## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**World Museum Day**
**Organiser:** Liberation War museum
**Venue:** LWM premises, 5 Shegun Bagicha
**Date:** May 20
**Time:** 4pm

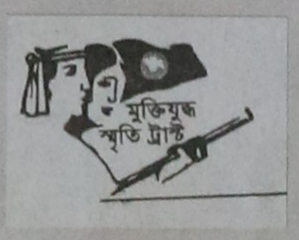
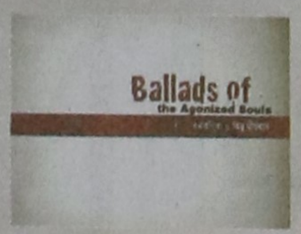
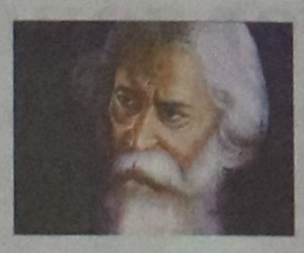



**Photo Exhibition**
**Title:** Ballads of...the Agonized Souls
**Photographer:** Noor Alam
**Venue:** Zainul Gallery 1, FFA, Dhaka University
**Date:** May 16-22
**Time:** 10am-8pm

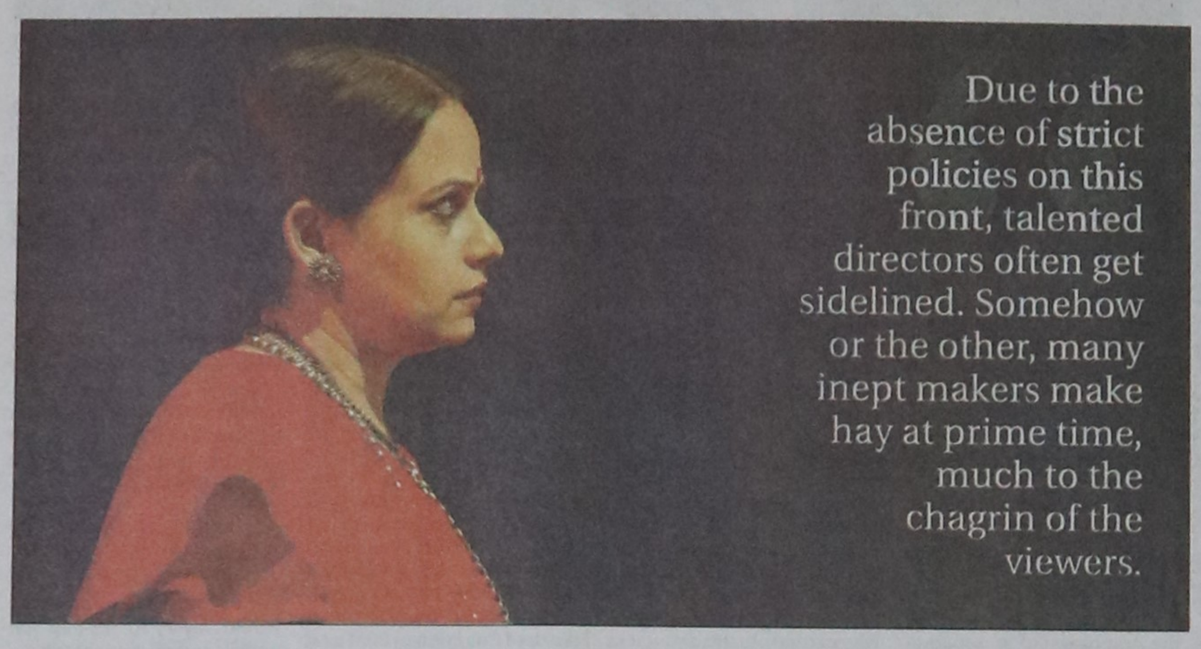



**Tagore Birth Anniversary Celebration**
**Organiser:** Jatio Rabindra Sangeet Sammilon Parisad and Bengal Foundation
**Venue:** Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi
**Date and time:** May 21 at 6:30pm



**Exhibition**
**Title:** Recycled Magic
**Artist:** Bruno Ruhf
**Venue:** Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
**Date:** May8-21
**Time:** 9am-12pm and 5pm-8pm

# Afsana Mimi talks direction and TV plays



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Actress Afsana Mimi has been quite popular among the small screen audience for over a decade. A few years back, she turned her hand to direction. Mega-serials directed by Mimi have earned immense popularity. In their ranks is "Doll's House." The serial currently being aired on ATN Bangla is targeting for 500 episodes.

"I emerged as a director with the mega-serial "Bandhan" (2001), which is considered a turning point in Bangladeshi TV serials," says Mimi.

Quality control of drama serials, she believes, is an urgent need. In her words, "Due to the absence of strict policies on this front, talented directors often get sidelined. Somehow or the other, many inept makers make hay at prime time, much to the chagrin of the viewers."

Ekushey TV, she points out, is an exception in this regard. As she says, "When Ekushey came up, it spurred younger directors such as Giasuddin Selim, Mostafa Sarwar Farooki and myself to generate new ideas which captured the imagination of the audience. But this is not the case with most TV channels. However, since the job is challenging, only the fittest can survive."

Problems she has faced while making mega-serials? Mimi's response: "Budgetary constraints are the biggest stumbling block. Moreover, the surfeit of news and commercials compel viewers to surf channels. Subsequently, viewers lose interest. I also feel that we have a shortfall of capable artistes, especially playwrights. However, I have never had to cope with such problems since my friend, actor-director Azad Abul Kalam has always handled that aspect carefully."

The conversation goes on to the mushrooming of satellite channels. "I think there should be either news or entertainment-based channels. At prime time, all channels air news hourly, compelling the viewers to switch to foreign channels," she says.

As for the long term, Mimi believes that the TV channels and production houses should work jointly to form a film institute in Bangladesh. "We need many actors, playwrights, directors and technical crew to boost the burgeoning package drama industry in our country by encouraging new talent," she concludes.

# Jewel's new album launched

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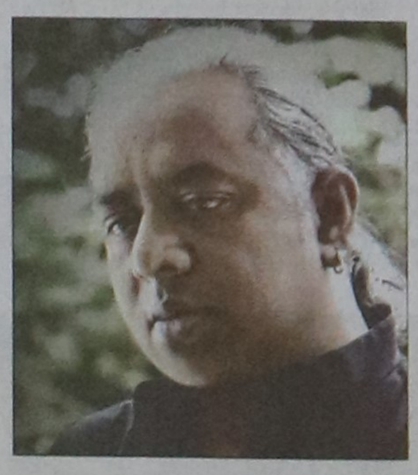

"Dorja Khola Bari," the latest solo album by Hassan Abidur Reja Jewel, was launch yesterday. The album comes after a long break of nearly three and a half years. His previous album "Phirti Pathey" was released in 2005; Bappa Majumder did the music composition.

"I've been away from music for a while but I have tried to produce my best sound in this album," says Jewel.

"Ayub Bachchu has done a wonderful job with music direction, I'm optimistic that this album will meet the expectations of the listeners," said the artiste.

The album contains ten songs, of them, two -- "Janina keno" and "Public library" -- are written by Ayub Bachchu. Other songs in the album are -- "Antardhaney," "Elomelo," "9/F, Free School Street," "Dorja khola bari," "Ananya", "Dubshatar," "Bhalobashi" and "Shonar Deho."

"Music is something which comes straight from my heart. It's been extremely difficult to make time for this album but I gave it my all. Without music, my life would be incomplete," says Jewel.

"Dorja Khola Bari" is the ninth solo album of Jewel. Previous solo albums by the singer are -- "Ek Bikeley," "Amar Achhey Andhokar," "Ekta Manush," "Dekha Hobey Na," "Beshi Kichhu Noy," "Bedonar Baluchorey" and his debut album "Kuasha Prohor" (released in 1990). Of these, noted singer and composer Ayub Bachchu composed the music for five. Bappa Majumdar and the late Pranab Ghosh did compositions for two.

About future plans, Jewel says, "My professional life allows me very little time for music, but I'm determined to continue my journey in the musical arena."

Jewel is currently working as the chief of productions and events, Channel i.

# CDL Debate Forum's prize giving ceremony

REZAUL KARIM, *Faridpur*

The prize giving ceremony of CDL Debate Competition '09 and a cultural function was held at Faridpur Zila Parishad auditorium recently.

Faridpur CDL Debate Forum arranged the programme jointly with World Vision and Education project of Faridpur ADP.

