

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Baishakhi Utsab
Organiser: Bangla Academy
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: April 14-20
Time: 4:30 pm onwards



Inter University Drama Festival '08
Organiser: IUB Theatre and BSA
Venue: National Theatre Stage, BSA
April 20, Time: 6:30pm
Play: All This Madness
Troupe: Independent University, Bangladesh



Theatre
Play: Rashadhar Sudhadrar Rajya Troupe: Bangaranga Natyadil
Venue: Mahila Samiti Auditorium, Bailey Road Date: April 25 Time: 7pm

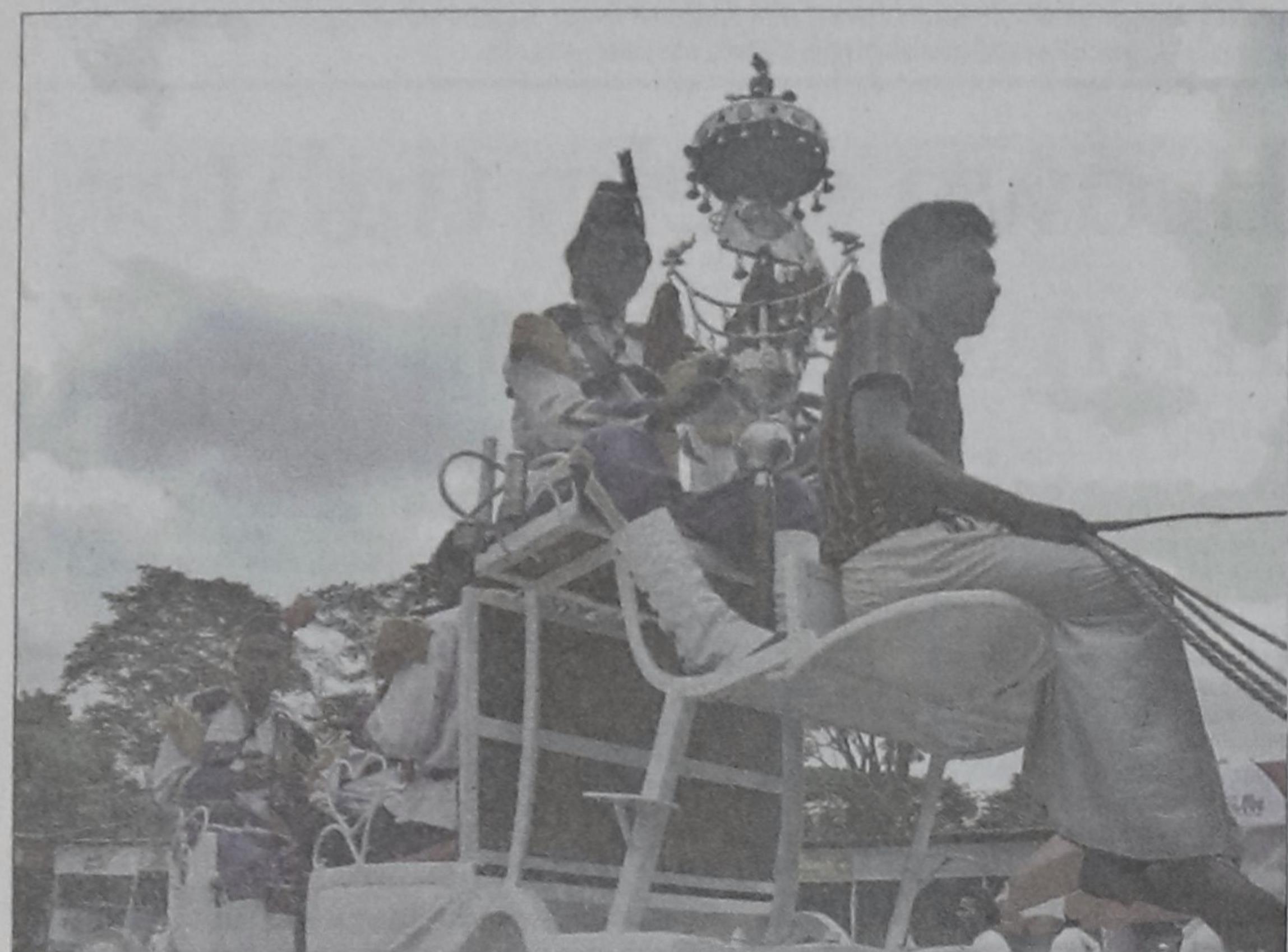


Taste of Dhaka
Festival featuring famous Old Dhaka Food
Organiser: Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti, Dhaka Kendra
Venue: Kalabagan Sports Ground, Kalabagan Date: April 17-19



Celebrating 400 years of Dhaka

Delectable dishes at Kalabagan food fest



A horse and carriage at the festival

NADIA SARWAT

On the occasion of Dhaka's 400th anniversary, a three-day food festival has been arranged by the Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti (Dhaka Samiti) at the Kalabagan Ground. Starting from April 17, the festival is a treat for the foodies, offering traditional Old Dhaka food.

The festival, *Taste of Dhaka*,

intends to reintroduce the heritage of Dhaka cuisines, which has evolved throughout centuries, becoming a melting pot of different cultures.

The festival includes 50 stalls, featuring several renowned restaurants of Dhaka offering both familiar and rather eccentric sounding mouth-watering dishes like *Hajir Biryani*, *Shamsher-er Bhuna Khichuri*, *Haji Makhon-er Tehari*, *Boro Baap-er Polay Khay*, *Nanna Biryani*, *Mostakim Kebab*,

Purnimari Jilapi and obviously, *Bakerkhani*. Star, Mrigoya, Fakhrudin Catering, Bamboo Castle, Alauddin, Rosh, Bhoj, Chakbazaar special and other outlets were also there to welcome the food-lovers with delicious Dhakaite recipes. Even *pitha* and *paan-supari* were not excluded from the list.

The President Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed and the Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhrudin Ahmed have sent messages congratulating Dhaka

Mahanagar Samiti for organising the festival.

The festival was inaugurated with a colourful procession that included 26 horse carriages brought out from the office of Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti at Naya Bazar, Old Dhaka. The procession ended at the Kalabagan ground where the festival was formally opened. Noted cultural personality Syed Ahmed will be the chief guest while M. Sirajul Islam, president of Dhaka Mahanagar Samiti was the special guest at the event.

The venue was crowded in the afternoon despite the scorching heat. Besides food, other traditional entertainment was available at the festival. *Nagordola* and *merry go round* attracted the little ones while their parents listened

to *paul* songs. *Pala gaan*, *Puthi paath*, *Qawali* and performances by the *dhulis* pulled in many. Snake charmers, *lathiaals*, circus and more added to the attraction.

The festival will end today with an award giving ceremony. Educationist and the Vice-Chancellor of North South University, Professor Hafiz G.A. Siddiqui will be present as the chief guest. Fireworks and *fanush* are other attractions at today's programme.

Sponsored by City Group and RC Cola, the event is managed by Spellbound. The Daily Star, Dainik Jugantor and ATN Bangla are the media partners and Radio Foorti is the radio partner of the festival.



Chicken on the grill lure foodies

On the radio

In conversation with RJ Nusrat

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nusrat, the peppy radio jockey of *Amar 88* and *Nokia Express Music Hour* on Radio Foorti 88.0 FM, is an effective example of the rise of the 'RJ generation' - a very recent phenomenon. Nusrat opted for this "unconventional" career as a part timer initially, and now is one of the most popular among the RJs. Recently she spoke to *The Daily Star* and shared her opinion on the current FM radio trends. Excerpts:

TDS: Radio jockeying is a relatively new profession in our country. How did you start?

Nusrat: It was purely out of fun. I was studying at BRAC University then, and was looking for a job. FM radio has gone through a revolution in the country. RJs have a better market prospect today and the radio stations are doing an excellent job in promoting our music.

TDS: The common belief is that the target audience of FM radio stations are youngsters. Is that the case?

Nusrat: I believe music is for everyone. But, there are morning and evening shows that are catered to the more mature audience.

TDS: What qualities, according to you, should an RJ have?

Nusrat: Firstly and most importantly, you have to be articulate. It is also important to have a unique personality that connects easily with the listeners. The key factor is



RJ Nusrat at work

to develop an intimate relationship with your audience.

TDS: On radio, your voice is your only medium of interaction with people. How difficult is that?

Nusrat: There is a huge difference between chatting with friends and conducting a programme on radio. It is a tough act to imagine an audience in front of you, respond accordingly and keep a check on the variations of your tones, all at the same time.

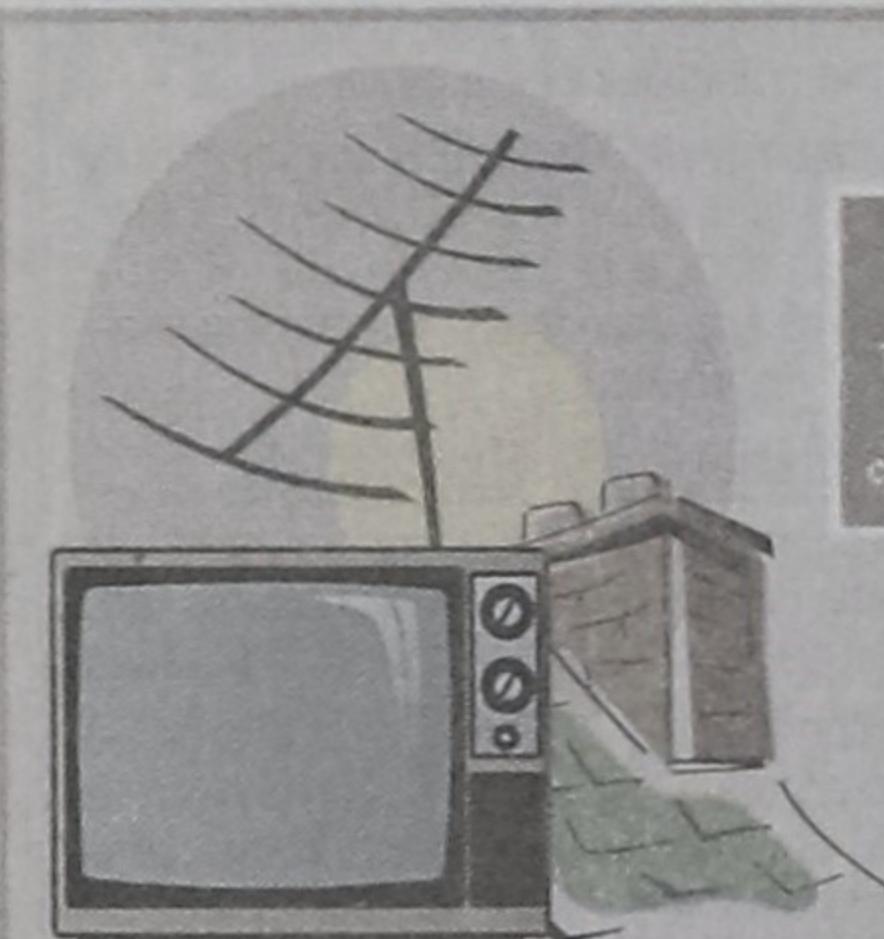
TDS: How far do you see yourself

from where you started?

Nusrat: I feel I have definitely come a long way. Previously I used to get really nervous when I was on air, but now I am more confident.

TDS: Radio stations have become very popular again. What is your take on that?

Nusrat: It is a commendable achievement for the radio industry. Now people listen to the radio, more than ever. What is worth mentioning is the healthy competition between the radio stations to air the best programmes.



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

On Air

BTV

09:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi

09:30 Musical Programme

10:05 Shashtho Sheba

10:30 Selected Programme

11:15 Selected Programme

11:30 Shukhi Poribaar

12:00 Musical Programme

10:30 Maa O Shishur Katha

02:15 Sisimpur

03:50 Cricket

01:03 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

02:35 Selected Programme
03:05 Money Talk
04:05 Educational Programme: F M Method
04:50 Shotyer Shondhaney
05:30 Mukhijuddo Protidin
06:00 Talk Show: Shameeki Rupantor
07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum
08:20 Drama Serial: Nouka Dubi
09:35 Agricultural Programme: Hridoye Matio O Manush
10:00 Selected Programme
11:30 Live Drama Serial: Astey Astey Astey
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

