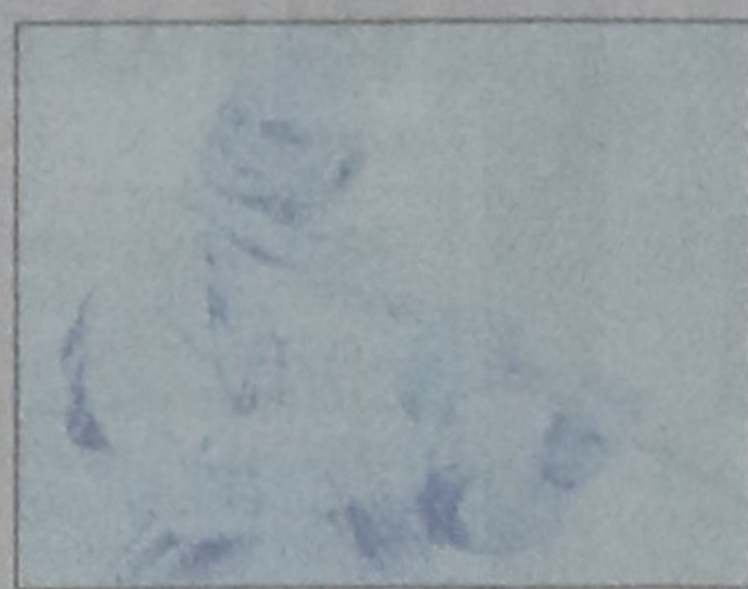


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Flute Performance

Flutist: Ustad Captain Azizul Islam
Organiser: Sangskriti Bikash Kendra
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: October 10
Time: 7pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Heresies
Photographer: Pedro Meyer (Mexico)
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (New), Dharmendi
Date: October 9-20
Time: 3pm-8pm
Inauguration: October 8 at 5pm



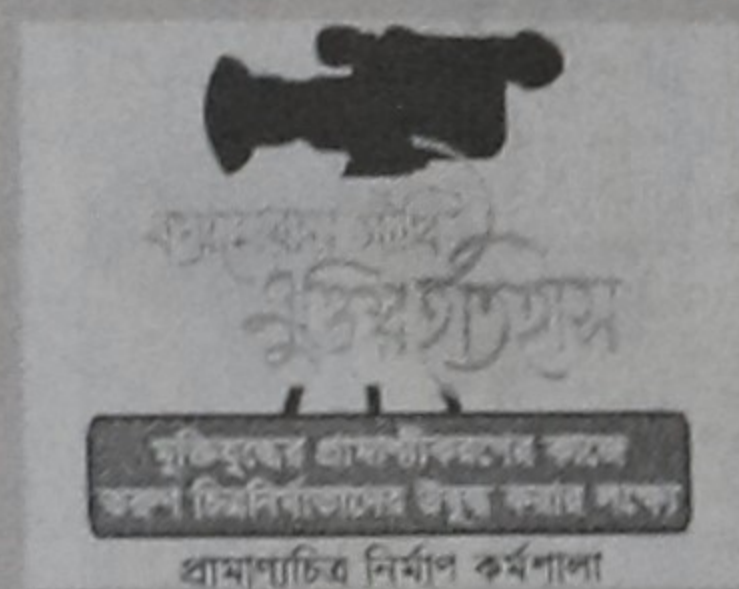
Documentary Screening

Premiere show of "The Road to Kamsat"
Directors: Tareque and Catherine Masud
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag
Date: October 9
Time: 4pm



Workshop

On documentary filmmaking
Organiser: Liberation War Museum
Inauguration: October 11
Time: 5pm



"Nimajon" to represent Bangladesh at Cairo Int'l Theatre Festival

ERSHAD KAMOL

Dhaka Theatre's production *Nimajon* will be staged twice at the 20th Cairo International Theatre Festival, Egypt, informed the discussants at a press conference held yesterday at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA).

A 21-member team led by Nasiruddin Yousuff, director of the play as well as the chief of Dhaka Theatre, will leave Dhaka tomorrow to participate at the festival. Cairo International Theatre Festival has received much acclaim for promoting experimental theatre productions from all over the world.

Based on the recommendation of Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF), Ministry of Cultural Affairs has selected Dhaka Theatre's production *Nimajon* to represent Bangladesh at the prestigious festival where delegates of many countries will participate, said the discussants at the press conference.

The press conference was presided over by Bhuiyan Shafiqul Islam, director general of BSA. Theatre personalities Nasiruddin Yousuff and Ramendu Majumder spoke at the programme. Shafiqul Azim, manager of the government team, also spoke on the occasion.