Bela Rani Sarkar, headmistress of Faridpur Govt. Girls High School, was the chief guest while Md. Safayet Hossain, director, National Debate Forum (NDF); Biddyut Chambugong, project manager of World Vision, Faridpur and Ziaul Haque Sumon, co-chairman of NDF attended the function as special guests. Among others Kamrul Hasan Jewel, Saiful Bashar Sohel, Kazi Ashraful Hasan and Md Ekram Hossain spoke at the function with M. A. Haque in the chair.

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CDL Children's Theatre staged "Noder Chand" at the function.

Eight schools and colleges took part in the competition. Faridpur Hitoishi School and CDL School of Debate, college section became champions while Faridpur Zila School and Govt. Rajendra College became runner-ups respectively.

Prizes and certificates were given away among the winners and participants.

CDL Children's Theatre staged a drama titled "Noder Chand" at the function.

## News Bulletin

**BTV**
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 am. News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 2:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.
News (English) at 10:00am, 4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).
**CHANNEL-i**
**News (Bangla):** 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
**Jonopad-er Khobor:** 5:15 pm
**ATN BANGLA**
**NEWS (Bangla):** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am
**News Every Hour:** 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm
**News (English):** 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.
**Gram-Ganjer Khobor:** 5:00 pm
**BANGLAVISION**
News (Bangla) at 7:30am. 1:30pm. 5:00pm. 7:15pm. 10:30pm.
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am. 12:00am. 4:00pm.
News (English) at 6:00pm
**Rtv**
News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
**ntv**
News (Bangla):7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
**ETV**
News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
**abc radio**
News: 08:00 am, 12:00 pm, 03:00 pm, 06:00 pm, 09:00 pm, 12:00 am; English Bulletin:1:30pm, 7:30pm
**RADIO TODAY**
News: 08:45 am, 01:45pm, 06:45pm, 09:45pm, 11:45pm

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

## On Air

### ATN BANGLA
08:15 Ajker Shangbad Potro
08:30 Drama Serial: Noksha
09:15 Asian City Vision 2020
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:15 Drama Serial: Shadakalo Mon
12:15 Shomali Shadakalo
01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhkhhu Nai
03:45 Children's Programme: Openty Bioscope
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din
05:10 Game Show: Onnonya
05:35 Documentary Programme: Obiraam Bangladesh
06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala
06:45 Kaandey Amaar Ma
08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho
08:40 Drama Serial: Sadeq Dofadaar
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
11:30 Drama Serial: Chhoto Chhoto Kosto
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL i
09:30 Shangbaadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shanglaap
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan
03:05 i Sports
03:30 Boi Ebong Boi
03:45 Aloye Bhubaan Bhora
04:30 Musical Programme: Saangeetmala
05:30 Muktijudhyo Protidin
05:50 Talk Show: Khola Akash
06:20 Drama Series: Robin Hood
06:45 Business Show
07:50 Special Programme
09:35 Drama Serial: Shob Kichhu Bhengey Porey
10:00 Western Union Probashi
11:30 Drama Serial: Bishakha Resort
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

### ntv
08:30 Ajker Shokaal
08:55 Drama Serial: Baari Baari Shari
09:30 Selected Programme
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
11:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
11:30 Saaji Mon-er Moto
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush
03:15 Music Jam
04:10 Quiz Show
05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:10 Shubho Shondha
06:45 Frankly Speaking
06:30 Binodon-er Bishwa
07:45 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar
08:30 Drama Serial: Paanbahar
09:30 Drama Serial: Tomtom
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

### BANGLAVISION
08:00 Shubho Shokaal
08:30 Drama Serial: Bijli Moholla
09:00 Mega Serial: The Family
09:30 Reporter's Eye
10:10 Sports Vision
10:35 Amar Ami
11:05 Positive Bangladesh
11:35 Visa Apnaar Agami
12:30 Din Bodoler Manush
02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnogorer Konya
04:10 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
05:20 X Crime
06:00 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
06:20 Ebong Classer Bairey
08:15 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
09:05 Musical Programme: Gaanalap
09:45 Drama Serial: Sada Megh Kalo Megh
11:25 Raat Biraatey

### RTV
09:00 Trade Talk
10:03 Drama Serial: Bumerang
10:50 Taroka Alap
11:30 Drama Serial: Kala Koitor
02:03 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Ei Amaar Bangladesh
06:03 Protidin
07:00 R U Ready
07:30 Road to Democracy
09:00 Drama Serial: Boomerang
09:30 Drama Serial: Kala Koitor
11:00 Drishyokalpo
11:30 Telepress Business

### CHANNEL 1
08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
10:30 Young Craze
11:00 Bangla Feature Film
03:30 Drama Serial: Probritti
04:00 Premey Praney Gaaney
04:30 Young Craze
05:15 Lukochuri
06:00 Saaj Bela
06:45 Filler
07:00 Nongor
08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
11:25 Talk Show

### ETV
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
09:55 Ekushey Business
02:30 Drama Serial: Durer Manush
03:15 Ekusher Chokh
03:30 Cookery Show: Tomi Mianr Recipe
04:02 Drama Serial: Lolita
04:30 Shornali Shadakalo
05:30 Sports Plus
08:15 Drama: Bondhu
09:00 Rang Beronger Khobor
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Shuktara

### DESH TV
10:30 Kholaar Shokaal
12:15 Dur Path
04:30 Dur-er Janala
05:02 Cartoon
05:30 Baatighar
06:02 Bhulitey Debona Amarey
07:45 Eibaar Jombey Khela
08:15 Banglar Praan
09:30 Drama Serial: Shorolikoron
10:02 Drama Serial: Jol Pori
10:30 Total Sports

### 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
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09:00 BBC World News
09:30 BBC World News Inside Sport (r)
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

### STAR WORLD
08:30 Friends
09:30 According To Jim
10:00 My Name Is Earl
10:30 Hope And Faith
11:00 My Wife And Kids
11:30 Crisis Point
12:30 Beauty And The Geek
01:30 Reaper
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
03:30 Brothers & Sisters
04:30 Ugly Betty
05:30 Hope And Faith
06:00 My Wife And Kids
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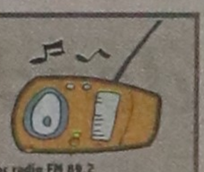
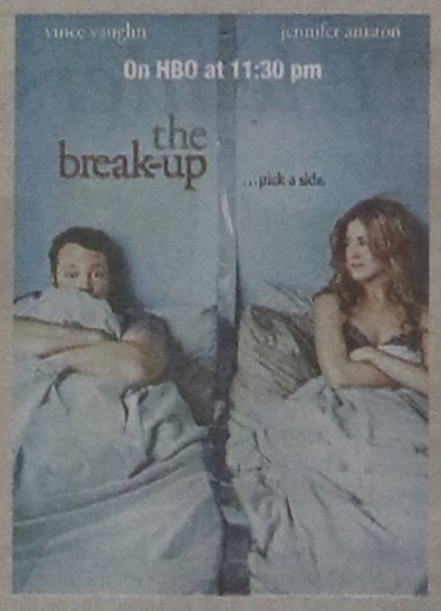
08:30 According To Jim
09:00 My Name Is Earl
09:30 The Apprentice
10:30 Heroes
11:30 Ghost Hunters

### STAR MOVIES
08:45 Kate And Leopold
11:05 Tom Yum Goong
01:10 Keeping The Faith
03:35 Office Killer
05:20 Rounders
07:30 Species
09:30 T4xi
11:20 Crimson Tide

### HBO
08:00 Blood Work
10:15 R.l Stine Presents: The Haunting Hours
12:00 Hollywood One On One 40
12:30 Intersection
02:30 Underfunded
04:15 Single White Female
06:15 Daddy Day Camp
08:00 Dudley Do-Right
09:30 Desperate Measures
11:30 The Break-Up

### ZEE STUDIO
08:30 Yanks
11:45 The In-Laws
01:55 Con Air
04:25 The Rock
07:30 Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey
09:30 Connie and Carla
11:40 Blind Guy Dating

**Sharolikaron**
**On Desh TV at 9:30 pm**
**Drama Serial**
**Cast: Mosharaf Karim, Wahida Mallick Jolly**



**abc radio FM 89.2**
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
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03:00 Duranto Bikeley
05:00 Shondha Tara
07:00 Shajer Maya
09:00 Raater Akashey
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
**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
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Musti Unlimited
01:00 Today's Adda
04:00 U Turn
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
12:00 Today's Happy Moments