

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photo Exhibition

Maruf Hasan Abhi's 1st solo exhibition
Title: Urban lifestyle cannibalising the rural way of life and environmental degradation
Venue: Galerie Zoom, Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi,
Date: July 10-23



Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion Week '08

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



African Film Festival

Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & the Alliance Francaise de Dacca
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, Road No 3, Dhanmondi.
Date: July 11
Casablanca (1942)
Director: Michael Curtiz
Time: 5:00 pm

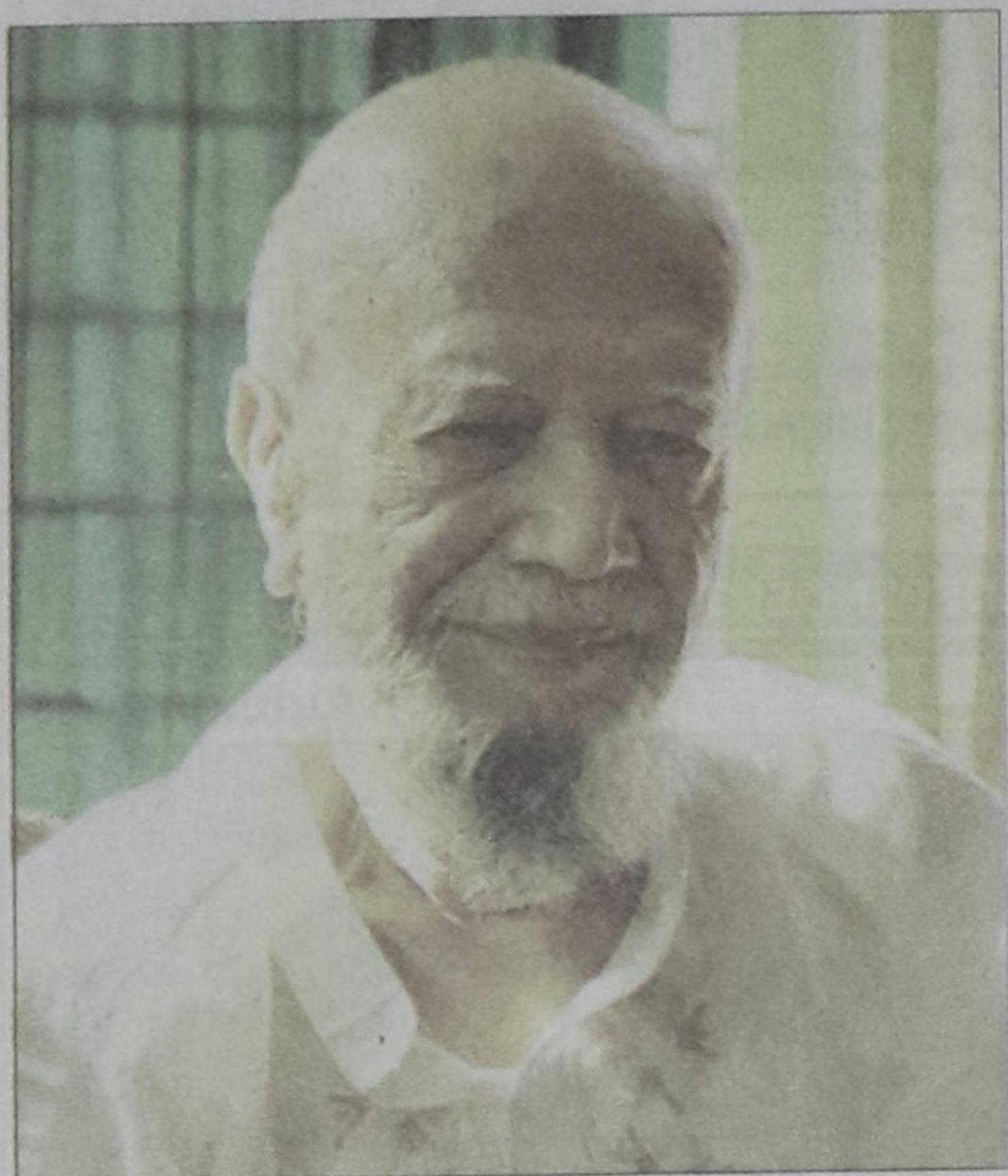


Discussion

Title: "Shilpi Safuddin Ahmed: Tar Shilpa Bhuvan"
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Dhanmondi 27 (old)
Date: July 11
Time: 5:30pm



