

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Baishakhi Mela

Organiser: Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla Nagar DITF premises  
Date: April 14-24  
Time: 10am to 8pm



### Baishakhi Utsab

Organiser: Nityadur  
Venue: Gargan School premises, Shorohat, Bagha, Rajshahi  
Date: April 24-26  
Time: 5pm onwards



### Satyajit Ray Retrospective

Organiser: Indian Cultural Centre  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 25, R 96, Gulshan 2  
April 23 Jai Baba Felunath  
April 24 Goopy Gyné Bagha  
Bye  
April 25 Hirak Rajar Deshe  
Time: 6 pm everyday

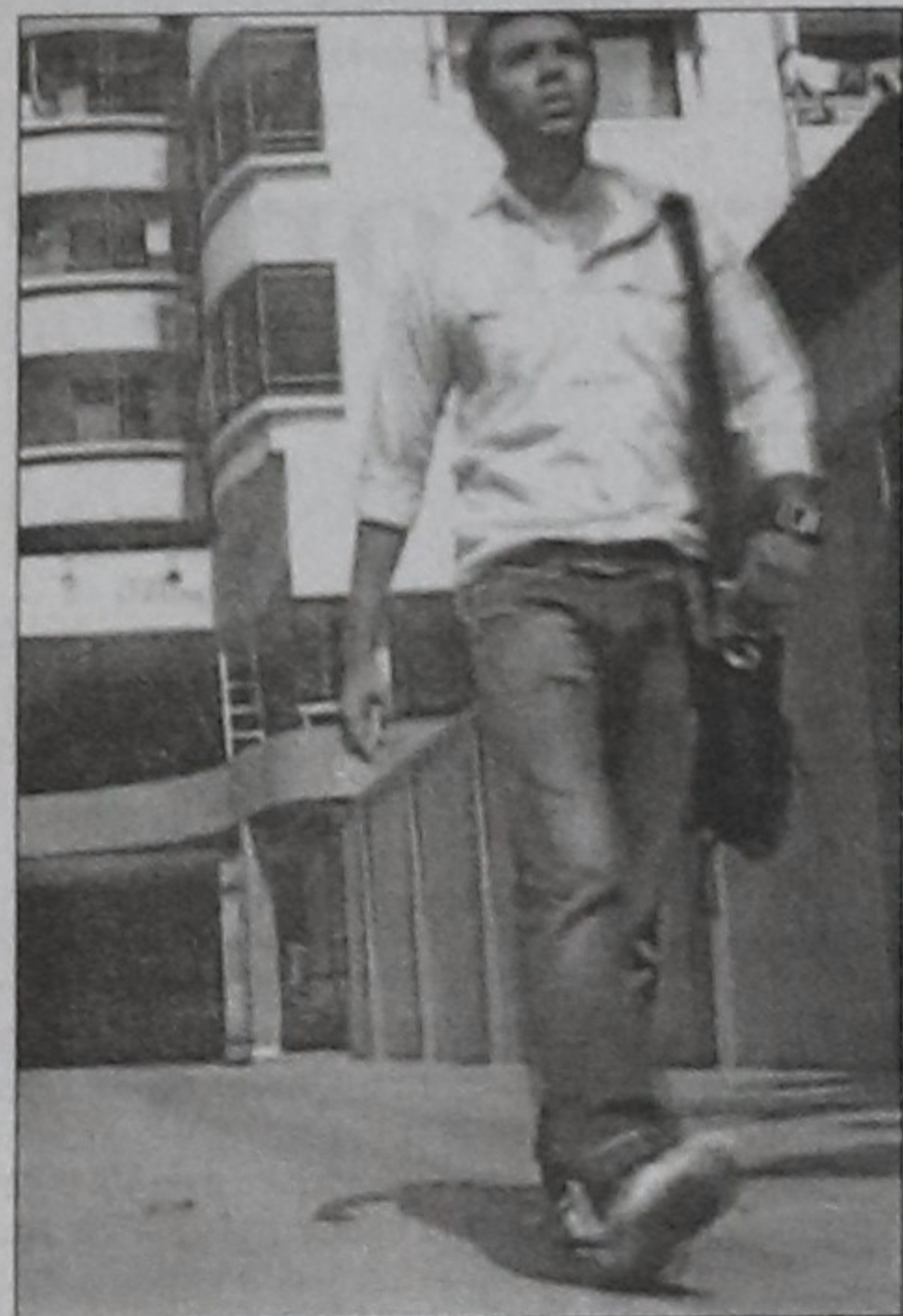


### Int'l Inter University Short Film Festival

Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society  
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, R 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: April 21-23  
Time: 4 pm onwards



## 2nd Int'l Inter-University Short Film Festival '08 Showcasing works of aspiring filmmakers



Stills from *Dour*, directed by Sarfauffin Mahabub of Stamford University (left) and *Proshno*, directed by Subrato Kumar Das of Bangladesh Agricultural University

### JAMIL MAHMUD

The ubiquitous combat between evil and good, or uncomplicated stories from everyday life; the harsh effect of industrialisation or following the trail of migratory birds -- all came together under one umbrella as aspiring filmmakers offered these images in their short films (under ten minutes) screened at the '2nd International Inter-University Short Film Festival 2008'.

With the slogan "Take your camera, frame your dream", the festival began at the auditorium of the Goethe-Institut Bangladesh on April 21 and will end today. Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS) in collaboration with the Goethe-

Institut Bangladesh arranged the three-day festival.

The festival is an initiative to encourage the young filmmakers who are currently studying at universities at home and abroad.

Students of seventeen public and private universities including Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Stamford University, North South University, BRAC University and American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) are taking part in the festival. Students of German film institutes like Munich Film School and Berlin Film School along with Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, USA are participating.

Future Shorts Group, the largest Short Film group in the world comprising short films from Sweden, Norway, Italy, Finland, South Africa, Britain, Switzerland, Germany, Canada and Mexico, is also taking part in the festival.

Managing Director of Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC), A.N.M. Badrul Amin inaugurated the festival. He said, "I hope these talented young filmmakers would come forward to help overcome the ongoing slump in our film industry." Professor A.A.M.S Arefin Siddique, moderator of DUFS, was the special guest at the programme. Imran Firdaus, president of DUFS presided over the programme.

Sixty films are scheduled to be

screened at the festival. On the first day, seventeen films including *Porjaya Pakhi* (JU), *Peace* (AIUB), *Bharaye Chalito* (DU) and ten films from German film schools were screened.

Today, 22 films including *Adbhut Uter Pithey* (DU), *Janmodin* (RU), *Journey by Soul* (DU), *Moments* (AIUB) and thirteen German films will be screened.

At the closing programme, filmmaker Badal Rahman is expected to be present as the chief guest while Dr. Mohammad Jahangir Hossain, DG of Bangladesh Film Archive is expected to attend as the special guest.

Radio Foorti is the media partner of the festival.

## Movie Review

# Spurlock searches for "bin Laden" after "Super Size Me"

Morgan Spurlock scored a breakout hit with his documentary *Super Size Me* a few years ago, mixing satire, reportage and advocacy in the tabloid style popularised by Michael Moore. Spurlock may not have finished off junk food as we know it, but at least he could claim some responsibility for highlighting the flaws of fast food.

In *Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?* he ups the ante with the kind of mission improbable that might make Ethan Hunt think twice. Where the CIA, the military and everyone else has failed, Spurlock proposes to sniff out the world's most wanted man, persuade him of America's good intentions and increase the peace before his latest work in progress -- his son -- pops out in a few months' time.

"After all," he reasons, "if big-budget action movies have taught me anything, it's that complicated global problems are best solved by one lonely guy."

Spurlock's tongue may be lodged deeply in his cheek, but he really does seem nervous as he submits to the first of several injections and inoculations and begins mapping out his campaign.

This involves a serious commitment to facial hair, some elementary Arabic lessons (like "Don't take me; take the cameraman instead") and tips on pinpointing a sniper by reading blood splatter.

It also extends to an aggressively post-production gloss, an animated Osama rap and jokey gamer graphics, all designed to goose an audience that wouldn't know PBS from the History Channel.

But the movie sobers up considerably as soon as Spurlock gets his feet on the ground. Perhaps recognising that he is embarking on a lost cause, and a dangerous one at that, the intrepid mini-Moore takes the scenic route to bin Laden's presumed hideout.

In Egypt, Spurlock learns that democracy is not all that it seems and the U.S. has been propping up Hosni Mubarak for decades. In Morocco, Spurlock determines that poverty is a breeding ground for terrorism but, more important, that people are people.

There's more of the same in the Palestinian territories, with checkpoints and barbed wire



Morgan Spurlock looks for bin Laden in the documentary

thrown in. He rides shotgun with an Israeli bomb disposal unit and helps defuse a suspicious bikini, only to be roughed up by unfriendly Hasidic Jews.

"So many things are wrong on both sides," he confides unhappily that night. World peace may be trickier than he thought.

And so it goes. In Saudi Arabia, he unearths political repression and self-censorship. In Afghanistan, there seems to be some sort of war going on. Nobody can raise bin Laden on the phone, though several helpful natives point convincingly in the direction of the mountains. "Would it be dangerous for me to go there?" he asks, nervously. They laugh and reassure him that it would most certainly prove fatal.

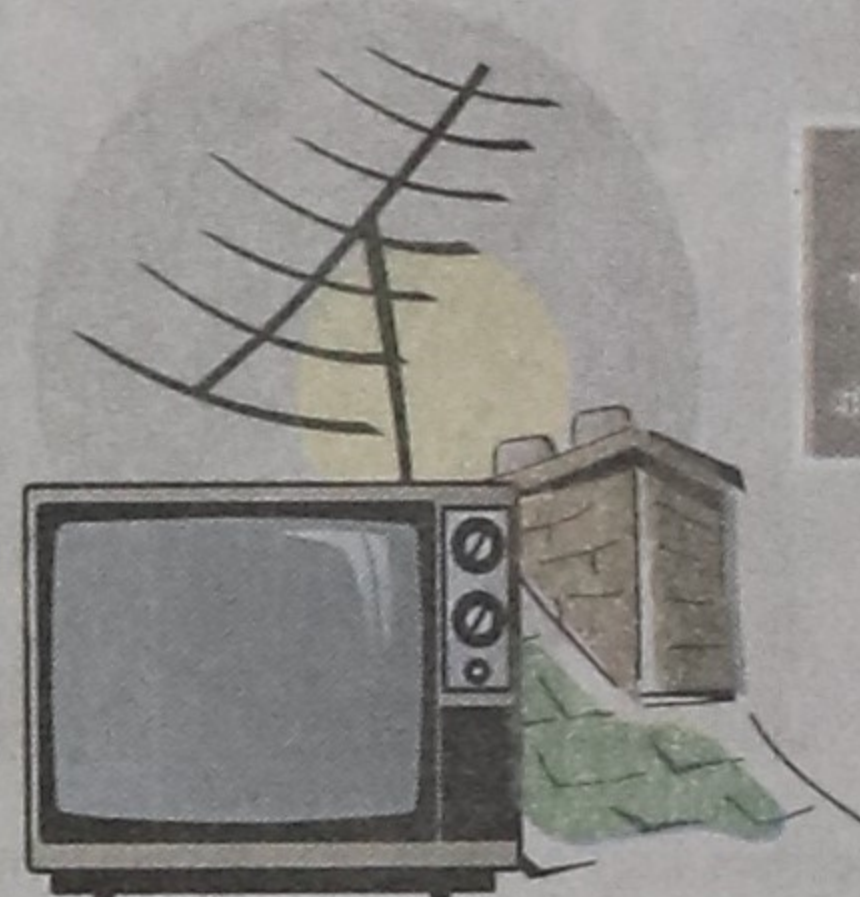
Spurlock is hardly the first Western missionary to arrive in that part of the world and find that he's in over his head. Then again, maybe he never figured on defusing al Qaeda at all. Per-

suading extremists to go easy on the terror tactics one man at a time is a fool's game, but maybe he can persuade his more reactionary American compatriots to overcome their anti-Islamic prejudices.

It's a classic bait-and-switch. See, Muslims want a better life for their kids and a modicum of security and freedom, just like Westerners do!

That's a valid observation but not a very insightful one. Spurlock is a less adroit propagandist than Moore, a more mundane humorist and filmmaker. It's disappointing how quickly the invention dries up and the audience is left with banal, man-on-the-street interviews and a few faux-naïf comic stunts: the Middle East for Dummies. Complicated global problems require something a bit more challenging than this.

Source: CNN



## On Air

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou  
09:15 Drama Serial: Shopno Mongol  
10:30 3<sup>rd</sup> South Asian Championship  
10:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
03:10 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush  
03:45 Neel Gini  
04:20 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Bole Amra Ki Kori  
05:20 Islamic Programme: Islami Sawal O Jawab  
05:40 Talk Show: Proshongo  
06:20 Talk Show: Prijon Bangladesh  
08:00 Drama Serial: Master Da Shurjoshen  
08:35 Drama Serial: Baghi Bondi  
09:00 Drama Serial: Raangila Bao  
11:30 Talking Point

### CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Gramophone Trilomatra  
11:05 Sports Time  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Tarokakathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:35 Ekattur er Dinguli  
03:05 Channel4 Shera Kontho  
04:30 Apnar Shushashtho  
05:30 Mukhti Judho Probidin  
06:00 Mega Serial: Shath Goenda  
06:20 Cookery Show: Desh Bideshey Ranna  
07:50 Mukti Judho Gourab Gatha  
08:20 Drama Serial: Rasta  
09:35 Drama Serial: Doinik Tolpaar  
10:00 Drama Serial: Ochenia Neel Kontho  
11:30 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa 2 Sa  
12:00 Gramophone Aker Shangbadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal  
09:15 Drama: Tomtom  
10:30 Ekush-er Jatra Pathay  
12:00 Ekush-er Dupur  
12:30 Selected Programme  
01:30 Ekush-er Business: Shophol Jara  
02:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
03:30 Cine Hits  
04:00 Protthaal  
04:30 Prokanti  
05:15 Sports Plus  
05:45 Ekush-er Shondhya  
06:15 SMS Mania  
06:30 Desh Jurey Ekushey  
07:45 Ashar Chor  
08:30 Talk Show: Tini  
09:30 Drama Serial: Tom Tom  
10:00 Ekush-er Shomoy  
10:50 Financial Bulletin  
11:40 Ei Shoptaho  
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

### Rtv

08:40 Musical Programme: Saangal Ongon  
09:00 Rtv Exclusive  
09:05 Probidin  
09:35 Prio Mukh  
10:03 Drama Serial: Anon  
11:00 Selected Programme  
11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntaak  
12:15 Cookery Show: R-Ranna  
12:35 Musical Programme: Shur-ey Shur-ey Path Chola  
01:00 Gaanchil Eidin  
01:30 Dhallywood Beats  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Probidin  
06:00 Wedding of the World  
08:00 Drama Serial: Aguntaak  
08:35 Talk Show: Drishtikon  
09:20 Drama Serial: Anondoatra  
11:00 Travel Show: Pritibir Pathay Pathay  
11:30 Biz Event  
12:00 Editor's Comment

### ntv

08:30 Aker Shokaal  
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kach-er Khacha  
09:30 Nriyo Lohori  
10:05 Gallery  
10:30 Musical Programme: Music Jam  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Eit Kaanch-er Khacha  
03:15 Drama Serial: Teen Purush  
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer  
04:25 Puppet Show  
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:20 Shubho Shondha

06:45 Gaangolpo  
08:15 Cookery Show: Siddiqui Kabir's Recipe  
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer

09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Drama Serial: Mohanagar  
02:40 Drama Serial: Eklak Pakhi  
03:05 Talk Show: Top Story  
04:20 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura

### 12:00 Shongbad Probidin

**BOISHAKHI**  
08:05 Din Probidin  
08:35 Baul Gaan  
10:05 Chitro Shobuz



Rangila Bao  
On ATN Bangla at 9:00 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Jitu Ahsan



The Matrix Revolutions  
On Zee Studio at 8:10 pm  
Genre: Action/ Sci-Fi  
Cast: Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne

11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:30 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri  
09:00 Children's Programme: Ebong Class-er Bairay

06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
06:50 Nana Rang-er Dinguli  
08:25 Drama Serial: Mohanagar  
09:05 Media Bhuban  
09:45 Drama Serial: Shunyo Pata  
11:25 Musical Programme: Amader Obithi



### Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:00am Hello Dhaka  
11:00am Amar 88  
03:00pm Dhaka Calling  
07:00pm Seven Eleven  
12:00am Back to Back music

### Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Masti Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U-Turn  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
2:00 am Back to Back

10:30 Business Hour  
11:00 Drama: Jay Jekhaney Jemon

### HBO

08:30 Path Of Destruction  
10:15 Regarding Henry  
12:30 Charlotte's Web  
02:30 Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial By Fire  
04:30 Captain America  
06:30 Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone  
09:30 United 93  
11:45 Failure To Launch

### STAR MOVIES

09:15 Hotel Rwanda  
11:15 Casanova  
01:15 Home Alone  
03:00 The Insider  
05:40 Date Movie  
07:00 Ronin  
09:00 Primeval  
10:45 Mafia

### STAR WORLD

09:30 Eureka  
10:30 Day Break  
11:30 8 Simple Rules  
12:00 The Simpsons  
01:30 Northern Exposure  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
04:00 General Hospital  
05:00 Desperate Housewives  
06:00 King Of The Hill  
06:30 The Simpsons  
07:00 Rodney  
07:30 Friends  
08:00 Seinfeld  
08:30 American Idol  
09:30 Ghost Hunters  
10:30 Bones  
11:30 Most Shocking

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:15 Telemail - Home Jogger  
09:30 Modern Marvels  
10:30 Mercedes  
12:15 Swarna Heera  
12:30 Attila the Hun  
02:30 Luxon  
03:30 1975 Firebird  
04:30 Modern Marvels  
05:30 Da Vinci & The Handgun  
06:30 Attila the Hun  
07:30 Origins of the Vampire  
08:30 Engines  
09:30 Underground Bootleggers  
10:30 Lost Worlds  
11:30 Dogfights

### ZEE STUDIO

10:50 The Santa Clause 2  
01:05 Under Suspicion  
03:30 Hot Shots! Part Deux

05:30 Web Of Death  
08:10 Matrix Revolutions  
11:00 The World's Fastest Indian

### STAR PLUS

10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
11:00 Pritiviraj Chauhan  
01:00 Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil  
01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
03:00 Ginihasti  
04:00 Kayamath  
06:30 Bidaai  
07:00 Ginihasti  
07:30 Sangam  
08:00 Santaan  
08:30 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat  
09:00 esh Me Hai Meraa Dil  
09:30 Bidaai  
10:00 Kasturi  
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kayamath  
12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 The Living Edens  
11:15 Telemail- Sauna Belt  
11:30 Planet Mechanics  
12:30 Naked Science  
01:30 Is It Real?  
02:30 Gabon Triumph Of The Wild  
03:30 Deadliest Snakes  
04:30 I Didn't Know That  
05:00 Copperhead Cannibals  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Croc Chronicles  
06:30 Head On!  
07:30 Planet Carnivore  
08:30 Dangerous Encounters  
09:30 Rolling Stones In Rio  
10:30 Marine Machines  
11:30 Dangerous Encounters

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL

10:30 Flight Quest  
11:30 Man Vs. Wild  
12:30 Amazing Baby Videos  
01:00 Planet's Funniest Animals  
01:30 Untamed Earth  
02:30 Deadliest Catch 2  
03:30 Dangersman Adventures With Geoff Mackley  
04:30 In Search Of Maneaters  
05:30 Mega Builders 2  
06:30 Into Alaska With Jeff Corwin  
07:30 Blue Harvest - The Coast Of Life  
08:30 Story Of India  
09:30 Possessed By The Gods  
10:30 Haunting  
11:30 Extreme Engineering - Season 2