

WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEKPrint Makers'
Exhibition

Organiser: Shilpangan
Venue: Shilpangan
Gallery, H 26, Rd 3,
Dhanmondi
Date: December 25-
January 8
Time: 12pm-8pm

Print Makers' Exhibition

Magazine Launch

Launch of monthly
media magazine
Stardom
Venue: Topkapi, H
134, Gulshan Avenue,
Gulshan-2
Date: December 19
Time: 7pm

Eric Rohmer
Retrospective

Venue: Auditorium,
Alliance Francaise de
Dacca, 26, Mirpur Road,
Dhanmondi
Film: The Green Day
Date: December 19
Time: 10:30am and 6pm

Theatre

Play: Cleopatra
Troupe: Nandonik
Natyasampraday
Venue: National
Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: December 19
Time: 6:30

The making of Stop Genocide and
disappearance of Zahir Raihan

In January 1971, Zahir Raihan, one of the most gifted Bengali filmmakers, went to look for his elder brother and mentor, Shahidullah Kaiser, who was last seen in December 1971. Raihan was never seen again.

Raihan is considered one of the most gifted Bengali filmmakers. Apart from carving a niche in the mainstream with his films that represented the contemporary reality like "Jibon Thekey Neya" (addressing the Language Movement on 1952: a campaign for Bangla to be accepted as a national language that was violently suppressed by the Pakistani regime).

Among Raihan's films "Stop Genocide," an 18-minute documentary on the atrocities by Pakistani army during the Liberation War, is remarkable. The film highlights a parallel, drawn in the narration, between the genocides in Vietnam, Algeria and Bangladesh (during the Liberation War).

James Leahy, a film historian and screenwriter, goes over the inspiration and making of this documentary. Excerpts:

"...The Pakistani military actions quickly became a genocidal assault on the people of East Bengal. In all about 10 million refugees fled across the border into India, West Bengal...peasants, intellectuals, professional people, writers, filmmakers, politicians. Amongst the latter were the leaders of the Awami League, who proclaimed a provisional Revolutionary Government on the 17th of April. The government, whose headquarters was in Calcutta, set up a Department of Films and Publications. However there was only one among the refugee filmmakers who possessed the political vision required to work effectively at a time of revolutionary war. This was Zahir Raihan, a director of prize-winning features.

"Though a born filmmaker who could visualise a whole



film without having to write a word on paper, Zahir Raihan had no experience outside the feature film. Thus he lacked the know how needed in these desperate wartime conditions. Fortunately in Calcutta his eyes were opened to new kinds of practice by exposure to films from Eastern Europe and Cuba, including those of Santiago Alvarez. The latter were clearly the major influence on his passionate and moving protest about what was happening in Bangladesh, 'Stop Genocide.'

"Its similarity to some of Alvarez's most powerful work is immediately apparent. It was made 'virtually on the editing table,' largely from stock, newsreel or found footage, and despite the fact that very little filmic material was available. One is reminded of Alvarez's 'Hasta la Victoria Siempre!' (1967), made in 48 hours for the public meeting at which Fidel Castro announced the death of Che Guevara.

"Stop Genocide was financed by Indian friends of Bangladesh, and was not supported by the exiled politicians and their Film Department. However the acting Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed saw its importance, whilst the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was visibly moved by it. She ordered her Films Division to buy it and circulate it internationally. The fact that the film's commentary was in English, not Bengali, increased the chances of its message, '100 My Lais took place in Bangladesh,' spreading worldwide.

