

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre

Play: Ebong
Oswamedh Jaggo
Troupe: Nityadhara
Venue: Mahila Shamli
Auditorium, Natok
Swarani
Date: March 4
Time: 7pm



Documentary Screening

Film: Stories of Change
Director: Kamar Ahmed
Simon
Venue: Star Cineplex,
Basundhara City,
Panthapath
Date: March 8
Time: 4:45pm



Art Exhibition

Title: Addition & Omission
Artists: Wakilur Rahman
and Al Mamoon
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H
20, Rd 16, Sec 4, Uttara
Date: February 27-
March 7
Time: 11am-8pm



Children's Art Exhibition

Title: Nature & Us
Organiser: Charuloy
Academy
Venue: Goethe-Institut,
H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: March 6-12
Time: 10am-8pm



Barisal mourns the fallen

RAFIQUL ISLAM, Barisal

Cultural activists in Barisal, like other parts of the country, observed the three-day national mourning and condemned the barbaric massacre at BDR Headquarters in Dhaka.

Barisal Shangkritik Shangathan Shamanny Parishad, an alliance of 26 cultural organisations, gathered at the Bir Srestho Mahiuddin Jahangir Road in the city. A condolence rally demanding exemplary punishment of the killers and planners was held on Sunday evening.

Prominent cultural personality and dramatist Sayed Dulal led the programme and spoke on the occasion.

Participants also called for united efforts of people from all walks of life to maintain solidarity throughout this



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period of national crisis.

The national flag was kept half-mast at all buildings of government, semi-government, autonomous and non-government organisations for three

consecutive days.

Special prayers were held at religious gatherings in Barisal region for the salvation of the departed souls.

Different political, cultural, social and human rights

groups organised 'milad mahfil' and special prayers at mosques, public gatherings, mourning rallies and discussion meetings at the different places in the Barisal region.

Twist in sale of relics has China winking

A Chinese man's assertion that he sabotaged the auction of two Qing dynasty bronzes at Christie's in Paris last week handed Beijing a wry public-relations coup on Monday (last week) after it battled for months to block the sale.

The man, Cai Mingchao, a collector and auctioneer, said at a news conference in Beijing that he had submitted the two winning \$18 million bids for the bronze heads of a rat and a rabbit last Wednesday, but that he had no intention of paying for them. He described himself as a consultant for a nongovernmental group that seeks to bring looted artefacts back to China, and said he had acted out of patriotic duty.

Beijing had vigorously protested the sale of the heads, saying they were looted from an imperial palace outside Beijing in the 19th century and should be returned to China. A group of Chinese lawyers tried to block the auction, but a French court allowed it to proceed. Several Western experts on cultural property said that whatever moral arguments might favour Beijing, it had no legal claim to the bronzes.

Christie's declined to confirm whether Cai, 44, had submitted the winning bids, saying it did not identify anonymous sellers or buyers. Edward Dolman, chief executive of Christie's International, emphasised that because the auction house did not release property without payment, the bronze heads were still the property of Pierre Bergé.

Bergé was the companion

and business partner of Yves Saint Laurent. Over all, the auction of the personal collection of Bergé and Saint Laurent was considered a success.

Months earlier, Dolman pointed out, Christie's privately offered the heads to the Chinese government at a price "significantly less than the underbidder was willing to pay." "They rejected the offer because they thought the price was too high," he said.

bidder, his strategy raises the possibility that other well-heeled citizens sympathetic to China or other countries' cultural restitution battles could disrupt sales of other disputed objects.

At his news conference in Beijing, Cai said he submitted the bids for the bronze heads on moral and patriotic grounds. "I think any Chinese person would have stood up at that moment," he said, adding, "I want to emphasise that the money won't be

rial gardens of the Summer Palace outside Beijing. In 1860 the palace was sacked by British and French forces during the Opium Wars. Around that time, the heads disappeared.

Although China failed in its restitution quest, it may have succeeded in delivering a strong message. The spectacle of the Saint Laurent sale proved a riveting stage for its claim. The collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture and knickknacks attracted bid-



Two Qing dynasty bronze heads on display last month for an auction in Paris. Beijing says they rightfully belong to China.

Still, the latest twist suggests that Christie's and Bergé may have underestimated China's determination to foil the sale. Bergé even seemed to goad Chinese officials before the auction, declaring he would give the heads to China if it would "observe human rights and give liberty to the Tibetan people and welcome the Dalai Lama."

He said that in any case he did not have the \$40 million for the two bronzes, the amount due when commissions are included, although details of his financial situation could not be confirmed. The two bronzes, which date from 1750, were part of a 12-animal water-clock fountain configured around the Chinese zodiac in the impe-

paid. Parisians lined up for hours to view the objects before the three-day sale at the regal Grand Palais in central Paris.

Of the 12 original bronze fountain pieces taken from the Summer Palace gardens, 7 have been located; the whereabouts of the other 5 are unknown.

Source: The New York Times

Young ones learn about a historic moment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

A two-day hand writing, painting and patriotic song competition ended yesterday.

The event was organised by local Shishu Academy at its premises to mark 'Amar Ekushey'.

Around 110 participants, including children from diverse educational institutions and cultural organisations, participated in the competition.

The judges of the patriotic song section were Amjad Hossain, Monzurul Haque and Abu Affan Rose Babu. Abdus Sabur and Abdul Jalil were the judges in the hand writing and painting competitions.

Fifteen participants from five groups were selected for awards.

Deputy Commissioner, Sathkira Mohammad Pizanur Rahman distributed prizes at a ceremony held at Shahid Abdur Razzak park. Additional deputy commissioner Mukesh Chandra

Biswas presided over the function. Among those who addressed the gathering were Sathkira Pourasava mayor Sheikh Ashraful Haque and Additional Police super Tofayel Ahmed.

Speakers lauded the initiative to present an accurate account of the Language Movement to the new generation. They also said that as children are the future leaders of the nation, they should be guided by their parents and society.

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
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Shawsata Sur

10:05 Open University
12:30 Ma O Shishur Kotha
01:30 Hijal Tomal
02:15 Debate
03:05 Cartoon: Bananas in Pyjamas
03:30 Shukhi Paribar
04:05 Arjan
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Computer
06:10 Nabo Anondey Jago
07:00 Agricultural Programme: Mati O Manush

07:25 Prothom Ontora
08:35 Drama Serial: Ek Akasher Nichey

09:05 Drama Serial: Rakkhosh
09:30 Selected Programme
10:30 Shur Shombhar

ATN BANGLA

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

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News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm.

News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1

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

BANGLAVISION

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

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm.

News (English) at 6:00 pm

Rtv

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

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

ETV

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

abc radio

News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am

ntv

08:30 Aker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kaancher Khancha
09:30 Crime Watch
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
10:30 Music Express
11:30 Glamour World
12:10 El Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jatra
03:15 Drama Serial: Jhuthamela
04:10 Quiz Show: Ispahani Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
05:25 Iltiasher Ei Din-ey
05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:15 Shubha Shandhya
06:45 Bajo Ebong Bajao
08:15 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:02 Bindon Biswa
11:30 Ekushey Business
12:30 Ekushey Business

Medha Bikash

01:05 Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:35 Hridoyer Gaan
04:05 Apnaar Shuswashtio
05:30 Muktiuddho Protidin
06:00 Mega Serial: Saath Goenda
06:20 Cookery Show
07:50 Chandrabindu
08:25 Drama Serial: Shagotom Bhalobasha
09:35 Drama Serial: Prithibir Shob Rup Mekhey Achhey Ghashey

10:00 Drama Serial: Sangsar
11:30 Special Programme
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shanbadpotro

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08:15 Drama Serial: Swapney Bashobash
09:05 Home Care
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:15 Shap Ludur Gaan
12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan

DIGANTO TELEVISION

08:05 Diganta Shanglap
09:30 Dakhin Hawa
12:30 Sharal Path
03:05 Drama Serial: Gao Geramer Manush
04:30 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry
05:30 Rong Rup
06:30 Shombhabonar Diganto
08:05 Shamparka Shankat
08:30 Prio Gaan Prio Shur
09:30 Pothey Prantarey
10:00 Prime Time
11:05 Shobar Agey Desh

RTV

09:00 Very Filmy
10:00 Drama Serial: E Bari O Bari
11:03 Tarokalap

10:00 BBC World News
10:30 HARDtalk
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Business Report
01:00 BBC World News
01:30 World Business Report
01:45 Sport Today
02:00 BBC World News
02:30 World Business Report
02:45 Sport Today
03:00 BBC World News
03:30 HARDtalk (r)
04:00 BBC World News
05:00 BBC World News
05:30 World Business Report
05:45 Sport Today
06:00 World News Today
07:00 World News Today
08:00 BBC World News
08:30 HARDtalk (r)
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Fast Track (r)

STAR WORLD

09:00 Friends
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 Scrubs
10:30 La Femme Nikita
11:30 Eureka
12:30 The Moment Of Truth
01:30 Heroes
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres
03:30 Murder She Wrote
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 La Femme Nikita
06:30 Eureka
07:00 Friends
08:30 According To Jim
09:00 Scrubs
09:30 The Moment Of Truth
10:30 Shark
11:30 Most Daring

HBO

10:45 The Robber Bride
12:40 Legends Of The Fall
03:00 Making The Grade
05:30 Seeing Double

A Perfect World
On HBO at 09:30 pm
Genre: Crime/Drama
Cast: Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood

07:30 Disturbia
09:30 A Perfect World
12:15 The Hunted

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 Mega Factories
11:00 Creative Vision
11:30 Amazing Moments
12:30 Al Qaeda Calling
01:30 Built For The Kill
02:30 Living With Big Cats
03:30 Warplanes
04:30 Lets Get Inventin
05:00 Big Bang
05:30 Marv Hammer
07:00 Monkey Thieves
07:30 Hunter Hunted
08:30 Dangerous Encounters
09:30 Shark Nicole
10:30 Planet Carnivore
12:00 Bondi Rescue

ZEE STUDIO

11:10 Out Cold
01:15 Ruthless People
03:15 Bruce Almighty
05:30 Hollywood's 10 Best
06:00 I Love Trouble
09:00 The Last Shot
11:00 The English Man Who Went Up A Hill But Came Down a Mountain

Chandrabindu
On Channel i at 07:50 pm
Variety Show
Hosted by Sharmin Lucky

abc radio 88.2 FM

06:00 Ehoros Jemalay
09:00 Mukhonto Jiboney
12:00 Darun Dipurey
03:00 Duranto Bikelley
05:00 Shondha Tara
07:00 Saajer Maya
09:00 Raal'er Akasher
11:00 Jay Golpar Shesh Ne

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM

07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 My Time
01:00 No Tension
04:00 Dhaka Calling
09:00 Night Rider
01:00 Back to Back music

Radio Today 89.8 FM

07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
11:00am Mast Unlimited
01:00pm Today's Adda
04:00pm U-lam
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok
11:00pm Rnaal Ver Gan

BANGLAVISION

08:30 Drama Serial: Shada Megh Kalo Megh
09:00 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
09:30 Bangla Feature Film
12:30 Ebong Classer Bairey
01:30 Gaanapal
02:30 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
03:20 Onno Nayan
04:10 Selected Programme
05:20 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Cine Bit
06:50 Media Bhuban

11:30 Drama Serial: Ebong Rahashyey Galpo
01:03 Nari O Nakkhatra
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Filler
06:03 Protidin
07:00 Look at Me
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:15 Jiboney Jibon Ano
11:00 R Business
11:30 Talk Show: NCA Sports

BBC World News

08:45 Asia Today
09:00 World News Today

10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

STAR MOVIES

09:35 Romulus, My Father
11:40 The Fountain
01:40 Primeval
03:35 The Transporter
05:30 Jumpin' At The Boneyard
07:35 Fargo
09:30 Let's Enjoy
11:50 Dear Frankie