

# Eid treats for the bookworm



Reader's delight: Special publications on Eid

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

If Eid is for everyone, then why leave out the avid readers? Literature enthusiasts in the country eagerly await Eid as the newspapers and magazines bring out 'Eid-specials'. These special publications include novels, stories, short stories, memoirs, special features and more by noted and emerging writers, columnists and other personalities renowned in their respective fields. Although some magazines bring out special issues on Eid fashion, literature-based publications remain the highpoint to avid readers.

The tradition of Eid-special magazines can be traced to post-Liberation War Bangladesh when Shahadat Chowdhury (founder editor of weekly magazines *Ricchitra* and *2000*) took the initiative to bring out a special literature-based publication on Eid. The idea and inspiration came from 'Puja-barsiki' published in West Bengal.

Soon other magazines and newspapers started following this trend.

The latest issue of Eid-special issue of *2000* (2) poems, features, memoirs, stories and more. Highlights include *Dui Jatraje Ek Jatri*, a chronicle by Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, *Nadipothey Amader Itihas-4*, continuation of a series by Nirmalendu Goon; *Nandan Rickshaw Painting*, by Mahabubur Rahman, going over the history of rickshaw and how 'rickshaw art' came into being; *Dhakar Pracheen Bidyapith-er Bismrito Adhyay*, a feature by Apel Mahmud, on Dhaka's oldest educational institutions like Dhaka College and

Government School, Collegiate School and their founders; *Gangey Nemi Pani Chena*, a feature by Saimon Zakaria on folklore tradition in Bangladesh and a ghoststory by Dhrubo Esh.

*Prothom Alo*'s Eid-special publication has also found popularity among the readers for its insightful features, exciting fiction and appealing illustrations. The special issue of *Prothom Alo* for this Eid includes *Kobider Antarmahal*, a collection of unpublished letters written by Bengali poets of the 1930s (collected and introduction by Abul Ahsan Chowdhury); noted poet and playwright Syed Shamsul Haq's memoir, *Praneto Jibon: Durlabh Chhabitey Shekaler Bangla* by Anupam Hayat features rare photographs of prominent personalities and families (the Nawabs of Dhaka, for instance) of this part of Bengal; a special write up, *Kalaputer Haatchhani*, by Golam Murshid, on the first Bengalis who crossed the Indian ocean to go to England.

Novels -- *Teen Porber Jibon* by Syed Manzurul Islam, *Phirey Esho Shundoritorina* by Anisul Haque, *Kemon Acho Shobuj Pata* by Emdadul Haque Milon, *Patangader Khela O Rangin Jolphul* by Selina Hossain, a translation of Tahmina Anam's *A Golden Age* (by Lisa Gazi) and *Nat-Bolto* by Muhammad Zafar Iqbal -- are special attractions.

*Anyadin*'s Eid-special issue features noted author Humayun Ahmed's latest *Misir Ali* novel, *Misir Ali'r Chashma*. Needless to say, this will perhaps be considered the highlight of this publication by readers. Other notable novels

include *Khudhabrittanta* by Syed Shamsul Haq, *Bhalo Mondo Dwidha Dondo* by Sunil Gangopadhyay, *Swapnei Emon Hoi* by Samarendra Majumder and *Nibriti Sheydin* by the late author Pranab Bhattacharya.

