

Celebrities on Eid

In conversation with Azizul Hakim

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With Eid-ul-Fitr just around the corner everyone is gearing up for the festivities. After a month of devotion and fasting Eid gives people an excuse to do something special for themselves and their families.

Popular actor Azizul Hakim is working on his Eid preparations as well. Recently, the actor shared his Eid plans with the Daily Star.

"Eid brightens my mood and I enjoy the occasion thoroughly. However, my childhood memories of Eid will always remain special.

"Waking up at crack of dawn, putting on brand new cloths, attending the mass prayers with my family members made it exciting," says Hakim.

"However, the most thrilling part of Eid, to a child is perhaps the salami from parents and elders," he adds with a chuckle. "I had the opportunity to



enjoy Eid in different regions of Bangladesh, since my father was a government employee was transferred often, taking us along with him. I spent most of my childhood in Jessore and Magura.

"Special dishes prepared by my mother on Eid used to be the highlight of the day," says Hakim. "My favourite is shemat zarda and lachcha shemat."

Hakim cherishes his time spent with his brothers and sisters.

"We are nine siblings, of whom my younger brother Arif and I were the closest. Our parents often bought similar clothes for us on Eid. We looked like twins!"

"Eid in those days and Eid now, in Dhaka are not the same. With the nuclear family culture on the rise, people rarely visit their relatives living out of the city or even neighbours next door," he says.

"Most of my family members live in different flats of the same building. So it is like a joint family and we get to see each other often and get together on major occasions like Eid," says Hakim.

"Everyone loves to share the bliss of Eid with his/her family but the ones who have left us can only be remembered. Every Eid after the prayers, I visit my parents' graves," says a sombre Hakim.

Many families nowadays plan a trip during the Eid holidays to have some quality time together. Says Hakim,

"This year, on Eid we will be visiting my wife Zeenat's sister in Houston, Texas in US. We hope to have a great time there."

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Eid Special

Magazine programme "Baroari" on ntv

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the third night of Eid at 11:15 pm, magazine programme Baroari will be aired on ntv. Directed and hosted by Shushanto Shubhro, the show will feature several interesting segments.

Popular singer Tahsan and his wife Mithila will perform a duet. Filmstars Ferdous and Shabnur will lip-sync to a duet by Dinat Jahan Munni and Pratik Hasan (son of the late singer Khalid Hasan Milu). Ersh Zaker, Humaira Himu, Jayasree Kar Joya, Ujjal, Dr. Ejazul Islam, Dipannita Halder and others will act in different drama segments based on contemporary issues.

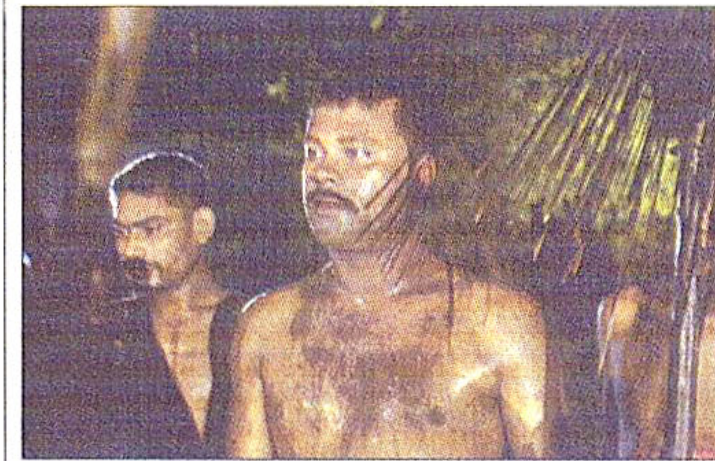
Celebrity couple Tony and Priya Dias will take part in a skit. Moreover, Bappa Majumdar and Sanjib Choudhury will perform a song. A special segment on a rick-



Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed in Baroari

shaw puller, who has initiated a charitable hospital in Mymensingh will be highlighted by Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

Tele-film on Ekushey TV "Garam Bhat Othoba Nichhak Bhuter Golpo"



A scene from the tele-film

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Tele-film "Garam Bhat Othoba Nichhak Bhuter Golpo" will be aired on the third day of Eid at 3:30 pm. Directed by Animesh Aich, the

tele-film is an adaptation of a story by Sunil Gangopadhyay.

The story is set in the 1940s when a terrible famine gripped Bengal and people were starving to death often.

Biren, an educated and intelligent young man, takes an interesting initiative along with his friends. He often goes out at night with a flare in hand searching for ghosts. One day he announces that if anyone can seize a ghost, he/she will be rewarded with Tk ten (a handsome amount in those days).

Haradon, son of Shomnath, living in hardship, does not believe in ghosts but his father insists him to get hold of a ghost by any means necessary for that he can earn the reward, announced by Biren.

The famine worsens and Haradon's crops are ruined by heavy rain. Shomnath suddenly, falls ill. This actually comes to Haradon as a relief, as a possible death in the family would mean one less mouth to feed.

However, Shomnath recovers and a hapless Haradon takes a drastic and cruel decision.

Jarig Anam Khan, Azizul Hakim, Ersh Zaker and Joya Ahsan play the lead roles.

