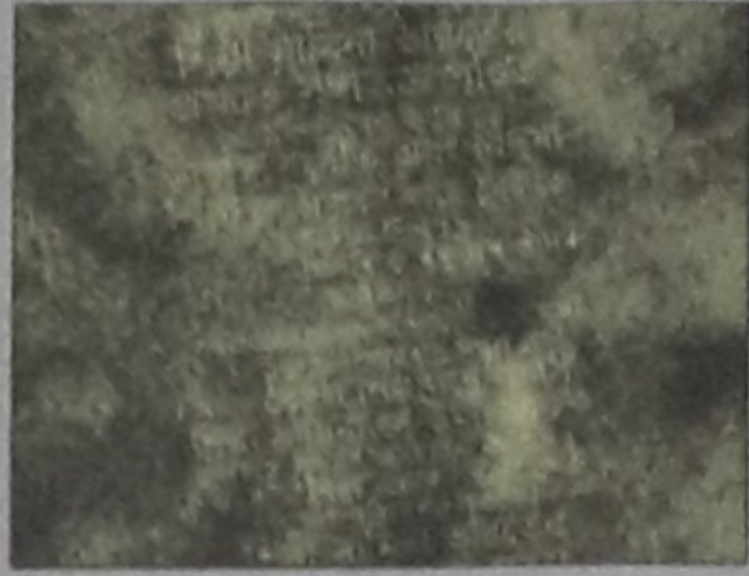


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Solo Musical Soiree

Artist: Samina Dey Urmil  
Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: August 11  
Time: 7pm



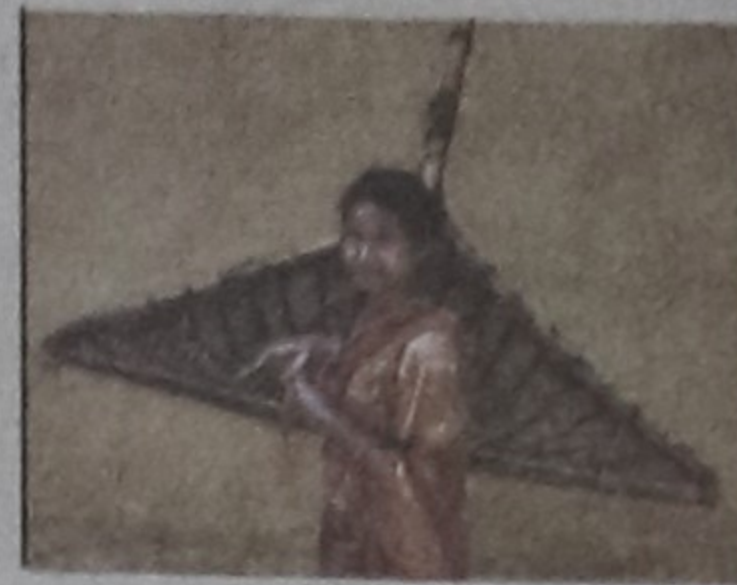
### Film Screening

Film: The Birds (Alfred Hitchcock)  
Venue: Bangladesh Film Centre, 160, Lake Circus (4th floor), Kolabagan  
Date: August 8-9  
Time: 5pm and 7pm



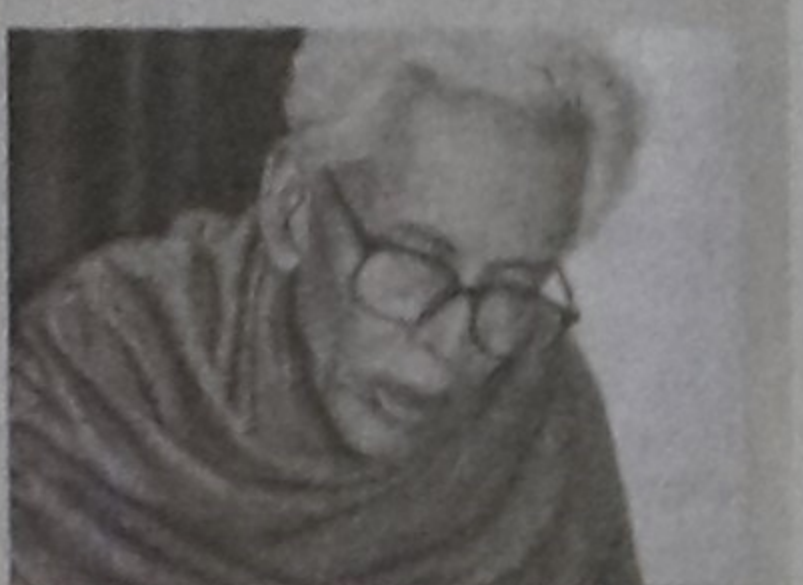
### Photography Exhibition

Title: Indigenous Women in Bangladesh  
Photographer: Mahmud  
Venue: Dnk Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dhanmondi  
Date: August 7-13  
Time: 3pm-8pm



### Fourth Death Anniversary of Santosh Gupta

Organiser: Santosh Gupta  
Smriti Parishad  
Venue: Press Club Conference Lounge  
Date: August 9  
Time: 5pm



## Swapnodal observes Hiroshima Day

"Tringsho Shotabdi" staged



Actors of Swapnodal in a scene from *Tringsho Shotabdi*

PHOTO: MUMIT M

### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Hiroshima Day is observed around the world, recalling the United States' dropping of the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The day is marked with special vigils and peace marches.

Like previous years, theatre troupe Swapnodal organised a programme to observe Hiroshima Day on August 6 at the Experimental Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. The troupe has been organising special programmes on Hiroshima Day since 2002.

This year's programme began

with a poster exhibition. Humayun Kabir collected these posters -- depicting the annihilation of the city by the nuclear bomb -- from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Foundation in Japan.

Lalon exponent Farida Parveen delivered speech at the programme. Another attraction was the staging of a play, *Tringsho Shotabdi* (thirtieth century) by Swapnodal. The organisers took a firm stance against war and expressed their solidarity with war victims.

*Tringsho Shotabdi* is an adaptation of Indian playwright Badal Sarker's play by Zahid Ripon. In the play the narrator interrogates some historical characters such as Einstein (who invented the

theory based on which atom bombs were later developed), Major Fereby (the pilot of the aircraft that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima), and Major Claude Itharby (who carried the nuclear bomb to Nagasaki and later became insane on his realisation of the crime).

In addition Ripon has packed some punches against contemporary brutal war waged by the American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. And through a replicated military exercise he has depicted the nuclear activities of the global superpowers.

*Tringsho Shotabdi* has been directed by Zahid Ripon.

## Federal investigators drop Ledger drug inquiry

AP, New York

Federal prosecutors have decided not to pursue a criminal case into how Heath Ledger obtained the powerful painkillers that contributed to his overdose death this year, a law enforcement official said Wednesday.

Prosecutors in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan had been overseeing a Drug Enforcement Administration probe into whether the painkillers found in Ledger's system were obtained illegally. But the prosecutors have bowed out "because they don't believe there's a viable target," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because no charges have been filed.

The decision comes after recent reports that actress Mary-Kate Olsen was demanding immunity before answering questions about the startling death of her close friend and his drug use. Authorities say she was the first person called by a masseuse who found the 28-year-old "Dark Knight" actor's lifeless body in his Manhattan apartment.

The DEA had obtained a subpoena that could have forced Olsen if she continued to hold out. But the subpoena, issued in April, is no longer valid because it was contingent upon prosecutors pursuing the case, the official said last Wednesday. The official added that the case could still be revived if evidence of a crime emerges.

Rebekah Carmichael, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, said it's the office's policy to "neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation." There was no immediate response to a message left for Olsen's attorney, Michael C. Miller.

DEA investigators suspect the painkillers found in Ledger's system, oxycodone and hydrocodone, were obtained with phony prescriptions or other illegal means. Oxycodone is sold as OxyContin and hydrocodone as Vicodin.

Miller insisted this week that Olsen, a former child star on the sitcom "Full House," had already told the government she "does not know the source of the drugs Ledger consumed."

Other potential witnesses apparently answered questions voluntarily, including doctors, Ledger's ex-girlfriend Michelle Williams and people in his apartment around the time of his death.

