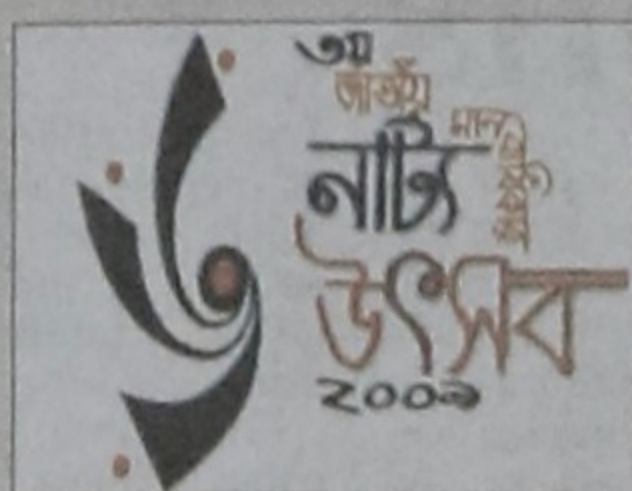


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

3rd Jatiyo Manabdhikar Naty Utsab
Organiser: Bangladesh Manabdhikar Naty Parishad
Venue: Rabindra Sharobar, Dhanmondi
Date: March 13-15
Time: 4pm onwards



Bhawaiya Song
Celebrating 75th Birth Anniversary of Bhawaiya artist Kasimuddin
Organiser: Bhawaiya Angan
Venue: Sufia Karnaal Auditorium, National Museum
Date: March 13
Time: 6:30pm onwards



Sand Sculpture Festival
Organiser: Green World Communication
Venue: Cox's Bazaar Beach (in between Laboni and Kolatoli point)
Date: March 21



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



Nilphamari's very own Superman

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Nilphamari

A large crowd gathered at a point on Jaldhaka-Rangpur Road last Tuesday. Announcement was being made that a young man would demonstrate his unbelievable superhuman strength soon. The crowd burst into applause as the young man started trying to drag a six-ton truck with his hair and after a while the vehicle budged.

As the awestruck thrill-seekers gawked, the young man hauled the truck about half a kilometer. Eyewitnesses called him "Superman."

This Superman, who goes by the name Rabiul Islam, from Nilphamari, however, is a dirt-poor daredevil. He does this stunt to make a few bucks.

Rabiul (24) is the second of five siblings. His father is a day labourer of Bogulagari village, under Jaldhaka upazila. Rabiul went to primary school but could not continue his education, as pressure to earn money mounted.

When he was a little boy, Rabiul went to see a circus in Jaldhaka town with his father. The act he liked best was a man who lifted a heavy object with his teeth.

That feat made a major impact on young Rabiul. Soon he realised that his hair



PHOTO: STAR

Nilphamari's "Superman" Rabiul hauls a six-ton truck with his hair.

is extremely strong. He began practicing pulling objects with his hair. He ties one end of a fine rope to his hair and the other end to heavy things.

In time Rabiul became an expert in this act. He holds shows in different parts of the district and adjacent areas. Apart from pulling heavy objects, the show includes Rabiul swinging from a branch of a tree hanging by his hair.

But the crowd-pleaser and the riskiest act remains hauling a six-ton truck with his hair. As he does this stunt, Rabiul's eyes look like they

are about to come out of their sockets. Muscles and tendons appear as if they are about to be torn.

Yet Rabiul endangers his life again and again. People love the stunt and he gets paid.

"This kind of superhuman display of strength is extremely risky," said Dr. Abdul Majid, a senior medical officer at the District Civil Surgeon's office.

"During the act, blood accumulates in Rabiul's heart; his blood pressure and heart beat increase rapidly and abnormally, which can

cause heart failure or stroke," the doctor added.

Rabiul is grateful to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Jaldhaka, Shahidul Islam Bhuiya, for his cooperation. The UNO arranged an event at the conference of deputy commissioners of 16 districts of the Rajshahi division a few months back in Nilphamari, where Rabiul staged his act.

Rabiul's goal now is to enthrall the otherwise jaded people of Dhaka with his display of superhuman strength.

Tragic death of a budding talent

KONGKON KARMAKER,
Dinajpur

Cultural activists and groups of northern districts including Rajshahi, Bogra, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Naogaon and Jaipurhat are mourning the premature death of musical talent Shabnam Sarker Mukur of Kalai upazila in Jaipurhat.

According to family members, Mukur, 20, and her friend Shefali Akhter Sheba died last Friday while they were visiting their native village under Kalai upazila. Police said that a roadside tree fell on the rickshaw carrying the two at Pachira village. Both young women died on the spot.

Mukur, daughter of Md. Munir Uddin, earned numerous awards and recognition for her musical talent. She and her friend Shefali had been studying in Geology and Philosophy respectively at the Azizul Haque College in Bogra.

Cultural activists of Bogra, including the Bogra unit of Udichi, with which Mukur was involved, rushed to her residence after hearing the sad news.

Arifur Rahman, general secretary of Udichi, Bogra unit, along with other cultural activists expressed their deep shock in a statement.

Mukur was buried at her family graveyard in Kalai upazila last Saturday.

Orphanage director looks into Eclipse

Spanish filmmaker Juan Antonio Bayona, a horror wunderkind and Guillermo Del Toro protégé, has emerged as one of the finalists to direct "Eclipse," the third movie in the "Twilight" franchise, sources say.

Summit, the studio behind the films based on the books by Stephenie Meyer, declined to comment; a representative said producers were looking at a number of candidates.

Bayona's name has come up in recent months, as one among an eclectic list of directors that's ranged from Paul Weitz to Drew Barrymore to James Mangold. On Tuesday, a report on the Twilight fan site reported that the film's director would be Weitz.

As many of the other possibilities have been batted down, Bayona, who helmed the acclaimed horror mystery "The Orphanage," has surfaced in recent days as the man who could land the job. His selection would mark a bold departure for the franchise into genre territory.

He would follow "Twilight" director Catherine Hardwicke, known for her coming-of-age films "Thirteen" and "Lords of Dogtown," and mainstream Hollywood comedy director Chris Weitz for sequel "New Moon," due in November.

The shift would make sense on a number of levels.

"Eclipse," while continuing the romances and love triangles of previous books, does contain a murder mystery that protagonists Bella and Edward try to solve. (Bayona's debut, "The Orphanage" also contained a

name, has been championed by "Pan's Labyrinth" and "The Hobbit" director del Toro, who has produced or godfathered his work. Bayona received rave reviews for his Spanish-language "Orphanage."

He's signed to direct the



Spanish director Juan Antonio Bayona at the Spanish Film Academy "Goya" awards ceremony in Madrid on February 3, 2008.

plotline centring on children who had been killed under mysterious circumstances. It also features battles between werewolves and vampires that could call for a practiced genre hand.

The 33-year-old Bayona, who goes mainly by his last

dystopian thriller "Hater" for Universal, which was to mark his English-language debut. If he and Summit can reach a deal, he may have some vampires to contend with first.

Source: Internet



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

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

ntv
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.

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

On Air

BTV

08:20 Selected Programme
08:45 Bishwa Porikroma
09:05 Talk Show
09:30 Musical Programme: Shaswata Sur
10:05 Open University
10:30 Agun Jhora Shondha
11:30 Angona
12:10 Documentary Programme
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha
01:00 Musical Programme
01:30 Shukhi Ponbaar
02:15 Agricultural Programme
02:40 Jonopad
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Esho Gaan Shikhi
05:05 Sisimpur
05:30 Football

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shambadpotro
08:30 Drama Serial: Joyotsnakaal
09:15 Asian City Top Spin 2020
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
12:45 Shodaipali
01:25 Cinema Cinema
02:30 Talk Show: Talk Chart
03:15 Shundor Jiboner Jonyo
04:10 Debate: BSB Cambrian Projomno Bitorko
05:10 Islamic Programme
06:20 Entertainment Show: Shobaar Jonyo
06:45 Kande Aamar Ma
08:00 Drama Serial
08:40 Drama Serial: Nupur
09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar Dowae
Bhalo Achi Ma
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Trilomatra
11:05 Talk Show: Boithok
02:30 Talk Show: C S R
03:05 Agricultural Programme: Hidyoye Mail O Manush
04:05 Shikhya Shilpo Shangskriti
05:30 Muktiuddho Protidin
06:00 Amaar Chhobi
06:20 Children's Programme: Mattu

ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:02 Campus-ey Campus-ey
11:30 Ekushey Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunyo Dash
03:15 Deho Ghan
04:02 Drama Serial: Tomtom
04:30 Deshjurey
05:30 Sports Plus
05:45 Ekusher Shondha
06:30 Fashion Trends
07:45 Dhur Ta Na
10:50 Financial Bulletin

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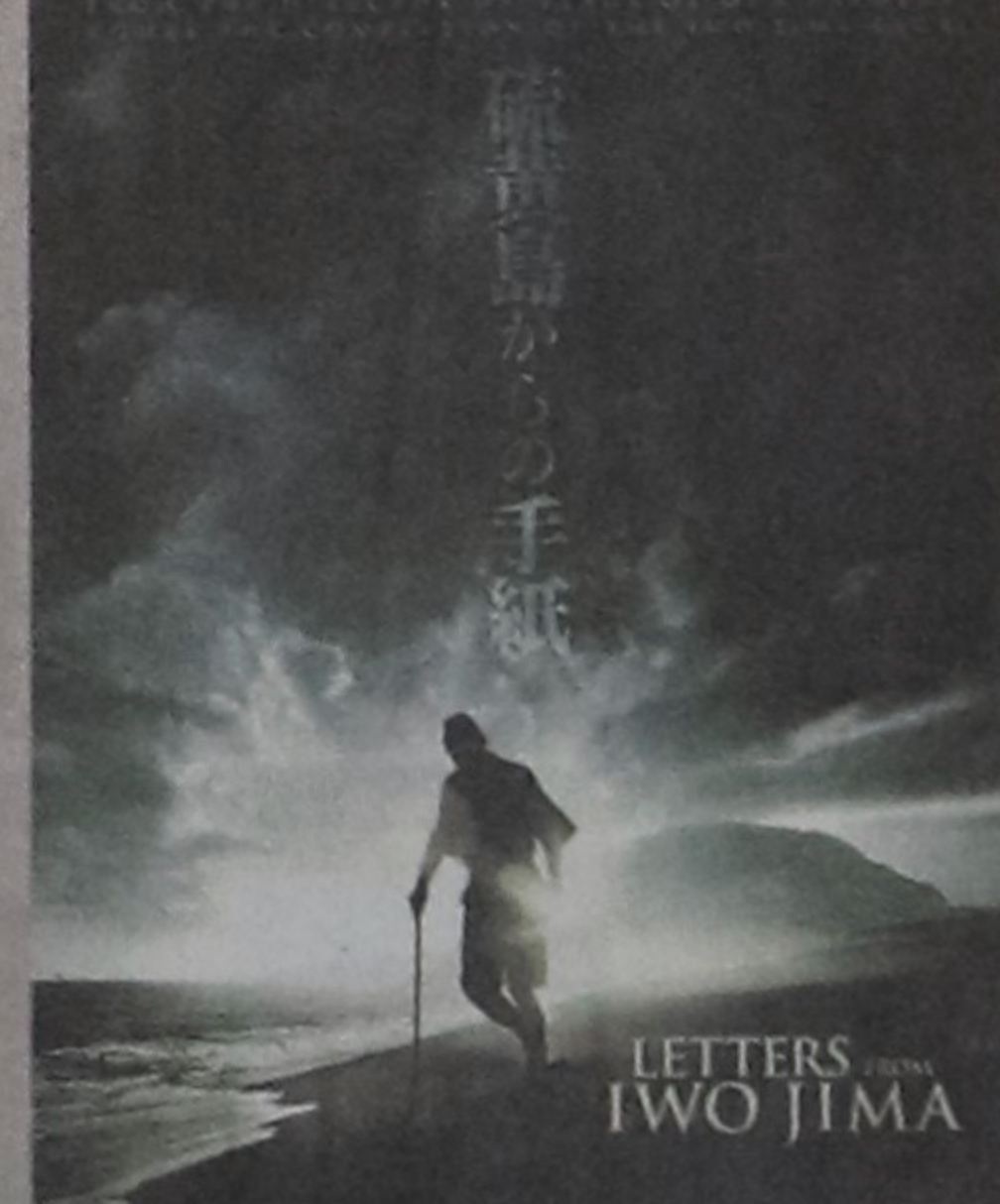
08:30 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen
09:00 Drama Serial: Jogphol
09:30 Bangladesh Swapno Dekhey
11:35 Shapludur Gaan
12:30 Home Care
01:30 Amader Rannaghar
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapney Boshobash
03:20 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
04:10 Selected Programme
05:20 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey

RTV

09:00 Jiboney Jibon Ano
10:00 Business Block
11:03 Lata Herbal Tarokalap
11:30 Talk Show on Sports
01:03 Look at me
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Musical Programme: Sa Sa
Dhin Tai
06:03 Proidin
07:00 Griho Sholi
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:00 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori
11:00 Musical Programme:



Trinar Golpo
On ntv at 9:45 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tarin, Shams Shumon



ntv

12:02 Ekusher Raat
08:30 Aiker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kaancher Khancha
09:30 Bajo Ebong Bajao
10:05 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
10:30 Drama
12:10 Ei Shomoy
01:05 Cartoon
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Jatra
03:15 Drama Serial: Jhuthamela

06:20 Reporters Eye
08:15 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jaal
09:05 X Crime
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
11:15 Jonotaar Mokhumukhi
12:30 Bashudha Cinemar Gaan
08:05 Shobaar Agey Desh
09:05 Prioshur Priogaan
09:30 Selected Programme
12:30 Pathrey Prantorey
03:05 Shomporko Shankaat
03:30 Khet Khamaar
04:30 Ikra

Boshudha Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan
BBC WORLD NEWS
08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Asia Business Report
09:45 Asia Today (r)
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 World: A Soldier's Tale (r)
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

HBO

09:00 Lost Behind Bars
10:45 The Hunt For Eagle One
12:30 Crash Point
03:15 The Hunted
05:30 Dear God
06:00 Hollywood's 10 Best: Chicks
06:00 With Attitude
07:45 Ghost Voyage
09:30 The Borrowers
12:00 Legends Of The Fall
12:00 Letters From Iwo Jima
STAR MOVIES
09:00 Little Miss Sunshine

11:00 Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe
12:50 Flyboys
15:30 Outsourced
17:45 Garfield Gets Real
07:00 Soul Man
09:30 Right At Your Door
11:25 Dead Poet's Society

STAR WORLD

08:30 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 Shark
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres
03:30 Desperate Housewives
04:30 Ghost Whisperer
05:30 La Femme Nikita
06:30 Eureka
07:30 Friends
08:30 According To Jim
09:00 Scrubs
09:30 American Idol
11:30 Cops

Letters from Iwo Jima
On HBO at 12:00 am
Genre: Action/ History
Cast: Ken Watanabe, Hiroshi Watanabe

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

08:30 Hunter Hunted
09:30 World's Toughest Fixes
10:30 Creative Vision
11:30 Amazing Moments
12:30 Camels, Courts & Concubines
01:30 Naked Science
02:30 Amazing Moments
03:30 Megastructures
04:30 Lets Get Inventin
05:00 Big Bang
05:30 Marvi Hammer
06:30 Street Monkeys
07:30 Built For The Kill
08:30 Hunter Hunted
09:30 Big, Bigger, Biggest
10:30 Dubai's Dream Palace
11:30 Bondi Rescue
ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Intermission
10:40 Don't Move
01:10 Rushmore
03:10 While You Were Sleeping
05:30 I Love Trouble
08:20 Beaches
11:00 Renaissance Man