Discussants at the programme praised the government for sending a popular production of the country to represent the rich theatre tradition of Bangladesh at an international theatre competition.

"We thank the Ministry of Cultural Affairs for considering our production for the festival. The experimental production



A scene from *Nimajon*.

performed by the young talents should be viewed overseas," hoped Yousuff.

"It should enhance our image abroad," said Ramendu Majumder.

DG of BSA said, "I've watched the production twice in Dhaka. I believe the mastery of Selim Al Deen as a playwright, displayed in *Nimajon*, will draw interest at the festival."

"A day will come when Selim Al Deen would be considered as one of the most creative dramatists in the world," he hoped.

Nimajon does not follow any conven-

tional structure; neither does it develop any particular storyline. Through narratives, the play presents a chronological look at genocides around the globe. According to the play, the history of civilisation and genocides are interwoven - every civilisation has had a history of genocide. And the repetition of these brutal incidents has brought down humans from the superior position. It is a paradox. The play also stresses that unless the structure of a state is not designed for the welfare of humanity, genocides will never end.

Mitali to observe birth anniversary of Kanika Bandopadhyay

Cultural organisation Mitali will observe the 84th birth anniversary of legendary Tagore singer/exponent Kanika Bandopadhyay on October 12 at Mohar Kunja in Kolkata. The programme will be organised in association with Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Metro Railway and Mohar Kunja Parichalan Samity, says a press release.

Kanika Bandopadhyay, affectionately known as 'Mohardi' to disciples, became a legend for her melodic voice and graceful renditions of Rabindra Sangeet. Her earnest desire to strengthen the cultural ties between India and Bangladesh led to the establishment of Mitali - an Indo-Bangladesh cultural society - in 1991. Kanika remained its chief advisor until her

death in 2000.

The event will include the unveiling of a portrait of the legend. Mayor of Kolkata, Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharjee, will be the chief guest at the programme. The celebration will be presided over by T.K. Sengupta, president of Mitali. A commemorative cultural programme will be held with the coordination of Padatik Sangeet Sangsad, Dhaka. Renowned artistes from both Bangladesh and India, such as Fahim Hossain Choudhury, Lily Islam, Chanchal Khan, Nargis Chowdhury, Abhirup Guha Thakurta, Shrikanta Acharya, Manoj Murali Nair, Rajeshree Bhattacharya and others will perform at the programme.



Helen Mirren reigns over latest version of "Tempest"

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Julie Taymor is gathering blue-blooded Oscar winners and up-and-comers for her big-screen adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

In a gender-defying twist, Helen Mirren will reign over the magical island. Although the play centers on Prospero, an exiled duke-turned-sorcerer, Taymor - who likes to take an experimental approach to her stage and film projects - has rechristened the lead character Prospera so that the Oscar-winning star of "The Queen" can take on the role.

Mirren will be surrounded by Jeremy Irons, Djimon Hounsou, Russell Brand, Alfred Molina, Ben Whishaw and Felicity Jones. Geoffrey Rush is in negotiations to join the cast.

The film is eyeing a November start date in Hawaii. Miramax has acquired the rights to all English-speaking territories.

Shakespeare's play mixes romance with fraternal politics and the supernatural. As revised for the screen, it will center around



Prospera, her daughter Miranda (Jones) and a shipwrecked crew full of Prospera's enemies.

The island's other inhabitants include Hounsou as the deformed slave Caliban and Whishaw as the airy spirit Ariel.

On the ship are raunchy British comedian Brand, playing Trinculo, a jester; Irons, as Alonso, the King of Naples; and Molina as the drunken butler Stephano. Rush would play Gonzalo, a royal adviser and old ally of Prospera's.

The cast includes an unusually high concentration of Oscar-winning stars. Besides Mirren, Irons took home the best actor trophy for "Reversal of Fortune" and Rush got the nod for "Shine." Hounsou secured nominations for his supporting roles in "Blood Diamond" and "In America."

"The Tempest" is Taymor's second big-screen foray into Shakespearean territory - she turned his "Titus Andronicus" into the 1999 film "Titus," starring Anthony Hopkins. Her other credits include "Frida" and the Broadway musical adaptation of "The Lion King."



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 Shanbadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
09:15 Rang Manchoy Taal
10:30 Talk Show: Anyodrishti
11:15 Top Spin
12:15 Shur Madhuri
12:50 Shodaipati
01:30 Cinema Cinema
03:15 Shundor Jibon-er Jonyo
04:10 Special Programme
05:10 Islamic Programme
06:20 Shobbar Jonyo
08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dil
08:40 Drama Serial: Nupur
09:20 Drama Serial: Amader Nurul Huda
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
CHANNEL-i
08:30 Shokaal Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Trinitoma
11:05 Talk Show: Boithok
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:35 Special Programme
03:05 Agricultural Programme: Hindoye Mati O Manush-er Daak
04:05 Shilpa O Shangskriti
04:30 Educational Programme: FM Method
05:15 Selected Programme
05:25 Muktiudhyo Protidin
06:00 Shamooki
06:25 Pushit Monohar Iftar
07:50 Mon Boboner Naa

08:20 Drama Serial: Chhayabari
09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar
10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On
11:30 Musical Programme: Citycell Sa 2 Sa
Rtv
08:40 Selected Programme
09:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Daarpan
09:30 Char Kinnori
11:00 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama: Hipocret
12:35 Drama Serial: Adda
01:03 Special Programme
02:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:00 Protidin
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kather Khacha
10:30 Drama
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:35 Drama Serial: Eit Kaacher Khancha
03:20 Drama Serial: Teen Purush
03:50 Drama Serial: Neer
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey
06:45 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitey Ichhey Holo
08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
09:00 Glamour World
09:45 Drama Serial: Brishtir Jonyo



Nupur
On ATN BANGLA at 8:40 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Aruna Bishwas, Shobeb

08:00 Documentary Programme
08:50 Drama: Mon-ey Taar Nityo Jaoa Asha
09:00 Drama Serial: Ghar Shongshar
11:00 Tomar Jonyo Amara Ei Gaan
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08:30 Aker Shokaal
11:35 Musical Programme: Music Jam
ETV
09:30 Special Programme: Holmonti
10:30 Chinmoyee Tumi Minmoyee Rupey
10:50 Financial Bulletin
12:30 Chirantoni

01:30 Rajani Lokhyisrikanto
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Milechhi Aj Maa-er Daakey
07:45 Dhum Tana
09:30 Special Programme
10:10 Ekusher Chokh
10:50 Financial Bulletin
CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Bangla Feature Film
02:00 Padma Raag
03:30 Drama
04:00 Monbari
04:30 Music One
05:10 Music Mania

10:05 Arshitey Ami
11:05 Amar Monmarney Na
12:05 Bangla Feature Film
04:05 Special Programme
05:00 Bhor-er Pakhi
05:30 Cartoon
06:00 Musical Programme: Saangeeta Music Time
07:30 Cookery Show
09:05 Special Programme
11:30 Selected Programme
ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Bringing Out The Dead
11:15 The Waterboy
01:15 I Spy

11:00 The Departed
01:45 Android Apocalypse
03:45 The Amazing Panda Adventure
05:30 Surf's Up
07:15 Hollywood One On One 10
07:45 Happy Gilmore
09:30 True Lies
12:15 Poselidon
STAR MOVIES
09:50 Doa: Dead Or Alive
11:20 Beloved
02:10 Wide Awake
03:40 Keeping Up With The Steins
05:15 X-Men: The Last Stand
07:00 How To Rob A Bank

11:30 America's Got Talent
12:30 Bones
01:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres
03:30 Fashion House
04:30 General Hospital
05:30 Grey's Anatomy
06:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero
07:30 Friends
08:30 Seinfeld
09:00 Less Than Perfect
09:30 Jake In Progress
09:30 Are U Smarter Than 5th Grader
10:30 Ghost Whisperer
11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:15 Creative Vision
09:30 Christmas Tech
10:30 Ultimate Weapon
12:15 Creative Vision
12:30 David Copperfield
01:30 Sex In The 20th Century
02:30 Human Weapon
03:30 Apollo 13
04:30 Christmas Tech
05:30 Al Capone
06:30 David Copperfield
07:30 Angkor Wat
08:30 Da Vinci Tech
09:30 Enzo Ferrari
11:30 Human Weapon

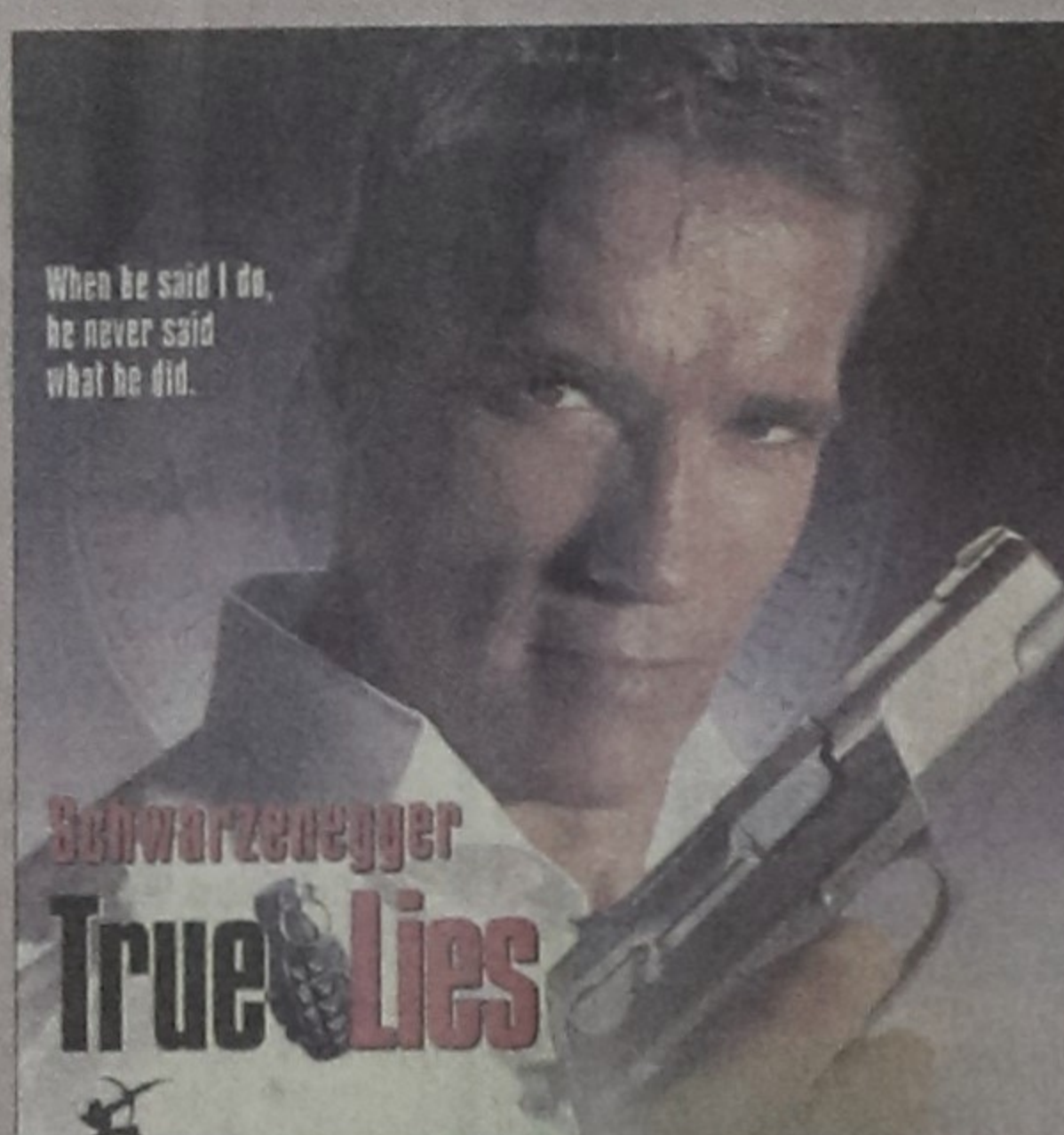
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 Super Cat
11:15 Telemall- Sauna Belt
11:30 Inside The Forbidden City
12:30 NG's Amazing Moments
01:30 Big Cat Challenge
02:30 Amazing Moments
03:30 World's Deadliest Animals
04:30 Built for the Kill
06:00 I Didn't Know That
06:30 Inside The Super Carrier
07:30 Dangerous Encounters
08:30 Cats
09:30 Street Monkeys
10:30 Brilliant Beasts
11:30 Street Monkeys



Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

7:00am 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 Todays Adda
04:00pm U-turn
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
12:00am Today's Happy Moments
12:10am Today's Dances Grooves
02:00am Back to Back



True Lies
On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action
Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tia Carrere

03:15 Intermision
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
06:00 Dungeons And Dragons
08:35 Little Black Book
11:00 Sweet Home Alabama
HBO
08:30 The Peacemaker

08:25 Mortuary
10:00 In The Mix
11:40 Haunted
STAR WORLD
09:30 That '70s Show
10:00 Hope And Faith
10:30 Grey's Anatomy