

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Theatre

Play: Rifle  
Troupe: Palakar  
Venue: Palakar Studio,  
Natak Sarani  
Date: November 13 & 14  
Time: 6:30 pm



### Art & Photography Exhibition

on Bangladesh Street Culture  
Artists: Rokeya, Kuhu, Smila, Ujwala and Anil  
Venue: Bay's Galleria, 5th floor, 57, Gulshan Avenue  
Date: November 8-23  
Time: 11am-9pm (Fridays 3pm-11pm)



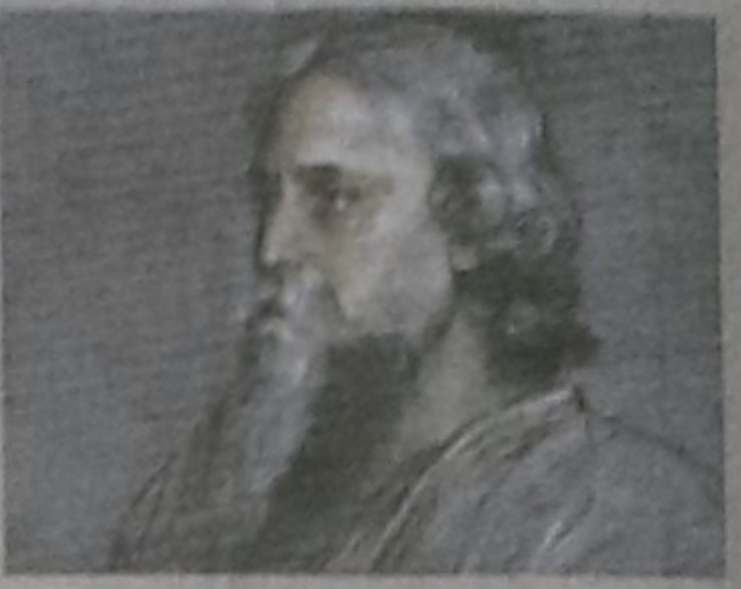
### Adibashi Natya Utsab '08

Organiser: RDC in association with Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy  
Date: November 12-15  
Time: everyday 4pm onwards



### Sharodotsab '08

Organiser: Jatio Rabindra Sangeet Shammilan Parishad  
Venue: National Music and Dance Centre, BSA  
Date: November 14  
Time: 7pm



## Sixth National Convention of Bangladesh Gram Theatre

Bangladesh Gram Theatre (BGT) is holding its 6<sup>th</sup> national convention at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy premises today, says a press release.

On the occasion, BGT has planned an extended programme that starts at 6 am today and continues through 7:30 am tomorrow.

The convention will be inaugurated by Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman at 11 am. Humayun Kabir, member secretary of 'Sammelan Prastuti Parshad,' will deliver the welcome address. Ramendu Majumdar, president of ITI and Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of 'Sammelan Prastuti Parshad' will speak at the programme.

The event will feature a range of performances including 'lathi khela,' 'Lalon-er gaan,' 'gambhira gaan,' Rabindra and Nazrul Sangeet, dance, film screenings, 'pala' and speeches by noted personalities including Mamunur Rashid, Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Ataur Rahman and others.

BGT is a brainchild of the late theatre icon Selim Al Deen.

## Our Home After Sidr

### One year on, over a million still homeless

Documentary screening by Oxfam



(From left) Aly Zaker, Heather Blackwell, KH Masud Siddiqui, BMM Mozharul Huq and Peter Pichler at the documentary screening.



A scene from the film

#### CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

"The high tide took my eight-year-old daughter, and I had my 4-month-old son in my lap. I held him close to me. When I was under water, I tried to hold him up, but he died before I could do so...Then the water whisked him away it too," Shaheda from Barguna shared her horrific experience during cyclone Sidr, the second most devastating cyclone to hit Bangladesh in a century. For almost a year Shaheda and her husband have been living in a makeshift home, surviving as day-labourers.

