

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Photo Exhibition

Manul Hasan Abbi'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



Film Screening

Ken Loach Retrospective
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, 110-112, Aziz Super Market, Shahbag
Date: July 12-16
July 13
 "Raining Stones" at 4pm and "Bread and Roses" at 6pm



265th birth anniversary of Russian poet Gavrill Derzhavin

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



Photo Exhibition

Title: 400 years of Dhaka
Sponsored by: HSBC
Venue: Drik Gallery, 58, Dhanmondi 15/A (new)
Date: July 13-22



DISCUSSION

Safiuddin Ahmed: A bridge between the old and new

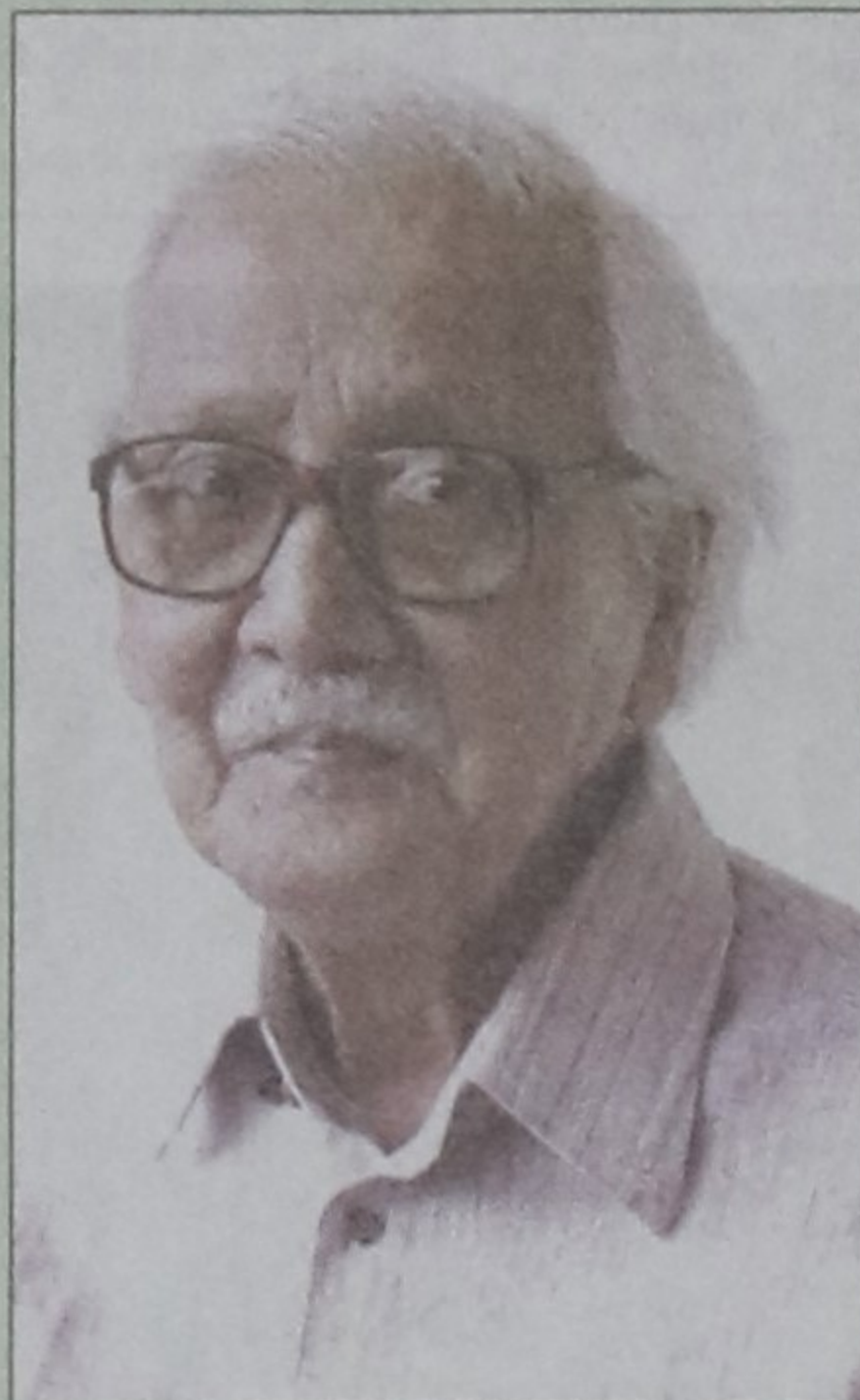
FAYZA HAQ

At a discussion on the life and works of Safiuddin Ahmed, held at Bengal Gallery on July 11, Rafiqun Nabi said that Safiuddin is the most senior artist in Bangladesh and that he has had tremendous influence on the artists who came after him. "He has had more time to study life around him than any other artist of our time. He not only drew and painted but also looked deep into his surroundings, beginning from the British period, to the days of Pakistani rule up till now. He not only touched on romanticism but the reality that was a part of his surrounding -- he touched political and social realities after '71, as much as anything else," he said.

As a teacher, said Nabi, Safiuddin was a tremendous success. He was Nabi's teacher from the time he returned from London. "He was not the type to praise without reason. He could be quite critical. As an artist he never aspired to have successful exhibitions. He was attached to his pictures and did not like to part with them. Also, he did not want to be involved in the business of selling paintings to patrons. Again, he would sit and evaluate his work again and again," added Nabi.

Professor B.K. Jahangir said, "Safiuddin is a rare artist among us, who never gave importance to making a living with the sale of his paintings. He would take out his paintings from the locker, examine them and repeat the themes, improving on them."

Professor Azizul Haq said that for 60 years Safiuddin Ahmed pursued art, ignor-



Safiuddin Ahmed



One of Safiuddin's artworks

