presnts Samsung Cricket Show (T)
9:30 Sunny Programming Sunny By Night Dhaka Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs India 1st Test Day 2 Highlights (S)
11:30 Sportscenter Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 Sportscenter Sportscenter Asia (S)

TEN SPORTS
7:30 Portugese League H/Ls
8:30 WWE: The Bottom Line
9:15 Top Ten Batsmen
12:00 Samsung Hockey Champions Trophy: ESP v PAK
2:30 Samsung Hockey Champions Trophy: IND v NZL
5:30 Samsung Hockey Champions Trophy: NED v GER
6:30 WWE:Velocity
7:30 Golf Highlights: Hong Kong Open
8:00 ATP Tennis
10:00 Samsung Champions Trophy H/Ls Day 5
11:00 Legend: Marvan Attapattu
12:00 WWE:Velocity