Marking one year after Sidr ravaged the coastal areas of the country, Oxfam GB, a leading donor and humanitarian agency screened a documentary titled "Our Home After Sidr" on November 13 at the Palash Hall of Hotel Sheraton. KH Masud Siddiqui, director general of the Disaster Management Bureau was the chief guest and officially launched the documentary. Theatre personality Aly Zaker, also the CEO of

Asiatic Media; Heather Blackwell, country director, Bangladesh Oxfam; Peter Pichler, country director of Swiss Red Cross and BMM Mozharul Huq, chairman of Dhaka Shelter Working Group and UNDP adviser, Humanitarian Response Team were present as special guests.

Shaheda and Shirina from two Sidr-devastated areas shared their experiences with the audience at the event. A discussion highlighting the issues and recommendations regarding the rehabilitation of the Sidr victims followed.

The documentary highlights initiatives taken by several government and non-government organisations to provide immediate relief and shelter to the Sidr victims. Despite funding pledges from foreign governments, international donors and non-governmental organisations to help build new homes for around 78,000 families, only about one-quarter of these planned homes, designed to

be more resilient in future storms, have been built. The issue of providing shelter to thousands of people who are still homeless is addressed strongly in the film.

"Communities still need urgent help -- both to recover from the impact of Sidr, and to be able to prepare for future possible natural calamities," said Heather Blackwell at the event.

The tenacity of the coastal people with which they dealt with the after-math of the cyclone, was also focused in the documentary.

"The way these people fight major catastrophes, hats off to them! Bangladeshi People have come a long way since almost 300,000 died in the cyclone of 1970. Though it's still inadequate, Bangladesh government has set an example in disaster management with a limited resource as we saw in the Sidr case. It is now the responsibility of the privileged people to lend a hand," said Aly Zaker in his response after watching the documentary.

## Cultural programme against aggression on arts

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet.

Cultural activists of Sylhet arranged performances of Lalou songs and a human chain at the Central Shahid Minar in Sylhet city last Tuesday as a demonstration against removal of the sculpture "Achin Pakhi" from in front of the Zia International Airport.

Veteran cultural activists Hemchandra Bhattacharya and Barrister Arosh Ali, among others, spoke on the occasion. Nironjan Dey conducted the programme.

The speakers conveyed that there is no conflict between art and religion. Sculptures reflect the culture and traditions of a nation. It links the past with the

future. Fundamentalist forces are misleading people with their 'hate speeches,' they expressed.

The organisations that participated at the programme are, Udichi, Sammilita Natya Parishad, Nazrul Academy, Charon Sangskritik Kendra, Prantik Parshad, Nabashikha Natya Dal, Natya Mancha Shopan, Anandaloke, Sruti, Nandik Natyadal, Charubak, Theatre Sylhet, Natyalok, Theatre Bangla, Shikor, Mohona, Sylhet Lekhok Samity, Poets Club, Shishu Kishore Mela, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Pathakoli, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, Muktiyoddha Juba Command, Chhatra Command, Paromita Sahitya Sangsad, Nriyasarani and Chirontan.



A three-day long 'mela' began from November 12 at Alutula area under sadar upazila in Khagrachhari. According to the organisers, the 'mela' features around 100 stalls with an array of products including toys, local handicrafts made of wood, bamboo and wicker.

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বাংলাদেশ গ্রাম থিয়েটার

৬ষ্ঠ জাতীয় সম্মেলন '০৮

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

### On Air

**BTB**

08:20 Shuprobhat  
09:05 Educational Programme  
09:30 Tagore Song  
10:55 Jantey Chai Janatey Chai  
11:45 Onushlon  
12:10 Mati O Manush  
12:35 Islamic Programme  
03:15 Bangla Feature Film  
06:30 Apnaar Doctor  
07:30 Talk Show  
08:40 Drama Serial: Shangshaptaak  
09:00 Chhayachhondo  
10:30 Ebong Otopor

**ATN BANGLA**

08:15 Ajker Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Shushtho Thakun  
09:20 Educational Programme  
10:30 Cookery Show  
10:30 Islamic Jigyasha  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:25 Amra Korbo Joy  
08:00 Drama: Obinashi Shorbonashi  
09:20 Drama Serial: Tomar Doyae Bhalo Achhi Ma  
10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

**Channel- i**

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameen Phone Trilomatra  
12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap  
12:30 Sa Re Ga Ma

**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, 9:00am, 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 a.m, 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, 10:00pm, 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 7:00pm, and 10:30pm.  
**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

01:30 Grameenphone Trilomatray Apni	05:30 Sports Plus	11:35 Washington Barta	02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura	10:45 Get Shorty	01:30 The Ellen Degeneres
02:30 Pinti	06:30 Mukto Khobor	<b>Rtv</b>	03:03 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue	11:00 Spiderman	03:30 Fashion House
04:30 Selected Programme	07:50 Binodoner Bishwa	09:00 Tomar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan	04:20 Dhormo O Jibon	<b>STAR MOVIES</b>	04:30 Cold Case
05:30 Muktiyudhho Protidin	09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market	09:30 Musical Programme	05:15 Amader Rannaghar	08:30 Dark Matter	05:30 Grey's Anatomy
06:00 Aloye Bhuban Bhora	Shahbaag Dhaka 1000	11:00 Taroka Aalap	05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey	10:00 Road To Perdition	06:30 Friday Night Lights
07:50 Meridian Channel i Khudey Gaan Baaj	11:40 Spondon	12:25 Drama Serial: Ghar Shangshar	06:20 Banglavisoin Cafe	11:55 Anonymous Rex	07:30 Friends
09:35 Drama Serial: Doinik Tolpaar	12:00 Ekush-er Raat	01:03 Protidin	08:25 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor	01:20 Big Fish	08:00 Seinfeld
10:00 Drama Serial: Shongshar	<b>ntv</b>	02:10 Bangla Feature Film	09:05 Drama Serial: Bijji Moholla	03:25 The Last King Of Scotland	08:30 How I Met Your Mother
11:30 Drama Serial: Kabi	08:30 Ajker Shokal	06:00 Protidin	09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue	05:25 It's A Boy Girl Thing	09:00 How I Met Your Mother
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro	08:55 Eikhaney Amar Desh	08:00 Fashion Show	11:25 Voter Lorai	07:00 Outsourced	09:30 The Moment Of Truth
	09:30 Gaaner Shomoy	08:30 Hello Love	12:00 Shangbad Protidin	08:50 Whisper	10:30 Blood Ties
	10:30 Apnaar Jigyasha	09:00 Drama: Elo Melo Mon		10:25 Great Expectations	11:30 The Unit
	12:10 Music Jam	11:30 Jegey Achho Ki		12:10 Die Hard 1	<b>THE HISTORY CHANNEL</b>
<b>ETV</b>	01:05 Islamic Programme				09:15 Creative Vision
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal					09:30 Distilleries

**Elo Melo Mon**  
On Rtv at 9:00 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Tisha, Nirob

09:30 Fashion Show	02:30 Telefilm	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	<b>ZEE STUDIO</b>	<b>STAR WORLD</b>
10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey	04:25 Cookery Show	08:30 Shamol Bangla	08:30 The Recruit	09:30 Less Than Perfect
11:30 Job Line	05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey	09:30 Business Dialog	11:00 Three Men and a Little Lady	10:00 Samantha Who?
12:30 Ekusher Chokh	06:15 Shubho Shondha	10:10 Bhalo Thakun	03:05 Free Willy	10:30 Grey's Anatomy
01:20 Dhum Tana	08:15 Drama Serial: House Full	11:00 Election Express	05:30 Inspector Gadget	11:30 The Moment Of Truth
02:10 Bangla Feature Film	09:30 Talent Hunt	11:35 Visa Apnar Agami	07:10 Tarzan 1	12:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
	Closeup 1 Tomahey	02:00 Media Bhubon	09:05 Tarzan 2	01:30 Ghost Whisperer
	Khujchhey Bangladesh			

**Radio Foorti 88.0 FM**  
08:00am Friday Morning Show  
12:00pm Hamid-Nath and Quran recital  
02:00pm Foort Unlimited  
06:00pm Bumper to Bumper  
11:00pm Shomoy Ashomoy (SOS)

01:00am Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Post Box 9032  
01:00pm Islami Gaan  
02:00pm Rupai Gaan  
07:00pm Today's World Music  
12:00am Today's Happy Moments  
12:10am Today's Dhum Tracks

**Spider-Man**  
On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm  
Genre: Action  
Cast: Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten