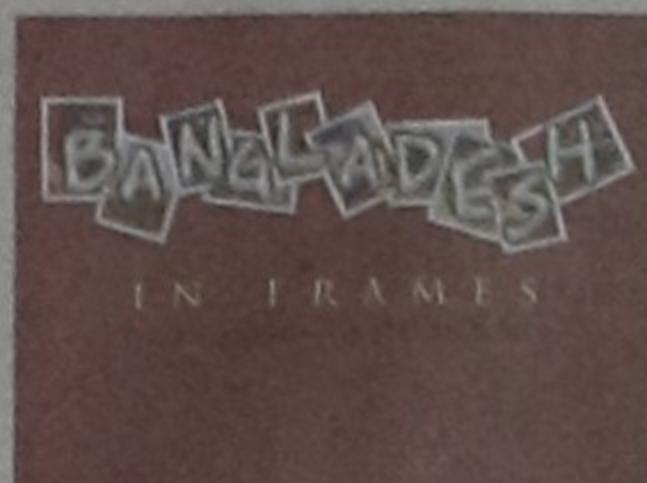
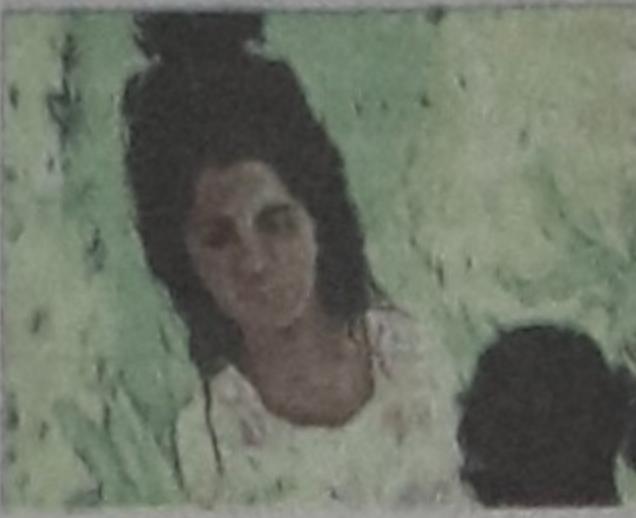


WHAT'S
ON THIS
WEEK

Photography
Exhibition
Title: Bangladesh in
Frames
Organiser: Through the
Lens: Bangladesh
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58,
Rd 15/A (new), Dhamondi
Date: March 25-29
Time: 3-8pm



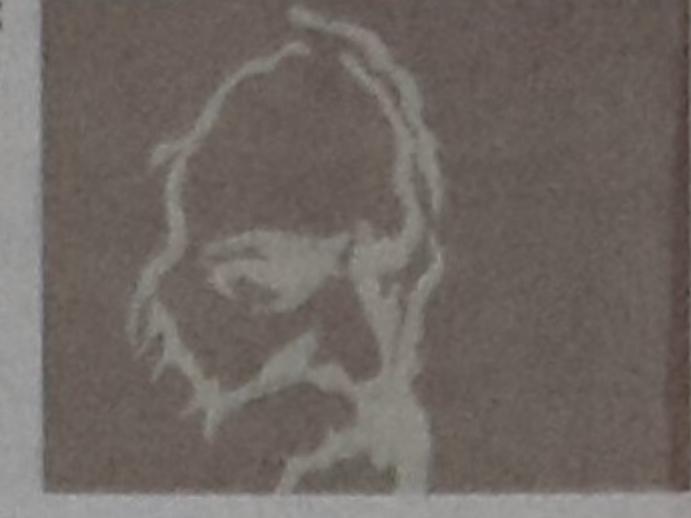
Solo Art
Exhibition
Title: Recent Works
Artist: Fareha Zeba
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H
20, Rd 16, Sec 4,
Uttara
Date: March 21-April 3
Time: 11am-8pm



Art Exhibition
Artists: Jupiter Pradhan &
Sauranga Darshandhar (Nepal)
Venue: La Galerie,
Alliance Francaise de
Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd,
Dhamondi
Date: March 27-April 5
Time: 9am-12pm, 5-8pm
(Saturdays 5-8pm)

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Rabindra Sangeet
Organiser: Geetamalika
Venue: Chhayanat
Sangskriti Bhaban
Date: March 28
Time: 6:30pm



Rongtulitey Muktijuddho

Daylong programme by Liberation War Museum and Channel i



Hashem Khan (right) paints at the event. Syed Shamsul Haque (2-R) is also seen in the photo.

Artists of Shurer Dhara rendering patriotic songs.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

To mark the 38th Independence Day, Liberation War Museum (LWM) and Channel i have been jointly organising a painting campaign titled "Rongtulitey Muktijuddho" over the last few years. This year the campaign turned four and it was held at LWM's Agargaon venue on March 26.

Hundreds of children along with adults enjoyed the daylong

programme, which was aired live on channel i. Throughout the day, renowned artists including Hashem Khan, Farida Zaman, Jamal Ahmed, Abul Barq Alvi, Kanak Chapa Chakma, Khalid Mahmud Mithu, Moniruzzaman, Rokeya Sultana, Nissar Hussain and Shahid Kabir painted on the theme of Liberation War. Some 40 children also took part in painting along with the veteran artists.

Noted litterateurs Syed Shamsul

Haque, Asad Chowdhury and Imdadul Haque Milon; media personalities Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker; Nazrul singer Fatema-Tuz-Zohra and LWM trustee and publisher Mafidul Haque attended the programme and reminisced on the days of war.

Besides painting, the programme also featured rendition of patriotic songs and poetry recitation. Noted Tagore singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya and

cultural organisation Shurer Dhara performed songs, while Kazi Arif, Laila Afroz and Selina Jahan recited poems at the programme.

Artist Hashem Khan handed over the paintings to the LWM authorities. The organisers informed that proceeds from the paintings would go to LWM fund.

Media personality Afzal Hossain was the MC of the programme directed by Amirul Islam.

Amity of nine

Group exhibition of Bangladeshi artists in Pakistan



Clockwise (from top-left): Paintings by Mahmudul Haque, Abdus Shakoor Shah and Anukul Mojumdar.

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Jolrong.com aims at promoting Bangladeshi art and culture abroad. As part of that initiative, Jolrong is holding a group art exhibition at Galleria 919 in Karachi, Pakistan. Featured artists are Mahmudul Haque, Abdus Shakoor Shah, Anukul Mojumdar, Goutam Chakraborty, Shawon Akand, Pradip Kumar Chakraborty, Biplob Biprodas, Nasreen Begum and Kazi Rakib.

Mahmudul Haque, the senior most painter in the group, has delved into compositions and forms for a significant part of his artistic career.

His works foray into the imaginary world and are remarkable for the artist's signature turquoise blue and emerald green compositions.

Our opulent folk heritage shines in Abdus Shakoor's work. Folk ballads from the "Mymensingh Geetika" -- Mahua, Malua; "Nakshi Kanthar Maath," "Gazipat" and "Manosha Pat" are recur-

ring themes of Shakoor's paintings. His works delineate male-female figures, animals, birds and reptiles. The artist usually focuses on the expressions on female faces, especially the eyes. He uses indigenous motifs such as 'alpana' patterns.

Nasreen Begum is a teacher at the Oriental Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Her works reflect women's bliss, hopes and visions in a male dominated society. Unique formation and detailing are significant traits of her works, while oval and circular forms are recurring objects.

Anukul Mojumdar's works outline emotion, illusion and affection. He is mainly a figurative painter and likes to work with subdued colours. Anukul's works reveal stories from the rural areas. His brushstrokes are sweeping and clearly denote everyone and texture.

Artists Shawon Akand and Goutam Chakraborty are seemingly contemplative. Goutam meticulously features various animals and their limbs. His human figures portray historical personalities. Shawon's works can be termed as 'Conceptual Art,' which at times signify our political, social and economic standing in the subcontinent.

The exhibition ends on April 7.

Sean Penn, Jim Carrey and Benicio del Toro to star as The Three Stooges

It may be hard to imagine Sean Penn performing slapstick comedy, but the double-Oscar winner is being lined up to star as one of "The Three Stooges."

Penn will appear alongside Benicio del Toro and Jim Carrey in a new feature film about the vaudeville trio, who were popular from the 1930s until after the Second World War.

The film will be directed by Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the director brothers known for films such as "Dumb & Dumber," "Stuck On You" and "There's Something About Mary" who are said to have been keen to make a movie about The Three Stooges for more than a decade.

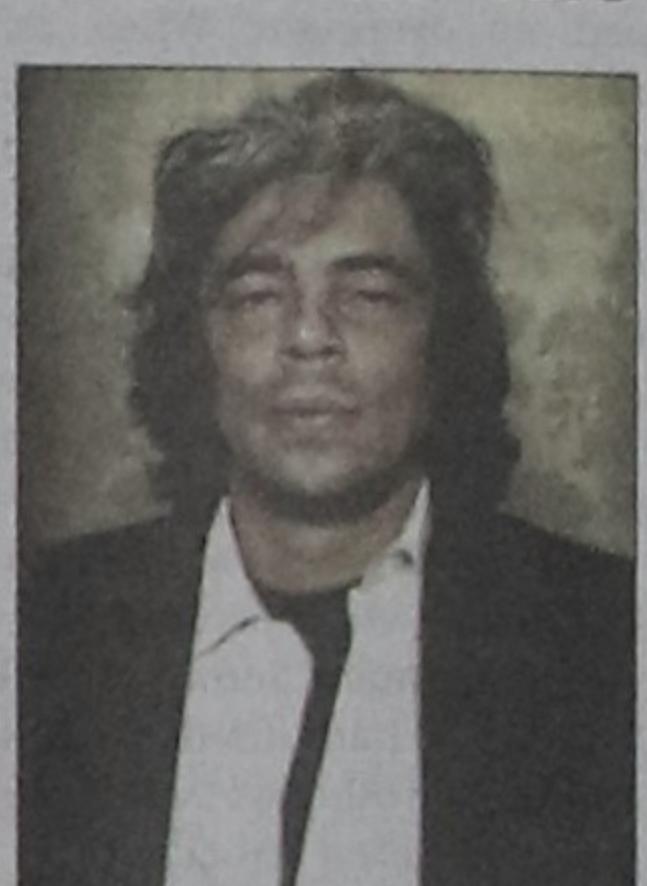
The film will not be a biopic but a comedy based on the



Sean Penn



Jim Carrey



Benicio del Toro

lives of the popular trio, Variety magazine said.

Penn will play Larry Fine, the leader Moe Howard, and Carrey is in

negotiations to star as Curly Howard, who was known for his hitch-pitched voice and his "nyuk nyuk nyuk" catch-phrase.

Carrey, who has worked with the Farrelly brothers twice before, is reported to have begun planning to gain the 40lb needed to play Curly.

It will be the first comedy for Penn who won his second Oscar this year for "Milk," and who is considered to be one of the finest actors of his generation since the crime caper "We're No Angels" in 1989.

The Three Stooges were a popular act who featured in many musical comedy shorts and feature films throughout the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

News of the feature film sent fans flocking to watch old clips of the Three Stooges on YouTube, with many leaving comments about the casting announcement.

Source: Internet

Children perform a group dance at the Zilla Parishad Auditorium, Bogra on March 21. Shammita Shangskritik Jote Bogra arranged the programme to mark the achievement of two local children -- Nowshin Tabassum Swaran and Rani Sarkar at the national level. Both Swaran and Rani received gold medals in Bharatnatyam at the Jatiyo Shishu Purashkar recently.

Photo exhibition at BAU

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A weeklong photography exhibition at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus was inaugurated on March 25 to mark the 38th Independence Day. Vice-Chancellor of BAU, Dr. M.A. Sattar Mondal inaugurated the exhibition on the theme of Liberation War at the corridor of central library, BAU campus.

Among others, interna-

tionally renowned photogra-

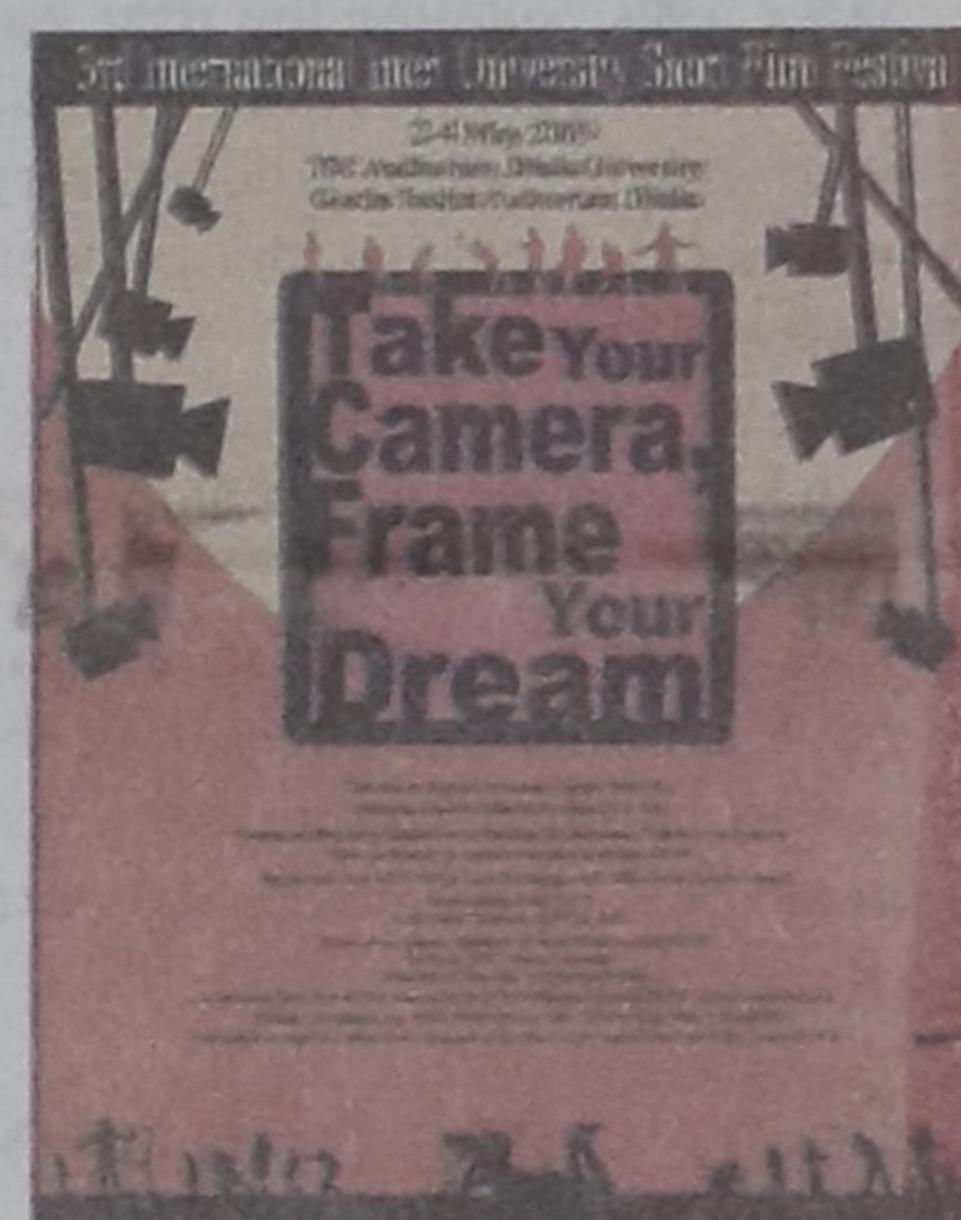
pher, also the former chief photographer of BAU, Nayeb Uddin Ahmed; Students' Affairs adviser, Dr. Md. Abul Khaer Chowdhury; director of BAU Research Centre, Dr. Md. Shaheed Ullah Talukder; BAU Proctor, Dr. Mohammad Shamsuddin and Public Relations officer, Dewan Rashidul Hasan attended the inauguration.

A discussion was held earlier. Speakers said that



BAU VC Dr. M.A. Sattar Mondal inaugurates the exhibition.

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Interested individuals should contact DUFIS office at TSC, DU for film submission and further information. The deadline for film submission is April 20.



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