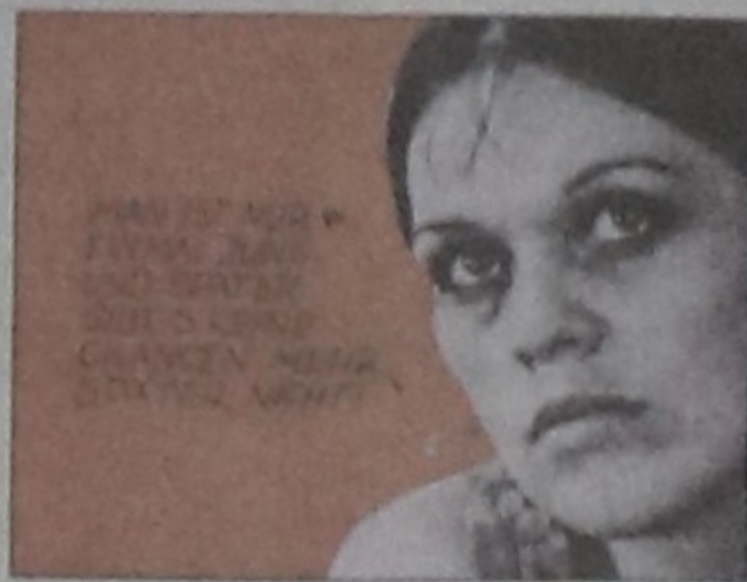


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Exhibition

An exhibition of a collection of posters of R. W. Fassbinder films  
**Venue:** Exhibition Gallery, Auditorium, Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dharmundi  
**Date:** October 20-23  
**Opening:** 5pm, October 20



### Recitation and Reminiscence

**Title:** A Day for Mahmoud Darwish  
**Organiser:** Liberation War Museum  
**Venue:** Liberation War Museum, 5, Shegunbagicha  
**Date:** October 5  
**Time:** 4:30 pm



### Film Screening

**Film:** Anna Karenina  
**Organiser:** Russian Centre of Science and Culture  
**Venue:** Modern Language Institute, DU  
**Date:** September 30  
**Time:** 12pm



### Fashion Fest and Musical Soiree

**Organiser:** Bengal Music and ICE Today  
**Venue:** Bengal Shipplaza, H 27/F, Rd 27 (old), Dharmundi  
**Date:** September 24-October 1  
**Time:** Exhibition 10am-11pm and Musical soiree 7:30 pm everyday  
**September 28**  
**Ornab and Friends**



## Handloom fabrics of Rangamati: Prospects and shortfalls

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The handloom industry in the Rangamati Hill District is a welcome employment opportunity for unemployed young females and underprivileged women, particularly the indigenous womenfolk.

While, handloom products are gradually gaining popularity both at home and overseas, the owners of the traditional handloom factories are discontented as their sales have declined unexpectedly due to a wane in the number of tourists. Adding to their woes are the skyrocketing prices of yarn, dyeing and other weaving materials. Prices have unexpectedly gone up by 50 percent, owners said.

Around 2,000 underprivileged female workers are engaged in weaving at different handloom factories in the district. Their work in the factories includes weaving, dyeing of cloth and processing yarn.

"I have been working here for the last three years. When I was an apprentice I was making only Tk 1200. After a raise, now I get Tk 2000," said Lalita Chakma, an experienced young worker at Bain Textile. However, weavers with experience usually earn Tk 2500 to 3000 per month.

"I've been working for the last 12 years at Bain Textile. When I started, I used to get only Tk 700. Now I earn Tk 2500 and can support my two school-going children," said Mariam Begum, a single mother.

There are nine handloom



An indigenous weaver at work at Bain Textile in Rangamati.

PHOTO: STAR

textile factories in the district. These are: Bain Textile, Nakshi Textile, Banalata Textile, Banani Textile, Tantu Textile, Craft & Fashion Textile, Bayan Textile, Majumdar Textile and Rakhain Textile.

Handloom items that enjoy good sales include *pinon-khadi* (an indigenous material), *shalwar-kameez*, *panjabi*, frocks, shawls, *fatua*, shirts, bedcovers, floor mats, dining table mats and

cushion covers.

Bain Textile was established in 1965 at the Tribal Officer Colony in Tabalchhari area of the town. Manjulika Chakma is the owner of the establishment. Following her footsteps, the owners of other textile factories embarked on the handloom business about 20 years ago in the district, sources said.

Tourists and visitors seem to like the handloom products.

While local demand was minuscule in the past, currently a good number of locals are also buying the handloom items. Simultaneously, good quality handloom items are going to cloth traders in Dhaka, said Manjulika Chakma.

However, insiders say that the business is not that profitable currently due to skyrocketing prices of weaving materials. They point out that to give a boost to

the handloom industry, the government could give subsidies and interest-free short and long-term loans.

Motaleb Hossain, owner of Banani Textile, asserts that weaving materials have to be purchased in Dhaka, which adds to the cost. A shop of BTMC (Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation) was at Reserve Bazar in the town about 10 years ago from where the company used to buy its weaving materials.

Currently, many handloom factories have sprung up in Rangamati town, where as there was only a handful about two decades ago.

Manjulika Chakma started her business with a capital of Tk 500. At present, Manjulika is considered a pioneer in the handloom fabrics trade in CHT. She won a Bangladesh Business Awards 2003 for her outstanding performance in popularising indigenous fabrics.

"I use more dyeing materials and colours in my handloom items. So, demand for my items is always higher than others," she said, adding, "many who are not originally from the CHT have begun working with indigenous handloom products following my style."

"My products are available at Dhaka-based outlets such as Aarong, Prabartana, Aranya and Kumudini. Last year, I earned about Tk 35 lakh of which 65 percent is the production cost of the total sale. Our overall sales are now down as this is off-season for tourists," she added.

## "Miracle at St. Anna": Spike Lee's take on a whitewashed war

Rome -- It's early autumn in 1944, and the Nazis are advancing on the Italian front. Four American soldiers deployed to fight Hitler's notorious 16th SS Panzer Grenadier Division are separated from their unit behind enemy lines. Soon they stumble onto the site of an unspeakable massacre...

It's a World War II film all right, and while some of the themes may ring familiar, this one has taken the genre in a new direction. That's because the actors are playing members of the Army's 92nd Infantry Division or the "Buffalo Soldiers," mostly African Americans from the Southern states, some 3,000 of whom died fighting on Italian soil. And secondly, because the director is Spike Lee, a filmmaker famous for his sharp, cinematic portraits of contemporary African American society.

So how did Spike Lee end up making a war movie? "Growing up in Brooklyn I always enjoyed war films, and this is one genre I have not done before," Lee said in Rome last December, as he wrapped up nine weeks of principal photography in Tuscany and Rome. Called "Miracle at St. Anna," the movie -- which begins in modern-day New York, flashes back to 1944 Italy and ends in present-day Bahamas -- tells the story of a regiment of African American soldiers deployed to Tuscany during World War II and the local villagers they meet.

Reviews of the film, which opened Friday, have not been kind, many calling it a muddled, overly long film filled with ethnic clichés; it remains to be seen if audiences will embrace Lee's two hour 40 minute epic.

Lee said this particular story interested him because of the

soldiers' inner conflict. "I've always felt the black soldiers' contribution to World War II is greatly underestimated... They were fighting for their country but still being treated as second-class citizens at home."

Even so, the director insisted that the film isn't only about the

Lee's cast is a mix of American and European actors, including Derek Luke ("Antwone Fisher"), Laz Alonso and Michael Ealy (both D.C. natives) and Omar Benson Miller as the Buffalo Soldiers, as well as John Turturro, John Leguizamo, Italy's Pierfrancesco Favino, Valentina Cervi and Germany's Christian Berkel.

Lee commanded the multilingual and multicultural set with ease and modesty. "The Americans are speaking in English, the Italians in Italian and the Germans in German. I did not want any of those 'Hogan's Heroes' Colonel Klink characters. We want everyone to speak their natural languages. We think this will give authenticity."

The Tuscan regional government gave Lee permission to film in many locations, including the site of the real massacre: Sant'Anna di Stazzema, where on September 14, 1944 Nazi troops murdered 560 women, children and elderly people.

For Lee, "Miracle at St. Anna" sees the fruition of an idea sparked long ago: to make a film in Italy. "I have been coming to Italy every year since doing the press for 'She's Gotta Have It' in 1986... Italian journalists kept asking me, 'When are you going to shoot an Italian film here?' And my answer was: 'I love coming here, but I got to find a story first.'"

He found the story when his wife, Tonya Lewis Lee, came across a work of historical fiction titled "Miracle at St. Anna," by James McBride. The author's first book was the race and integration memoir "The Color of Water," a national bestseller.

Source: Internet



black soldiers. Lee pointed to a divisive situation in Italy at the time, with Benito Mussolini's fascist government allied with the Nazis, who tried to flush out partisan pockets of resistance. "We have two groups of people trying to find a common ground to communicate," Lee said. "The people in the village, which these four Buffalo Soldiers have stumbled into, have never seen black people before in their life... They have been waiting two or three years for the Allies to come, but they never thought it would be black soldiers."

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 Aker Shanbadpatro  
 08:30 Drama: Nupur  
 09:15 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda  
 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti  
 11:05 Shatidin  
 11:30 Selected Programme  
 12:15 Business Week  
 01:25 Prapok  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Chander Gaye Chand  
 03:15 Obiraa Bangladesh  
 03:45 Cookery Show: VIM Zhotpot Iitar  
 04:10 Islamic Programme: Mobarak Ho Mahe Ramjaan  
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobar  
 06:25 Three Stooges  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shoa Paanch Arai Lane  
 08:40 Drama Serial: Syed Banir Bou  
 09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid  
 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
 12:00 Gramphone  
 Lead News

### Channel-i

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 Gramphone Trinitmatra  
 11:05 Tele Prescription  
 11:30 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme:

Sa Re Ga Ma  
 02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan  
 03:05 Meridian Channel i Khudoy Gaan Raaj'08  
 04:05 Talk Show  
 04:30 Drama Serial: Alor Khojey Kojona  
 05:15 Muktiudhho Protidin  
 05:35 Islamic Programme  
 06:25 Pushti Monohar Iitar  
 07:50 Mega Serial: Ghar Kutum  
 08:20 Drama Serial: Amader Swapnolokey  
 09:35 Travel Show: Banglalink

08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy Porobash  
 01:05 Japan Video Topic  
 02:30 House Full  
 03:15 Drama: Pounonopik  
 04:25 Islamic Programme  
 05:25 Islamic Programme: Hridoye Romjaan  
 06:15 Apnaar Jigyasha  
 06:45 Joto Modhur Bhulguli  
 07:15 Nokia Take Four  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Aim in Life  
 09:30 Closeup 1 Tomakey Khujichhey Bangladesh-2008  
 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

11:30 Just Band  
 12:35 Drama Serial: Apon Ghoroy Porobash  
 01:05 Protidin  
 02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 05:30 Net Fun  
 06:00 Protidin  
 06:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatei Anondo  
 08:00 Cookery Show: R-Ranna  
 08:30 Good Shot  
 09:40 Drama Serial: Meyeti Ekhon Kothay

02:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol  
 03:05 Nodi O Jibon  
 04:20 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagorik  
 05:15 Islamic Programme  
 06:40 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
 06:50 Sports Vision  
 08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
 09:05 Visa Apnar Agami  
 09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
 11:25 Drama  
 12:00 Shangbad Protidin  
**CHANNEL 1**  
 10:30 Bangla Feature Film

### STAR MOVIES

10:35 Just My Luck  
 12:20 Forgotten, The  
 01:55 Crank  
 03:25 Terminator, The  
 05:15 Because I Said So  
 07:00 Tmnt  
 08:35 Big Trouble In Little China  
 10:15 Flying Scotsman, The  
 12:05 Undisputed 2  
**HBO**  
 09:30 Turbulence  
 11:30 The Amazing Panda Adventure

01:00 Seinfeld  
 04:00 Life With Bonnie  
 04:30 According To Jim  
 05:00 My Name Is Earl  
 05:30 Stacked  
 06:00 How I Met Your Mother  
 06:30 That '70s Show  
 07:00 Hope And Faith  
 07:30 Ghost Whisperer  
 08:30 Ugly Betty  
 09:30 Private Practice  
 10:30 Desperate Housewives  
 11:30 Blood Ties

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 The Secret Heart  
 11:15 Telemal-Sauna Belt  
 11:30 Short Circuit  
 12:30 Pumped  
 01:30 The Living Edens  
 03:00 I Didn't Know That  
 03:30 Ghosts Of The Black Sea

04:30 Serious Amazon  
 05:00 Washington D.C.  
 05:30 Human Footprint  
 06:00 I Didn't Know That  
 07:00 What Would Happen If  
 07:30 Ultimate Vipers  
 08:30 Brand New Sun  
 10:30 Human Ape  
 11:30 Asia Pacific

### ZEE STUDIO

10:45 Little Black Book  
 01:00 Remember The Titans  
 03:30 Sixtymin9  
 06:00 Down And Out In Beverly Hills  
 08:30 The Siege Of Firebase  
 11:00 Last Dance



### Orchid

On ATN Bagla at 9:20 pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Srabonti

Banglar Pathhey  
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar  
 11:30 Mega Serial: 69  
 12:00 Gramphone Aker Shangbadpatro

**ntv**  
 08:30 Aker Shokal

**Rtv**  
 08:40 Net Fun  
 09:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Daaran  
 09:30 Musical Programme: R Music  
 11:00 Taroka Alap

11:30 Drama Serial: Dohon  
**BANGLAVISION**  
 08:30 Shur-er Bhuboney  
 09:00 Cinebit  
 09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar



### Desperate Housewives

On Star World at 10:30 pm

TV Series

Cast: Teri Hatcher, Eva Longoria Parker

03:30 Duronto Pathik  
 04:00 Gaan-er Khanla  
 04:30 Music One  
 05:15 Hridoye Raamjaan  
 07:00 Raamjaan-er Swad

12:45 Disturbie  
 03:15 Bastisk  
 05:00 Hollywood Spotlight: Sylvester Stallone  
 05:30 Return To Paradise  
 07:45 Fatal Contact: Bird Flu In America  
 09:30 Talladega Nights: The Ballad Of Ricky Bobby  
 11:45 Surf's Up  
**STAR WORLD**  
 10:30 Koffee With Karan

### News Bulletin

**BTB**  
 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, 11pm. 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, 5:00 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 7:00 pm, and 10:30 pm  
**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