Other drugs taken by Ledger, including anti-anxiety medication and sleeping pills, were prescribed legally by doctors in California and Texas.

The medical examiner's office wouldn't say what

concentrations of each drug were found but made clear he was killed by the combination -- not an excess of any one drug in particular. It's common for the DEA to investigate an overdose death with so many different drugs involved, a DEA spokesman said last month.

The masseuse discovered Ledger's body on January 22, 2008. Police say she spent nine minutes making three calls to Olsen before dialling 911 for help, then called the actress a fourth time after paramedics arrived. At some point during the flurry of frantic calls, Olsen, who was in California, summoned her personal security guards to the apartment to help, police said.

Ledger died after filming "The Dark Knight," the latest movie in the "Batman" series, in which he has earned rave reviews for playing a maniacal Joker. The film had taken in more than \$400 million domestically as of last Monday.



In this November 13, 2007 file photo, actor Heath Ledger attends a special screening of "I'm Not There" in New York. (AP Photo)

## Johansson embarrassed by Obama e-mail drama

Scarlett Johansson can laugh about it now, but the actress says she was embarrassed by the media coverage of her so-called "e-mail relationship" with Barack Obama.

"It seemed to me to be like a product of extreme sexism, and I kept thinking to myself, 'God, if this was just, like, Kal Penn or George Clooney or any of the other (Obama) surrogates or supporters... there wouldn't be (any) question about it. Nobody would even talk about it,' she said.

Johansson, a vocal supporter of Obama, told the Web site Politico.com in June that she and the Democratic presidential hopeful had been trading e-mails. Obama later told reporters that Johansson doesn't have his personal e-mail address, and that his assistant forwarded one message from Johansson to which he replied.

"I was merely trying to express my delight at Obama's commitment to his campaign in every aspect and his interest and his support (in) his surrogates and his staff and his fellows, and how wonderful and refreshing that is. And it was manipulated into such an unfortunate media frenzy of kind of a non-story," the 23-year-old actress said last Tuesday in an interview from Los Angeles, where she was promoting her new Woody Allen film "Vicky Cristina Barcelona."

The romantic comedy set against the bohemian backdrop of Barcelona, Spain, has its share of buzz over Johansson's much-hyped kiss with Penelope Cruz.

"It's just silly because... the way people are talking about it you'd think it was... a Bertolucci movie or something," Johansson said, laughing. "People are saying, 'It's Woody Allen's steamiest movie.' I'm thinking, 'Woody Allen's steamiest WHAT?'"

It was the actress' third time working with Allen, who directed her in "Match Point" and "Scoop." She and actor-boy friend Ryan Reynolds had been snapped by paparazzi on the set of the movie last summer; she confirmed the couple's engagement in early May.

"We're just enjoying our time," she said. "We're just recently -- very recently -- engaged. So, you know, we're just taking it easy. And no big plan yet. But it's a good time and we're just... enjoying our time to be young and engaged."

"I mean, I'm 23. There's no reason to rush into it. Everything feels very natural and relaxed."

Source: CNN



Scarlett Johansson



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 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

**CHANNEL-1**  
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.

**ntv**  
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.

10:00 Talk Show: Mukto Shonglaap  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL 1

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Trilio Matra  
11:05 Amader Aaina  
12:05 Mukto Bazar Orthoniti  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Katha  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shobaar Jonjo Shorboshey  
Bigyan Dharona

02:35 Special Programme  
04:05 Hridoyer Gaan  
04:50 Sholyer Shondhaney  
05:30 Mukhti Judho Protidin  
06:00 Nagonik Shaglap  
06:20 Shamooki  
07:50 Drama Serial: Ghar Kutum  
08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey  
09:35 Hridoye Mali O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
11:30 Asthey Asthey Asthey  
12:00 Grameenphone Aikjer Shangebadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000

12:00 Ekusher Dupur  
12:30 Total Music  
02:00 Bangla Feature Film  
05:30 SMS Mania

05:45 Ekusher Shondha  
06:30 Shoptaho Ghurey Desh Jurey  
07:50 Explosive  
09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag Dhaka 1000

10:10 Game Show: Bhaboghurey Dot Com  
11:40 Shangkritir Shathdin  
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

### ntv

08:30 Aikjer Shokaal  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

01:05 Cartoon  
02:30 Drama Serial: House full  
03:20 Close-up 1 2008  
04:25 Golpo Katha Natak

05:30 Alokat  
06:45 Shangkriti Ei Shoptaho  
08:15 Drama Serial: Amar Bou Shob  
Janey

09:00 Drama: Ajob Chheley  
11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

### BANGLAVISION

08:30 Musical Programme: Pran-er Gaan

09:00 Cinebit Shadakalo

09:30 Children's Programme: Ichchhey Ghuri  
Home Care  
11:35 Abima  
12:30 Musical Programme: Bengal Music Unplugged  
02:30 Drama Serial: Mondo Bhala  
Shada Kalo  
03:05 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue



### Amar Ami

On Banglavisian at 9:05 pm

Talk Show

Tonight's Guest: Humayun Faridee

08:40 Sports Vision

05:30 Adibashi Shohingshota

06:05 Din-er Sheshey

06:20 Abima

06:50 Shamol Bangla

08:25 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagonik

09:05 Talk Show: Amar Ami

09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

11:25 Law Chamber

08:15 Drama Serial: Moza Marey Foza Bhal

05:30 Gaan-er Khanta

09:30 Angkar

11:00 Rupantor-er Golpo

**BOISHAKHI**

09:05 Drama Serial: Aral Theke

10:30 Musical Programme: Shei Shur

Ajo Achhey Shomoy Haar

Maney Jaar Kachhey

12:05 Islamic Programme

02:50 Bangla Feature Film

05:00 Drama Serial: Shey Amay

Bhalobasheyina

06:00 Selected Programme

07:30 Musical Programme: Prio Shilpi

Shera Gaan

09:00 Drama: Nijhum Shimanter

Bolaka

10:05 On The Spot

11:30 Selected Programme

**HBO**

08:45 Madeline

10:30 Second In Command

12:15 Firewall

02:30 She Creature

04:00 True Lies

06:45 Superman

09:30 Dark Storm

11:15 Hush

**STAR MOVIES**

08:30 Home Alone 3

10:15 The Ringer

11:50 Arthur And The Minimoys

01:30 Lucky Number Slewin

03:20 X

05:20 Rocky Balboa

07:00 Eragon

08:45 Volcano

10:30 Pitch Black

12:20 Zombies

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**

08:30 Speed

09:30 Amazing Moments

10:30 Telemail- Sauna Belt

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11:30 Super Pride

12:30 Spy Gadgets

01:30 Speed

02:30 Stampede Of The Megaherd

03:30 Strange Days

**ZEE STUDIO**

08:30 Snatch

11:00 Meet The Robinsons

01:00 Baby Geniuses

03:00 Sweet Home Alabama

05:30 Lords Of Dogtown

08:00 The Hollywood Reporter

08:30 Bad Company

11:00 Big Business

04:30 Nat Geo Junior Hunt - Season 2

05:30 Big Bang

06:00 Fur Seals

06:30 I Didn't Know That

07:00 What Would Happen If

07:30 Cats

08:30 Super Cat

09:30 Taboo

10:30 Super Cat

11:30 5 Weddings & A Funeral

12:00 Love Market In The Clouds

**STAR WORLD**

10:00 It Always Sunny In Philadelphia

10:30 Tna Wrestling

11:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader

12:30 Blood Ties

01:30 The Unit

02:30 The Apprentice

04:00 Last Comic Standing

05:30 Tna Xplosion

06:30 Tna Wrestling

07:30 Smallville

08:30 Prison Break

09:30 Bones

10:30 Criminal Minds

11:30 Tna Xplosion

12:30 Special Forces

**THE HISTORY CHANNEL**

09:15 Eye Max

09:30 Cars and Planes

10:30 Machines of the East

11:30 King of the World

01:30 Modern Marvels

02:30 Secrets of the Sun

03:30 Athens: Ancient Superdity

04:30 9/11 Hijackers

05:30 The Bronte Sisters

06:30 Wuthering Heights

08:30 Cambridge Spies

10:30 Karan Johar

11:30 Beatles