

Moving images of the Sidr-affected

Exhibition at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture



Striking images of Sidr victims on display at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The recent photography exhibition at the Russian Centre of Science and Culture to raise funds for Sidr victims brought in many scenes of the Bangladeshi countryside.

Golden sky with bars of purple clouds, expanses of sleepy rice fields, meandering rivers and bright mustard fields all came into the focus.

At times the lens also brought in some urban scenes but these too were buoyant and harmonious.

optimistic and easily caught the imagination of the viewers.

The display also includes works of Bangladeshi photographers living overseas, who send their photos online, and other honorary foreign photographers, who have worked on the theme of Bangladesh.

Russell Rahman's Tower Bridge brings in the structure, the building, the overwhelming clear sky at the back and shadows on the water.

The flute player by MR Hassan introduces a boatman in a lungi, seen through the cover of the boat, bringing in many gathering white clouds in the distance.

Another shot by Hassan brings in a farmer -- with his bullocks and

plough -- wading through mud and water, as he goes about his daily work. Fishing by Michael Foley is another peaceful image of the countryside.

Protek Bhowmik takes a focus of the Lalbagh Fort through a low angle image, in between the arches and domes. The picture includes the clouds above with its mélange of pale blue and clay-red.

Late at sunset by Kazi Shefai Rahman captures the serenity and repose of the small towns.

In contrast to the rest is Bijan Sarkar's Kaptai Dam 1974, in black and white. It presents the entourage of elephants with mahouts, when the ruler of Burma (now Myanmar) had visited Bangladesh.

and gray. Ruins of Sonargaon Palace by Mustafizur Rahman includes carved walls, arches, pillars, domes and the rest of the edifice in minute details.

Grette Howard's untitled picture brings in a woman standing with paddy coming up to her waist. Her bits and pieces of embellishments add interest to this scene.

The seminar was lively but not well-attended. According to the organisers, although letters were sent to the principals of 84 schools to send their children to attend the festival, only a few turned up.

The child delegates and volunteers had the opportunity to spend time with some notable personalities. Human rights activist Advocate Sultana Kamal appeared in the evening after the seminar.

1st Int'l Children's Film Festival Daylong seminar on cinema for children

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The weeklong 1st International Children's Film Festival ended on February 2 with a daylong seminar on children's films at the Seminar Hall, Central Public Library.

Keynote papers were read out by Badal Rahman, Geeti Ara Nasreen, Fuad Chowdhury and Anupam Hayat. Morshedul Islam, Masihuddin Shaker, Munni Saha and Monira Morshed Munni were the moderators.

Altogether four papers were read. Badal Rahman presented his paper on the problems and prospects of making children's films in Bangladesh.

Geeti Ara Nasreen presented her paper next. She went over the influence of film and media on children. Nasreen believes that teachers and guardians have to be acquainted with the media to understand its effects on the children.

In India and other countries there are TV channels devoted to children. Chowdhury feels that the involvement of children in TV programmes will make them more interesting.

The last paper of the day was on the importance of government support in making films for children. The paper was presented by Anupam Hayat. Hayat began by recalling that East Pakistan Film Development Corporation was formed through a bill presented in the East Pakistan legislative assembly by Bangobandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on April 3, 1957.

More than 400 films were made between 1957-1971 -- of which only one was meant for children (Son of Pakistan in 1966).

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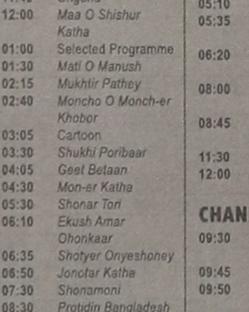
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Homage to Selim Al Deen

Dhaka Theatre and Bangladesh Graam Theatre hold a memorial programme

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Dhaka Theatre and its sister troupe Bangladesh Graam Theatre jointly arranged a memorial programme for the recently deceased noted dramatist Selim Al Deen. The programme was held at the Bangladesh Mahila Samiti Auditorium on February 3.

Eminent theatre personality and Al Deen's lifelong friend Nasiruddin Yousuff, and eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque expressed their grief and reminisced their relationship with Al Deen at the programme.

Nasiruddin Yousuff said that whatever Selim Al Deen wrote, was not only meant for the people of Bangladesh but also applicable to the humanity.

Selim Al Deen was a founder member of Dhaka Theatre. Along with Al Deen, Nasiruddin Yousuff formed Bangladesh Graam Theatre in 1981-82. Al Deen was its chief adviser.

Professor Hasan Azizul Haque said, "Selim Al Deen's death was untimely. His absence has created an irreparable void in our literature and drama."

Professor Afsar Ahmed and Professor Lutfar Rahman -- both teachers at the Department of Drama and Dramatics, Jahangirnagar University -- rendered essays on Selim Al Deen at the programme.

Later a rendition of excerpts and songs from Al Deen's plays was held at the auditorium. Members of Dhaka Theatre rendered songs and



Theatre artistes render songs and excerpts from Al Deen's plays

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excerpts from Binodini, Kittankhola, Keramat Mangal, Prachya, Joiboti Konnar Mon, Haat Hadai, Bonopangshul, Chaka, Horgoj and Nimajjan. Noted theatre personality Shimul Yousuff compiled the excerpts.

Wahidul Haque remembered in Comilla



Singers of Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad at the programme

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The Comilla Unit of Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad (RSSP) observed the first death anniversary of renowned Tagore exponent Wahidul Haque, says a press release.

