

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

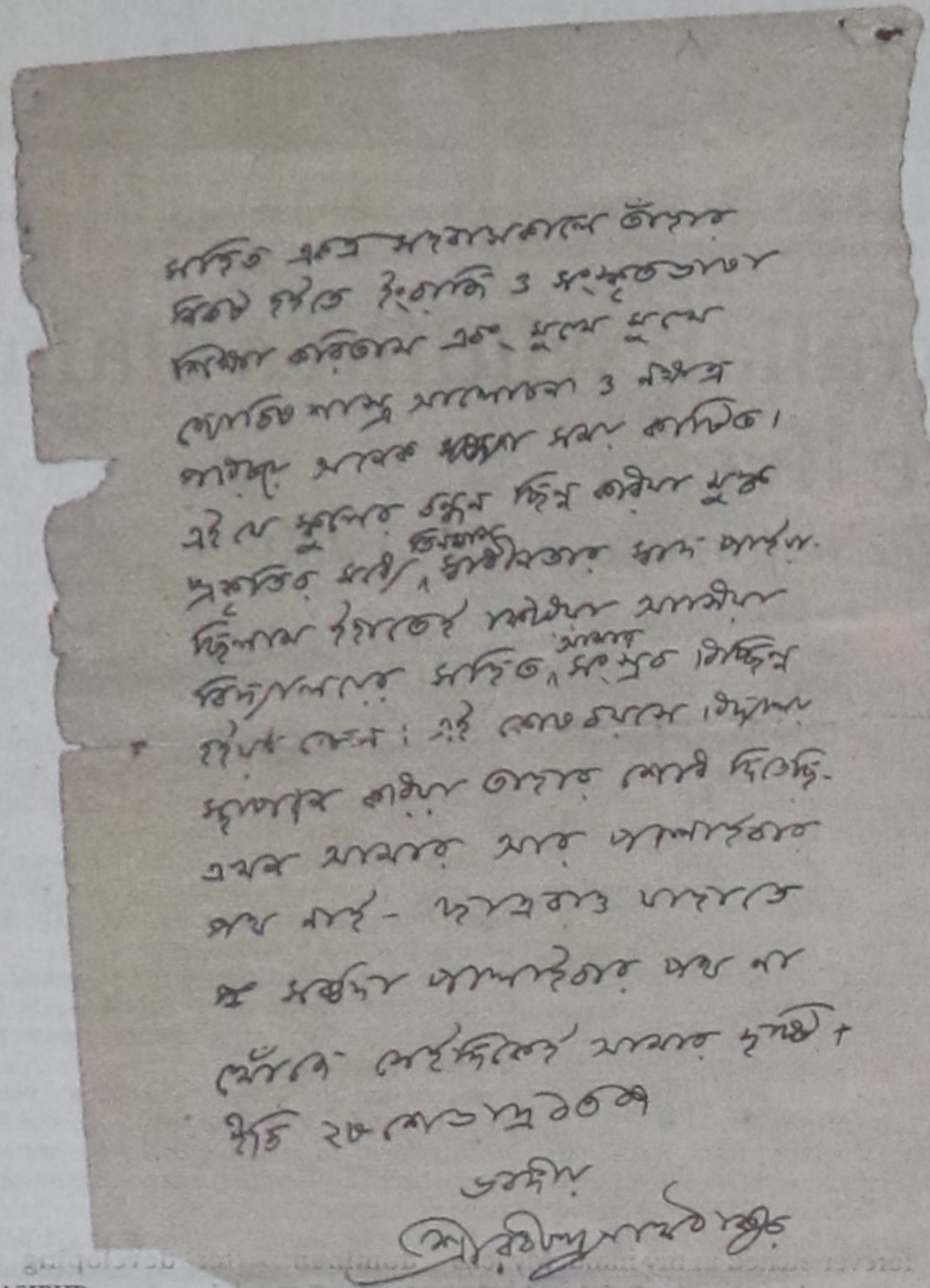
Film Screening
Film: Ratanouille
Organiser: Children's Film Society, Bangladesh and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Palokil Dirlipi
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Organiser: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts

Book Launch
On 200th birth anniversary of Louis Braille
Books: 'Chharar Taley Monta Doley' and 'Chharar Mala'

Musical Soiree
Title: Bhalobasha Gaan
Organiser: Rabi Raag
Venue: Natmanadal, Dhaka University

Tagore's letter
A rare find in Naogaon



HASIBUR RAHMAN BILU, back from Naogaon

A rare hand written letter by Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore was recovered recently from Patisar village under Atrai Upazila in the northern district of Naogaon.

Naheed Sultana, custodian, Rabindranath Kachharibari Museum at

Shazadpur Upazila in Sirajganj district, confirmed that the six-page letter was addressed to someone in Bolpur (Shantiniketan), West Bengal.

"As far I know, no original handwritten letter or manuscript of Tagore is in



any of the museums in Bangladesh," said Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, director general, Department of Archaeology, Bangladesh.

The letter has a complicated history: One Matiur Rahman of Patisar village collected the letter from a man named Nazrul Islam. Nazrul Islam inherited it from his father Kabej Ali Mandal, the only Muslim cook working on the poet's boat.

Some handwritten letters by the poet's son Rathindranath and other family members are carelessly housed at the Patisar Rathindranath Institute, under the principal in-charge of the institute, ABM Mosaddek Hossain.

Matiur Rahman asserted that a large number of Rabindranath memorabilia had been missing from the Patisar Rabindra Kachharibari since 1947. "I've seen lockers and other furniture lying uncared for at a local sub-post office and union land office in Patisar," he said.

Tagore had pointed out in the letter

The letter is signed by the Nobel laureate poet.

that his date of birth was May 6, 1861. However, custodian Naheed Sultana told The Daily Star that he was born on May 7 in the same year. She maintained that Tagore was in all likelihood born after 12 am, hence the discrepancy.

In response to a request for a biography, the poet mentioned in the letter that his life history was not important. He did, however, give insights into his younger days and his conjugal life.

Priceless coins recovered in Bhola

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

A significant number of ancient coins have been recovered at Joya village under Gangapur union of Borhanuddin upazila, Bhola district.

Arabic or Persian writing are engraved on the coins. Advocate Fariduddin, local UP chairman, said that when he heard about the findings of the hidden treasure, he called Ataur Rahman of the village on February 5. Ataur admitted that while digging for the foundations of his new house, he found a metal pitcher with some old coins.

According to the locals, pirates used to bury their booty -- that included gold and silver coins -- in coastal villages like Joya.

Authenticity and quantity of the coins were not disclosed.

Ataur presented a silver coin weighing 1.2 tola to the son of the UP chairman and another to Milon, the digger who recovered the treasure.



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Poet Abu Zafar's birth anniversary observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The 75th birth anniversary of poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah was observed with much fanfare at Baherchar under Babuganj upazila of Barisal district on February 8.

Abu Zafar Obaidullah Smriti Pathagar chalked up the event. The participants held a discussion on the life, work and achievements of the poet at the Pathagar premises.

The speakers said that though he was a high up civil service official, Obaidullah always preferred to be known as a poet of the soil, nature and mankind.

"Obaidullah always incorporated elements such as the joys and sorrows, struggles and lives of the peasants and the rich images and legends of Bengal," said the speakers.

Atkur Rahman, president of the Pathagar presided over the proceedings, while Bazlur Rahman Master, former UP chairman, was chief guest. Headmaster Rafikul Islam, Sultan Mahmud, Abu Taleb Master, Rashid Molla and others addressed the audience.

In the course of the meeting, a decision was also made to hold a two-day long Kabi Abu Zafar Obaidullah Mela 2009 complete with cultural programmes and discussions at Baherchar to celebrate the ninth death anniversary of the poet.

Obaidullah was born on February 8, 1934 and died on March 19, 2001. The poet was a prominent figure of the Language Movement and the proud recipient of the Ekushey Padak and Bangla Academy Award.

Celebrity chef Rick Stein in town

Celebrity chef Rick Stein arrived in Dhaka yesterday. The chef, who has a specialty in sea-food cooking and Mediterranean delicacies, will be shooting an episode of his popular television series at the Dhaka Club today at 3pm. He would also be shooting another episode at Nazimgarh Resort in Sylhet on February 13, says a press release.



Rick Stein

Over the years, Stein has been at the helm of such television shows like "Memoirs of a Seafood Chef" (BBC 2008), "Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes" (BBC 2007), "Rick Stein in Du Maurier Country" (BBC 2007) and many others. For more information on the chef, check out his website, www.rickstein.com.

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.

On Air
BTB
08:20 Shuprobhat
08:45 SAARC Round Up
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Shaswata Sur

09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
11:05 Sports Time
11:30 Educational Programme: Medha Bikash
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan

05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Campus Campus
07:45 Cine Hits
08:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunya Dash

12:30 Ebong Classer Bairey
02:30 Bikel Belar Boi Mela
02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney

HBO
10:30 Analyze That
12:30 Ghost Rider
02:45 Jaws



Boi Mela Protidin On Channel i at 4:30 pm Live from Bangla Academy premises



abc radio 89.2 FM
06:00am Shonar Jinalay
09:50am Mukhorib Jiborney



On Zee Studio at 11:00 pm Genre: Action/Crime

11:30 First Minister
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shanbadpotro
ETV
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom

06:30 Shombhaboron Diganro
08:05 Shamparka Shankat
08:30 Prio Gaan Prio Shur

03:00 BBC World News
03:30 HARDtalk (r)
04:00 BBC World News

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
09:30 Rivers And Life
10:30 Creative Vision

ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Shoot The Piano Player
10:10 Hell Boats