CULTURAL FEAST



Exhibition

Title: Shades of life. Artists: 12 Women artists of Shaka Venues: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Bengal Shilpalaya, House 275/F, Road 27, Dhanmondi. Date: October 17-26. Time: 12:00-8pm

Title: Song of Weaving. Organiser: Nitya Uphar. Venue: Gallery Nitya Uphar, 50, Aziz Super Market, Shahbag. Date: October 6-12



The Station of the Nation

In conversation with Fahmida Khatun A purist Tagore singer

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Dr. Fahmida Khatun's debut album is all set to be released. The album, Jokhon Prothom Dhoreche Koli, an Impress Audio Vision Ltd presentation, featuring Rabindra Sangeet, was recorded in Dhaka, although some production work was done in Kolkata.

"My mother loved music, particularly Rabindra Sangeet," recalls Fahmida.

"She wanted me to study it so I took lessons, as an extracurricular activity. I have never considered it a profession and still don't. My father wanted me to be a doctor but I wanted to be a teacher. Singing has always been my hobby, and my parents encouraged me." She continues, "My husband shared my parents' view and enthusiastically inspired me to foster it. I have been studying under Japan Bhattacharya for almost two decades now, and also trained under the late Nilufar Yasmeen."

Fahmida is an accomplished scholar. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). She has previously worked for BIDS, UNDP and USAID. She completed her doctorate in Economics from University College London, and has done research for numerous international organisations such as UNEP, FAO, DFID, Oxfam, UNDP, the World Bank and others. She has also taught Economics at universities in Bangladesh and the UK.

"I listen to Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, folk and adhunik songs, and ghazals, though at times I don't understand all the words," reveals Fahmida. "But I'm not very fond of Hindi movie songs."

"My teacher Tapan Bhattacharya felt I have a gift that should get exposure, and that is how Jokhon Prothom Dhoreche Koli came about," insists Fahmida. "The album includes some of my favourite songs; most of them are familiar songs." The album will be launched after Eid.

Her next venture is an album comprising songs of the Poncho Kobi (Rabindranath, Nazrul, D.L. Roy, Atul Prasad and Rajnikant). "That is still a long way into the future. It is difficult to find time in my hectic schedule."

"Music is a necessary refuge for human existence. Life can be difficult and sometimes you just need to



Fahmida Khatun

be alone and have your feelings articulated. Then you recuperate and feel complete again," explains Fahmida. "I was drawn to Rabindra Sangeet by its rich lyrical intensity."

"Fusion music exposes a certain group of people to a whole aspect of music they wouldn't normally listen to. It is an intelligent innovation, as long as the differences are clearly identified," says Fahmida on current musical trends. "This is a global world and you have to cater to the need of the time," says the singer whose tastes and songs are purist to the core.

Eid Special

Telefilm "Training Center" on ATN Bangla

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On Eid day at 3:05 pm, ATN Bangla will air a special tele-film titled Training Centre. Written by Brindaban Das, the tele-film has been directed by Saiful Anam Tutul.

The story of the tele-film highlights the rise of a rickshaw puller named Abul Hossain. One day while resting on his rickshaw, Hossain finds a piece of newspaper containing an interesting story about a man who started off as a tokai (rag picker) but by means of corruption became rich. Hossain becomes highly ambitious and after several ups and downs finally establishes himself as a wealthy man.

He then opens a training centre where he gives lessons on bribery, extortion, and other issues related to corruption. Every thing was running smoothly for Abul Hossain until a sudden blow strikes him down. All his black money becomes his handicap; even his godfathers fail to protect him from an imminent disaster. To save himself, Abul Hossain walks out of his home in the middle of night, taking all his money with him.

Mahfuz Ahmed, Chandni, Tazin Ahmed, Saju Khadem, Majnun Mizan and others have acted in the Tele-film.

Being a queen comes easily to Cate Blanchett

There's something naturally regal about Cate Blanchett.

The Australian native, who also played Elizabeth I in 1998's Elizabeth, is grateful to have the opportunity to do it all over again in Elizabeth: The Golden Age, which will be released soon.

Blanchett's performance in the films is already generating significant Oscar buzz.

She is a walking, talking Wikipedia when it comes to deciphering Elizabeth I, who during this period of her life was struggling with her affection for Sir Walter Raleigh (played by Clive Owen in The Golden Age); the betrayal she felt after learning that Bess was carrying Raleigh's child; the Holy War; and her conflicted feelings toward her half-sister, Mary Stuart (played by Samantha Morton), who wanted the queen dead.

Director Shekhar Kapur credits Blanchett with taking an ethereal approach to the character and making Elizabeth more mythic than regal.

"She did that somewhat in the first film, and she's certainly done it in this film," Kapur said. "She's taken the part and pushed it beyond the realms of mundaneness. She's made this part totally iconic."

Although Blanchett doesn't subscribe to the theories that Elizabeth I could have been quite mad, she does think the queen had issues with intimacy. It's no wonder with her family history.

