

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Selim Al Deen Death Anniversary**  
Organiser: Dhaka Theatre and Bangladesh Gram Theatre Academy  
Venue: Bangladesh Shipuka Academy  
Date: January 14-18  
Time: 6:30 pm (January 14-15) 10:30 am onwards (January 16-17) 5pm (January 18)



**2nd Children's Film Festival '09**  
Organiser: Children's Film Society Bangladesh  
Venue: Shaikat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbag  
Date: January 24-30  
Time: 11am onwards



**Classical Music Festival**  
Organiser: Chhayarat  
Venue: Chhayarat Sangskriti Bhaban  
Date: January 15-17



**Photography Exhibition**  
Title: Shishur Chokhe Bangladesh  
Organiser: Muktochokh  
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dharamdi  
Date: January 9-21  
Time: 9am-12pm and 5-8pm



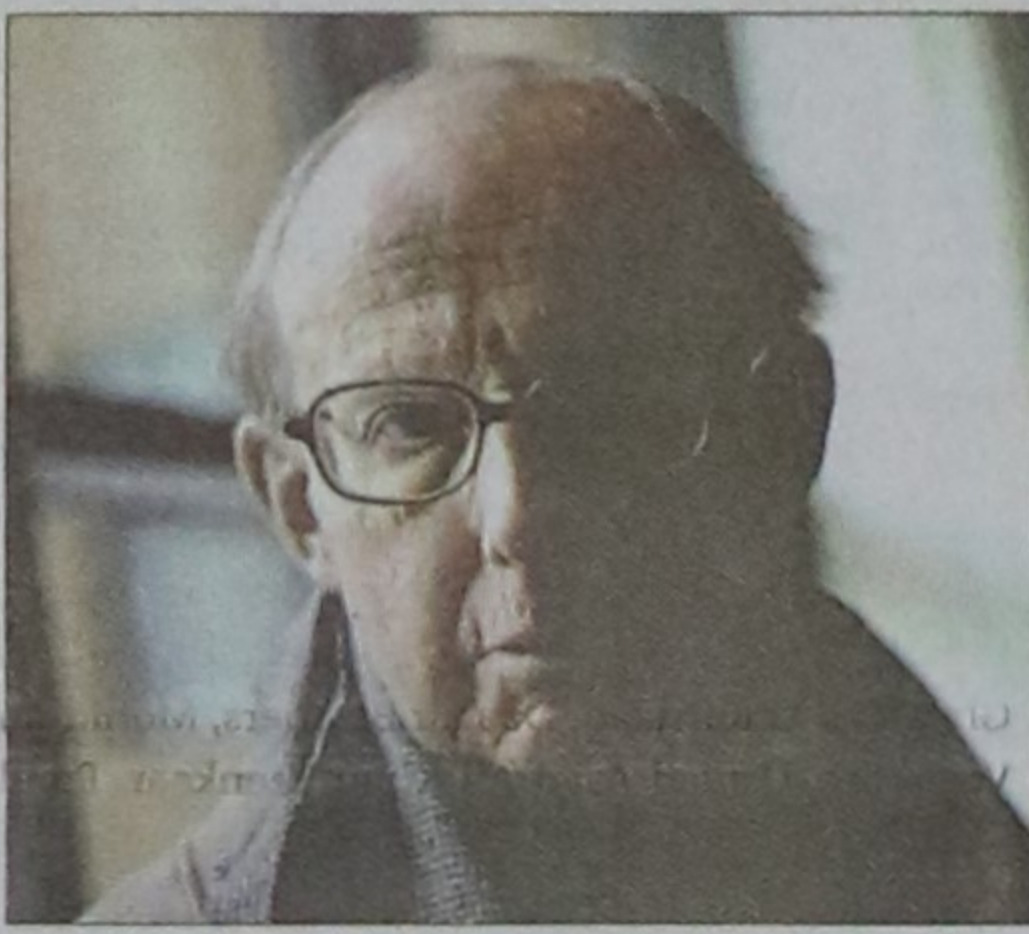
## TRIBUTE

# Pinter, Huntington and gaps in the drawing rooms

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Harold Pinter



Samuel Huntington

Two men, one a Briton and the other an American, died on Christmas Eve 2008. Harold Pinter probably did for English drama what few have done. Indeed, it was said of him that he did to plays what Auden once said should be done. He cleaned the gutters of the English language, so that afterwards it flowed more easily. And so on and so forth. By the time he died at seventy-eight, Pinter had turned into a rounded character, in that particular phrase normally reserved for individuals peopling drama. He was a dramatist, he was a critic, he was a polemicist. That last bit came off rather strongly, and to the delight of many, when he accepted the Nobel Prize for literature in 2005. He excoriated the Bush administration over its adventures abroad.

That surely did not earn him plaudits in Washington, but Pinter was one man who simply did not care what others thought of him. On television talk shows, he rudely and rightly put down men who had associated themselves with the Bush administration. The sneer said it all. Hearing Pinter then, and watching his expression, made you realise how politics could come to be dominated by philistines. The English playwright brought out the hollowness in all the men and women who formed what perhaps will go down as the worst White House in all of American history. The BBC might engage you on the motion of George W. Bush being the worst president in United States history. But the idea of it came a lot earlier, with men like Pinter, and the Australian journalist John Pilger ready and willing to strip pretension to its absolute naked form. It is a good thing that Karl Rove and Bill Kristol, both fervent believers in the 'wisdom' of George W. Bush, never bumped into Pinter, or into involved writers like him.

Harold Pinter will be missed. And one of the reasons why is that the end of his life brings to an end the remarkable intellectual partnership he had forged with his wife, the historian Lady Antonia Fraser. Back in the days when they fell in love (and it created quite a scandal), the more discerning of observers saw in the blossoming

into the ages on Christmas Eve. Samuel Huntington has in these past many years been famous or notorious (it all depends on how you view the march of men through the deserts of time) for his seminal work, "Clash of Civilizations". So what was so important about the work? Simply this: Huntington refused to go along with the view propounded by many that following the collapse of communism it would be a unified world order, underpinned by democracy, that would bring happiness to people. He went back to history, into things of an atavistic nature, and emerged with the idea that local tribalisms, as propounded through religion or tradition or both and indeed everywhere, would be the new universal reality.

If you go back to what has been happening across the world since the early 1990s, you cannot really be dismissive of Huntington. After Iraq, after Afghanistan, after the crusading zeal in which America's neo-conservatives have gone to work and now, in light of what the Israelis have been doing in Gaza, you realise the profundity that defined Huntington's intellectuality. He was one of the few men who knew what a post-Cold War world would look like. In that respect, his foresight clearly left Francis Fukuyama's End of History reflections far behind.

Huntington was eighty-one when he died. Life for him, against the backdrop of the reputation he had developed through his teaching and writing, had truly turned out to be fulfilling. In the 1960s, as a young intellectual, he was dispatched to South Vietnam by the Johnson administration, to assess conditions on the ground, Huntington lost little time in concluding that the war was not going well for Washington. Earlier, in the 1950s, he served as a speechwriter for Adlai Stevenson, the thinking man who did not make it to the White House. And in 1968, as Hubert Humphrey struggled to beat Richard Nixon at the election, Huntington served as a foreign policy advisor to him.

Death is diminishing for those yet living. The passing of Harold Pinter and Samuel Huntington leaves huge gaps in the drawing rooms where culture once flowed freely, almost rhythmically.

romance a perfect blend of analytical minds -- Pinter's focused on the politics of his times, Fraser's on the conflicts of stages.

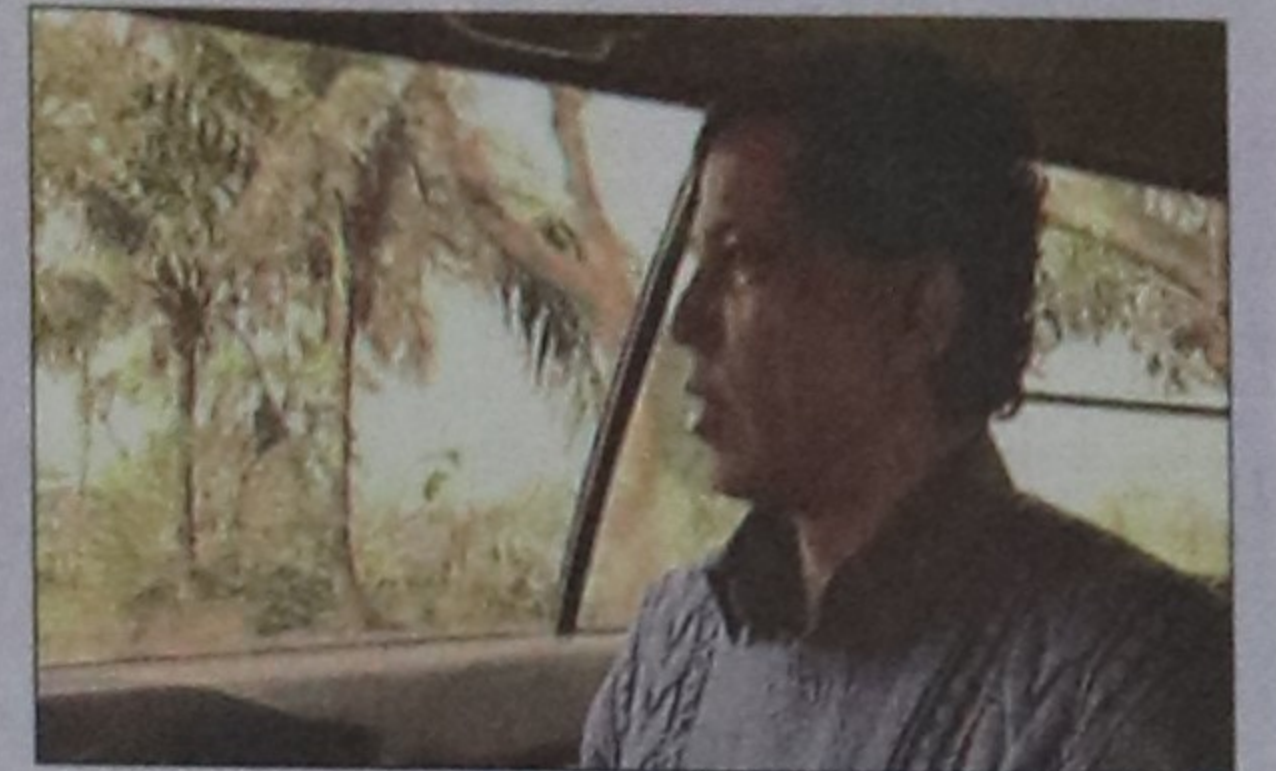
And it is this question of ages, of civilizations as they have straddled the globe that takes hold of you when you speak of the American who passed

# Ei Je Ami Documentary on Selim Al Deen

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of his first death anniversary, "Ei Je Ami", a documentary on the late theatre icon Selim Al Deen, will be aired on ntv today at 6:45pm.

Directed by Esha Yusuf, the documentary features reminiscence on Al Deen, popularly known as 'Natyacharya', by fellow theatre personalities and friends Raisul Islam Asad, Nasiruddin Yousuff, Humayun Faridee and Shimul Yousuff.



The documentary includes vignettes of Al Deen's life. The documentary also includes vignettes of Al Deen's moment, at some drama rehearsal, on his way life: the icon in a pensive somewhere in his car and more.

# Stage play to generate awareness

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabganj

To generate awareness on tuberculosis, the Bangladesh Centre of Communication Programme (BCCP), recently staged a play at Shaheed Satu Hall in Chapainawabganj town. The play, "Ekjon Sheuly", was staged by 'Anushilan Natyadal' of Rajshahi University.

Consultant of Chapainawabganj TB clinic, Dr Mohammad Afzal Hossain, inaugurated the event. Tapash Kumar Das, regional coordinator of tuberculosis control programme of BCCP; Professor Enamul Hauque, president of Udichi Shilpi



The play, "Ekjon Sheuly", was staged by Anushilan Natyadal of Rajshahi University. Gosthi and Udichi's general secretary Golam Faruk Mithun, among others, attended the programme.

Some 500 people, along with teachers, students and cultural activists attended the play.



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

## On Air

- BTV**  
08:20 Shuprobhat  
08:45 SAARC Round Up  
09:00 Tri-Nation Cricket: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka (Live)  
09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geetimoy  
12:30 Cartoon  
05:05 Sisimpur  
05:30 Computer  
06:15 Nabo Anondoy Jago  
07:00 Agricultural Programme: Mati O Manush  
07:45 Agun Jhgora Shondha  
08:35 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Nichey  
09:00 Drama Serial: Rakkhosh  
09:30 Selected Programme  
10:30 Selected Programme

- ATN BANGLA**  
08:15 Aker Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Drama Serial: Syed Banir Bou  
09:15 Asian City Top Spin  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Style Icon  
12:15 IT Zone  
01:25 Band View  
02:30 Drama Serial: Larey Lappa  
03:15 Drama Serial: Rupali Manush  
03:45 Children's Programme: Nilgiri  
04:20 Islamic Programme  
05:10 Banijyomeia Protidin  
05:35 Islamic Programme  
06:20 Take Care  
06:45 Projonmo Katha  
08:00 Drama Serial  
08:40 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamai  
09:20 Drama Serial: Rod- Brishti Shohorey  
11:30 Talk Show: Talking Point  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

- CHANNEL i**  
08:05 Tagore Song  
08:30 Shokaa-er Gaan  
09:30 Shangkadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra  
11:05 Sports Plus  
11:30 Educational Programme: Medha Bikash  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan

- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
03:05 Musical Programme: Meridian Channel i Khudey Gaan Raaj  
04:30 Aponaar Shushwastho  
05:30 Special Programme  
06:00 Mega Serial: Saath Goenda  
06:20 Cookery Show  
07:50 Various Show: Chandrabindu  
08:25 Drama Serial: Shagotom Bhalobasha  
09:35 Drama Serial: Prithibir Shob Rup Mekhey Achhey Ghashey  
10:00 Documentary Programme: Jibon Jekhaney Jemon  
11:30 First Minister  
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shanbadpotro

- ntv**  
08:30 Aker Shokaal  
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kaancher Khancha  
09:30 Frankly Speaking  
10:30 Music Express  
11:30 Glamour World  
12:10 Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Ondhokaar-er Phul  
03:15 Drama Serial: Jhuthamela  
04:10 Quiz Show: Ispahani Janar Achhey Botar Achhey  
05:25 Ithasher Ei Din-ey  
05:30 Aponar Jigyasha

- 06:00 Saaj Bela  
07:00 Padmarraag  
08:15 Drama Serial: Dash Hazar Ek Taka  
09:00 Drama Serial: Hiraakbari Shonaar Churi  
09:30 Music Wagon  
11:00 Gaan-er Katha Kathar Gaan  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:30 Gharey Bahirey  
09:00 Drama Serial: Jogphol  
09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
12:30 Ebong Classer Balrey  
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
02:30 Top Story  
03:03 Gaanalap  
04:20 Drama Serial: Swapnochura  
05:15 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

- 09:30 Pothey Prantarey  
10:00 Prime Time  
11:05 Diganlo Sanglap  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:20 The Thin Red Line  
11:10 Step Up!  
12:55 Glory  
02:55 End Of Days  
04:55 Hitch  
07:00 Severance  
08:40 What Lies Beneath  
10:50 3 Burials Of Melquiades Estrada  
12:55 Skinwalkers  
02:35 Swamp Devil  
**STAR WORLD**  
09:00 Friends  
09:30 30 Rock

- 10:30 Shark  
11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live  
**FOX HISTORY & ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL**  
08:30 Lords of the Mafia  
10:15 Creative Vision  
10:30 Casanova  
12:15 Creative Vision  
12:30 Jekyll & Hyde  
02:30 Mahabharata  
03:30 Casanova  
04:30 Lords of the Mafia  
05:30 Tour of Duty  
06:30 Rise and Rise of David Beckham  
07:30 Bhanwar  
08:30 Casanova  
09:30 Legends of Wimbledon  
10:30 Century of Flight  
11:30 Bhanwar

**Ghar Jamai**  
On ATN Bangla at 8:40 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Sharmin Shila, Shatabdi Wadud

**TOMMY LEE JONES**  
**THREE BURIALS**  
OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA  
On Star Movies at 10:50pm  
Genre: Adventure/Crime

- ETV**  
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom  
10:02 Binodon Biswa  
11:30 Ekushey Business  
12:30 Ekushey Business  
02:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo Dash  
03:30 O Bondhu Aamar  
04:00 Drama Serial: Tomtom  
04:30 Deshjurey Shanglaap  
05:30 Sports Plus  
05:45 Ekukher Shondha  
06:30 Campus Campus  
07:45 Cine Hills  
08:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo

- 06:15 Shubha Shandhya  
06:45 Documentary: Ei Jey Aami  
08:15 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe  
09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan  
09:45 Drama Serial: Neer  
11:25 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
**CHANNEL 1**  
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh  
10:30 Bangla Feature Film  
03:30 Drama Serial: Mayur Bahon  
04:00 Drama Serial: Hiraak Bari Shonaar Chun  
04:30 Prashna Uttar  
05:15 Bioscope

- 06:20 Obhishir Gham-er Taka  
06:50 Media Bhuban  
08:15 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
09:05 Home Care  
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
11:15 Nana Ranger Dinguli  
**DIGANTO TELEVISION**  
08:30 Dakhin Hawa  
12:30 Shashlya Diganto  
03:05 Drama Serial: Jiner Badsha Cartoon  
05:30 Khetkhamar  
06:30 Shombhabon Diganto  
08:05 Shamparka Shankat  
08:30 Prio Gaan Prio Shur

- 10:00 Scrubs  
10:30 La Femme Nikita  
11:30 October Road  
12:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live  
01:30 Heroes  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres  
03:30 Murder She Wrote  
04:30 Cold Case  
05:30 La Femme Nikita  
06:30 October Road  
08:00 Friends  
08:30 Seinfeld  
09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
09:30 Rock  
10:00 Scrubs

- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL**  
08:30 Living With Big Cats  
09:30 Perilous Journeys  
11:00 Creative Vision- NGC  
11:30 Built For The Kill  
12:30 Inside The Forbidden City  
01:30 Naked Science  
02:30 ShowReal Asia  
03:30 Amazonia's Giant Jaws  
04:30 Built For The Kill  
06:00 Big Bang  
06:30 Test Pilots  
08:00 Snake Wranglers  
08:30 Dangerous Encounters  
09:00 NG's Amazing Moments  
10:30 Wild Dog Diaries  
11:30 NG's Amazing Moments  
**HBO**  
08:30 Unforgettable  
10:45 A Perfect Day  
12:30 Dreamcatcher  
03:00 Hollywood Spotlight: Drew Barrymore  
03:30 Flushed Away  
05:15 The Making Of Freedom Writers  
05:30 Roseanna's Grave  
07:30 Screams  
09:30 Happy Feet  
11:45 Knocked Up  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
08:30 Storm Catcher  
10:30 Hell Boats  
12:30 Forever Mine  
03:00 Cold Creek Manor  
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best  
06:00 The Recruit  
08:45 Blind Guy Dating  
11:00 Bruce Almighty