

Images of Sidr devastation

Bayazid's moving observations



Photographs by Bayazid Akter

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE recent exhibition of documentary photographs by Bayazid Akter at the Goethe-Institut was indeed passion-driven and bold. Akter travelled to the Sidr-affected areas in Southern Bangladesh, and depicted havoc and unmitigated lament over the recent cruel cyclone that swept over the country with merciless speed and ferocity.

The wind and rain that ruined Bangladesh as a consequence, ripping houses, destroying crops, and killing men, beasts and birds are caught with marvellous depth of perception, and ingenuity through Akter's lens.

Speaking to *The Daily Star* at the Goethe-Institut café over a cup of steaming tea, Akter said that it was not easy for him to do the job in a few days, and have the coloured display in double-quick time to

make it relevant. This, Akter said, was despite his experience as a photojournalist in various local vernacular dailies, and being in the process of making a documentary film on the sweepers of Dhaka's Hazratibagh tannery area. He is also a regular contributor to a Japanese photo agency in Tokyo, and 'Banglapedia', which add to his forte, he added. Disaster and the underprivileged have always been Akter's main themes for his projects over the years.

"I went to Barisal right after the cyclone on November 16, and reached Patuakhali the next day -- going part of the way by bus and later on foot. The road had been blocked by large uprooted trees, and this is how the tale of tears through photographs commences. I crossed Faridpur, Madaripur and Gauranadi, and I reached the scenes of havoc, pain and hunger. After Barisal and Patuakhali, I covered Bhola, Golachipa, Charbanga -- the islands located on the south-west of the Bay of Bengal," said Akter.

It was the lack of clothes, shelter and food that stirred him most, said

Akter. What upset him greatly were villages where there was only lone survivor from families. The searching for corpses was heart rendering. "They didn't know whether to search for the dead, dear ones or seek shelter and food, or just indulge in sobs and endless rolling tears," concluded Akter. The images are dated from November 16-21.

Akter graduated from the Beg Photography Institute, after his Masters in History from Dhaka University. He considers Dr Shahidul Alam and Anwar Hossain as his ideals.

Akter has done a splendid job of depicting disaster with alacrity, precision and empathy.



Three-day long street theatre festival in Tangail



A scene from the play *Butterfly*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A three-day long street theatre festival, on the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day (December 9), concluded in Tangail town recently.

Local theatre group Nagar Natya Dal organised the festival in association with Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at the Tangail Shaheed Minar premises.

A total of four theatre groups staged six plays during the festival. Adviser of Nagar Natya Dal,

Harun-ur-Rashid inaugurated the festival.

The inaugural session was attended by Taufique Ahmed, programme officer of TIB and general secretary of Nagar Natya Dal, Swapan Bhattacharya.

In the first session, Nagar Natya Dal staged the play *Manusher Achar*. Swapan Bhattacharya directed the play. In the second session, Swadesh Natya Dal staged the play *Tokai-er Swapno*, directed by Bazlur Rahman.

In first session of the second day, Natyam staged *Butterfly*.

Talha-al-Mahmud directed the play. In the second session, Swadesh Natya Dal staged *Kendu Chora*.

In the first session of the concluding day, Ananda Natya Dal staged *Badhi*. In the concluding session, Nagar Natya Dal staged *Shefali*.

A large number of people enjoyed the shows every day during the Eid holidays. After the shows, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Tangail, KM Tariqul Islam distributed crests among the participant theatre groups.