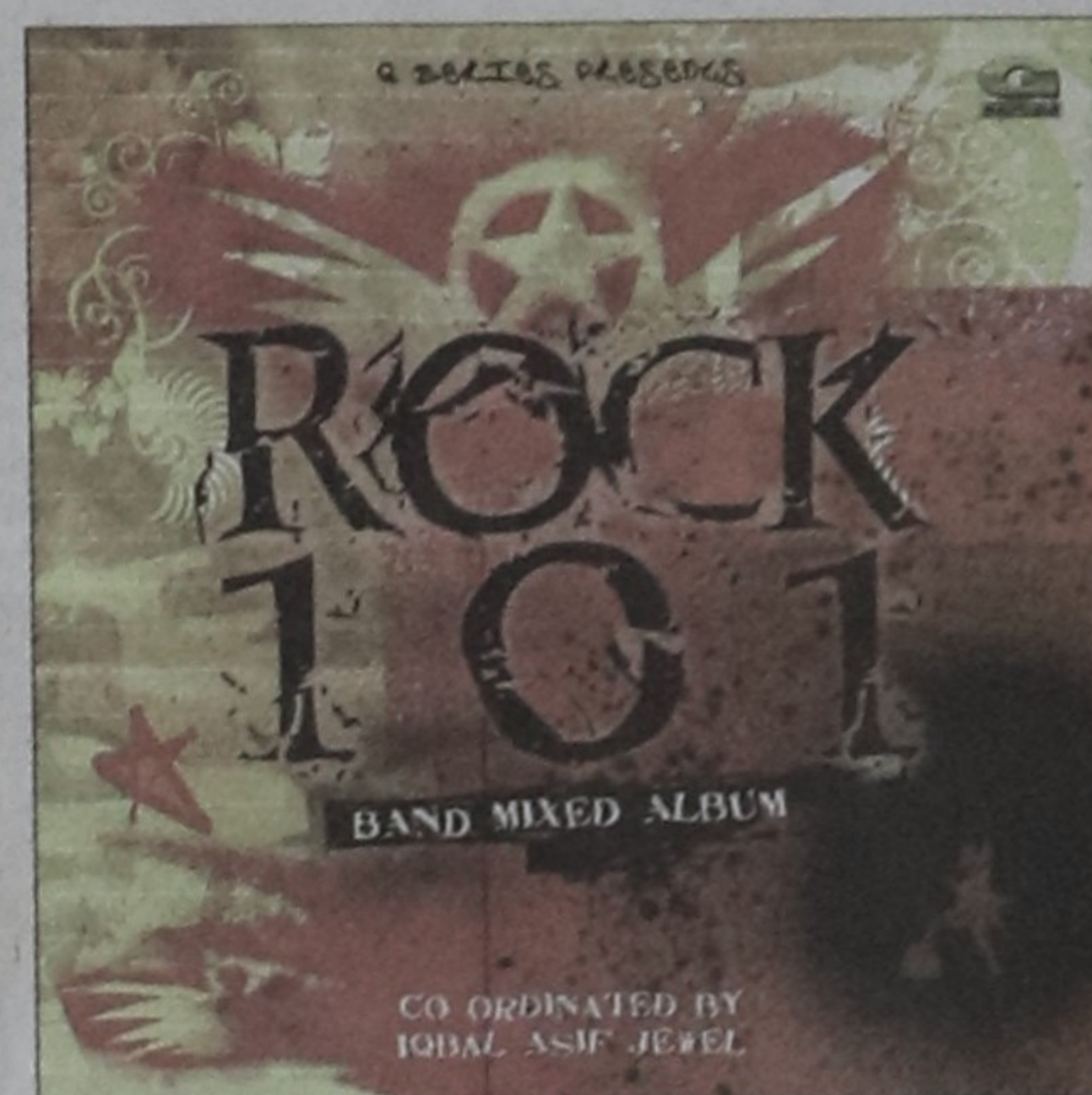
"Nobody knows what happened to him...With him disappeared all hopes for the nationalised film industry, echoing Cuba's ICAIC, which he and some colleagues had planned in exile, and of which he was the most prominent advocate."

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NEW RELEASES



Gaanwala Dhakay
2 disc live album of Kabir Sumon's
concert in Dhaka
Source: Chirkut



Rock 101
Band mixed album
featuring Shironamhin, Black, Yaatri and others
Source: G-Series



Nichhak Swapno
Duet album featuring
Fahmida Nabi and Khalid
Source: Fahim Music



Rong
Band mixed album
featuring Shunno, Nemesis, Raaga and others
Source: Fahim Music



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

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,
9:00am, 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
am, 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) 2:30 pm,
4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm,
10:30 pm, 12:30 am

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

BTV

09:05 Sisimpur
09:30 Smritimoy Geeti Moy
10:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi
10:30 Ei Prithibi
11:00 Jaantey Chai Janatey
Chai

11:20 Haldey Pakhir Palok
Anushilon
11:45 Moli O Manush
12:35 Selected Programme

01:40 Drama
03:15 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Apnar Doctor
07:30 Selected Programme

08:30 Drama Serial: Shamali
Deen

09:00 Chhayachondo
10:30 Moner Majhey Je Shur
Bajey

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Akker Shanbaadpotro
09:00 Shushilo Thakun
09:30 Educational
Programme

10:30 Cookery Show
11:15 Islamic Programme

02:30 Jibon Jigyasha
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
06:20 Amra Korbo Joy

08:00 Drama: Kankhito Mukti
09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar
Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Maa

10:50 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno
CHANNEL-1
09:30 Grameenphone Tritio
Matra

09:45 Public Reaction
09:30 Grameenphone Tritio

Matra

10:30 Grameenphone
Teleshomoy

11:30 Islamic Programme
12:05 Kora Aalap

12:30 Musical Programme: Sa
Re Ga Ma

01:30 Grameenphone
Tritiomatray Apni

02:30 Citycell Channel-1 Medha
Bikash

05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin
06:00 Aloye Bhuban Bhora

07:50 Musical Programme:
Meridian Channel 1

09:35 Drama Serial: Doinik
Tolpaar

11:30 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi
Toley

02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus

05:45 Ekusher Shondha
07:50 Drama: Swapner Akashey
Ghuri

09:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market
Shabag Dhaka 1000

10:30 Bhoboghurey Dot Com
BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Shamol Bangla

09:30 Business Dialog
10:10 Bhalo Thakun

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11:40 VISA Apnaar Agami

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08:15 Drama Serial: Ontorikhyo

09:05 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
Drama Serial: Gulshan
Avenue

11:25 Voter Lorai
CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:00 Top News

10:40 Drama: Achol
11:30 Alor Kaphela

01:00 Drama: Daanpotro
02:00 Nongor-er Khojey

03:30 Drama: Daash Hazer Ek
Taka

04:00 Young Craze
04:30 Music One

05:15 Shoplatho Sheshey
06:00 Saajbela

07:00 Showcase

10:30 La Femina Nikita

11:30 Whistler
12:30 Jimmy Kimmel
Live

01:30 Brother & Sisters
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres

03:30 Fashion House
04:30 Cold Case

05:30 La Femina Nikita
06:30 Whistler

07:30 Friends
08:30 Seinfeld

09:00 Whose Line Is
It Anyway?

09:30 Carpoolers
10:00 The Knights Of
Prosperity

10:30 Psych
11:30 Most Shocking

12:30 Friends

11:00 Pride and Prejudice

THE HISTORY
CHANNEL

08:30 Goal to Goal
09:30 Body Armour

10:30 Century of Flight
11:30 Creative Vision

11:45 Body Armour
12:30 Marco Polo

03:30 The Great Gatsby
04:30 The Lords of The Mafia

07:30 Bhanwar
08:30 Indian Journeys

09:30 Swing Kids
11:30 Around The World In 80
Treasur

12:30 The Pharaohs

11:30 Super Pride

12:30 Super Factories
01:30 Naked Science

02:30 The Monkey Prince
03:30 World's Deadliest Animals

04:30 Super Cat
05:30 Big Bang

07:00 Mega Factories
07:30 Saving The King of
Snakes

08:00 Snake Wranglers
08:30 Crocodiles Under the Skin

09:30 Amazing Moments
10:30 Taboo S4

11:30 Amazing Moments
12:30 Saving The King of
Snakes

HBO

09:00 Reno 911: Miami
10:30 Poseidon

On HBO at 11:30 pm
Genre: Action, Thriller
Cast: Kurt Russell, Josh
Lucas, Emmy Rossum,
Jacinda Barrett

12:30 A Few Good Men
03:15 Broken Bridges

05:30 The Making Of The
Perfect Storm
06:15 Entourage 51: The Young
And The Stoned

06:45 Entourage 52: Snow Job
07:15 Jaws 2

09:30 Chill Factor
11:30 Poseidon

STAR MOVIES

08:20 The Keeper: The
Legend Of Omar K

10:00 Goal II: Living The Dream
11:55 Minotaur

01:30 Ripley Under Ground
03:15 Species II

04:45 The Rock
07:00 Mr. Magorium's Wonder
Emporium

08:35 102 Dalmatians
10:15 The Namesake

12:15 Out Of Sight



Kankhito Mukti
On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Dolly Zahur, Khairul Alam Shobuj



Radio Footi 88.0 FM
08:00am Friday Morning Show
12:00pm Hamd-Nath and
Quran recital

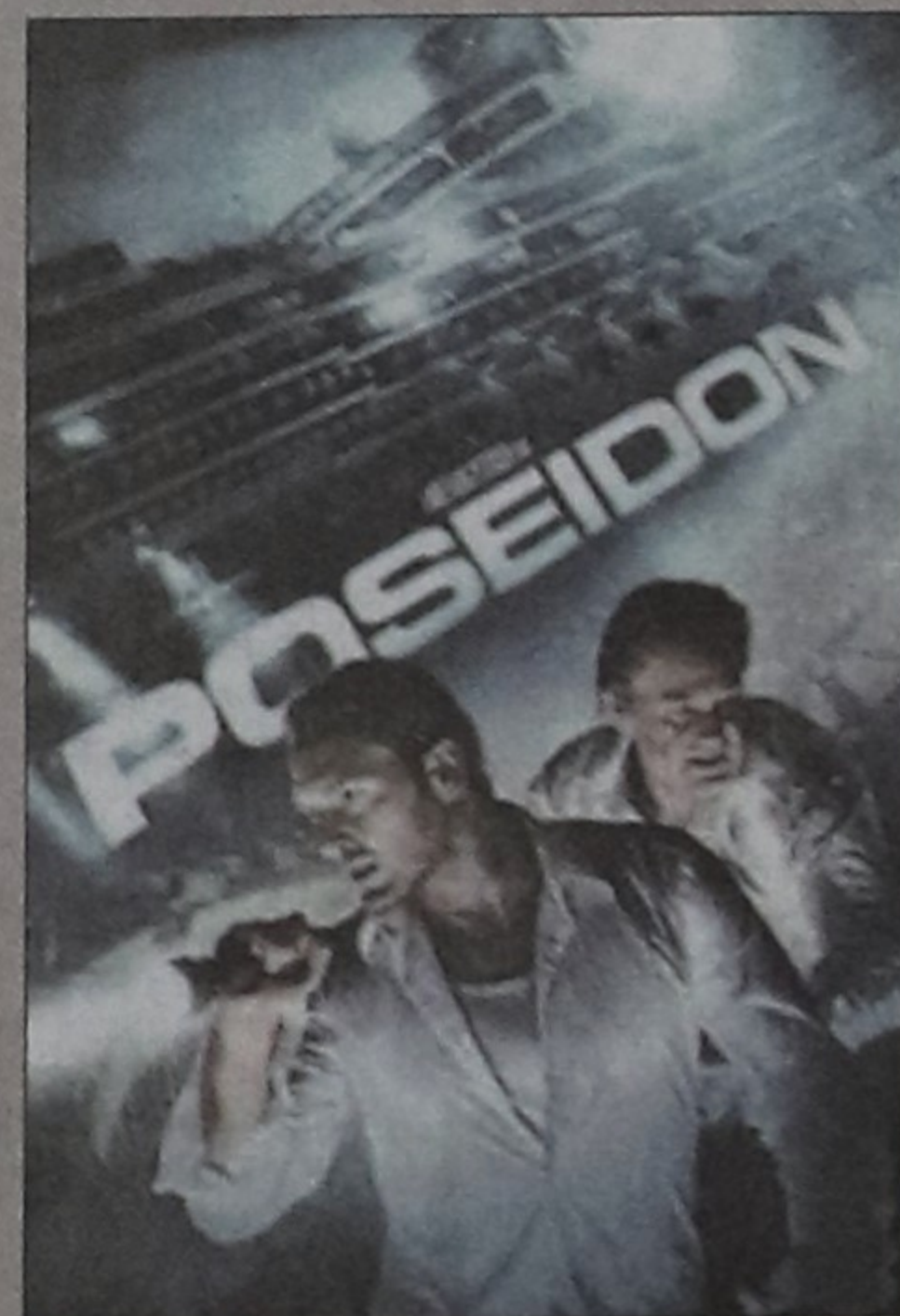
02:00pm Fourti Unlimited
06:00pm Bumper to Bumper
11:00pm Somoy Asomoy
(SOS)

01:00am Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka

11:00am Post Box 9032
01:00pm Islami Gan
02:00pm Rupali Gan

07:00pm Today's World Music
12:00am Today's Happy
Moments

12:10am Today's Drum
Tracks



ETV

09:30 Fashion Show
10:00 Shonamoni Shukhey
Oshukhey

11:30 Job Line
12:30 Dhum Ta Na

03:05 Drama Serial: Gulshan
Avenue

04:15 Dhormo O Jibon
05:10 Cookery Show: Amader
Ranna Ghar

05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Banglavisian Cafe

08:15 Drama: Roton

09:00 Vote Bilitoko
STAR WORLD

09:00 Friends
09:30 30 Rock

10:00 Scrubs

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Intermission
10:30 Blind Guy Dating

12:30 Little Black Book
02:45 Spiderman

08:30 Eraser

Who Built Egypt

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
CHANNEL

08:30 Built for the Kill
09:30 The Real Serengeti

10:30 Creative Vision-NGC