Poet Al Mahmud turns 73



Al Mahmud

MOHAMMAD SHAHIDUL ISLAM

Today veteran Bangladeshi poet Al Mahmud turns 73. He was born in 1936, in Kasba, Brahmanbaria. It was a rainy night when he came into this world.
 He came to Dhaka, looking for work, when he was 21. Around 1954, his first poems were published in the literary supplements of Dhaka and Kolkata. Soon poetry enthusiasts in Dhaka and Kolkata alike took notice. He regularly wrote for *Chatuskon*, *Chaturanga*, *Mayukh* and *Krittibash*. Several poems by Mahmud published in *Kobita*, edited by Buddhadev Basu, created uproar amid the

contemporary literary giants. In Dhaka he started writing regularly for *Sikandar* Abu Zafar's *Shamokal*.
 Pastoral life, rivers, villages, shoals, love and the human biophysical urges are dominant themes in his poetry. He provoked the core of poetic appeal through wielding common colloquial words from local dialects and created a new trend. A critique once evaluated him as an individualistic genius of poetry in the subjects of nature and rural community other than Jibananda Das and Jasimuddin. For *Lok Lokantor* and *Kaler Kalosh*, two great works, Al Mahmud won Bangla Academy Award in 1968.

In 1975, Mahmud joined Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy as Assistant Director of Research and Publication. In 1993, he retired from the academy as Director. Al Mahmud has published more than 50 books of poetry, short stories, novels, articles and more. He also edited and ran a number of journals, magazines and dailies.

Al Mahmud's name will forever shine in the Bengali literature for his masterpiece *Shonali Kabin*. This is a landmark in Bengali poetry. The book was first published in 1973. It drew much attention at home and abroad. After the book was published, eminent philosopher Shibnarayan Roy commented: "Al Mahmud has an extraordinary gift for telescopic discrete levels of experience; in his poems I find a marvelous fusion and wit which reminds me occasionally of Bishnu Dey. The complete secularism of his approach is also striking...he was born and brought up in a very conservative Muslim religious family; it is not a secularism forced by some ideology, but present naturally and ubiquitously in his metaphors, images and themes."

Mahmud's other famous works include *Mayabi Porla Dule Otho*, *Arobbo Rojonir Rajhash*, *Bakhtiyarer Ghor*, *Pankourir Rakto*, *Nadir Bhitorer Nodi*, and *Kobi-r Amtobishwash*. Al Mahmud's poetic genius has been evaluated, recognised and honoured with many awards like Ekushey Padak, Philips Literary Award, Alakta Literary Award, Sufi Motaher Hossain Literary Gold Medal and many more.

Al Mahmud is fond of traveling and reading books. He has visited India, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Iran, UK, USA, Canada, France etc.
 The poet has five sons and three daughters. His wife Sayeda Nadira Begum is a major source of inspiration to the poet.

Black's latest album "Abar" launched

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Black's much-anticipated album *Abar* was launched at Bashundhara City yesterday. The album, sponsored by Warid Telecom, has been produced by G-Series. This is the band's first album in five years.

Black's first two albums were *Amar Prithibi* (2001) and *Utshober Por* (2003).

The album, as the title suggests, announces the return of Black in the music scene.

Speaking at the press conference Jon (vocalist of the band) said, "This is a great occasion for us. We had plans to release this album much earlier, but due to the inevitable circumstances we had to put it on hold."

Jon thanked Sumon of

Aurthohin; Iqbal Asif Jewel, guitarist of Miles; lyricist Zubair Hussain Imon and sound engineer Isha Khan Durey for their support.

Nazmul Huq Bhuiyan, proprietor G Series; Asif Ahmed, marketing services manager, Warid Telecom; Zeeshan K Huq, senior manager (marketing) Warid Telecom and musician Sumon were also present at the press conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Zeeshan K Huq said, "We are keen to support the local talents in the music industry as we intend to foster creativity and talent in the sector."

Abar includes ten tracks -- *Manush pakhir gaan*, *Abar*, *Abohomon*, *Oboho*, *Shorohidhdho*, *Ei gaan*, *Na thaka jibon*, *Korun*, *Chinho* and *Keno*.



(L-R) Sumon, Nazmul Huq Bhuiyan, Zeeshan K Huq, Tony, Jahan, Jon and Asif Ahmed at the album launch

Many movie theatres decide to leave the Bat Signal on till dawn

"The Dark Knight" just spilled over into early morning.