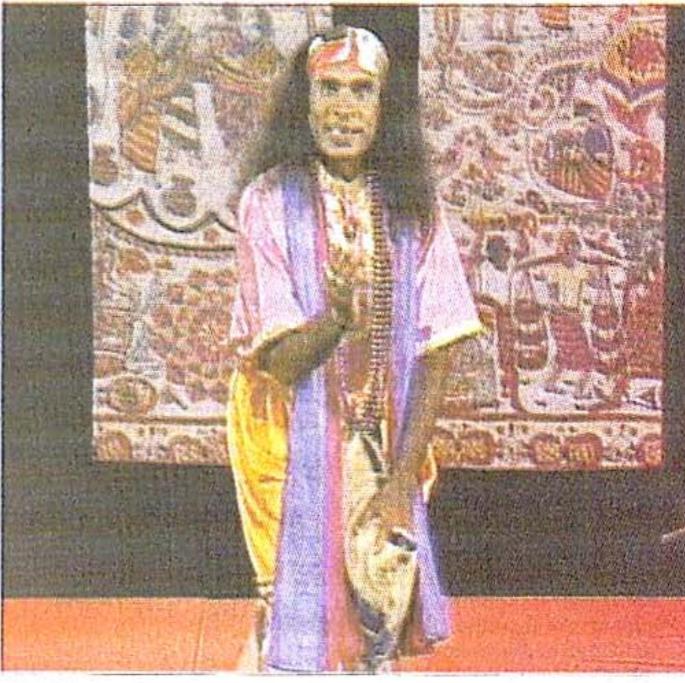
*The Daily Star's* Literature section brought out an Eid-special issue. The issue features translated stories -- *Every Day, One handkerchief* by Mahmudul Haque (translated by Mahmudul Haque), *Blood At Sundown* by Jafar Talukdar (translated by Ahmed Hussain), *Man Without His Tongue* by Syed Manzurul Islam (translated by Rubana), *Nostalgia For The Dodo Bird* by Shahaduzzaman (translated by Sonia Amin), *What Do You Have On The Menu That's Totally Tastless?* by Syed Mujtaba Ali (translated by Naeem Mohaiemen), *Story of a Cold Draught* by Mainul Ahsan Saber (translated by Nuzhat Amin Mannan), *The Flower In Him* by Hasan Azizul Huq (translated by Jyoti Prakash Dutta), *A Life Like A Story* by Syed Shamsul Huq (translated by Khademul Islam) and more.

A list of Eid-special publications would not be complete without mentioning popular cartoon magazine *Unmad*'s newest issue. As usual, this issue includes spoofs of hit deshi and bideshi movies like *Darun Chini*, *Dwip* and *Fantastic 420*. Then there are cartoons on contemporary issues, write-ups and poems -- all taking a lighter approach.

With all these options, bookworms should have a great time on Eid, reading in their leisure.

## Eid Special

## "Pala-r Ashor: Firoz Dewan O Mariam Bibi" on Ekushey Television



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*Pala Gaan* is an integral part of our rural culture. Traditionally *Pala Gaan* features different folktales and devotional songs. Ekushey television will air a special programme on *Pala Gaan* titled *Pala-r Ashor: Firoz Dewan O Mariam Bibi*, which will be aired on the second day of Eid-ul-Fitr at 11:00 am.

Popular *palakar* Abdul Kuddus Boyati along with six co-artists will narrate Firoz Dewan and Mariam Bibi's tale at the programme.

Firoz Dewan, son of zamindar Jalal Khan of Jangalbari, was a famous wrestler. His father was murdered by his uncles when he was hardly three. Forced to leave the palace with his mother, Firoz grows up far from wealth. Years after, the young Firoz meets Mariam Bibi in Baniachang and falls in love.

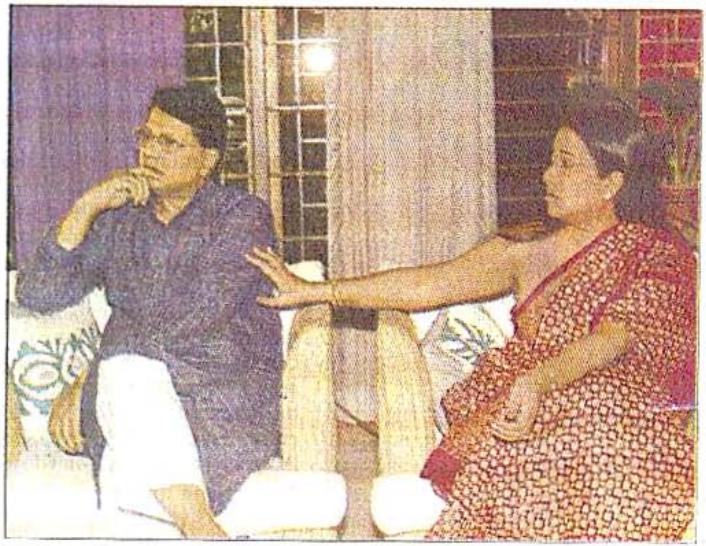
Sakhat Liton is the producer of the programme.

## TV play "Oshomoy" on Banglavision

On the forth day of Eid, Banglavision will telecast *Oshomoy*, a single episode TV play, at 11:20pm.

The story revolves around a couple. For years Dolon and Zubair, have been enjoying a blissful married life. They have no stress, their children have settled abroad and they have all the time just for themselves. The couple's favourite activities include going out for long drives, trying out at different restaurants, going on trips and more. Everything was going fine until one day upon returning from a long drive they discover a wounded young man near the entrance. Zubair rushes him to a hospital but fails to save him. The next day some policemen come at their home and inform them that as long as the real offender remains at large, they are the prime suspects. This comes as a shock to the couple and changes their laidback lives.

*Oshomoy* is directed by Arif Khan and written by M.A. Khatun.



Alamgir and Subarna Mustafa in the single episode play

Chanchal, Alamgir and Subarna Mustafa have played the central roles in the play.

## Telefilm "Dhulo Megher Jotsna Bhromon" on Rtv



Tarin and Apurbo in the special tele-film

Written by Rounak Hasan and directed by Mezbaur Rahman Sumon, *Eid* special tele-film *Dhulo Megher Jotsna Bhromon* will be aired on Rtv on the fourth day of Eid at 8:00pm.

The story revolves around Sumogno, a co-owner of a bookshop, and a popular actress Dipannita Choudhury. One day, Dipannita comes to Sumogno's shop. Through a chain of events the two get close. But one day when Sumogno goes to Dipannita's home, he meets a man who apparently seems to be her lover. Broken hearted, Sumogno rushes home. He goes to the extent of marrying the girl of his family's choice. One day Dipannita knocks at his door.

The cast includes Tarin, Apurbo, Moin and others.

## ON AIR

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

## BTV

11:15 Documentary Programme

12:05 Selected Programme

Ma O Sushur Kotha

Shafolyo Gatha

01:00 Selected Programme

Shukhi Hymar

02:15 Agricultural Programme

02:40 Esho Gant Shikhi

03:05 Cartoon

Sangeet

04:30 Swadeshi

Swambhabita

04:45 Sisimpur

Mahe Rangon

05:10 Bojopota

Dhormo O Jibon

06:40 Computer

07:00 Drama Serial

Heenaphi

08:30 Prolin Bangladesh

08:40 Drama: Tobubo

Swapno

09:35 Shurboni Bihari

12:00 GrameenPhone Lead News

## CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shanghadpotrey Bangladesh

10:05 Tele Hepline

12:30 Glycyl Terakathian

01:05 Tax Hepline

01:15 Ebgineer Grameen Gaan

01:30 Shanghadpotrey Bangladesh

01:45 Public Reaction

02:40 Grameenphone

03:00 Tithomoy Apni

03:05 Hridoy Mali O

03:15 Manusher Daek

04:05 Muktijuddho Prodhan

04:30 Eid Anondo

05:20 Islamic Programme

06:05 Sostirat Shakhbor

06:05 Cockery Show

06:20 Fashion dot com

08:20 Drama Serial: Adhiburoy

09:35 Krishoker Anondo

10:35 Eid

11:30 Drama Serial: Asta Asta

12:00 GrameenPhone Aker Shanghadpotro

## ETV

10:05 Grameen Shomoy

10:30 Drama

11:30 Shanghadpotrey Bangladesh

01:05 Japan Video Topic

01:30 Chokkor

12:15 Akbar the Great

12:35 Drama Serial: Lukochum

01:00 Pritibhul Pathay

01:30 Pritibhul Pathay

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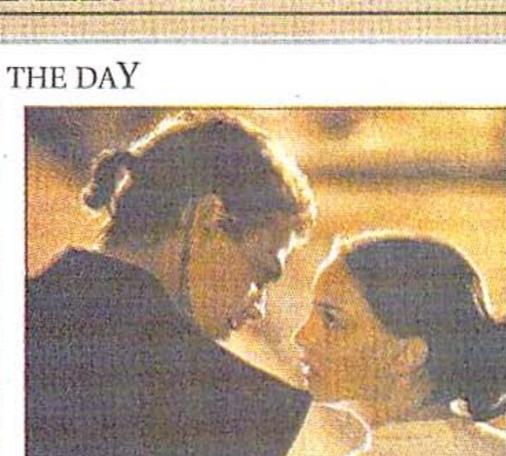
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## PICK OF THE DAY



**Dool's House**  
On ATN Bangla at 11:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Intikhab Denar



**Star Wars: Episode II**  
On Star Movies at 8:45pm  
Genre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi  
Cast: Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman

## BANGLAVISION

08:25 Drama Serial: Mohenogor

09:05 X Crime

12:00 Shongbad Protidin

09:30

10:00

10:30

11:00

11:30

12:00