CULTURALFEAST

Warid Caller Tunes Campaign Grand Finale Concert

Venue: Kalabagan playground, Kalabagan, Dharmnandi
Date: December 28
Time: 2:30 pm
Entry passes will be available with zern prepaid connections purchased from Warid Sales & Customer Service Centres

Art Exhibition

Title: RETROSPECT
Artists: Shaoli Hoque and Aadi Hoque
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery, House 26 Road 3 Dharmnandi
Date: December 25-31
Time: 5pm-8pm

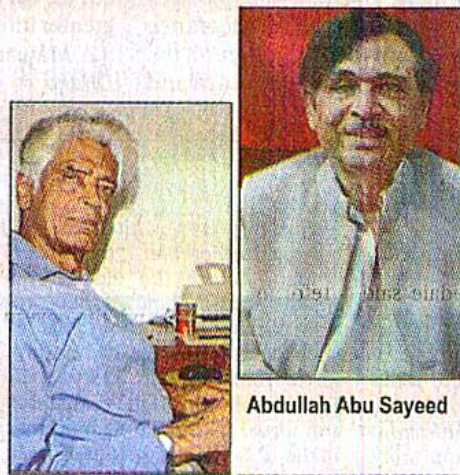


Solo Art Exhibition

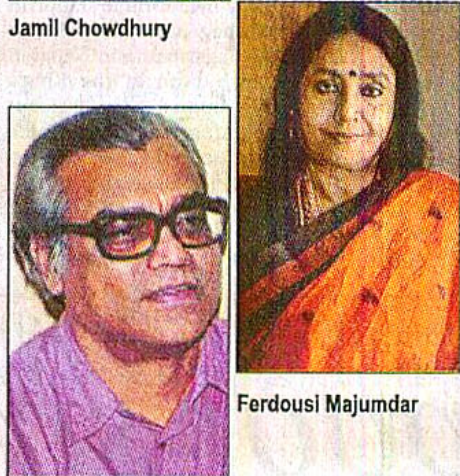
Title: Victory Day
Artist: Proshanta Karmakar Buddha
Venue: Shilpakala Gallery
Date: December 14-28
Time: 10:30am-8pm

TV WATCH

Satellite TV channel Rtv's second anniversary



Abdullah Abu Sayeed



Jamil Chowdhury

Ferdousi Majumdar

Abdullah Al Mamun



Joya Ahsan and co-artists in the TV play *Shohortolir Alo*

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the second anniversary of satellite TV channel Rtv, an array of special programmes will be aired on December 26. The programme includes a children's show, a musical programme, a special play and talk shows.

At 9:05am, children's show *Nil Akashey Megher Bhela* will be aired. The talk show *Media Electronic* will be aired at 9:35am. Eminent cultural personalities Mustafa Monowar, Jamil Chowdhury, Abdullah Abu Sayeed,

Abdullah Al Mamun and Ferdousi Majumdar will discuss the beginning of electronic media in Bangladesh in the show. *Band 2006*, a musical show featuring several popular band groups of Bangladesh such as Chime, Prometheus, Dolchhut, Warfaze and Maharaj will be aired at 7:40pm.

Written by Shibu Kumar Sheel and directed by Mezbaur Rahman Shuman, single episode play *Shohortolir Alo* will be aired at 8:00pm. The plot of the story traces an unusual relationship between Sajjad and a visually impaired flower seller, Mukta. Joya Ahsan, Partha Borua, and Rifat Chowdhury will play the lead roles in the play.

Musical magazine programme *Ontorey Bahirey Nirontor* will be aired at 9:10pm. Nakib Khan, Partha Borua, Rezwana Chowdhury Bonya and Subir Nandi will participate in the show.

"Dushtu Meye" today on Channel i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Channel i will air TV play *Dushtu Meye* today at 10:30 am. Written by Nazneen Rahman, the play is directed by chief cameraman of Channel i, Zubaed Hossain Tufan.

The story follows the life of a beautiful, mischievous village belle, Mishti. An orphan, Mishti inherits the property of her father and lives with her uncle who is the chairman of the village. To take over her property, Mishti's uncle

wants to marry her off to a man of his choice.

But the story takes a turn when the village football team loses a tournament with a team from Dhaka. To keep the trophy -- a token of pride -- in the village, the chairman plans a marriage between Mishti and Rajon, the captain of the winning team.

The cast includes Taquir Ahmed, Monalisa, Shojol, Afroza Banu and Al Mansur.