In a frenzy, fans have bought so many late-night tickets for the July 18 opening of the next Batman movie that theatres in places like San Diego, Chicago and even small towns in US are scheduling 6 am screenings for those who can't get in at midnight or 3 in the morning.

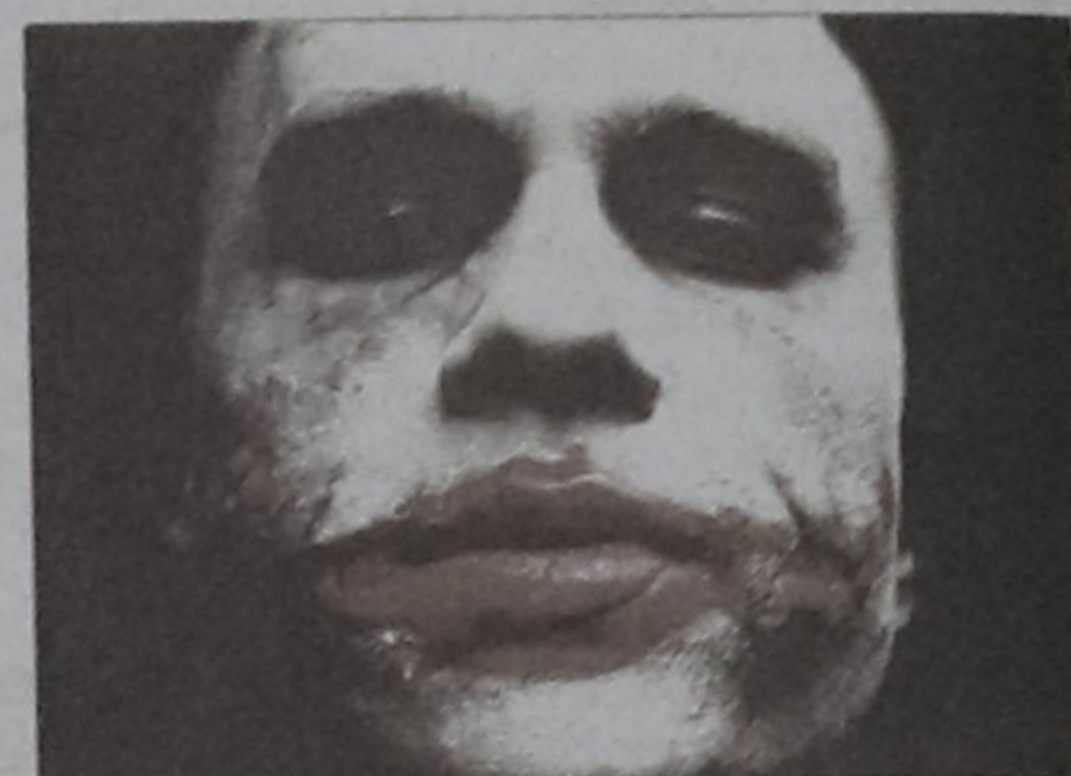
Movie theatres have sometimes opened their doors at odd hours for their most highly anticipated films, say, an entry in the "Star Wars" series, and midnight shows have become part of the summer blockbuster ritual.

But all-night sell-outs far in advance of an opening have come only with the near ubiquity of online ticket sales. Fandango.com, for instance, reports well over 1,500 wee-hour showings for "The Dark Knight" in theatres that typically do not open their doors before about 10 a.m.

"The Dark Knight," which stars Christian Bale as Batman, is directed by Christopher Nolan. It builds on his "Batman Begins," which took in more than \$200 million at the domestic box office for Warner Brothers after opening to a solid, but not spectacular, \$49 million in domestic ticket sales in June 2005. The film also had strong sales on DVD.

This time much of the fan interest has been driven by word of a career-topping performance by Heath Ledger, the Australian actor who died in January. His louche interpretation of the Joker has already inspired Oscar talk.

"In the public mind, opening weekends have been eventised," said Thomas Tull, the chairman of Legendary Pictures and an executive producer of "The Dark Knight."



Heads up, Gotham: the Joker (Heath Ledger) approaches.

Increasingly, fans have paid certain movie openings -- most recently that of "Sex and the City" -- the attention once reserved for rock concerts, basketball games or the introduction of a hot product like the iPhone.

About 38 percent of ticket buyers polled by Fandango said in a recent survey that they intended to take some or all of July 18 off to see "The Dark Knight."

According to Movietickets.com, about one in four of the respondents to a survey of moviegoers under 25 polled between June 24 and June 28 said "The Dark Knight" was the next movie he or she expected to see in theatres.

Source: Internet

"Woman's World We Beautify" on Channel-i

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Channel-i will air the second episode of "Woman's World We Beautify" today at 6pm.

The programme is especially designed for the beauty conscious. Each episode of the programme is divided into various segments -- 'Beauty science', 'Beauty diet', 'Panoramic view', 'Beautiful mind', 'Fashion today' and 'Beauty horoscope' -- offering tips on beautification and more.

There is also a Q & A segment attended by beautician Kona Alam answering queries regarding beautification and makeover.

The show is hosted by Kankan.



A scene from the show



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

On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro
- 08:30 Talk Show: Onyodishi
- 09:20 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Education Zone
- 10:30 Cookery Show: ATN Rannaghar
- 11:05 Islamic Programme
- 02:30 Islamic Programme: Jibon Jigyasha
- 03:15 Bangla Feature Film Gram Gorjer Khobor
- 05:00 Amra Korbo Joy
- 06:20 Drama: Binocular
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
- 10:40 Bibeker Kachchhey Proshno
- 11:30 Drama Serial: Doll's House
- 12:05 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

- 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction
- 09:45 Grameenphone Trilomatra
- 10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy
- 11:30 Islamic Programme: Islam Ki Boley
- 12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap
- 12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 01:30 Grameenphone Trilomatray Apni
- 02:35 Selected Programme
- 05:30 Muktyudho Protidin
- 06:00 Woman's World
- 06:20 Rupantor
- 07:50 Channel-i Shera Kontho'08
- 09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar
- 10:00 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Drama Serial: 69
- 12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shanbadpotro

Rtv

- 08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Ongon
- 09:05 Drama Serial: Lokochuri
- 09:30 Musical Programme:

- 10:03 Japito Jibon
- 11:00 Drama Serial: Raat Jaga Pakhi
- 11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap
- 11:30 Just Band
- 12:15 Griho Sholli
- 01:30 Dhallywood Beats
- 02:30 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:55 News Update
- 06:00 Protidin
- 06:30 Musical Programme: Sa Sa Dhin Tai
- 08:00 Musical Programme: R Music
- 09:20 Hallo Love
- 11:00 Drama Serial: Mukhush Neel
- 11:30 Biz Event

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- 08:30 Aiker Shokaal
- 08:55 Ei Khaney Amar Desh
- 09:30 Anirban
- 10:30 Apnar Jigyasha
- 11:30 Musical Programme: Amar O Gaithey Ichchhey Holo
- 12:10 Music Jam
- 01:05 Mohilangon
- 01:25 Islamic Programme
- 02:30 Tele-film: Ekti Shundor Shokaal
- 04:25 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
- 05:30 Tiffin-er Phakey
- 06:45 Shurey Chhondey Anondey
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Houseful
- 09:30 Closeup 1 Tomakey Khujchhey Bangladesh
- 11:30 Washington Barta
- 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

ETV

- 08:30 Ekush-er Shokaal
- 08:30 Shonamoni Shukhey Oshukhey
- 10:30 Job Line
- 11:30 Ekush-er Chokh
- 12:00 Ekush-er Dupur
- 12:30 Shuraat Haal
- 01:30 Ei Shoplho
- 02:00 Bangla Feature Film
- 05:30 Sms Mania
- 06:30 Mukhto Khobor
- 07:45 Bincon-er Bishwa
- 08:15 Talk Show: Aaina Ghor
- 09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shabbag, Dhaka 1000
- 10:10 Musical Programme
- 11:40 Musical Programme: Phone O Live Studio Concert

BANGLAVISION

- 08:30 Agricultural Programme: Shamol Bangla
- 09:00 Nodi O Jibon
- 09:30 Tax O Amader Koronio
- 10:10 Bhala Thakun
- 11:05 Housing Barta
- 11:35 Career Show: Visa Apnar Agami

- 12:10 Islamic Programme: Mohioshi Nan
- 02:00 Educational Programme: Ebon
- Classer Bairay
- 02:40 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura
- 03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 04:20 Islamic Programme: Dharmo O Jibon
- 05:30 Street Show: Bhir-er Chapey
- 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

BOISHAKHI

- 10:30 Atyo Rokhay Marshal Arts
- 11:00 Shorashori Apnar Doctor
- 12:05 Boishakhi Tok Jhal Misti
- 02:10 Drama Serial: Kokil Dhekey Chhilo
- 03:00 Islamic Programme
- 05:00 Cartoon
- 06:00 Recitation Programme



