



Clockwise (from left): As part of the weeklong Independence Day celebration at the Liberation War Museum, candles were lit in memory of the unarmed civilians massacred by the Pakistan army on the night of March 25, talented and upcoming artistes completed a 30,000 square feet traffic paint depicting the genocide of March 25, 1971 on Manik Mia Avenue. The event was organised by University of Development Alternative (UDA)



Documentary on Tajuddin Ahmed premiered

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Tajuddin Ahmed: The Unsung Hero, a 100 minute long documentary film by Tanvir Mokammel on the first prime minister of Bangladesh who organised the Liberation War in the absence of Bangobondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, premiered at the Shawkot Osman Memorial Auditorium on March 25.

The film brings to light the Liberation War and the establishment of a national consciousness by featuring Tajuddin Ahmed as a politician and an individual.

The film encompasses footage, stills and a series of interviews with Ahmed's colleagues, friends and family members. Dr Kamal Hossain, Barrister Amirul Islam, Professor Rehman Sobhan, Professor Anisuzzaman, A K Khondokar, Tofael Ahmed, Toufiq Imam, Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Moyeedul Hassan, Zohra Tajuddin and Simin Hossain Rimi among others, have been interviewed in the film. Their matter-of-fact, unsentimental accounts enable the film to provide an authentic look at the most glorious period in the history of Bangladesh.

Tajuddin Ahmed: The Unsung Hero is an insight to the life and times of a visionary. Tanvir Mokammel said the documentary is designed to be used as an authentic document of the freedom movement of the people of Bangladesh.



Special programme on F R Khan's 25th death anniversary

To observe the 25th death anniversary of Dr Fazlur Rahman Khan, globally renowned Bangladeshi architect; Channel i will air *Korunadharaye Esho*, a discussion programme featuring Khan's works.

Dr F R Khan was one of the leading architects of twentieth century. His contributions and innovative approach to designing high rises and attention to aesthetic have been significant. For his contribution to the field he received the highest international awards. To honour the world-famous engineer, a chair has been set-aside in Dr. F R Khan's name at Lehigh University.

Hosted by Farzana Brownia the programme will feature three discussants -- Dr Z R Khan, Professor J R Chowdhury and Engineer F R Khan. The programme will be aired at 6:00pm tonight.



The discussants with host in the programme



National Theatre Festival '07

'Kushum Upakhyān': Exploitation and abuse of women take centre stage



A scene from *Kushum Upakhyān*

Kushum Upakhyān (Kushum's Fable) is the second episode of Kazi Rozy's *Kushum* sequel, through which the playwright highlights oppression on women.

The aim of the second episode illustrates that women were considered as 'only' the source of entertainment by the Kings. While the protagonist of the first installment of the sequel titled *Kushum Bettanto* is an everyday woman in the contemporary society, the central character 'Kushum' in the second episode dwells in a palace. It's a saga of exploitation, manipulation and abuse of women.

Set in an imaginary kingdom called Shantipur, Rozy's

fable narrates how an ordinary woman named Kushum becomes a princess and subsequently struggles to maintain her dignity in the palace. She even has to prove her 'purity' as per the demand of her in law -- the King -- when his subjects and other members of the royal family question Kushum's character.

At one stage she is compelled to flee and goes to another kingdom called Krishnapur. Only to receive further abuse and exploitation from the King of Krishnapur, who treats her just as a source of entertainment.

Shattwik Natyasampradaya staged *Kushum Upakhyān* on March 25 at the National Theatre Stage as part of the ongoing National Theatre Festival arranged by Bangladesh group Theatre Federation in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Using the traditional narrative style -- *Puthipath* -- Kushum's tale is unfolded. Sitting at one corner of the stage the narrator and his troupe introduce themes and the actors perform sequences at the other part. Sagir Mostafa's directorial composition is highly influenced by stereotypical *jatra*. And in most cases the required tension of the play has not been effectively created. Design and directorial composition are not properly juxtaposed.

Erfan Haium as the narrator and Shilpi as Meherjan display spontaneity on the stage. Rest of the actors need to develop their skills.

'Muchiram Gur' staged

On the same evening Kathak Natyasampradaya from Chittagong staged *Muchiram Gur* at the Experimental Theatre Stage. Based on Bankimchandra Chattapadhyaya's story *Muchiram Gurer Jibon Chorit*, Bikram Chowdhury's 'comedy of manners' titled *Muchiram Gur* is a social satire.

Following the traits of 'comedy of manners', the play focuses on the behaviour and deportment of

human beings living under a specific social structure.

Set in colonial times, *Muchira Gur* satires the tendency of some native aristocrats acting as lackeys to the Raaj. In return of their services, these elites received titles such as *Raybahadur* from the Raaj. Referring to the story, Bankim wrote in a journal: 'Characters of the story are imaginary, yet universal'.

Bikram Chowdhury is the director and designer of the play.



Actors of Kathak Natyasampradaya stage *Muchiram Gur*

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'Mukti' and 'Khanchar Bhitor Achin Pakhi' staged



Ferdausi Majumder (R) with co-actor in *Mukti*

On March 24, Theatre (Baily Road) and Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble staged *Mukti* and *Khanchar Bhitor Achin Pakhi* respectively.

Mukti is an adaptation of American playwright Lee Blessings' play *Independence*, by Mizarul Kayes. Featuring the story of a mother and her three daughters, *Mukti* satires the urban materialistic family structure.

In the play, a homesick daughter returns to her mentally imbalanced mother who lives with her other offspring -- an unwed mother and a prodigal daughter.

Unveiling the psyche of these four characters, the playwright shows the loosening bond between family members living in urban areas. Directed by Troupe Majumder *Mukti* was staged at the Experimental Theatre Stage.

At the National Theatre Stage, Nagorik Natyangan Ensemble staged *Khanchar Bhitor Achin Pakhi*. Written and directed by Jamaluddin Hossain, the play is a satire on well-discussed issues in contemporary Bangladesh -- abuse of religion and power to satisfy self-interest.

The play revolves around a beautiful young woman who is confined to the four walls of her husband's home. The husband, Maulana Abul Kalam, misuses religion for personal interest and practices polygyny. *Khanchar Bhitor Achin Pakhi* addressed the evils in a male-dominated society. As the sub-plot of the play, Jamaluddin has focused on the anarchy of evil politicians.

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A scene from *Khanchar Bhitor Achin Pakhi*

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time.
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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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.
News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 pm
News Headlines (English) at 9:05 pm

BTV

08:40 *Bishwa Protidin*
09:05 *Shomapi*
11:15 *Shukhi Poribar*
11:40 *Deshi Gaan*
12:05 *Maa O Shishur Kotha*
12:30 *Swapno Shonar Gaon*
01:00 Selected Programme
01:30 *Mati O Manush*
02:15 Selected Programme
02:40 Selected Programme
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Educational Programme
04:00 *Amader Angina*
04:30 Band Show
05:05 *Moner Kotha*
05:30 *Anushilin*
06:10 *Swadhinota*
06:40 *Cricket Cricket*
07:15 ICC World Cup 2007: Wets Indies Vs Australia

ATN Bangla

08:15 *Ajker Shangbadpoto*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Pichhu Taan*
09:15 ATN Commentary Box
Talk Show: *AKTEL Onyodrishti*
Drama Serial: *Out Door*
11:05 *Amar Computer*
01:30 Mission To Sudan
02:30 Talk show
Drama Serial: *O Amar Chokhu Nai Hattimalim Tim*
03:45 *Ainara Shanney*
05:10 *Purakirtir Bangladesh*
06:20 *Kothamala*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Shokal Shondha*
08:45 *Aj Kaal Porshu*

CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shongbad Potrey*
03:30 *Mission to Sudan*
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *Grameenphone*
11:05 *Cricket Online (Live)*
11:30 *Amar Chhobi*
12:30 *Citycell Tarakakothon*
01:05 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 *Shangbad Potrey*
01:45 Public Reaction
02:30 Special Drama: *Jononi Jonmo Bhumi*
04:05 *Cricatit Bishwa Cup Special*
04:50 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:30 *Mukti Juddho Protidin*
06:00 Drama Serial: *Klanto Shomoy*
06:20 Drama Serial: *Ochena Adhar*
07:50 *BBC Bangladesh*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Tin Tin*
10:00 *Shadha Ranger*
12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpoto*

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06:50 *K Taharey Chintley*
07:50 *Ranger*
08:15 *Mon-e Mon-e*
09:40 Drama Serial: *Neer*
10:30 *Shongshoy*
12:10 *Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan*

Channel 1

08:40 *Shuprobhat*
09:30 *Bangladesh*
10:00 *Alor Bormochhota*
10:30 *Bangla Feature Film*

PICK OF THE DAY



ICC World Cup 2007

West Indies Vs Australia
Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, St Peter's, Antigua
On BTV at 7:15pm

02:00 *Mukti Juddho O Amra*
03:30 *Mission to Sudan*
04:00 *Tumi Amar Ahonkar*
05:15 *Swadhin Bangla Betar*
06:00 *Saaj Bela*
06:45 *Muktir Juddho*
07:00 *Nongor*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Shomrajjo*
09:00 *Rupantorer Golpo*
09:30 *Fusion Biz*

10:40 *Krishno Pokho*
11:10 *Public Forum*
02:40 *Drama of the week*
04:20 *Cookery Show*
05:00 *Deshi Pathay*
05:40 *Diner Sheshey*
06:15 *Talk Show*
06:40 *Bishwacup Protidin*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Shonar Phool*
09:00 *Agamir Kontho*

STAR MOVIES

08:00 *Accidental Witness*
09:35 *City Slickers 2*
11:35 *Red Dragon*
01:45 *Clearing, The*
03:30 *Bigger Than The Sky*
05:20 *Big Momma's House 2*

07:00 *Die Another Day*
09:15 *Waiting*
10:50 *Chasing Ghosts*
10:30 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*
11:00 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
11:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
12:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
12:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
12:30 *Kayamath*
01:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*
01:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan*
02:00 *Bhabhi*
02:30 *Kesar*
03:00 *Saarthi*

03:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*
04:00 *Kayamath*
05:00 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*
05:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
06:00 *V Trailers - Star Plus*
06:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
06:30 *Mickey Mouse And Friends*
07:00 *Ducktales*
07:25 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
07:30 *Prithviraj Chauhan*
07:55 *Bolly V - Star Plus*
08:00 *Baa Bahoo Aur Baby*
08:30 *Karam Apnaa Apnaa*
09:00 *Kasauti Zindagii Kay*
09:30 *Kaun Banega Crorepati: Srk*

10:30 *Kahaani-Kyunki-Kayamath*
12:00 *Paraya Dhan*
10:30 **STAR WORLD**
10:30 *My Wife And Kids*
11:00 *The King Of Queen*
11:30 *Grey's Anatomy*
12:30 *Still Standing*
01:00 *Frasier*
01:30 *Commander In Chief*
02:30 *Oprah Winfrey Show*
03:30 *The Bold And The Beautiful*
04:00 *General Hospital*
05:00 *Fashion House*
06:00 *Less Than Perfect*
06:30 *The Simpsons*
07:00 *Cheers*
07:30 *Friends*
08:00 *Seinfeld*
08:30 *Falcon Beach*
09:30 *The O.C.*
10:30 *Prison Break*
11:30 *Fashion House*

AXN

10:30 *Numb3rs (Season 2)*
11:30 *Ultimate Guinness*
12:00 *Maximum Exposure (Season 1)*
01:00 *The Amazing Race: All-Stars*
02:00 *CSI: Miami (Season 4)*
04:00 *Maximum Exposure (Season 1)*
05:00 *Ultimate Guinness*
05:30 *World Records*
05:30 *Andromeda (Season 5)*
06:30 *The 4000*
07:30 *Numb3rs (Season 2)*
08:30 *Maximum Exposure (Season 1)*
09:30 *Guinness World Records: Primetime (Season III)*
10:30 *House (Season 1)*
11:30 *House (Season 1)*
12:30 *Guinness World*

Records: Primetime (Season III)
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:15 *Global Sky Shop*
11:30 *Air Crash Investigation*
12:30 *Seconds From Disaster*
01:30 *The New Mafia*
02:30 *Be The Creature*
03:30 *Outbreak Investigation*
04:30 *Orinoco Loco*
05:00 *Nat Geo Genius*
05:30 *Big Bang*
06:00 *A Killer Cure*
06:30 *Outbreak Investigation*
07:30 *Triumph of Life*
08:30 *Naked Science*
09:30 *Is It Real?*
10:30 *Outbreak Investigation*
11:30 *Spine Chillers*

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
10:30 *Future Weapons No Place to Hide*
11:30 *Extreme Machines*
12:30 *Honey We're Killing The Kids Too Much Too Soon*
01:30 *Snake Week Serpent*
02:30 *Detective Stories*
03:30 *Mythbusters Biscuit Bazzooka*
04:30 *Wild Discovery Killer*
05:30 *Whales-Up Close And Personal*
06:00 *Million 2 One*
07:30 *Everything You Need to Know Supernatural*
08:30 *Snake Week Eye of the Serpent*
09:30 *Honey We're Killing The Kids! Food for Thought*
10:30 *Baby Story Baby Gabriel*
11:00 *Baby Whisperer James*

10:30 *Holley*
11:30 *Mega Builders Mega Bridge*
12:30 *Extreme Machines Tanks*
STAR SPORTS
10:30 *Edf Energy Anglo-Welsh Cup 2006/07*
12:30 *A1 Grand Prix (Auto Racing)*
03:00 *World's Strongest Man 2006 (Body)*
04:00 *Ashes Heroes (Cricket)*
04:30 *Tna Archive (Wrestling)*
05:30 *International Motorsport News 2006 (Cricket)*
06:30 *Tna Archive (Wrestling)*
07:30 *Hitz (Cricket)*
08:00 *India'S Best With Sunil Gavaskar*
08:30 *India Down Under (Cricket)*
09:00 *Remember The Titans (Cricket)*
09:30 *Cricket Crazy (Cricket)*
10:30 *Tna Archive (Wrestling)*
11:30 *Sony Ericsson Open-Jip (Tennis)*

ESPN

11:00 *The Natwest Series (Cricket)*
12:30 *Cricket Gold (Cricket)*
02:30 *Fina Grand Prix Diving 2006 (Div)*
05:00 *Twenty20 International - South A*
06:00 *Taking Guard - West Indies Speci*
06:30 *Latin X Games (Extreme Sports)*
07:30 *Football Focus With John Dykes (Sport News)*
08:30 *Sportscenter India (Sport News)*
09:00 *Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)*
09:30 *Euro Beach Soccer Cup 2006 (Socc)*
10:30 *Sportscenter India*