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CULTURALFEAST

Reminiscence on Wahidul Haque

Organiser: Konthoshilon, Anondo Dhoni, Nalonda, Bangladesh Brotochari Swamiti Venue: Chhayanat Shangkriti Bhaban Date: January 26

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Dance Festival

Time: 6:00 pm

Organiser: Nrityanchal Venue: National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Dance Drama: Bhanushingher Podaboli Dance Troupe: Bhabna Date: January 26

Dance Drama: Panjayi Dance Troupe: Sukalyan and Entourage Date: January 27

Time: 6:30 pm

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Dance Drama: Mchua Dance Troupe: Nrityanchal Date: January 28 Time: 7:00 pm

Sculpture and Art Exhibition

Title: Brave World of Structure Artist: Ivy Zaman Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, House 26, road 3, Dhanmondi Date: January 19-February 2 Time: 12pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Written Image Artist: Wakilur Rahman Venue: Gallari Kaya, House 20, Road 16, Sector 4, Uttara Date: January 18-29 Time: 11am-8pm

The Making of Kuhu Art



Artist Kuhu Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi R/A Date: January 18-February 15 Time: 10am-8pm

Annual Art Exhibition

Organiser: University of Development Alternative Venue: Department of Fine Arts. University of Development Alternative,

House: 47/A, Road: 12/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1205. Date: January 24-31

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Cultural Heritage and Fair Trade of Bangladesh



a good coffee-table presentation

geared to outlets such as Arong,

Etcetera, Omni and other book

stores and five star hotels, and was

meant mostly for expatriates and

tourists. They praised the get-up

and the clear and precise registra-

tions of the photography, which is

an integral part of the book. They

pointed out that the historical and

socio-economic background of the

artisans who made the handicrafts

although they admitted that it was

Cover jacket of the book

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

MONG buntings, paintings and bright painted vases 1 the launching of the book Cultural Heritage and Fair Trade of Bangladesh took place. This was at the Drik Gallery recently, as part of an exhibition of handicrafts. Mahfuz Ullah, Chairperson, IUCN National Committee and Centre for Sustainable Development; Dr Atiur Rahman, Chairperson, Unnayan Shamonnay; and Piash Karim, Professor of Sociology and Political Science, Culver-Stockton College, USA were the special guests at the programme.

had been touched with some depth The speakers, talking to The Daily Star, gave their opinions of as well. the book. They dealt with the positive and negative sides of the publication. They esteemed the book as

Dr Atiur Rahman said that the book has a good presentation as regards the choice of the colour combination of the photographs. A gist of research work has been offered. "I'm sure a lot more work has gone behind the book. It offers a historical background, which is traced back to the 9th century AD in bringing in the muslin manufacture and its exchange with the Greeks and Romans. The ancient European trading centers in Dhaka have also been touched. It has covered other areas such as jamdani, kantha and seen in a

new context. Similarly other ethnic textiles such as those from the Chittagong Hill Tracts and jute craft have been brought in," he

The underlying message is that protecting the cultural diversity is also a kind of human rights, said Dr Rahman. This would lead to improvement in the socioeconomic standards of living. The quality of life also incorporates, culture, he said. What is missing in the book, Dr Rahman added, is the current socio-economic global situation, particularly the pressure of globalisation: How these indigenous products face tremendous pressure from the foreign items marketed fiercely.

"However, the positive part is that the book says that the ethnic cultural products can also be globalised and put on the shelves of important fashion houses. One can add value to the items if they can be exported. The handicrafts include Bangladeshi fabrics, pottery, cane and jute work etc. The Garo, Manipuri and Mandi products have been discussed to some extent," said Dr Rahman.

Mahfuz Ullah said that if the book had been in Bangla it would have pleased him more, but since it is geared at expatriates it is understandable. As the book deals with our history and heritage, it should please any reader, he added.

Piash Karim concluded by saying that the book was an excellent documentation of handicrafts in Bangladesh. It relates our handicrafts industry with market economy and the cultural implications of the book is enormous, Karim

The book is a joint effort of Ecota Fair Trade Forum, European Commission and Terre de Hommes,

Bangladeshi handicrafts on focus | Photograph by Tanvir Ahmed | Photograph



neering from BUET and he admits

that initially photography was

more of a "pastime" to him. After

completing a basic course in

photography in 2003, he was

convinced that he wanted to

made its place in Time magazine,

Ahmed says, "When we heard of

the cyclone, I wanted to go to

Khulna. I reached Khulna the

morning after Cyclone Sidr hit

the coastal areas. The real picture

of the aftermath hit me as I

reached Southkhali on the sec-

ond day after Sidr. The whole

About the photo by him that

The photo by Tanvir Ahmed that was published in Time magazine

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The harrowing photo of a man carrying the corpse of his grandchild away, from what used to be his home, after Cyclone Sidr hit the area, was published in the year-end issue (December 31, 2007-January 7,2008) of Time magazine.

Tanvir Ahmed, who is a staff photographer at Drik News, took the photo at Southkhali in Bagerhat.

The young photographer is a third year student at Pathshala: The South Asian Institute of Photography. Ahmed graduated in Electrical and Electronic Engibattlefield.

"The next day, around noon, I spotted a man carrying the body of a child, in the midst of ruins. His home had been razed to the ground.

"Though I wanted to, I could not stay there longer. My father was seriously ill and I had to return to Dhaka. I uploaded the photo on the internet. Time magazine came across the photo through Majorityworld."

Ahmed adds, "Sure, I feel privileged that my work was published in Time magazine but I'd actually be elated if it was a 'positive' vicinity resembled a bomb-hit image."