Aina Ghar On Ekushey TV at 8:10 pm
 Talk Show
 Guest: Tinni, Hillol, Tomalika
 Host: Aupi Karim

- 06:25 Banglavisoin Cafe
- 08:25 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor
- 09:05 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhalo Shada Kalo
- 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 11:25 Shur-er Kathan
- 12:00 Shongbad Protidin
- 07:30 Drama
- 09:00 Drama Serial: Aral Thekey
- 10:30 Musical Programme: Shei Shur Ajo Achhey
- 11:00 Documentary Programme: Ekti Bangladesh
- 09:45 For Love Of The Game Solo
- 12:30 Seeing Double
- 04:30 The Making Of The Island
- 05:00 The Tailor Of Panama
- 07:00 Small Soldiers
- 09:30 Spider-Man 3
- 12:15 HBO Full Access: The Making Of Spider-Man 3
- 08:30 Seinfeld
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STAR WORLD

- 08:30 Seinfeld
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- 09:30 The It Crowd
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- 11:30 30 Rock

- 12:00 Scrubs
- 12:30 Beauty And The Geek
- 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



- 08:00am Hello Dhaka
- 12:00pm Hamd-Nath and Quran recital
- 11:45pm Foorti Unlimited
- 06:00pm Bumper to Bumper
- 10:00pm Back to Back music
- Radio Today 89.6 FM
- 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00am Post Box 9032
- 01:00pm Islami Gan
- 02:00pm Rupai Gan
- 07:00pm Today's World Music
- 12:00am Today's Happy Moments
- 12:10am Today's Dhun Tracks

- 11:30 Eye Max
- 12:15 Dent King
- 12:30 Casanova
- 01:30 Classic Albums
- 02:30 Ice Road Truckers
- 03:30 Palenque
- 04:30 Christmas Tech
- 05:30 Ancient Rome-Rise Of Apartment
- 06:30 Casanova
- 07:30 The Aztecs
- 08:30 Al Qaeda 2007
- 09:30 Ancient Rome
- 10:30 Revolution
- 11:30 Ice Road Truckers

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 11:30 Megastructures
- 12:30 Super Factories
- 01:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius
- 02:00 Life At The Edge
- 02:30 Ultimate Adventures
- 03:30 Mumbai Mega Flood
- 04:30 I Didn't Know That
- 05:00 Snake Wranglers
- 05:30 Big Bang
- 06:00 Lizard Kings
- 06:30 I Didn't Know That
- 07:00 Mad Labs
- 07:30 Hunter Hunted
- 08:30 Assault On The Megaherd
- 09:30 NG's Amazing Moments
- 10:30 Assault On The Megaherd
- 11:30 On Thin Ice

STAR PLUS

- 10:00 Saibaba
- 11:00 Hamar Devrani
- 11:30 Ghnash
- 01:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

- 01:30 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
- 02:00 Hamar Devrani
- 02:30 Karam Apna Apna
- 05:00 Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil
- 07:00 Hamar Devrani
- 07:30 Aek Chabhi Hai Pados Mein
- 08:00 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Selezhai
- 09:30 Pritviraj Chauhan
- 10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby
- 10:30 Jo Jeeta Wohi Superstar
- 11:30 Ghnash
- 12:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

STAR MOVIES

- 08:25 The Mistress Of Spices
- 10:05 Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties
- 11:35 Vip Access
- 12:05 Treasure Raiders
- 01:40 Roll-Bounce!
- 03:35 Final Contract - Death On Delive
- 05:15 Nine Months
- 07:00 Omen, The Robotech: The Shadow Chronicles
- 08:50 Where The Truth Lies
- 12:00 Stay

- 08:00 Seinfeld
- 08:30 In Case Of Emergency
- 09:00 It Always Sunny In Philadelphia
- 09:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader
- 10:00 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader
- 10:30 Blood Ties
- 11:30 The Unit
- 12:30 Friends

ZEE STUDIO

- 08:30 Double Team
- 10:30 The In-laws
- 12:45 The United States Of Leiland
- 03:15 Ruthless People
- 05:30 Dark Water
- 07:45 El News
- 08:10 Disciples Of The 36th Chamber Of Shaolin
- 11:00 Cinderella Man

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 09:30 Christmas Tech
- 10:30 The Aircraft Carriers



Spider-Man 3 On HBO at 9:30 pm
 Genre: Action/Sci-Fi
 Cast: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst