

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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



Film Screening
 Film: Jodha Akbar
 Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1
 Date: January 2
 Time: 6pm



Digital Biography and Photography Exhibition
 Title: Jibon O Chitrey Gunjon
 Organiser: Gunjon
 Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
 Date: January 6-10
 Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm



Dance Drama
 Play: Hey Ananta Punya
 Troupe: Shadhona
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
 Date: January 9
 Time: 7pm



World bids farewell to a rocky year



Sydney celebrated the new year with fireworks.

Hundreds of thousands of revellers have rung in 2009 from a freezing Times Square in New York, signalling the end of a historic and troubled year that saw the election of the first black US president and the worst economic crisis in decades.

As the clock struck midnight, a ton of confetti rained down while the partygoers hugged and kissed.

Former President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Clinton, who will become President-elect Barack Obama's secretary of state later this month, helped Mayor Michael Bloomberg with the countdown.

Six luxury cruise liners floated off Rio's famed Copacabana beach as fireworks erupted over heads of about two million Brazilian revellers.

Sydney, Australia, was the world's first major city to ring in 2009, with 5.5 tons of fireworks set off at the city's harbour bridge.

In Ireland, thousands of Dubliners and tourists gathered outside the capi-

tal's oldest medieval cathedral, Christ Church, to hear the traditional New Year's Eve bell-ringing.

In Malaysia, the government -- mindful of the shaky economy -- chose not to sponsor any celebration at all. In Hong Kong, thousands thronged around Victoria Harbour for a midnight fireworks display.

The new year also brought tragedy, as rescue workers in Thailand said at least 59 New Year's revellers died in a fire that swept through a popular nightclub in Bangkok, with about another 130 injured.

In the splendour of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict XVI called for "sobriety and solidarity" in 2009. During a year's end vespers service Wednesday evening, the pope said these times are "marked by uncertainty and worry for the future" but urged people not to be afraid and to help each other.

In India, many people were happy to see the end of 2008 after a series of terrorist attacks in several cities, culminating in

the three-day siege in Mumbai that killed 164 people.

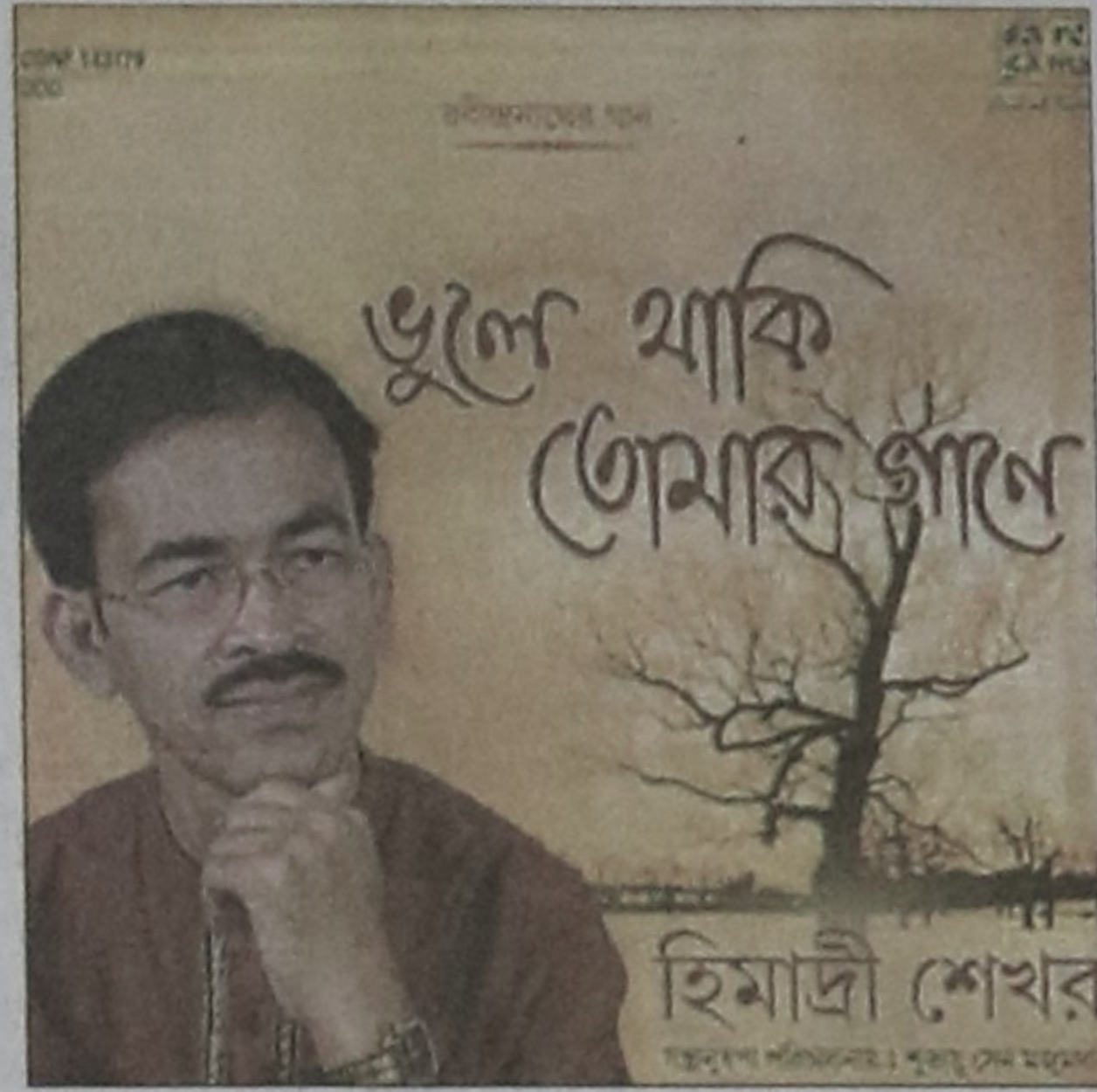
In Athens, police said arsonists attacked at least 10 banks and two car dealerships amid the celebrations. Cities in Greece had riots recently over the fatal shooting of a teenage boy by police.

Celebrations were muted in China, where fireworks and feasting are reserved mainly for the Lunar New Year, which in 2009 begins on January 26.

At midnight in Japan, temples rang their bells 108 times -- representing the 108 evils being struck out -- as worshippers threw coins as offerings and prayed. In Tokyo, volunteers stirred huge pots of New Year's rice-cake soup and doled out blankets and clothing to the needy. Japan has long boasted a system of lifetime employment at major companies, but that unravelled last year amid the financial crisis.

Source: Internet

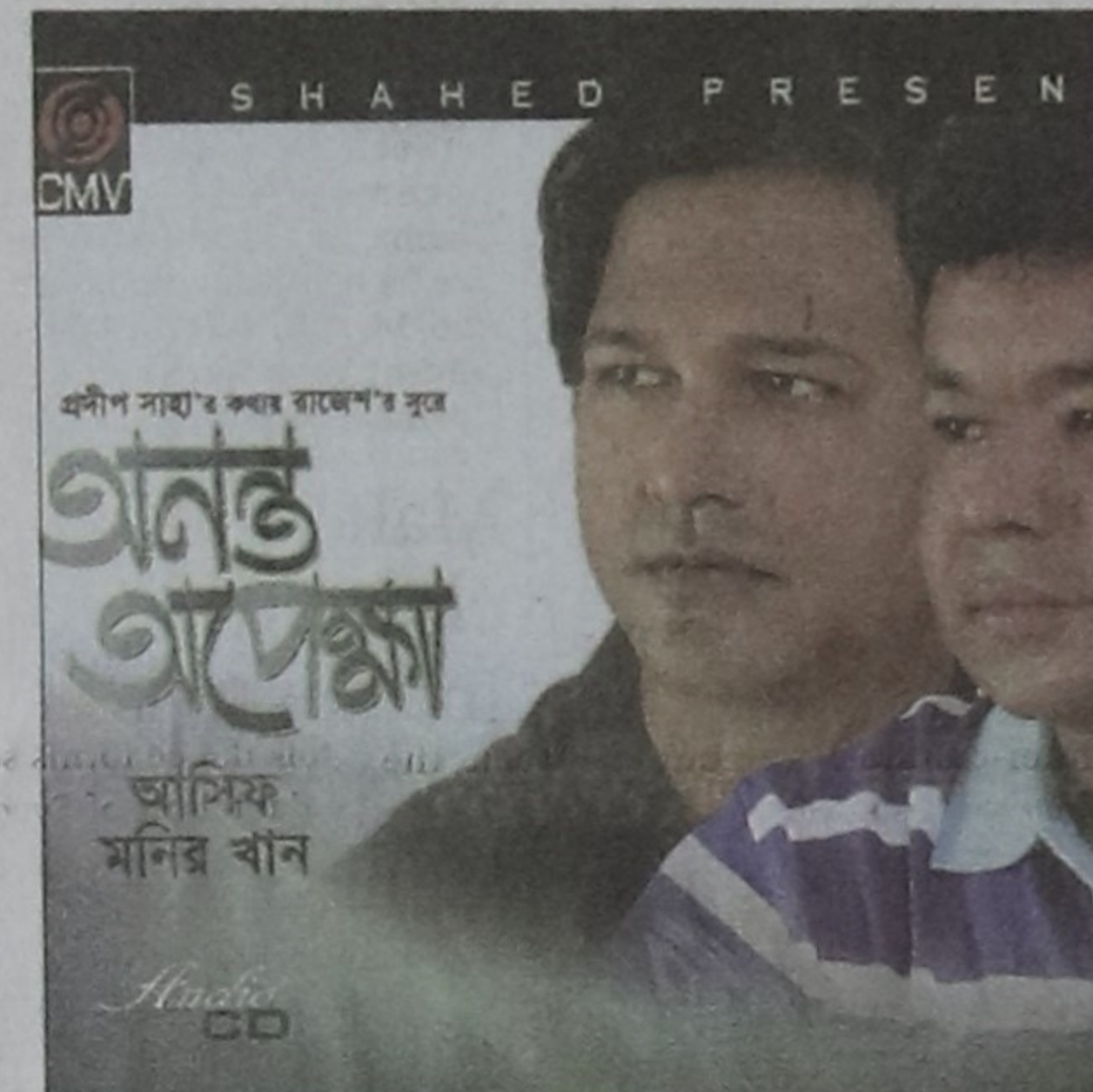
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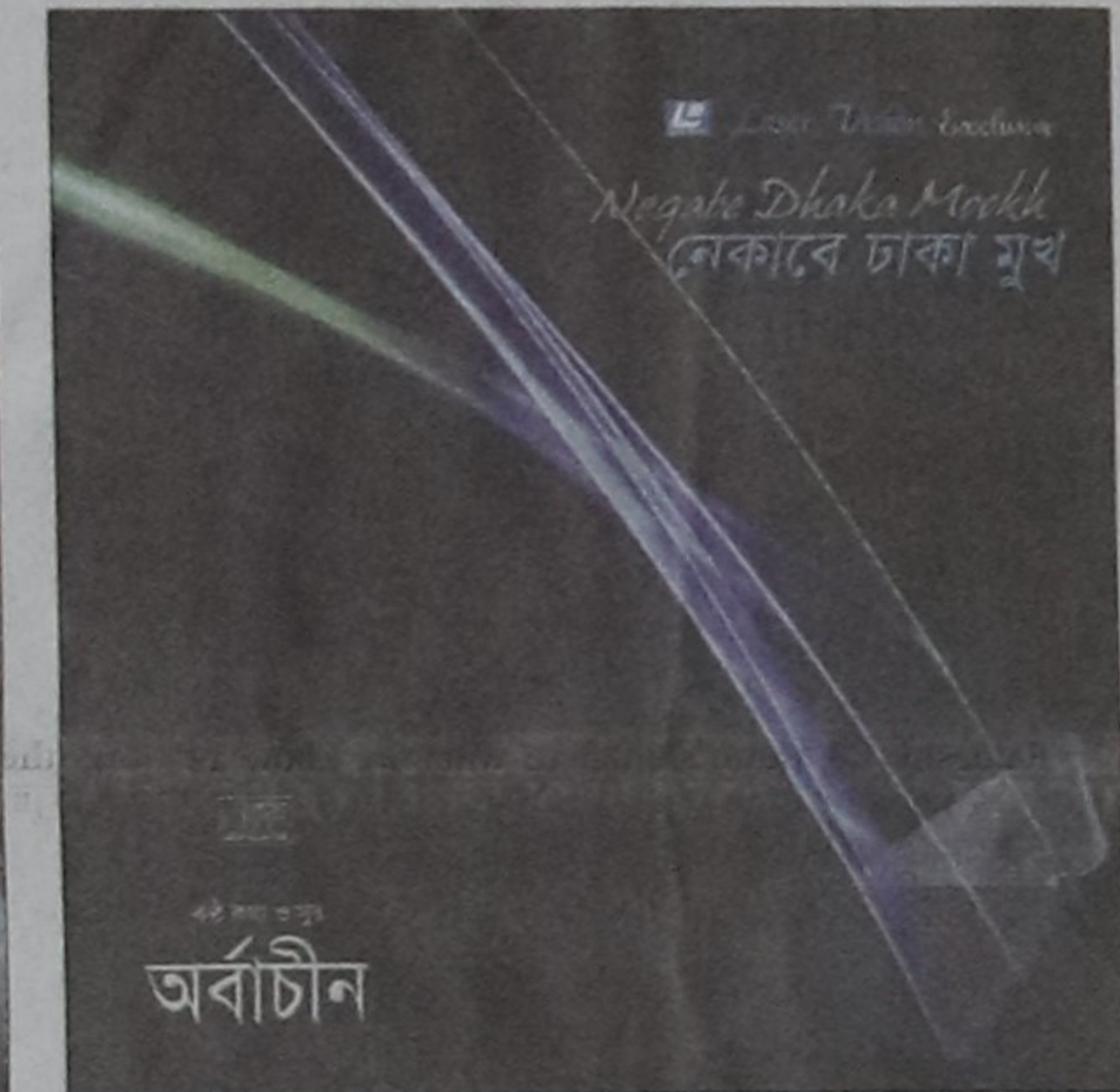
Bhule Thaki Tomar Gaaney
 Solo album of Rabindra Sangeet by Himadri Shekhar
 Source: HMV Saregama



Kingbodonti
 Album featuring bands Dalchhut and Souls
 Source: Rage Records



Ananta Apekha
 Album featuring Asif and Monir Khan
 Source: CMV



Neqabe Dhaka Mookh
 Solo album featuring artist Aurbachin
 Source: Laser Vision



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. 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): 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

ATN BANGLA
 08:15 Ajker Shanbaadpotro
 09:00 Shushtho Thakun
 09:20 BSB Cambrian Education Zone
 10:30 Cookery Show: ATN Rannaghar
 11:05 Selected Programme
 02:30 Jibon Jigyasha
 03:15 Bangla Feature Film
 05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor
 06:20 Amra Korbo Joy
 08:00 Style Icon
 09:20 Drama: Tomar Doaeey Bhalo Achi Ma
 10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno
 11:00 Daily Soap: Doll's House
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL-1
 08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone Tritto Matra
 10:30 Grameenphone Teleshomoy
 11:30 Islamic Programme
 12:05 Kora Aalap
 12:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 01:30 Grameenphone Tritomatray Apni
 02:30 Selected Programme
 05:30 Mukti Judho Protidin

06:00 Talk Show: Aloye Bhuban Bhora
 07:50 Musical Programme: Meridian Channel I
 09:35 Drama Serial: Dainik Tolpaar
 10:00 Drama Serial: Shangshar
 11:30 Drama Serial: Chhayabithi Toley
 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadporto
ntv
 08:55 Ekhaney Amar Desh
 09:30 Concert For Children
 11:30 Amaro Gailey Ichhey Holo
 01:05 Chetonaye Islam
 02:00 Tele-film: Aponchhaya
 11:30 Super Heroine
 11:35 Washinton Batra
 11:35 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
ETV
 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 10:30 Drama: Neel Rokto
 11:30 Alor Kaphela
 01:00 Drama: Teen Matra
 02:00 Gollachhut
 03:30 Drama
 04:00 Concert
 04:30 Chupi Chupi
 05:15 Shuktara
 06:00 Saajbela
 08:15 Drama: Chhaiya Chhaiya
 09:30 Show Case
 11:00 Amar Ghar



Doinik Tolpar
 On Channel 1 at 9:35 pm
 Drama Serial
 Cast: Fazlur Rahman Babu, Shoeb

04:10 Cookery Show
 05:20 Itihasher Ei Diney
 05:35 Tiffin-er Phakey
 06:45 Ranna Banna Adda
 08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
 09:00 Talent Hunt: Super Hero
BANGLAVISION
 08:00 Shubho Shokaal
 08:30 Shamol Bangla
 09:00 Nodi O Jibon
 09:30 Business Dialog
 10:10 Bhalo Thakun

11:05 Housing Batra
 11:40 Apnaar Agami
 12:30 Mohioshi Nan
 02:30 Selected Programme
 04:20 Dhormo O Jibon
 05:15 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
 06:20 Selected Programme
 08:15 Drama Serial: Ontorikhyo
 09:05 Drama Serial: Bijji Moholla
 09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 11:25 Selected Programme
CHANNEL 1
 08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
 10:30 Drama: Neel Rokto
 11:30 Alor Kaphela
 07:00 Shoptaho Sheshey
 08:15 Drama: Chhaiya Chhaiya
 09:30 Show Case
 11:00 Amar Ghar
HBO
 08:45 Roseanna's Grave
 10:45 Buying The Cow
 12:30 Reservation Road
 02:30 The Making Of Zodiac
 03:15 Blades Of Glory
 05:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Romantic Comedies
 05:30 Art Heist
 07:30 Jaws III
 09:30 The Mummy
 11:45 Wild Things
ZEE STUDIO
 08:30 Bat 21

09:30 30 Rock
 10:00 Scrubs
 10:30 Brother & Sisters
 11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live
 12:30 Friends
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
 08:30 World's Deadliest Animals
 09:30 Super Pride
 10:30 Creative Vision- NGC
 11:30 Animals Behaving Badly
 12:30 Air Crash Investigation
 01:30 On Thin Ice
 02:30 Fight Science
 03:30 Planet Camivore
 04:30 The Dark Side of Hippos
 05:30 Big Bang
 06:30 Super Factories
 07:30 Hunter Hunted
 08:30 World's Deadliest Animals
 09:30 Inside: Rolling Stones In Rio
 10:30 Inside: Rio Carnival
 11:30 Hong Kong's Big Bang
 12:30 Hunter Hunted
THE HISTORY CHANNEL
 08:30 Colour of War V
 09:30 Creative Vision
 10:30 The Fight
 11:30 Creative Vision
 12:30 When Billie beat Bobby
 02:30 Mahabharata
 03:30 The Fight
 04:30 Michael Schumacher The Red Baron
 05:30 Century of Flight
 06:30 Around The World In 80 Treasur
 07:30 The Fight
 08:30 Indian Journeys
 10:30 Mahesh Bhatt
 11:00 The Future
 12:30 Indian Journeys

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
 08:00am Friday Morning Show
 12:00pm Hamd-Nath and Quran recital
 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
 02:00pm Rupali Gan
 07:00pm Today's World Music
 12:00am Today's Happy Moments
 12:10am Today's Dhum Tracks

REESE WITHERSPOON

VANITYfair
 JAHRMARKT DER EITELKEIT
 On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm
 Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Gabriel Byrne

01:00 Drama: Teen Matra
 02:00 Gollachhut
 03:30 Drama
 04:00 Concert
 04:30 Chupi Chupi
 05:15 Shuktara
 06:00 Saajbela
 10:45 Big Business
 12:45 13 Going On 30
 02:45 Modigliani
 05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
 06:00 Con Air
 08:45 Cocktail

05:30 La Femma
 Nikita
 06:30 Whistler
 07:30 Friends
 08:30 Seinfeld
 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?