Shahrukh Khan buys a cricket team

pursue it seriously.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

It is the best of time for Bollywood icon Shahrukh Khan. After the box-office success of Jaipur his previous film Chak De India, a story about the world cup triumph by an Indian hockey team and successful bidding to buy an Indian cricket team, he has been chosen for France's prestigious title "Officer of the

Arts and Letters". The French government will confer the title on Khan during a three-day festival of French films here on Sunday (January 27) in recognition of the "successful work done by Khan" in a 15-year career span and his contribution to Indian cinema as an artiste and entrepreneur."

The same honour had earlier gone to veteran Indian film director Adoor Gopalakrishnan in 2005 while Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan was given the "Legion d'Honour" last year, France's highest civilian

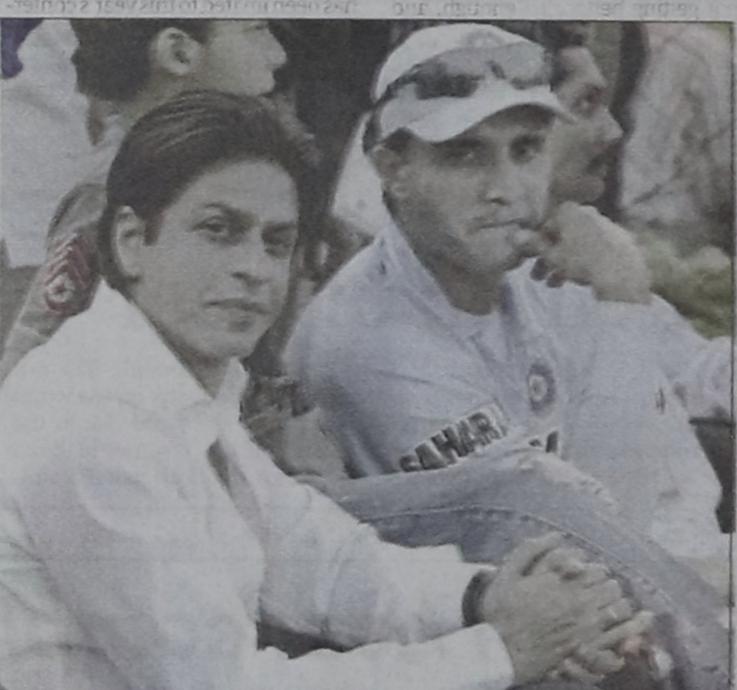
Khan recently bought from Indian cricket board the ownership of a Kolkata-based cricket team to be led by Sourav Ganguly for about 80 million dollars. He was among a handful of corporate

honchos and Bollywood stars who also bought cricket teams in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh and

All these teams will feature in a 20-over-a-side competition from April this year for a top prize money of three million dollars.

The only other Bollywood star to win the right to own a team is actress Preity Zinta.

Khan is a passionate sports enthusiast and has of late been seen cheering the Indian national cricket, football and hockey teams in different competitions at home and abroad.



Shahrukh Khan (R) with Sourav Ganguly

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09:30 The Dark Side of

Hippos

12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat

First International Children's "Protnonari" to be re-run Film Festival Bangladesh to begin

The First International Children's Film Festival Bangladesh, organised by Children's Film Society Bangladesh, will begin on January 28 and will continue till February 3. The festival will be held simultaneously at four venues, according to a press release.

Osman Auditorium and Seminar Hall at the Central Public Library, German Cultural Centre, Iranian Cultural Centre and the Russian Centre for Science and Culture. The main event will be held at the Central Public Library.

over 100 films -- feature, short, event. animation and documentary -from 35 countries will be screened at the festival. A considerable number of films are particpart of the festival.

Chief Adviser to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh, Fakhruddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the event.

As part of the festival, children from all over the country were asked to write an essay on "My Favourite Movie". Based on that, The venues are the Shawkat the festival committee selected 100 children from Dhaka and other parts of the country. Two children from Khagrachhari and 20 differently-abled children are also invited to the festival.

Mustafa Monwar is the chairperson and Dr. Muhammad Zafar An impressive assortment of Iqbal is the vice-chairperson of the

"The event is focused on our children as sources of recreation for them are limited in our country," the organisers said. "The event ipating from Germany, Russia, would be a great opportunity for Iran and India. A selection of them to know more about the children's films produced in cultures and lifestyles of Bangla-Bangladesh so far will also be a desh and other counties," they added.

on Ekushey TV



A scene from Protnonari

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Ekushey TV is re-airing the drama serial Protnonari starting from this month. Written by Selim Al Deen, the serial is directed by Atiqul Haque Chowdhury.

"Protnonari focuses on some important aspects of our archaeological art heritage, which is very

significant, I believe," said, director Atiqul Haque Chowdhury. "As we usually focus more on our country and heritage in the months of February and March, we decided to re-run the play. The unfortunate sudden departure of Professor Selim Al Deen has made it more significant," Chowdhury added.

UN AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



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STAR MOVIES

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7:00pm Celebrity on the hot

10:00pm Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

Moments

Dhaka (Biplob)

(Nudrat & Sayfi)

07:15am Good Morning

07:45am Today's Happy

08:45am Shokaler Khabor

12:00pm Fatafati Adda

01:45pm Dupurer Khabor

7:00am Hello Dhaka

3:00pm Dhaka Calling

11:00am Amar 88

11:00 Snatch

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News Bulletin

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.

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ETV News (Bangla): 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

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09:00 Drama: Shutro Paat

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08:15 Batman Returns