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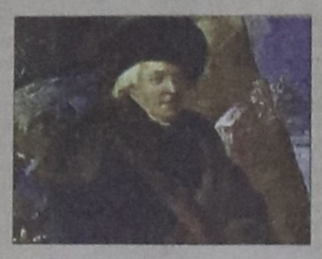
WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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, Dhanmondi
Date: July 3-14



Dhaka Fashion Week '08

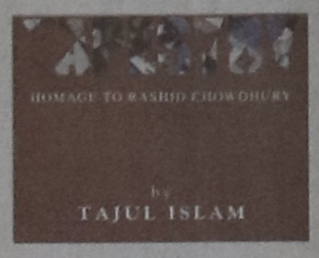
Celebrating 400 years of Dhaka
Organiser: Marico Bangladesh
Venue: Gulshan Club
Date: July 6-12

Theatre

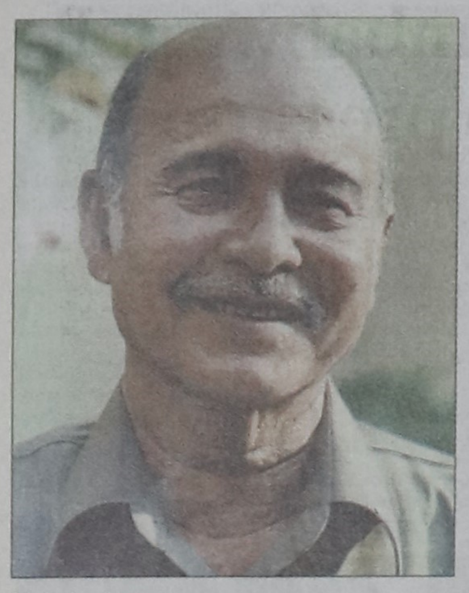
Play: Roshadhar Sudhadharer Rajya
Troupe: Bongorongo Natyadal
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA
Date: July 9
Time: 7pm

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



Bangali Shamagra to publish a book on M. Abdus Samad



M. Abdus Samad

Bangali Shamagra, an institution that works to preserve and display works of eminent Bengalis, has taken an initiative to publish a commemorative book on noted cinematographer and filmmaker Mohammad Abdus Samad, says a press release.

In this regard Bangali Shamagra requests individuals, who had associated with M. Abdus Samad personally or were his well-wishers, to send writings on his life and works at the Bangali Shamagra office.

The address of Bangali Shamagra is: Khayer Mansion, 235/2, Elephant Road, Dhaka-1205. The book is expected to be published on 4th death anniversary of Samad in October this year.

Incidentally, today is M. Abdus Samad's 71st birthday.

Samad began his career as a cinematographer in UK, after completing a diploma on cinematography from there. After returning home in 1963, Samad initially worked as a cinematographer. Eventually he emerged as a film director in 1973.

It should be mentioned that Samad worked as a trainee cinematographer in Academy Award wining movies *The Guns of Navarone* and *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

Among Samad's notable works as a cinematographer in the country are *Aasiya, Roopban, Ora Egaro Jon, Shangram* and more. Samad directed *Shurja Shangram* and *Shurjagrahan*.

Debate competition in Faridpur

REZAUL KARIM, *Faridpur*

A two-daylong debate competition titled "*Swapan duar khuley esho arun alokey*" was held in Faridpur recently. The event was held at Kobi Jasimuddin hall, organised by Faridpur CDL Debate Forum.

Sixteen teams from different schools and colleges of the town took part in the contest.

Govt. Sarda Sundari Mahila College team won the championship defeating the Govt. Rajendra College team at the final of the college section. Govt. Girls High School won over Govt. Zila School in the school section of the competition.

Mridul Kanti Ghosh, chief executive of Faridpur Zila Parisad, was the chief guest at the concluding programme. Among others, Abdul Awal Hawlader, Faridpur additional district magistrate; Professor Altaf Hossein; Professor Motaleb Hossein and Professor Rizvi Zaman spoke at the function with Arif Islam, president of Faridpur CDL Debate Forum in the chair.

Crests, certificates and gifts were presented to the winners. Young artistes performed at a cultural programme after the prize-giving ceremony.

Celebration marking the reopening of a canal in Netrakona

JAHANGIR ALAM, *Netrakona*

A daylong cultural programme was held at Mohanganj upazila headquarter in Netrakona district last Sunday to mark the reopening of the 10 km long Shialjani canal, recovered after 50 years. The celebration was organised by the upazila administration of Mohanganj and 'Dharmapasha' of Sunamganj district.

The daylong celebration included *nouka-baich* (boat race), *Jari* songs, *Ha-du-du* match and a cultural programme.

Environmentalist Abu Nasar, president of 'Parjhesh Bachao Andolon'; Kazi Abed Khan, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Mohanganj upazila; Masudul Haque, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Dharmapasha upazila; and Shahid Iqbal, Chairman of Mohanganj pourasava were present at the celebration.

Over 50 boats from the *haor* areas took part in the *nouka-baich* in Shialjani canal.

