

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Victory Day Celebration

Organiser: Nazrul Institute
Venue: Nazrul Institute, Dhanmondi
Date: December 14 and 16
Time: 7am onwards



TV Play Screening

Title: "Tini Ekjon Muktijoddha"
Producer: Shaw Lochnon Shangi
Venue: Liberation War Museum
Date: December 12,
Time: 7 pm

Tini Ekjon Muktijoddha

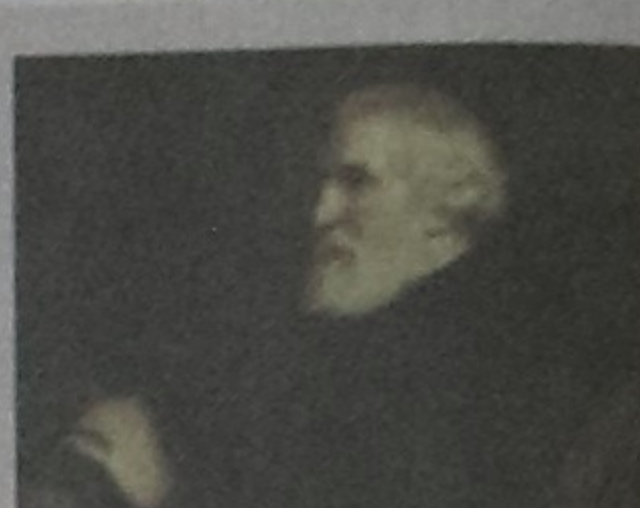
Film Screening

Film: Full Moon in Paris
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: December 12
Time: 10:30am and 6pm



Display of Books

To mark the 105th birth anniversary of Russian writer Evgheny Petrov
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: December 1-17



Sisters who sang of hope

In conversation with Rupa and Mala

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Rupa Farhad and Mala Khurum, two prominent artistes of 'Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra' (SBBK) and daughters of the pioneering filmmaker Abdul Jabbar Khan, got together to share their memories of 1971. In a lively conversation, the sisters talked about their experience of the Liberation War.

"The memories remain fresh. I can very well recall the horrors of the crackdown on the night of March 25, 1971 and the eerie feelings that haunted Mala and me at the DIT Television Centre," Rupa reminisces. She continues, "Actually we were scheduled to record a programme on that very night. When we went in, we saw Pakistani soldiers at the compound. The ambience was solemn. Fortunately, we met someone who told us to leave the compound immediately. We left without a second thought."

After the crackdown, other members of the family went to India and advised them to wait for further directions. "It was in mid-July, when the remaining members of our family started towards India from Kaliganj in a private car," says Rupa, who still shivers at the memory of that journey. "We recall that the bridges were all blown up by the Muktijoddhas."

"When we got very close to the border of Agartala in India, we saw about 50 Pak army

jeeps arriving. They stopped and started firing indiscriminately on the river to terrorise people. We waited for the army to stop firing," adds Mala.

"After a while when the Pak soldiers left the place, we met a group of freedom fighters, who encouraged us to cross the borders," says Rupa.

Going over the experience at Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, Rupa says, "Almost every day we used to record songs, but had no clue as to where it was transmitted from. I still recall the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr when we performed the song 'Chaand tumi phirey jao' and other two songs 'Nai diley Eid Bangladeshey' and 'Amra jekhon mukto hobo', all of which carrying the same message, that is, we would celebrate Eid once we have attained freedom." The songs were played repeatedly on Eid day.

Then came the day -- December 16. "In the morning, while we were rehearsing a song at SBBK, one of our co-artists rushed into the centre with the biggest smile possible, and gave us the news we were craving to hear. Our prayers have been answered. We are free now," recall the sisters. "We were ecstatic and came out on the streets to celebrate. The usual blackouts in Kolkata city were finally over, there were lights everywhere. We could now go back home. We were liberated."

The article is a reprint of an earlier version.



Artistes perform Traditional "Gombhira" songs on International Anti Graft Day in Chapainawabganj recently. To mark the day, a colourful rally, discussion, prize giving ceremony and cultural programme were held. Sachetan Nagarik Committee, Chapainawabganj, a unit of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), organised the event.



To raise funds for a school for underprivileged children, women's organisation Zonta International held a musical programme at the Banquet Hall of Emmanuelle, Gulshan recently, says a press release. Artiste Shakila Zafar performed at the programme. President of Zonta International Ztn. Sabera Hussain (2-L), vice president of the organisation Safina Rahman (R) and Lt. Governor Ztn. Naheed Moyeen (L), among others, were present at the programme.

Italy mob drama Gomorra rules Europe Film Awards

REUTERS, Copenhagen

The Italian mafia drama "Gomorra" dominated the European Film Awards last Saturday, winning five prizes including best film, best director and best actor.

Based on a book by Roberto Saviano, who has lived under police protection for two years because of death threats from gangsters, the

Marco Onorato was selected best cinematographer for his work on "Gomorra."

Britain's Kristin Scott Thomas won the actress award for her performance in "I've Loved You So Long."

Honorary awards were presented to British actress Judi Dench and the founders of the Dogma film movement, Soren Kragh-Jacobsen, Kristian Levring, Lars von



A scene from the film "Gomorra".

hard-hitting film depicts organised crime in Naples. It also won the Grand Prix at Cannes this year.

The 1,800-member European Film Academy awarded Matteo Garrone the director prize for "Gomorra" at the 21st anniversary ceremony in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The six writers of "Gomorra," Maurizio Braucci, Ugo Chiti, Gianni di Gregorio, Massimo Gaudioso, Garrone and Saviano received the screenwriter award.

Toni Servillo won the actor award for his roles in "Gomorra" and in "Il Divo," where he played former Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Trier and Thomas Vinterberg of Denmark.

The European Film Academy was founded in 1989 to promote European cinema, with Swedish director Ingmar Bergman as its first president.

Although respected in the film industry, the awards have yet to gain the prestige of high-profile European film festivals in Cannes, Venice and Berlin.

The ceremony was only broadcast live on Danish public television and on the satellite channels ZDF and Arte, but will be shown recorded in more than 40 countries.

The awards are traditionally held in Berlin every other year, but next year they will take place in Essen.



L-R: Mala Khurum and Rupa

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

On Air

News Bulletin

BTV

10:05 News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 11:00 pm

12:00 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm

10:00 News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm

11:00 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1

11:00 News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am

ATN BANGLA

11:00 News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm, News (English) 8:20am, 7:00pm

11:00 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

11:00 News (Bangla) at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm, 12:30am

BANGLAVISION

11:00 News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

11:00 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm, News (English) at 6:00pm

Rtv

11:00 News (Bangla) 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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11:00 News (Bangla) 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am

ETV

11:00 News (Bangla) 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm

10:30 Drama: Chander Aloye Koyekjon Jubok	ETV	09:30 Shada Kalo Eid	09:30 Oshomoye Ek Raatey	10:30 The Russell Girl	STAR WORLD	09:30 Goal to Goal
12:15 Tele-film: Deadline Malini Chhora	10:00 Drama: Peyar Boro Beauty Jinsh	11:30 Eid Trends	11:00 Uposhongshar	12:30 Eastem Promises	09:30 30 Rock	10:30 Century of Flight
02:35 Special Musical Programme	12:30 Special Cine Tunes	01:30 Bangla Feature Film	12:00 Eid Special Music	02:15 The Holiday	10:00 Scrubs	11:30 Creative Vision
04:30 Tele-film: Ebong Jadukor	05:20 Mojar Grohey Eid	06:30 Rangey Rangey Eid	08:00 Shubho Shokaal	05:00 Altered	10:30 La Femma Nikita	12:15 Body Armour (BA61108)-15 Mins
07:50 Drama: Most Wanted	07:30 Eid Special Dhum Ta Na	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	09:30 Special Programme	06:30 Entourage 49: The Day Fu'kers	11:30 Whistler	12:30 Revolution
09:35 Drama: Oboadh Shomikoron	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	10:10 Bangla feature Film	07:15 Entourage 50: Gary's Desk	12:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live	01:30 Rebellion
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	02:30 Amar Bijoyer Kotha	07:45 Vacancy	01:30 Brother & Sisters	02:30 Goal to Goal
ntv	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	03:05 Eid Utshob Concert	09:30 Lara Croft: Tomb Raider	02:30 The Ellen Degeneres	03:30 Fall of Rome
09:30 Utola Shundori	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	04:15 Cinebit	11:30 Ghost Rider	03:30 Fashion House	04:30 Northhanger Abbey
10:05 Drama: Maradona	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	05:10 Obak Shishu Shagor Baul	09:30 Ghost Rider	04:30 Cold Case	06:30 The Great Wall
02:30 Tele-film: Ekti Dairy	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey	STAR MOVIES	05:30 La Femma Nikita	08:30 Indian Journeys
RTV	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	06:15 Rommo Bitorko	10:05 Waitress	06:30 Whistler	09:30 Apollo 11
11:00 Bangla Feature Film	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	06:50 Musical Programme: Jao Pakhi	11:55 Prairie Home Companion, A	08:00 Friends	11:30 Around The World in 80 Treasure
	09:30 Drama: Shohor Bhora	11:30 Drama: Chacha Ekhon Dhakaye	08:15 Drama: Sublet	01:45 Trust The Man	08:30 Seinfeld	NATIONAL

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GEOGRAPHIC

09:30 Dangerous Encounters

11:15 Creative Vision-NGC

11:30 Inside The Forbidden City

12:30 Planet Carnivore

01:30 Naked Science

02:30 Water War

03:30 Strongman

04:30 Built for the Kill

06:00 Big Bang

06:30 Inside The Super Carer

07:30 Snake Wranglers

08:00 Taipan Reign of Terror

08:30 Dangerous Encounters

09:30 Most Dangerous Moments

10:30 World's Toughest Fixes

11:30 Most Dangerous Moments

ZEE STUDIO

11:10 Pinocchio

01:00 Hollywood's 10 Best

01:30 Tuck Everlasting

03:30 Ruthless People

05:30 The Recruit

08:00 The Hand That Rocks The Cradle

10:30 Get Shorty

Jaop Pakhi

On Banglavisian at 6:50 pm

Musical Programme featuring performances by Chandana Majumder and Kazi Krishnokoli Islam

Radio Foorti 85.0 FM

08:00am Friday Morning Show

12:00pm Hamd-Nathi and Quran recital

02:00pm Foorti Unlimited

06:00pm Bumper to Bumper

11:00pm Somoy Asomoy (SOS)

01:00am Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.6 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka

11:00am Post Box 9032

01:00pm Islam Gan

02:00pm Rupa Gan

07:00pm Today's World Music

12:00am Today's Happy Moments

12:10am Today's Dhum Tracks

05:20 Bigyaponey

03:00 Match Point

05:00 Drama: Kobir Mamu

06:00 Eye on It

08:15 Drama: Shesh Kothali

09:50 Mon Bhola

11:15 Drama: Kaak Taal

09:40 Musical Programme: Shap Ludur Gaan

11:10 Drama: Kaakey Chai

HBO

08:45 Thrill Of The Kill

03:25 Species

05:10 Employee Of The Month

07:00 Deck The Halls

08:35 Pitch Black

10:20 Sicko

12:35 Until Death

09:30 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:15 Creative Vision