

CULTURALFEAST

National Day of Resistance for Violence against Women '07

Organiser: Karmojibi Nari
Date: August 26
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi
Time: 4:30pm

Art Exhibition
Fundraiser for flood victims
Organiser: Art and Soul Gallery
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan
Date: August 21 to 31
Time: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Exhibition of the



works of 8 artistes

Venue: Studio of Enam UI Haque, House 11 (Apartment 4B), Road 4, Banani DOHS, Kakoli
Date: August 19 to September 11
Time: 11am to 8pm

Date: August 25-27
Works: Photographs of Sajal Khaled

Date: August 28-30
Works: Photographs of Musa Ibrahim

Date: August 31-September 2
Works: Paintings of Rajeswary Priyaranjini

Date: September 3-5
Works: Photographs of M A Muhi

Date: September 6-8
Works: Painted Shara of Sukumar Paul

Date: September 9-11
Works: Sculpture of Ferdousy Priyabhashini

Exhibition
Russian film posters to mark Russian Cinema Day
Organiser: Russian Centre of Science and Culture Dhaka.
Date: August 13-30
Venue: Exhibition Hall of Russian Centre of Science & Culture, Dhaka

Photo exhibition
Title: Russian Aviation Technology
Date: August 19-31
Venue: Russian Centre of Science & Culture, Dhaka

Photo exhibition

Overwhelming expanse of white

FAYZA HAQ

WHITE, white everywhere. In the North Pole there is hardly any fauna or flora, so Enam UI Haque had very few objects or colours to focus on. His recent solo photo exhibition, held at his residence in Mahakhali DOHS, Dhaka, is based on his trip to the North Pole.

"My exhibition 'Hundred colours of white' highlights my expedition to the North Pole. This was a marathon in April this year called 'Coolest marathon' where participants ran 42 kilometres very near the North Pole. Our marathon began on the 8th of April. There were 40 people including five women. I was not racing, I was photographing the event.

"Apart from the marathon runners, I photographed ice, petrel, reindeer and the huskies that carried us. This was in Norway's northernmost territory called Svalbard. These were from outside the ice-

cap," Enam said.

What was memorable for Enam was that the five women in the race beat him. This he found quite embarrassing. He had gone to Antarctica in 1997 and that was the subject of his first exhibition. In that expedition he had captured many more things in his lens.

In one of the photographs are the curled up dogs with the grey and white snow in the backdrop and foreground. People are seen tying them up to the sledge. In another photo we see a red ship "Noorderlicht" which is built for tourists.

"We saw white snow all around and were far from human habitation," Enam said. Dogs and people are included in the picture. They stopped there and had biscuits and coffee.

One sees the frozen ice over the ocean in the form of hillocks in another picture. There is the picture of the petrel, which is the last sign of



The photographer holding the Bangladeshi flag at North Pole

life as the group proceeded to the North Pole. The beautiful white tail and blotches of white on the wings lent beauty to its brown feathers.

"Ice is supposed to be white but it has hues of green and blue. It depends on the thickness of the ice, said Enam. One of the members was a Bangladeshi student from Finland whom Enam asked to hold the Bangladeshi flag to get a shot of the "red of green" against the pristine white backdrop.

A group of people are seen in shades of black, brown and orange while the background is in shades of blue and white. There is a picture of one of the two helicopters that were used for moving the people and for

rescue purposes. The bright North Pole sun has also been captured by the lens.

"The trip to the North Pole was much more difficult than the one to Antarctica. It was colder and more strenuous. Around the South Pole there are penguins, petrels, seals, bears. Given an option I will go ten times to Antarctica but never again to the North Pole," says Enam.

People know Enam as a bird photographer who had his first exhibition in 1997. He has held many exhibitions including ones in Iran, Singapore and Indonesia.



'Starting a sledge-ride', a photograph by Enam UI Haque

"Austha-bingsoti Buddha Puja" at Rajban Bihar

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

Austha-bingsoti Buddha Puja, a Buddhist festival, was observed amidst great enthusiasm and fervour at Rangamati Rajban Bihar last Friday.

Thousands of Buddhists from remote areas of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari gathered at the Rajban Bihar on the day.

Chakma Circle Chief (Chakma king) Barrister Devashish Roy, Hill District Council Chairman Jagat Jyoti Chakma, ex-chairman of district council Dr. Manik Lal Dewan and ex-joint-assistant Judge Dipen Dewan attended the programme.

The Austha-bingsoti Buddha Puja started with "Pancha-shila" prayer by the acting president of Rajban Bihar Upasak Upasika Parishad, Samorbijoy Chakma.

Respected spiritual leader Sadananda Mohasthabir, widely known as "Bana Vante" - the chief monk of the Rajban Bihar - addressed the gathering and recited from the Tripitak.

In his speech, the Bana Vante urged the devotees to always uphold the truth and give up lying, even if it seems trifling. By exercising the four kinds of truth, as mentioned in the holy Tripitak, everyone can lead an enlightened life.



The "Bana Vante" delivers his speech (inset), devotees at the Rajban Bihar

"Dallas" film set to be a comedy

The film version of 1980s TV hit Dallas could be turned into a comedy after the departure of Bend It Like Beckham director Gurinder Chadha.

Trade paper Variety reports that Betty Thomas -- behind spoof film The Brady Bunch -- is now in talks to direct it.

Thomas would become the project's third director -- Australian filmmaker Robert Luketic originally signed to direct before Chadha took over last year.

John Travolta is set to star as oil tycoon JR Ewing. Filming begins in January.

Luke Wilson is set to star as Bobby Ewing and producers are in talks with Meg Ryan to play Sue Ellen after Jennifer Lopez dropped out, Variety reports.

Shirley MacLaine will play Miss Ellie.

Pam Brady, who wrote the comedy Hot Rod, is putting together the script.

The budget is now expected to be less than the projected \$65 million for the original version.

Dallas, which followed the fluctuating fortunes of a Texan oil family, was broadcast in the US and UK from 1978 to 1991.

Source: BBC



John Travolta to play JR Ewing

Nazrul death anniversary

An array of programmes on ATN Bangla

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's death anniversary TV channel ATN Bangla will telecast several special programmes throughout August 27.

Documentary programme Trishaley Nazrul will be aired at 9:15am. Russell Mahmud has directed the programme.

Robey Na Nirobe, a musical programme will be aired at 3:10pm. Fatema Tuz Zohra, Bulbul Mahalanobish and M.A. Mannan will render Nazrul Sangeet at the programme while Bhashwar Bandyopadhyay will recite poems by Nazrul and poet Asad Chowdhury will speak on Nazrul's life at the programme. Saiful Bari will host the programme directed by Sirajul Islam.

Tumi Chiro Durjay, a special programme on Nazrul, directed by Dr. Rumana Afroz and hosted by Dr. Rafiqul Islam, will be aired at 3:45pm. Shahin Samad, Khairul Anam Shakil, Lina Taposhi Khan, Pragna Laboni and Kazi Arif will take part in the



Artists in Tumi Chiro Durjay

programme. A special play based on Nazrul's story, Baunduler Atmakahini will be aired at 4:10pm. Badiuzzaman Khan has dramatised the story and Falguni Hamid has directed it. Sohel Arman

and Tanima Hamid play the lead roles. Special documentary programme Uchcharon-guli Shok-er will be aired at 6:20pm. Biplob Rahman has directed the documentary.

TV play "Shami Hara" on Channel i



Litu Anam and co-artist in the TV play

Cultural Correspondent

On the occasion of Kazi Nazrul Islam's death anniversary, Channel i will air a two-episode TV play Shami Hara at 11:30pm on August 26 and 27. Based on a story by Nazrul, the play is adapted and directed by Geetali Hasan.

The story follows the son of a zamindar, Aziz, who returns to his village after his college finals. His mother fixes a match for him with Begum, the daughter of her friend. Soon after their marriage, cholera and diarrhoea epidemic breaks out. Aziz decides to help out the victims. In the process he loses his life. A young widow, Begum, has to come to terms with the loss of her husband.

Afroza Banu, Litu Anam and Nusrat have played the lead roles.

Venice Film Fest Marks 75th Anniversary

AP, Milan

Venice Film Festival Director Marco Mueller likens the 75-year-old festival to a seismograph that picks up emerging cinematic trends. If his instincts are right, the film world is about to be jolted by a new movement focusing on atonement.

The film adaptation of Ian McEwan's best-selling novel Atonement, by second-time director Joe Wright, turned out to be a fitting headline for the festival, which, running from August 29 to September 8, also showcases two films that deal with the impact of the Iraq war.

Mueller said the festival's programme reflects a sense of atonement, a sense of trying "to get away from something, from a certain way of living, from a moment in history."

"Something which is very evident in the films we have selected is that they want to move away from the culture and politics of war," he said.

The theme is expressed in Brian De Palma's Redacted, a series of stories about U.S. soldiers in Iraq, and Paul Haggis' In the Valley of Elah, which tells the tale of an Iraq

war veteran gone missing after his return from a tour of duty.

The film Atonement, starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy, tells the story of how a 13-year-old's accusation against her older sister's lover for a crime he did not commit changes the course of several lives.

Mueller said that new cinematic movements from the French New Wave onward have developed from a shared urge among filmmakers to comment on the state of society.

"It is very difficult to predict if it will happen again (but) filmmakers have found themselves joined by the need to speak certain aesthetic truths about the current state of cinema. That is how new cinema is founded," he said.

If it happens, Mueller believes the 57 films chosen to show at Venice, 22 in competition, could be the harbinger.

Mueller said he found the aesthetic he described most strongly in English-language films -- and this year's competition features an unprecedented seven English-language movies -- a risky move by a director who has taken heat for



putting Venice under Hollywood's sway since taking creative control in 2004.

For the second year in a row and in the festival's history, all of the films in competition for the coveted Golden Lion are world premieres, which Mueller said is tacit recognition by movie distributors of the festival's ability to launch their pictures. Only six of the films being shown have been premiered before screening on the Lido.

The Venice film festival celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, but it is only the 64th edition because it was sometimes cancelled due to war or other reasons.

ON AIR

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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-i News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15am.

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

CHANNEL 1 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am. BANGLAVISION News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm. News Headlines (English) at 8:05pm. Rtv News (Bangla) at 10:15pm, and 12:15am. ntv News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am. ETV News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

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ATN Bangla 10:30 Talk Show: AKTEL Onnodishti 11:05 Drama: Rosh 01:30 Drama 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor 05:10 Prapok 05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 06:25 Three Stooges 08:00 Drama Serial: Outdoor 08:40 Drama Serial: Soiyod Barir Bou

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Outdoor On ATN Bangla at 8:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Mir Sabbir, Tinni



Yours, Mine & Ours On Star Movies at 7:00pm Genre: Comedy Cast: Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo

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Radio Foorti 07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu) 11:00am Amar 98.4 (Nusrat) 03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib) 07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia) 11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo) 03:00am Back to Back music

06:00 Million 2 One 06:30 Zoom In Asia 07:30 Raw Nature 08:30 Discovery's Biggest Shows 10:30 Night Safari 11:30 Mummy Autopsy NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 09:30 Borneo 10:30 Bombay Calling 12:30 Birth Of The Earth 01:30 Death Of The Sun 02:30 Double Trouble Gators 03:30 Fire Fight 04:30 Get Outta Town 05:00 Peewee, Zeke, Ozzy 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Pilot Whales 06:30 Megastructures 07:30 The Living Edens 08:30 The Man Who Became King 10:30 Close Encounters