Rtv

08:40 Saangeet Ongon

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Protidin

09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Mukhus

10:03 Hello Love

11:00 Tarka Alap

11:30 Children's Programme

12:15 Indian Idol Concert

01:03 Musical Programme: Gaanchil Ei Din

01:30 Dhalleywood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film

06:00 Protidin

06:30 Musical Programme: Shur-e Shur-e Path Chola

08:00 Drama: Portrait

09:20 Talk Show: Shomoyer Dorpon

11:00 Drama Serial: Nironitor

11:30 Buz Event

12:00 Editor's Comment

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhata Bangladesh

10:30 Akaar Ekaar

11:00 Drama

02:00 Shopaho Sheshey

03:30 Tele-film: Aaina

04:30 Talk Show

05:15 Shukh Tara

07:00 Shomoyer Swad

08:15 Drama: Ochena Apon

09:00 Musical Programme: Gaan-er Khatra

09:30 Drama: Shunyo Mahal

11:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din

ETV

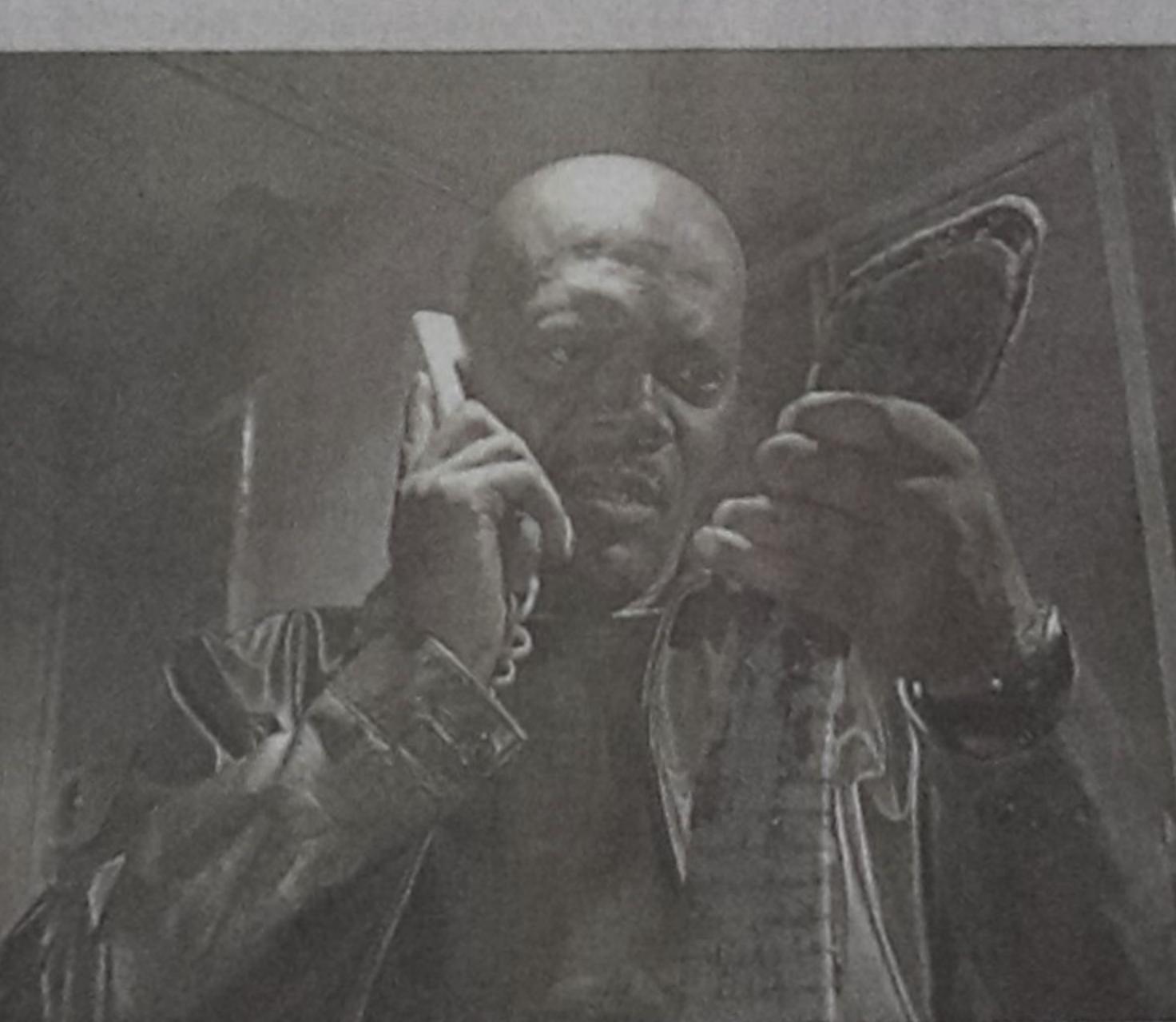
08:00 Ajker Potrikay

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal

09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Africa Theke Gyani Manush



Amar Ami
On BanglaVision at 09:05 pm
Talk Show
Tonight's Guest: Abul Hayat



10:00 Ekushey Shomoy
11:40 Shangshri Shatdin

BANGLAVISION

09:00 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri

BOISHAKHI

08:30 Koir Lorai

10:05 Debate

10:35 Dance Programme

12:05 Baishakhi Ushobey Dhaka

Bishwabidyalay

06:00 Koir Lorai

07:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi

Shera Gaan

09:15 Musical Programme

10:30 Dance Programme

11:10 Debate

HBO

08:30 Kazaam

10:30 Proof Of Life

11:15 Romeo & Juliet

02:30 Rush Hour

04:30 Hunt For Red October

05:00 The Break-Up

09:30 The Hitcher

11:15 Snakes On A Plane

STAR MOVIES

08:00 Sneakers

10:15 Home Alone

12:00 Idiocracy

01:30 I Spy

03:15 Lucky Number Slevin

05:00 Eight Below

07:00 Primeval

08:35 Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Ta

10:15 Hollywoodland

12:20 Jaws

STAR PLUS

09:30 Sharar-Thoda Jaadu-Thodi

Naz

10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan

11:30 Prahlad