A discussion titled, Our Culture and Legacy of Wahidul Haque, was a part of the programme. The event was presided over by Santanu Kaisar, president of the Comilla unit of RSSP. Noted writer Hasan Azizul Haque spoke at the programme. Haque insisted that we must remember the roots of our culture, for, without it a nation cannot move forward.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were Mofidul Haque, Jahanara Noushin, Partha Tanvir Noved (son of Wahidul Haque) and Bulbul Islam, central secretary of the organisation.

Artists of the organisation performed a chorus followed by solo performances by Susanta Ray, Monory Sadhu, Mita Paul, Ripa Dutt, Sharmim Sathi Islam, Balbul Islam and Partha Tanvir Noved. Poems of Tagore were recited by Bhashwar Banerjee.

The cultural programme ended with a presentation of the dance-drama Chandalika, directed by Sharmila Banerjee.

Fifth anniversary of Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy

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Ustad Momtaz Ali Khan Sangeet Academy celebrated its fifth anniversary at the Shaheed Zia Auditorium, National Museum on February 3. Ashrafuzzaman Khan was present as the chief guest. Noted singer Fakir Alamgir and Golem Kuddus, general secretary of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, attended the programme as special guests.

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Young students in traditional attire perform at the musical soiree

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ON AIR

PICK OF THE DAY



Ortho Shoth Goti: Uttaraner Poth On ntv at 08:30 pm Live Talk Show Moderator: Supon Roy and Ahmed Sagor



Undisputed II: Last Man Standing On Star Movies at 10:00 pm Genre: Action/Crime Cast: Michael Jai White, Scott Adkins

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, 12:15am. 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 am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:30 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 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm. News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm. News (English) at 6:00pm. 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, 7:30pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm.

BTv 08:15 Shuprobhaat 08:30 Pakhik Batra 11:15 Documentary Programme 11:40 Ongora 12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:00 Selected Programme 01:30 Mati O Manush 02:15 Mukhtir Pathay 02:40 Moncho O Monch-er Khobor 03:05 Cartoon 03:30 Shukhi Poribar 04:05 Geel Belaan 04:30 Mon-er Katha 05:30 Shonar Tori 06:10 Ekush Amar Ohorkaar 06:25 Shokter Onyeshoney 06:50 Jonker Katha 07:30 Shenamoni 08:30 Probdin Bangladesh 08:35 Drama Serial: Madhyo Raater Osharohi 09:00 Drama Serial: Shangsaptak 09:30 Drama Serial: Kon Gram-er Meye 10:30 Laukik Bangla 11:00 Date Line Dhaka ATN BANGLA 08:15 Aikar Shangbadpotro 08:30 Drama Serial: Chorokuthari 09:15 Drama Serial: Alok Noger 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrahit 11:05 Three Slooges 11:35 Drama Serial: Khata Mitha 12:15 Cinema Cinema 01:25 Musical Programme. ATN Music 02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House 03:15 Mega Serial: O Amar Chokhna Nai 03:45 Aha Ki Anondo 04:20 Cholochitrer Golpo 05:10 Special Programme 05:35 Travel Show: Obiram Bangladesh 06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala 08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill 08:45 Drama: Swapno Loker Chabi 11:30 Rang Manchoy Taal 12:00 Gramenphone Lead News CHANNEL-i 09:30 Shangbadpotroy Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Gramenphone Trilo Matra 11:05 Cricket On Line 11:30 Amar Chhobi 12:30 Citycell Tarokakathian 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 02:40 Se Re Ga Ma 03:05 i-Sports 04:05 Hridoyer Gaan 04:30 Shangeel Mala 05:30 Boimela Shorashori Tarzan 06:00 Drama Serial: Ochieta Adhar 06:20 Business Show 07:50 Musical Programme: Amar Piro Gaan 09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Topantoprey 10:00 Drama: Dhaka 71 11:30 Ekusher Raat ntv 08:00 Ekusher Shokal 08:30 Ekusher Dupur 08:55 Ekushy Business: 03:30 Shomali Shadkalo 04:00 Cartoon 04:30 Drama Serial: Hiltu Choloy Pathay 05:15 Ekusher Shondhya 05:45 Quiz Show: SMS Mania 06:15 Amar Mukhtil Aloy 07:30 Aloy 08:00 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian Recipe 08:30 Shurtolai 09:30 Ekusher Shomoy 10:30 Drama Serial: Shukhi Manush Project 11:30 Ekusher Raat Special Focus 10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan 10:30 Music Express 11:00 Alochan 12:10 Ei Shomoy 01:05 Japan Video Topic 02:30 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir 03:15 Crime Watch 03:50 Drama Serial: Nabila Chorit 04:25 Gallery 05:30 Apnar Jigyasha 06:20 Shubha Shondhya 06:45 Nriyo Lohori 08:30 Talk Show 09:00 ntv Shamoeki 09:45 Drama Serial: Neer Ei Shomoy 09:00 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Gaan 09:30 Drama Serial: Swapnochura 10:10 Cinabir 10:40 Amar Ami 11:05 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor 11:35 Apnar Agami 12:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar 02:40 Drama Serial: Tarik Ali Hadan 03:05 Musical Programme: Shurer Bhubon 04:20 Banjyo Mela Probdin 05:30 Drama Serial: Gujob 09:30 Chitragogesti 08:30 Shurer Bhubonay

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