Monalisa and Shojol in the TV play

New auditorium for Dinajpur Shilpakala Academy

KONGKON KARMAKAR, Dinajpur

Dinajpur Shipakala Academy, a state run cultural organisation in Dinajpur, is rearing its first floor and a full-fledged cultural auditorium at the institution complex. This step is a fall-out of a shortage of accommodation, according to sources.

Bangladesh Cultural Ministry recently sanctioned Taka 4 crores to the Dinajpur Shilpakala Academy for the project. Construction began last mid-September and is going on in full swing.

Mohammed Aminul Islam, District Cultural official of Dinajpur Shilpakala Academy told *The Daily Star* that the state-run cultural institute of Dinajpur presently provides training to at least 200 students in different arts such as song, dance and recitation. "The new first floor would ease the accommodation situation of the students," he added.

Moreover, students of the institute have urged the authorities to step up the number of instructors once it gets two-storey facilities. At present there are only nine instructors at the Dinajpur Shilpakala Academy, according to sources.

Islam also asserted that the full-fledged cultural auditorium would accommodate at least 1,000 people and give a boost to culture in the district.

ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Momeza
On Channel-i at 4:10 pm
Tele-film
Cast: Mousumi, Tony Dias



Rangeela Bao
On ATN Bangla at 9:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Faziur Rahman Babu, Srabonti

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, 3:30 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, 12:15am.

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 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

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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, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

BTV

08:15 Musical Programme
11:11 Musical Programme: Shurer Shatrang
11:40 Talk Show
12:10 Musical Programme: Matir Shur
12:30 Tele-film: Dardir Bishal
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:10 Drama: Shempolli
07:15 Musical Programme: Mukhorlo Eid
08:30 Drama: Baidhi
10:30 Drama: Phera Na Phera

ATN BANGLA

09:15 Ki Chomolkaar Dekha Gelo
10:30 Talk Show: Aktul Onyodrishti
11:05 Drama: Bhalobashi Bhalobashi
12:15 Making Of
01:30 Entertainment
02:30 Programme: Jugol
03:10 Daily Soap: Dola House
03:45 Drama Serial: Rupel Manush
04:20 Children's Programme: Shapla Shalik
05:20 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kor
05:40 Gram Gonjor Khabor
05:50 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Boley Amra Ki Kor
06:30 Musical Programme: Roshik Noholey
06:50 Special Programme: Drama Serial: Jogey Theko
08:35 Drama Serial: Khuj Beral Terey

09:00

Drama Serial: Rongila Bao
11:30 Talking Point
12:00 Gramophone Lead News
09:50 Gramophone Trionstra
10:30 Tele-film: Dushtu Meye
12:35 Miss World 2007
04:10 Tele-film: Momeza
07:50 Drama: Uttorio Upkhan
09:35 Drama: Abar Jigay
11:30 Special Programme: Gramophone Akter Shingbadpotro

Rtv

08:20 Gaanchil Ei Din
09:00 RTV Exclusive
09:05 Children's Programme: Neel Akashey Megher Bhela
09:35 Talk Show: Media Electric
10:30 Protidin
11:30 Drama: Shiley Charbay Kay
12:15 Musical Programme: Gaanchil Ei Din
01:00 Dhallywood Beals
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:10 Media Electric
06:00 Protidin
06:30 Documentary Programme
08:00 Drama: Shohortolir Alo
09:10 Musical Programme: Ontorey Bahirey Nirontor
11:00 Musical Programme: Just Band

ntv

08:30 Aker Shokool
08:55 To-Let
09:30 K Taharey Chintey Paray
10:30 Gallery
11:00 Bhalobashi Mar Gaan
12:10 El Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 To-Let
03:15 Teen Parush
03:50 Neer
05:30 Apan Jiyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:45 Ki Katre Tahar Shalhey
08:15 Siddiq Kabir Recipe

ETV

08:50 Jugantor Gaan
09:45 Neer
11:30 El Shomoy
08:00 Ekusher Shokal
12:00 Ekusher Dupur
01:30 Drishti
02:00 Drama Serial: Bonshon
02:30 Cholar Pathay
03:30 Kotha Ar Gaan-e Magi Show
04:00 Shirohaal
04:30 Teen Parush
05:15 Prokriti
05:45 Ekusher Shondhya
06:15 SMS Mania
06:30 Dashi Jurey Sanglap
07:30 Tini
08:30 Drama Serial: Dibidho