ing everything else in life. He said that his fascination for lines was there since his Calcutta and London days. His works were the reflections of his thoughts, said Professor Haq. "In his recent exhibition we see the development of his style from the beginning till now, as he made his way, breaking through new ideas," he said. Professor Haq added that there should be a museum of his works alone just as that for Zainul Abedin and Qamrul Hassan.

"In his black and white works we find the purist and perfectionist. There

appears to be a glow within the black. Keeping in mind that he is an artist from the 1940s, compared to his contemporaries, he is the only one who has developed over the decades. He is a bridge between the older and newer generation," said Abul Mansoor.

Shishir Bhattacharjee said that Safiuddin's brush line work was remarkable even before he went to London. "If he had been a painter we would not have gotten his fine black and white work. When he went into distortion as he did with flowers, this was done with meticu-

lous care. His depiction of fish, hen coops, boats, houses, people were indeed remarkable, bearing a style of his own."

Nasreen Begum added, "Safiuddin Ahmed is an unusually sincere and dedicated artist. As my teacher he told me that even when he applied a dot after his work was nearly completed, he pondered over it. His black and white, flood and eye series reflect some deep sorrow and suffering. In his work we find tremendous depth of thought."

Theatre

"Khandani Kissa": A satire on aristocracy

ERSHAD KAMOL

There are many so-called "elites" in the society who forget their ordinary roots, when climbing the social ladder. This tendency has been criticised in Shubachan Natya Sangsad's musical comedy titled *Khandani Kissa*.

Khandani Kissa was staged on July 11 at Mahila Samity Stage.

In S.M. Solaiman's musical comedy two hostile siblings -- Khaled Sobhan and Pushpo Sobhan -- are proud of their family heritage. Their father, however, was an ordinary peasant.

Khaled Sobhan, who was a collaborator of the Pakistani army during the Liberation War, claims that he is the torchbearer of a rich Islamic family tradition. And he wants his next generation to follow that tradition.

On the other hand Pushpo Sobhan was a refugee in India during the Liberation War. Without any involvement with the war, he is honoured as a "Freedom Fighter" in the society. Pushpo Sobhan is a proud aristocrat, following secular family values, and is a patron of the traditional Bengali culture.

But, the shallow aristocracy of both siblings come crashing down when their uncle Shona Miah, a peasant, comes to meet them after a long gap.

To satire the "tendency to compromise" between the secularist and the fundamentalist in the society, in Solaiman's musical comedy the hostile siblings come to an agreement to deal with the "unwanted" situation -- the arrival of their uncle.

Khandani Kissa also satires

those who react to injustice in the society, but do little to solve the problem.

Tunes of popular songs have been used in the musical drama, which was initially directed by S.M. Solaiman, and subsequently reconstructed by Ahsan Habib Nasim.

Though sometimes the presentation style of *Khandani Kissa* may appear as "exaggeration" in many scenes such as portrayal of the character 'Kabi Syed', a cultural activist, as a transvestite, the "rough theatre" has the power to grow hatred amongst the audience on the contemporary social milieu.

Rupa Nasrin as Nusrat Jahan, Imran Khan Munna as Hayat Draj M.A. Haider as Khaled Sobhan and Ahsan Habib Nasim as Shona Miah performed well.



A scene from *Khandani Kissa*

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

On Air

<p>05:45 The Sword of Tipu Sultan 06:20 Three Stooges 08:00 Drama Serial: Showa Paanch Arai Lain 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Barir Bou 09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House 12:00 Gramephone Lead News</p> <p>CHANNEL-1</p> <p>09:30 Shagbadpotrey Bangladesh 09:45 Public Reaction 09:50 Grameen Phone Tritomatra 11:05 Tele Prescription 11:30 Hridoyer Mati O Manush</p> <p>BTV</p> <p>08:20 Shuprobhat 08:45 Bishwa Bichitra 09:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi 09:30 Nazrul Song: Smritimoy Geetimoy 10:05 Open University 10:30 Coffey-er Table-ey Gaalgolpo 11:30 Gaan Gulf Mor 12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha 01:00 Drama 02:15 Educational Programme: Dialog 03:05 Cartoon 03:30 Ongona 04:05 Amader angina 04:30 Shur Lohori 05:05 Debate 06:15 Malachyo 07:00 Mati O Manush 07:20 Chena Jana 07:40 Esho Bangladesh Gori 08:35 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konya 09:00 Golpo Theke Natok 10:30 Matr Gaan</p> <p>ATN BANGLA</p> <p>08:15 Aiker Shanbadpotro 08:30 Drama Serial: Nupur 09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti 11:05 Drama 12:15 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai 01:25 Kheilar Jogot 02:30 Drama Serial: Bijoya 03:15 Selected Programme 04:25 Talk Show: Proshongo 05:10 Talk Show: Kaal-er Jattrar Dhoni</p> <p>12:30 Taroka Kathan 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma 02:35 Ekattur Er Dinguli 03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan 04:05 ChanneH Shera Kontho 05:30 Mukujudhoo Prolidin 06:00 i Speed 06:20 Super Man 07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum 08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey 09:45 ChanneH Shera Kontho'08</p>	<p>10:00 Special Drama Serial: Shongshar 11:30 Mega Serial: 69</p> <p>ETV</p> <p>08:30 Ekush-er Shokal 09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000 10:30 Ekush-er Business 12:00 Ekusher Dupur 12:30 Ekush-er Business: Special Focus 01:30 Ekush-er Business: Shaphol Jara 02:10 Musical Programme</p> <p>09:05 Shomoyer Dorpon 09:35 Drama 10:03 Drama Serial: Nirantor 10:55 News Update 11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap 12:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatel Anondo 01:30 Dhallywood Beats 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:00 Prolidin 06:30 Musical Programme: Cinema ar Gaan 08:00 Wide Angle 08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna 09:20 Drama Serial: Dohan</p> <p>11:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor 11:30 Biz Event 12:00 Editor's Comment</p> <p>BANGLAVISION</p> <p>08:30 Shur-er Bhuboney 09:00 Cinebit 09:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar 02:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol 03:05 Nodi O Jibon 04:20 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagorik 05:30 Law Chamber 06:05 Din-er Sheshey 06:20 Cinebit Shada Kalo 06:50 Sports Vision</p>	<p>08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar 09:05 Visa Apnar Agami 09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura 11:25 Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari 12:00 Shagbad Prolidin</p> <p>CHANNEL 1</p> <p>08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh 10:30 Bangla Feature Film 02:00 Bishwa Jurey Shath Din 03:30 Drama Serial: Moza Marey Foza Bhai 04:00 Gaan-er Khata 04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad</p> <p>06:00 Nazrul Song 08:00 Drama: Apon Thikana 09:00 Drama: Swapner Prithibi 10:30 Business Hour 11:15 Musical Programme</p> <p>HBO</p> <p>08:45 Spider-Man 3 11:30 Barnyard 01:15 Hollywood's 10 Best: Animated Movies 01:45 The Making Of The Departed 02:15 The Departed 05:00 The Making Of Flushed Away 05:30 Entourage 29: Strange Days</p> <p>11:00 Mercenary For Justice 12:40 Past Sins</p> <p>THE HISTORY CHANNEL</p> <p>09:30 Chinese Warfare 10:30 Egyptian Warfare 11:30 Elvis Presley 12:30 Jacqueline Kennedy 01:30 Angkor Wat 02:30 Ice Road Truckers 03:30 New York 04:30 Osama Bin Laden 10:15 Augustus: First Emperor 11:30 Genghis Khan</p> <p>STAR PLUS</p> <p>09:30 Krishna Kathaiyen 10:30 Jai Maa Durga 11:30 Jo Jeela Wohi Superstar 03:30 Baabul 04:30 Saibaba 05:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Setezhai 09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan 11:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby 10:30 Style</p> <p>ZEE STUDIO</p> <p>10:45 Meet The Robinsons 01:00 Free Willy 03:30 The Soft Skin 06:00 The Hollywood Reporter - Repeat 06:30 Hot Shots! 08:15 Hell Raiders 11:00 Mansfield Park</p> <p>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</p> <p>11:30 Luffhansa Nat Geo Genius 12:00 Forest Diseases 01:30 Hunter Hunted 02:30 Storm Shooter 03:30 Bombay Calling 04:30 Serious Amazon 05:00 Rome 05:30 Big Bang 06:00 Wild Detectives 06:30 I Didn't Know That 07:00 Mad Labs 07:30 American Buffalo 08:30 Caught In The Act 09:30 Animals Behaving Badly 10:30 BMW 11:30 Caught In The Act 12:00 Animals Behaving Badly</p>
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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, 9:00am, 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 am, 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, 10:30pm, 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

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-tun
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
 11:00pm Raal Vor Gan
 02:00 am Back to Back

Pathfinder
 On Star Movies at 5:20 pm
 Genre: Action/Adventure
 Cast: Karl Urban, Moon Bloodgood

06:15 Entourage 30: The Release
 06:45 The Making Of Spider-Man 3
 07:00 Inside Man
 09:30 The Mummy
 11:45 Spider-Man 3

STAR WORLD

09:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
 11:30 Seinfeld
 01:30 Friends
 04:00 My Wife And Kids
 04:30 According To Jim
 05:00 My Name Is Earl
 05:30 Stacked
 06:00 In Case Of Emergency
 06:30 That 70s Show
 07:00 Hope And Faith
 07:30 Ugly Betty
 08:30 Ugly Betty
 09:30 Gray's Anatomy
 10:30 Desperate Housewives
 11:30 Blood Ties
 12:30 Ghost Hunters

STAR MOVIES

09:30 Bordertown
 11:25 Vip Access
 11:55 Deja Vu
 02:00 Invinible
 03:50 Firestorm
 05:20 Pathfinder
 07:00 Goal II: Living The Dream
 08:55 The Last King Of Scotland