After the boat race a competition on *Jari* songs was held at the Mohanganj open ground premises. Around 12 groups took part in the competition. This was followed by *Ha-du-du* matches. Eight *Ha-du-du* teams took part in the competition.

The UNO of Mohanganj upazila handed over prizes among the winner.

The celebration wrapped up with a cultural programme held at the Mohanganj upazila auditorium. Local artistes performed in the programme.

Movie Watch

"Hancock": Able to leap tall buildings, even if hung over

Will Smith (left) stars as a distressed superhero in *Hancock*

Soon into the superhero spectacular "Hancock," before the machinery has fully kicked in, and the story is still wreathed in blissful ambiguity, you see the star Will Smith sprawled on a Los Angeles bench. Dirty, dishevelled, in full distressed costume and character, and within easy sloshing reach of a bottle, he looks lost and alone, much like all the human detritus that washes up in every city and remains mostly unnoticed. But there's no ignoring Hancock, who has amazing powers. He can fly, for starters, and soon enough he's blasting straight into the heavens, the first homeless superhero in movies -- Superbum!

Alas, though he can look the part, Hancock isn't literally homeless, just rootless, troubled and bedevilled. He drinks hard, swears at children (who curse him in turn), rarely shaves, never smiles. Worse, he has lousy superhero style, with sneakers and shorts (no cape), a grubby watch cap pulled over his forehead and buggy sunglasses that hide his (X-ray?) eyes. His takeoffs and landings are a mess: sloppy and violent, they invariably leave a heap of trouble and general rubble in his wake. He's "Pothole Man," "Train Wreck Man," but mainly he is "Seriously Ticked Off Man," which, given that he's also a black man in Los Angeles, suggests that this superhero story comes with some bite, even a few nibbling sharp teeth.

Although whatever teeth it had have mostly been pulled, "Hancock" makes for one unexpectedly satisfying and kinky addition to Hollywood's superhero chronicles. Touching and odd, laden with genuine twists and grounded by three appealing lead performances, it was ably directed by Peter Berg and written by Vy Vincent Ngo and Vince Gilligan. There's a real jolt in the choking, splenetic exhaust of a disgruntled blockbuster anti-hero, especially one played by the affable Smith, who 12 years ago helped save the world in "Independence Day," a movie that made blowing up the White House into a joke.

Engineered for broad, knowing laughs, "Hancock" is principally a comedy and for a while plays out that way, notably when Smith is interacting with Jason Bateman. Their characters meet cute when Hancock saves Ray (Bateman) from being flattened by a freight train. In typical fashion, Hancock botches the save. He plucks Ray from death, but in the process derails the train and, also true to bad form, receives an invective-laced earful from the gathering mob. Struck by the crowd's hostility, Ray, a public relations guy with a do-gooder streak and a beautiful wife, Mary (Charlize Theron), decides to rescue Hancock in turn by giving him a superhero makeover, one that follows a course blazed by many a fallen star (contrition, redemption, fabulousness).

For the most part, what filmmaker Peter Berg does is bring gravity to "Hancock," a heaviness that can feel lugubrious even in midair though it often seems just right for a lonely, walking-if-usually-flying, seemingly self-loathing question mark. Berg takes the character's complications to heart, and Smith, his charm and smile dimmed, does the same.

The extent of that complexity doesn't emerge until the big reveal, which involves Theron's character and is surprising enough to awe the audience. She helps Smith enrich the story's emotional texture, which is no small thing, since the movie itself starts to falter just when it begins to deepen. That's too bad because while "Hancock" is far from perfect -- it feels overly rushed, particularly toward its chaotic end -- it has a raggedness that speaks honestly to the fundamental human fragility that makes the greatest heroes super.

Source: Internet

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-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. 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.6:00 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, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

ATN BANGLA

08:15 *Ajker Shangbadpotro*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Chorkuthuri*
09:15 Drama Serial: *Showa Panch Arai Lane*
10:30 Talk Show: *Onyodrishti*
11:05 Three Stooges
11:35 Drama Serial: *Khatta Miththa*
12:15 *Shomali Shadakalo*
01:25 ATN Music
02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
03:15 Mega Serial: *O Amar Chokhkhu Nai*
03:45 Children's Programme: *Aha Ki Ananda*
04:20 Agricultural Programme: *Shomali Din*
05:10 Family Game Show: *Ononya*
05:40 *Obiraam Bangladesh*
06:20 Talk Show: *Katha Mala*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Mouchakey Dhil*
08:45 Drama: *Ba Kalom*
11:30 Cultural Programme: *Rang Mancha Tall*
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 *Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh*
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 *Grameenphone Tritio Matra*
11:05 Cricket On Line (Live)
11:30 *Amar Chhobi*
12:30 Talk Show: *Citycell Tarokakathan*
01:05 Musical Programme: *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:30 Musical Programme: *Sa Re Ga Ma*
02:35 *Ekatturer Dinguli*
03:05 i-Sports
03:30 *Hridoyer Gaan*
04:40 Musical Programme: *Saangeetmala*
05:30 *Mukhtijudho Protidin*
06:20 Business Show
06:30 Talk Show: *Shikhkhar Chalchitro*
07:50 Musical Programme: *Channel i Shera Kontho '08*