BANGLAVISION

09:05 Ebor Glasser Bailey
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
10:00 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
10:40 Drama Serial: Sibhila March 16
04:15 Roat Biratey
04:45 Citycell Diner Sheshey
05:30 Cinebit Shadakalo
06:00 Cookery Show: Amador Rannaghar
06:25 Nana Rang-e Dinguli
06:25 Drama Serial: Mohanogor
09:05 Media Bhobon
09:45 Drama Serial: Shunyo

Peta

11:25 Shei Gaan Shai Sur
12:50 Shongbad Protidin
08:15 Doctor Dottle 3
09:55 The Prince & Me
11:45 Ice Age 2
11:15 Baby's Day Out
03:00 Independence Day
05:30 Chestnut
07:00 Eight Below
09:00 Herbie: Fully Loaded
10:45 Jaws

STAR PLUS

10:30 American Dragon: Jack Long
11:00 101 Dalmatians
11:30 V Trailers - Star Plus

12:00

Sanlaan
12:30 Bidaal
01:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
02:00 Bhabhi
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
03:00 Saamhi
03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
04:00 Kayamath
04:30 Sangam
05:00 Santaan
05:30 V Trailers - Star Plus
06:00 KASTURI
06:30 Bidaal
07:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
07:30 Sangam
08:00 Santaan
08:30 Meri awaz ko mil gayi roshni
09:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
09:30 Bidaal
10:30 KASTURI
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kayamath
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

STAR WORLD

09:30 Miracle Quest
10:30 Beyond The Break
11:30 Brothers & Sisters
12:30 Ghost Whisperer
01:30 Fashion House
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Heroes
06:00 Rodeny
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Hope & Faith
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 Eureka

09:30

Miracle Quest
10:30 Superpower Spy
11:30 Most Shocking Heroes
12:30 Heroes
09:30 Dino Death Trap
10:30 Wonder Armour (Sadia)
11:15 Penguins, A love story
11:30 Dangerous Company (Shuvo)
02:30 Earthpulse
03:30 Dino Death Trap
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 The Boas Of Belize
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Crocs of Darkness
06:30 Dino Death Trap
07:30 Triumph of Life
08:30 Race Car Drivers
09:30 Inside The Super Carrier
10:30 Quest for Dragons
11:30 Innovation
12:30 Dangerous Encounters

HISTORY

09:00 Sauna Belt
09:30 Superpower Spy
10:30 The Great Ships
11:30 Global Pendant
12:30 Home Jigger
13:00 Jesus of Nazareth
13:30 The Moghul Room
14:00 The Great Ship
14:30 Lawrence of Arabia
15:00 Alien Engineering #2
15:30 Nissam 2 Car
16:00 Jesus of Nazareth
16:30 Opus Dei Unveiled
17:00 Tough Going
18:30 Pandora's Box
19:30 The Universe
11:30 Green River Killer

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka (Apu)
11:00am Amar 88.0 (Nusrat)
03:00pm Dhaka Calling (Sakib)
07:00pm Seven Eleven (Sadia)
11:00pm Late Night Show (Shuvo)
03:00am Back to Back music
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Bijob)
07:45am Today's Happy Moments
08:45am Shokar Khabor
12:00pm Today's Adda (Nusrat)
01:45pm Dupurer Khabor
04:00pm U-lum (Kibria & Tania)
06:45pm Shondhor Khabor
08:00pm Tobe Tal Hok (Sayem)
09:45pm Raater Khabor
11:45pm Modhro Raater Khabor
12:00am Today's Happy Moments
12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Matrix Reloaded
11:45 Infinity
01:45 American
03:30 A Fish Called Wanda
05:45 Hollywoods 10 Best
06:15 The Five Venoms
08:30 Filer
08:40 Signs
11:00 The Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy