

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

265th birth anniversary of Russian poet Gavriil Derzhavin

Display of books and materials
Venue: Library, Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dharmandi
Date: July 3-14



Theatre

27th anniversary of Loko Natyadal
Date: July 6-7
July 7
Play: Tushagni
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA
Time: 7pm



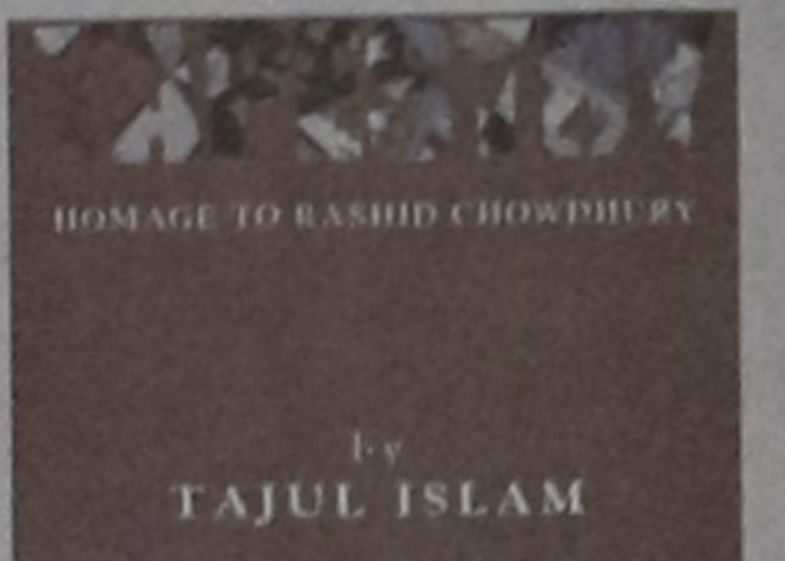
Theatre

Play: Roshadhar
Sudhadharer Rajya
Troupe: Bongorongo
Natyadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA
Date: July 9
Time: 7pm



Solo Exhibition

Title: Tapestry: Homage to Rashid Chowdhury
Artist: Tajul Islam
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H 20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: June 27-July 11
Time: 11am-8pm



Bahubachan Theatre Festival '08 ends "Devi" staged

ERSHAD KAMOL

The four-day theatre festival organised by Bahubachan at the National Theatre Stage ended on July 5. The festival was arranged to celebrate a significant moment in the history of neo-theatre movement in Bangladesh: The first stage play for which tickets were sold was Bahubachan's production *Projapoti Leelashya* (written by Farhad Mazhar and directed by Motahar Hossain) on June 3, 1972 at the Engineers' Institute Auditorium.

Bahubachan staged *Daibaddho* and *Devi* at the festival. Moreover, Indian troupe HaZaBaLa staged *Aniket Shondhya* and *Phirey Esho Prem* (the sequel to *Aniket Shondhya*) at the festival.

On the closing day Bahubachan staged *Devi*, an adaptation of Humayun Ahmed's popular novel with the same title, by Iqbal Hossain.

Bahubachan deserves plaudit for staging a play dealing with an innovative theme: contradiction between the conscious and the subconscious mind.

Psychologist Misir Ali explains his patient Ranu's belief of the existence of a "goddess" within herself as a hallucination. However, a few incidents such as the rescue of a girl named Nilu from her abductor Ahmed Baset cannot be explained with any scientific theory.



Actors of Bahubachan in a scene from *Devi*

PHOTO: MUMIT M

But, director Arham Alo's compositions need to develop a lot. He has failed to create any tension properly in the play. He has presented the "subconscious" scenes like the other ordinary activities. His handling of the "love scene" seemed "filmy" like an average Dhaliwood movie.

Designing was the weakest part of play. The set distribution did not work at all. Light design had lack of "visibility", as a result actors were not focused properly. Moreover, the light design did not co-ordinate well with the actions. In fact, the light designer should have used 'shatter cut' to keep the set

elements of other scenes unseen in case of portraying a particular scene. And the 'gobo effect' used to portray "hallucination scenes" seemed average.

Except for Taufiqur Rahman as Misir Ali none of the actors could perform spontaneously on the stage.

Film spanning South Asian countries on the cards

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

When the time comes for an idea, nothing can stop it, so goes the saying.

This is precisely what happened when directors from South Asia, including Bangladesh, gathered in the Indian coastal state of Goa, a paradise for international tourists, on the last day of June to give wings to a joint venture film production.

Bangladeshi filmmaker Tanveer Husseini, Buddhi Kiritisena of Sri Lanka, Pakistan's Siraj-ul-Haque, Abdul Hameed Latifi of Afghanistan have joined hands to make a film which is likely to be a love story across five South Asian countries.

The occasion was the concluding day of the third edition of South Asian Film Festival organized by South Asian Foundation.

From India, the director in the joint effort would be either actress-producer Pooja Bhatt or director Sudhir Mishra, according to Manoj Srivastava, Chief Executive Officer of the Entertainment Society of Goa which hosted the South Asian festival.

Siraj-ul-Haque said the story idea was still in development stage. "We are yet to decide which country the protagonist will be from. It will be a love story which will track one person from the eyes of five different filmmakers from five countries," he said.

Latifi said the script for the proposed movie should be ready in two months. "We have all agreed to be in touch with each other to take forward the story idea. A concrete idea should take shape in two months," he added.

Secretary General of South Asia

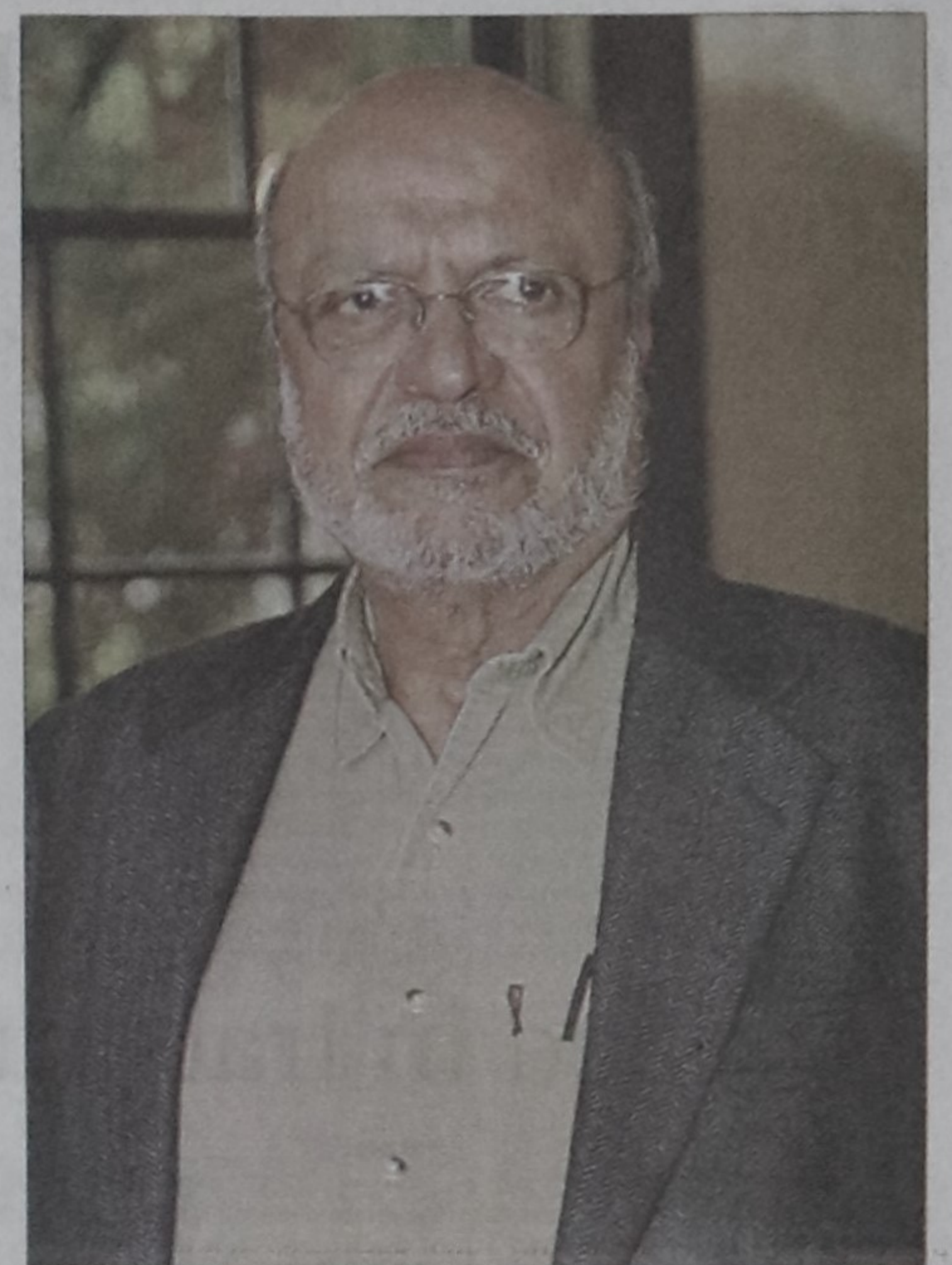
Foundation Rahul Barua said the film would be produced under the banner of the Foundation, which will organise the funds.

He said the film would be basically in English with subtitles in languages of the respective countries.

Srivastava said each of the five directors will shoot in another

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country and the Indian director will shoot a 20-minute sequence in Pakistan, the Bangladeshi filmmaker will shoot his part in India, Sri Lankan director will shoot in Bangladesh and the Pakistani director may shoot in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's actress Khatera Yousofi will be one of the members of the cast of the film whose Indian portion will be shot in Goa whose beautiful silvery beaches straddling the Arabian Sea draws millions of Western tourists every year.

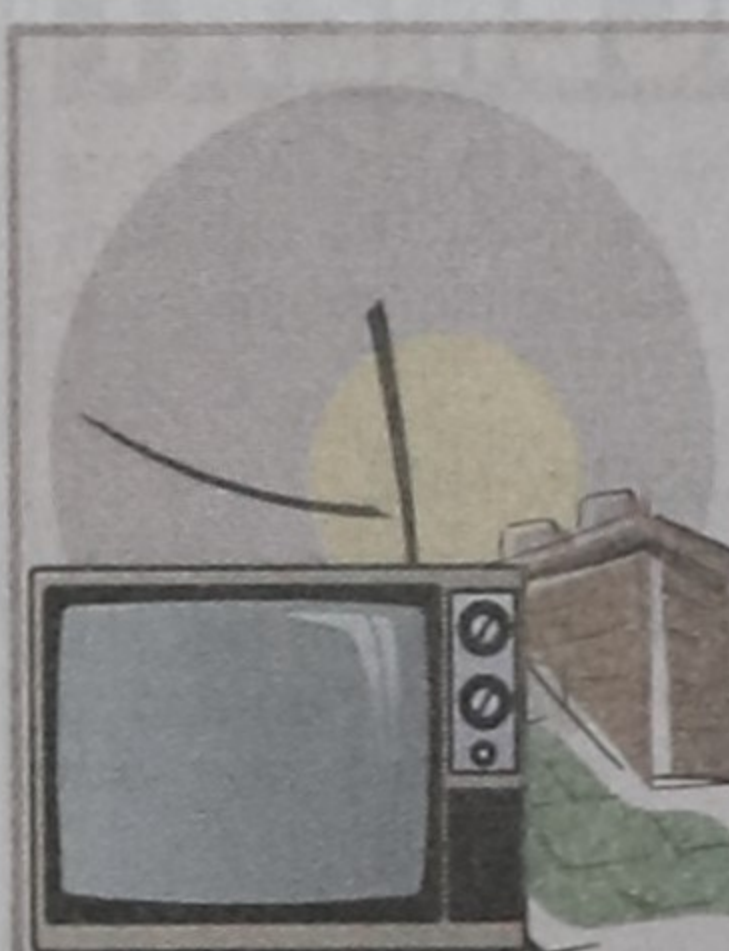
However, the question that cinema buffs ask is: can there be a distinct South Asian film? Accord-

ing to veteran Indian director Shyam Benegal, "South Asia is a distinct cinematic entity because our films focus on societal and individual concerns."

He said South Asian countries have a lot in common in terms of culture and human emotions. "When we travel to each other's countries, we do not feel that we have entered an alien land as we

do while travelling to the United States or Europe."

Benegal, who is scripting an India-Sri Lanka joint production on Lord Buddha, which he will direct, also said, "I rued that South Asian countries share very little in terms of cinematic exchange and said there was a need for exploring the possibilities of co-production."



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

On Air

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-1
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL I
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am

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

Rtv
News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm, and 12:15 am

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News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am

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

BTV
08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 World Roundup
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geetmoy Quiz
11:30 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konya
12:30 Shobaar Jonyo Shikhya
1:00 Children's Programme: Baan Shuri
1:30 Cartoon
02:15 Agrodut
02:40 Khela Dhula
03:05 Shukhi Poribaar
03:30 Nirapadey Cholley Chai
04:05 Onu Poromanu
04:30 Dance Programme: Nityer Nityer Taley Taley Debate
05:05 Matri Bhasha
07:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Shonglaop
07:25 Bazar-er Bag
07:45 Esho Bangladesh Gori
08:35 Agricultural Programme: Krishi Diba Nishi
09:00 Musical Programme: Chhayachhondo
10:30 Musical Programme: Shondha Maloti
11:00 Talk Show: Date Line Dhaka

ATN BANGLA
08:15 Aiker Shangbadpoto
08:30 Char Deyal-er Kabyo
09:15 Asian City Open Spin
10:30 Talk Show: Onnyodrishti Shustho Thakun
11:05 Musical Programme: Notun Chhobir Gaan
12:15 Motamot
01:30 Chochitrer Golpo
02:30 Daily Soap: Doli's Soap
03:15 Selected Programme
03:45 Chhotoder Prithibi

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
05:10 Selected Programme
05:45 Genebic Business Week
06:20 Documentary Programme: Ashy Pasher Manush
08:00 Drama Serial: Shopno Mongol
08:45 Musical Programme: Chirokaal Chirodin
11:30 Talk Show: Jey Katha Keu Boleni
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i
08:05 Tagore Song
09:30 Shangbadpotoy Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tntio Matra
11:05 Educational Programme
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Ekattur Er Dinguli
03:05 Bangyo O Orthonti
03:30 Musical Programme: Hrdoyer Gaan
05:30 Muktiudhho Probidin
06:00 Alor Khojey Kojona
07:50 Talk Show
08:20 Bangalink Banglar Palthey
09:35 Drama Serial: Central Mental Hospital
10:00 Drama Serial: Phirey Dekha
11:30 Drama Serial: 69
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpoto

ETV
08:30 Ekusher Shokaal
09:15 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra
10:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus
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01:30 Ekusher Business: Shophol Jara
02:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Dhaka 1000
03:30 Shomali Shada Kalo
05:30 Sms Mania
05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
06:30 Documentary Programme: Dash Jurey
07:45 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian-r Recipe
08:15 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo Dash
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghotok Ebong Amra
10:00 Musical Programme: Amar Gaan
10:50 Financial Bulletin

11:40 Total Music
Ntv
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
09:30 Shomporko
10:05 Drama Serial: Tero Kahon
11:00 Shangsakri Ei Shoptaho
11:30 Tiffin-er Phakey
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic



Moyur Bahon
On Channel 1 at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Khairul Alam Shobuj, Sumaiya Shimu



02:30 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob Janey
03:15 Closeup 1 2008
04:25 Ithash-er Ei Din-ey
05:30 Apnar Jigyasha
06:45 Rupali Pardar Golpo
08:15 Drama Serial: Eit Kath-er Khancha
09:00 Music Express
09:45 Drama Serial: Baishakh Theke Srabon
11:30 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
Rtv
08:40 Saangeet Ongon
09:00 Drama Serial: Aguntak
09:30 Wide Angle
Cinema
01:03 Prodidin
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Prodidin
06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatel Anondo
08:00 Geetmoy Ei Diney
08:35 Fashion Show: Look at Me
09:20 Drama Serial: Aguntak
11:00 Drama Serial: Porshpor
11:30 Biz Event

06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:50 Drama Serial: Horek Rang-er Mon
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
09:05 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt Amader Ranna Ghar
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
11:25 Talk Show: Top Story
12:00 Shongbad Prodidin

CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film Shondikhoney
02:00 Drama Serial: Moja Marey Foza Bhal
04:00 Rupanor-er Golpo
04:30 Shomoyer Aainaye Rajniti
05:15 Krishi O Krishok
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:30 Top News
07:00 Musical Programme: Premeey Praney Gaaney
08:15 Drama Serial: Moyur Bahon
09:00 Nongor
09:30 Young Craze
11:00 Stop n Rock

BOISHAKHI
08:35 Drama: Swapner Prithibi
10:05 Business Hour
12:05 Habib Concert
02:10 Musical Programme
04:00 Drama Serial: Swapner Prithibi
05:00 Cartoon
06:00 Tagore Song
07:30 Documentary Programme: Ekhti Bangladesh
08:00 Drama: Polatok
09:00 Mon Harabar Din
10:30 Selected Programme

BANGLAVISION
08:30 Nana Ranger Dinguli
09:00 Agamir Kontho
10:10 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo
10:40 Sports Vision
11:35 Pran-er Gaan
12:30 Shur-er Kathan
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar
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10:50 Hat Girlz
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Off The Ice
10:30 Kamikaze
11:30 Eye Max
12:15 Dent King
12:30 Osama Bin Laden
02:30 Bob Marley & The Wailers
03:30 Al Qaeda 2007
05:30 Ancient Rome
06:30 Off The Ice
07:30 Angkor Wat
08:30 80's Tech
09:30 Jekyll & Hyde
11:30 Kamikaze

STAR WORLD
09:30 The It Crowd
10:00 Jake In Progress
11:30 My Wife And Kids
12:00 Two & A Half Men
01:30 Northern Exposure
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
04:00 General Hospital
05:00 Koffee With Karan
06:00 Kyle XY
07:00 Crumbs
07:30 Friends
08:00 Seinfeld
08:30 My Wife And Kids
09:00 According To Jim
10:00 Less Than Perfect
10:30 Last Comic Standing
11:00 Cops

ZEE STUDIO
10:30 Shoot The Piano Player
12:30 Under Suspicion
01:30 Hollywood's 10 Best - Repeat
03:00 A Low Down Dirty Shame
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
06:30 Dungeons And Dragons
09:00 Asterix And Obelix Mission Cleopatra
11:00 Splash

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
11:30 Evolution: Was Darwin Wrong?
12:30 Wipeout
01:30 Luffhansa Nat Geo Genius
02:00 Life At The Edge
02:30 Assault On The Megaherd
03:30 Inmate University
04:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Snake Wranglers
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Kings of the Pantanal
06:30 Hollywood Shootout
07:30 Forest Intruder
08:30 Jaguar
09:30 Lockdown III
10:30 In The Wombs: Animals
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