Channel i Shera Kontho '08
On Channel i at 7:50 pm
Musical Talent Hunt
Judge: Runa Laila, Sabina Yasmin

09:35 Drama Serial: Central Mental Hospital
10:00 Drama Serial: *Shongshar*
11:30 *Astey Astey Astey*
12:00 *Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro*

ETV

08:00 *Ajker Potrika*
08:30 *Ekush-er Shokaal*
09:15 Drama Serial: *Ghatok Ebong Amra*
10:30 *Ekush-er Business*
12:00 *Ekusher Dupur*
12:30 *Ekushey Business*: Special Focus
01:30 *Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara*
02:30 Drama Serial: *Ghatok Ebong Amra*
03:30 *Katha ar Gaan-ey*
04:00 Musical Programme: *Spondon*
05:45 *Ekusher Shondhya*
06:30 *Chhondey Shure Desh Jurey*
07:45 *Suraat Haal*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Ekey Shunya 10*
09:30 Drama Serial: *Tomtom*
10:10 *O Bondhu Amar*

RTV

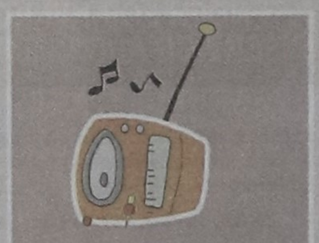
09:00 Drama Serial: *Aguntaak*
09:30 *Ei Amar Bangladesh*
10:03 Drama Serial: *Poroshpor*
11:00 *Kingfisher Taroka Alap*
11:30 Cookery Chow: *R Ranna*

ntv

08:30 *Ajker Shokaal*
08:55 Drama Serial: *Amar Bou Shob Janey*
09:30 *Rupali Pardar Galpo*
10:05 *Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan*
10:30 Music Express
11:00 *Alochon*
12:10 *Ei Shomoy*
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: *Amar Bou Shob Janey*
03:15 Glamour World
03:50 Drama Serial: *Baishakh Theke Srabon*
04:25 Gallery
05:30 *Apnar Jigyasha*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:45 Crime Watch
07:15 *ntv Deshey Deshey*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Eit Khather Khancha*
09:00 *ntv Shamoyiki*
09:45 Drama Serial: *Neer*
11:25 *Ei Shomoy*

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Children's Programme: *Ichhey Ghuri*
09:00 *Banglavision Café*
10:10 Drama Serial: *Swapnochura*
10:40 Talk Show: *Amar Ami*
11:35 *Visa Apnar Agami*
12:30 *Bhir-er Chapey*



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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
02:00 am Back to Back

06:00 *Saajh Bela*
06:30 Top News
07:00 *Rong Berong*
08:15 Drama Serial: *Moyur Bahon*
09:00 *Mon Bari*
09:30 Bioscope
11:00 One Glamour

HBO

10:00 Syriana
12:30 United 93
02:45 Accepted
04:45 Witness
07:00 Hollywood Spotlight : Kevin Costner
08:00 Monster House
10:00 Brokeback Mountain
12:00 Entourage 29: Strange Days

On HBO at 10:00 pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal

STAR MOVIES

09:55 Flyboys
12:15 Eden
02:00 Escape From New York
03:40 Smile
05:30 Ice Age 2
07:00 She's The Man
08:45 Miss Potter
10:20 Vip Access
10:50 Minotaur

STAR WORLD

08:30 Seinfeld
09:00 Friends
09:30 My Wife And Kids
10:00 According To Jim
10:30 Ifi Fight Night
11:30 Last Comic Standing
12:30 Less Than Perfect
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 Name Is Earl
09:00 Stacked
09:30 Ghost Hunters
10:30 Prison Break
11:30 Ifi Fight Night
12:30 Friends

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

11:30 Jaguar
12:30 Lockdown III
01:30 Forest Intruder
02:30 Race Car Drivers
03:30 I Didn't Know That
05:00 Snake Wranglers
05:30 Big Bang
06:00 Expedition Unknown
06:30 I Didn't Know That
07:00 Mad Labs
07:30 Jungle Breakout
08:30 Triumph of Life
09:30 In The Wombs: Animals
10:30 What Would Happen If
11:30 I Didn't Know That
12:30 Jungle Breakout

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 80's Tech
10:30 Ancient China: Agriculture
11:30 Eye Max
11:45 Dent King
12:30 Casanova
01:30 Jekyll & Hyde
03:30 Kamikaze
04:30 80's Tech
05:30 55' Chevy
06:30 Casanova
07:30 Decoding The Past
08:30 Assembly Line
09:30 Deadliest Mission
10:30 Pearl Harbor
11:30 Off The Ice
12:30 Looking for the Edge

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 A Low Down Dirty Shame
10:45 Honey, I Blew Up The Kid
12:45 Cool Runnings
03:00 Splash
05:30 Charlie Chaplin
05:50 Boxer From Shantung
08:30 The Juror
11:00 The Sixth Sense