"Her mother died when she was incredibly young -- killed by her father," Blanchett said. "And she grew up not even knowing if she was going to live and had to beg for her

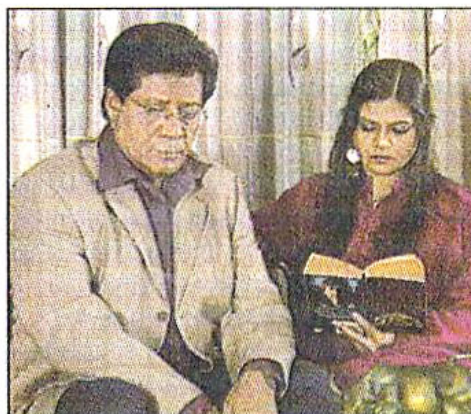


life from her sickly brother who ascended the throne. And then her sister wanted to kill her. So, I think her notion of intimacy was incredibly violated from a very early age. I think that was an interesting thing to play."

Source: Internet

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Ei Shob Ondhokar

On Banglavislon at 9:45 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Shompa Reza



Boston Legal

On Star World at 10:30pm

TV Series

Cast: James Spader, William Shatner

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, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm.

News (English) 6:20am, 7:00pm

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

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

BTV

11:15 Drama Serial: Shengshoptak

12:05 Mas O Shiehur Kolha

12:30 Koi O Kumi

01:30 Hoi Tomal

02:15 Golpo Theka Natok

03:05 Cartoon

03:30 Shukhi Poribar

04:05 Computer

04:30 Oohi Jui

04:45 Shampur

05:05 Documentary Programme

05:10 Maha Ranjan

05:15 Shemrobok

05:10 Prashanga

06:40 Shondhya Makhi

07:00 Mail O Manush

07:30 Grantha Kolha

08:35 Drama Serial: Alo Amar Alo

09:05 Drama Serial: Gadhuli Alo

09:30 Talk Show

10:30 Musical Programme: Agun Jhora Sondhya

ATN BANGLA

09:15 Drama Serial: Kath Koyla Chihoi

10:30 Talk Show: Aktel Jnyodoti

11:05 Islamic Programme

12:15 Amar Computer

13:10 Islamic Programme

02:30 Drama Serial: Doll's House

03:10 Drama Serial: Rupail Manush

03:45 Children's Programme

04:20 Islamic Programme

05:00 Gram Goraj Khabar

05:10 Kholamoy Qurah

05:30 Islamic Programme

06:20 Hamd Nath

06:25 Fashion based Live Programme

08:00 Drama Serial: Jege Theko

CHANNEL-i

08:35 Drama Serial: Hand-Nath

09:00 Drama Serial: Chhayamukh

11:30 Talking Point

12:00 Greenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shongbadpotry Bangladesh

11:05 Sports Time

12:30 Citycell Tarokathan

01:05 Tax Helpline

01:15 Ebong Cinema Gan

01:30 Shongbadpotry Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction

02:40 Feature Film

05:00 Jompoder Khabor

05:20 Islamic Programme

05:30 Ramzanul Mubarak

06:00 Cookery Show

06:30 Drama Serial: Sheth Goenda

07:50 Joon Jekhaney Jemon

08:20 Adhitoryay

09:35 Aloye Bhuban Bhora

10:00 Drama Serial: Ekanyo Bari

11:30 Greenphone Ajar Shongbadpotro

Rtv

08:00 Gaanchi Ei Din

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Islamic Programme

09:35 Documentary Programme

10:00 Kothay Kothay

10:30 Documentary Programme

11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon

12:15 Cookery Show

02:30 Drama Serial: Bhoror Swapno

01:00 Pnyamukh

01:30 Gaanchi Ei Din

02:30 Dhaliwood Betta

03:45 Prachi Gera Chira Ei Desh

ntv

05:20 Islamic Programme

06:00 Hand-Nath

06:35 Witch Blade

08:00 Drama Serial: Dohon

08:40 Akbar the Great

08:20 Drama Serial: Pritibir Pathay

11:00 News Watch

12:00 Rtv Exclusive

08:30 Aker Shakal

08:55 Chokkor

09:30 Frankly Speaking

10:05 ntv Shamoeki

10:30 Gallery

11:00 Bheleshho Mor Gaan

12:10 Ei Shomoy

01:05 Japan Video Topic

ETV

02:40 Pranor Gaan

03:15 Cinebit Shadakalo

04:15 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

05:30 Khosh Amedd Maho Ranjan

06:25 Amader Rannaghor

08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor

09:05 Media Bhubon

09:45 Drama Serial: Ei Shob Ondhokar

11:25 Shei Gaan Shoi Sur

12:00 Shongbad Protidin

04:30 Surtahal

05:15 Protibiri

06:30 Ekusher Shondha

07:30 Talk Show: Tini

08:30 Drama Serial: Dibidhi

09:00 Ekusher Shomoy

10:30 Drama Serial: Bondhon

11:45 Reporter's File

08:30 Sauna Belt

09:15 Global Pendant

09:30 Secret Superpower

10:30 Bombers

11:30 Tactical to Practical

12:30 Brahmayan

01:30 The Story of David

02:30 The Dancing Men

02:30 UFO Hunters

03:30 H.G.Wells

09:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

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