

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Pathos
Artist: Ranjit Das
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: May 28-June 10
Time: 12-8pm



Film Festival
Title: 50 Years of the Alliance Francaise, Dhaka
Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society & AFD
Venue: Auditorium, AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: June 7-11 from 5pm onwards
June 9: 'Breathless' & 'The Hole/The Night Watch'



Photo and Book Exhibition
Title: Rabindra-Nazrul
Organiser: Pratidandi, a socio-cultural organisation
Venue: Pratidandi Bhaban, 136, Shankhari Bazar
Date: June 7-13
Time: 10am-8pm

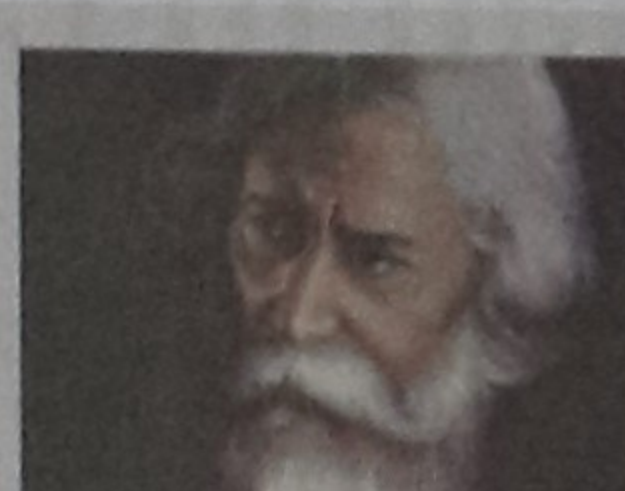


Photo Exhibition
Title: Ocean in Focus
Organiser: Safety Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE)
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Road 15/a, Dhanmondi
Date: June 7-9
Time: 3-8pm



Call to re-explore the works of Munier Chowdhury

Discussion and memorial meeting at Shilpakala

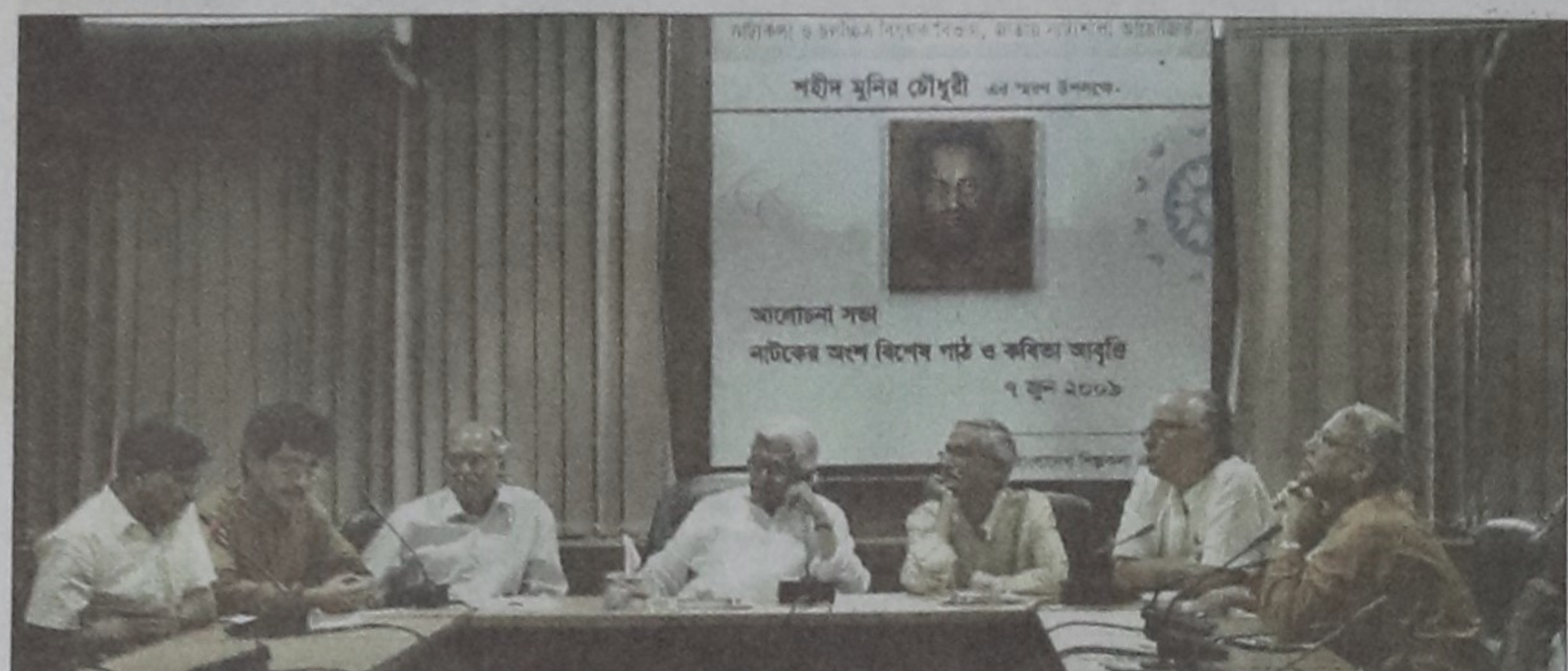


PHOTO: MUNIER

(From right) Aatur Rahman, Ramendu Majumder, Dr. Abdus Selim, Kamal Lohani, Dr. Mohammad Jainuddin, Dr. Soumitra Shekhar and Professor Ratan Siddiqui at the seminar.

NADIA SARWAT

A lively discussion on Shaheed Munier Chowdhury was organised by the Department of Theatre and Film, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on June 7. The three-hour event, which held concentration of the audience till the end, was held at the seminar hall of The National Theatre Stage.

Kamal Lohani, director general of BSA, presided over the event and also acted as the moderator of the discussion. Sara Ara Mahmud, director of the department of Theatre and Film, presented the welcome speech. Dr. Mohammad Jainuddin presented the keynote paper on the life and works of

the litterateur-playwright, focusing especially on his plays and how the contemporary generations evaluate his creation. Professor Abdus Selim, Dr. Soumitra Shekhar, Professor Ratan Siddiqui and theatre personality Aatur Rahman were present as discussants. President of ITI, Ramendu Majumdar; Asif Munier, theatre activist and the son of Munier Chowdhury, along with a number of theatre practitioners, activists and literary enthusiasts were also present at the event and participated in the discussion.

"Though most of us remember Munier Chowdhury as a playwright, he was also a litterateur, educationist, translator, director, actor and theatre activist. Braving an indifferent atmosphere and limited opportu-

nity for cultural activities, he was devoted to developing our theatre and successfully did so. His views on life were developed through an assimilation of contemporary thoughts, history, and cultural heritage -- making his literary works secular, liberal, humanitarian and progressive. But in an independent country where there are so many possibilities, his presence is not strongly felt. What's left are his works, which will always be a source of inspiration for generations," said Dr. Mohammad Jainuddin in his paper.

The next speaker, Dr. Abdus Selim, remembered the inspiring personality of Munier Chowdhury as a wonderful teacher, persuasive orator and devoted activist.

Dr. Soumitra Shekhar in his charged speech noted, "Our evaluation of Munier Chowdhury seems to be limited to the play 'Kabor,' a great work in its right. His works mostly remain unexplored though; we could not actually present his work to our young. In our interpretation of the play 'Raktakto Prantor,' we teach our students how powerful the central character Zohra is, who sided with her religion, refusing to respond to her heart. But Munier Chowdhury offers a parallel to the reader, which is Hiron Bala. Most of us ignore Hiron Bala as a marginal character, though she represents an epitome of true human emotions. Munier Chowdhury wrote the play under a grant from the then Pakistani government to uphold Muslim heroism in the third battle of Panipath. What he delivered through the play is a strong antiwar message."

Sharing his fond memories of Munier Chowdhury, Aatur Rahman said, "If Munier Chowdhury didn't exist, our plays would have remained only as literature. Through his direct effort as a playwright, director, actor and organiser, he developed plays as a co-operative art form, and shaped our theatre. He was, in all sense, a modern man."

Through the discussion the demand emerged to re-publish his works, including short stories, essays as well as plays, as they are not readily available in the market. Kamal Lohani expressed his willingness to work on this issue. The event ended with reading out excerpts from works of Munier Chowdhury and poetry recitation.

Drama serial Sadek Dafadar on ATN Bangla tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

ATN Bangla will air drama serial "Sadek Dafadar" tonight at 8:40pm. Written by Brindaban Das, the serial is directed by renowned actor-director Abul Hayat.

The Plot: Sadek Ali Dafadar, a senior village-guard lives a moderately content life with his daughter. The villagers respect him for his honesty and dedication to his job. He is also a renowned 'dhuli' ('dhol' player).

But his blissful life gets an abrupt jolt, when one day his daughter is kidnapped by an influential person's son.

The story gets a twist, when



Mir Sabbir and Ishita in the play.

the incident forces Sadek to resign from his post to take revenge.

Abul Hayat plays the protagonist, Sadek Dafadar, while

Mir Sabbir, Shahed, Richi Solaiman, Ishita and Dolly Zahur play other central roles. The serial is aired on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Mohakal Natya Sampraday staged its production "Ahom Tamoshaye" at the National Theatre Stage, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on June 7. Written by Anan Zaman, and directed by Azad Abul Kalam, the play is a symbolic protest against the decay of social and human values.



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-Ganjher 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.

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 Aiker Shangbad Potro
 08:30 Drama Serial: Noksha
 09:15 Asian City Vision 2020
 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
 11:05 Drama: Putro Doy
 12:15 Shomali Shadakalo
 01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music
 02:30 Selected Programme
 03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhkhhu Nai
 03:45 Children's Programme: Aha Ki Anondo
 04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din
 05:10 Game Show: Onnonya
 05:35 Obiraam Bangladesh
 06:20 Talk Show: Katha Mala
 06:45 Kaandey Amaar Ma
 08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho
 08:40 Drama Serial: Sadeq Dafadar
 09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal
 11:30 Drama Serial: Chhoto Chhoto Kosto

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL-i

09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Grameenphone Trita Matra
 11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shinglaap
 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 Bol Ebong Bol
 03:45 Aloye Bhubaan Bhora

04:30 Musical Programme: Sangeetmala
 05:30 Muktiudhyo Protidin
 05:50 Talk Show: Khola Akash
 06:20 Drama Series: Robin Hood
 06:45 Business Show
 07:50 Channel i Shera Kontho
 09:35 Drama Serial: Shob Kichhu Bhengey Porey
 10:00 Western Union Probashi
 11:30 Drama Serial:

Amader Chhoto Nodi
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

ntv

08:30 Aiker Shokaal
 08:55 Drama Serial: Baari Baari Shani
 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: Janaar Achhey Balaar Achhey
 05:35 Apnaar Jigyasha
 06:10 Shubho Shondha
 06:45 Crime Watch
 08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
 09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon

08:30 Drama Serial: Paanbahar
 09:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
 10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
 12:00 Ekush-er Raat

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokaal
 08:30 Drama Serial: Ontoyorikhyo
 09:00 Mega Serial: The Family
 10:35 Amar Ami
 11:05 Positive Bangladesh
 11:35 Visa Apnaar Agami
 12:30 Din Bodoler Manush
 01:30 Drama Serial: Kusum Kumari
 02:40 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney
 03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnagoror
 04:10 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
 05:20 Drama
 06:00 Din-er Sheshey
 06:20 Ebong Classer Bairey

07:00 Nari O Nokhyotro
 07:30 Road to Democracy
 09:00 Drama Serial: Ei Baan O Baan
 10:30 Drama Serial: Naier
 11:00 Very Filmy

CHANNEL 1

08:40 Shuprobhaat Bangladesh
 10:30 Young Craze
 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
 03:30 Drama Serial: Dash Din-er Ghotona
 04:30 Young Craze
 05:15 Selected Programme
 06:00 Saaj Bela
 07:00 Nongor
 08:15 Drama Serial: Dash Din-er Ghotona
 09:00 Rang Beronger Khobor
 09:45 Events of the Day
 11:30 Shukh Tara

DIGANTA TELEVISION

08:05 Chitro Bichitro
 08:30 Selected Programme
 12:30 Oporajita
 01:30 World Round Up
 03:00 Drama Serial: Mukto Dhara
 03:30 Chena Ochena
 04:30 Comedy Serial
 05:30 Selected Programme
 08:30 Drama Serial: Gaon Geram-er Manush
 09:25 Sholyer Shakhkhi
 11:05 Diganta Shinglaap

BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 World News Today
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:45 Asia Today (r)
 10:00 BBC World News
 10:30 World Business Report
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 World Business Report

STAR WORLD

06:00 BBC World News
 06:30 World Business Report
 06:45 Sport Today
 07:00 World News Today
 08:00 BBC World News
 08:30 HARDtalk (r)
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 Nature Inc. (r)
 10:00 World News Today
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 World Business Report
 11:45 Sport Today

STAR MOVIES

10:00 My Wife And Kids
 10:30 Hope And Faith
 11:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
 11:30 Most Daring
 12:30 Superstars Of Dance
 01:30 Reaper
 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
 03:30 Brother & Sisters
 04:30 Ugly Betty
 05:30 Hope And Faith
 06:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
 06:30 Most Daring
 07:30 Friends
 08:30 According To Jim
 09:00 My Wife And Kids
 09:30 The Apprentice
 10:30 Heroes
 11:30 Ghost Hunters

STAR MOVIES

10:10 Miracle Dogs Too
 11:55 Basquiat
 02:00 Police Story II: Super Cop
 03:55 Never Been Kissed
 06:05 Guantanamo
 07:50 From Dusk Till Dawn 2
 09:30 Grindhouse: Planet Terror
 11:30 New Police Story

HBO

10:00 Hideaway
 12:00 Hollywood One On One 43
 12:30 Twelve Monkeys
 03:00 Dark Storm
 04:45 Cool World
 06:45 The Holiday
 09:30 The Spiderwick Chronicles
 11:30 John Carpenter's Escape From L.A.

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Modigliani
 11:30 Shes The Man
 01:55 Matilda
 04:15 Renaissance Man
 07:10 Last Dance
 09:30 To Gillian on her 37th Birthday
 11:40 Dick Tracy



Channel i Shera Kontho 2009
 On Channel i at 7:50 pm
 Musical Talent Hunt
 Barisal Audition Rounds



abc radio FM 89.2
 12:00 Darun Dupury
 03:00 Duranto Bikelley
 05:00 Shondha Tara
 07:00 Shajer Moya
 09:00 Raater Akashy
 11:00 Gopier Shesh Nei
Radio Forth 88.0 FM
 07:30 Hello Dhaka
 10:00 Morning Express
 12:30 My Time
 01:00 No Tension
 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 09:00 Night Rider
 01:00 Back to Back music
Radio Today 89.6 FM
 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00 Must Unlimited
 01:00 Today's Adda
 04:30 U Turn
 08:30 Tobey Tai Hok
 11:00 Raat Shor Gaan
 12:00 Today's Happy Moments



TO GILLIAN ON HER
 37TH BIRTHDAY
 On Zee Studio at 9:30 pm

11:25 Talk Show

ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal
 09:55 Ekush-er Business
 02:30 Drama Serial: Durer Manush
 03:15 Ekush-er Chokh
 03:30 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian Recipe
 04:02 Drama Serial: Lolita
 04:30 Shomali Shadakalo
 05:30 Sports Plus
 06:30 Blindon-er Bishwa
 07:45 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar

06:50 Point of Order

08:15 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney

09:05 Musical Programme: Gaanap

09:45 Drama Serial: Sada Megh Kalo

11:25 Raat Biraatey

RTV

09:00 Good Shot
 09:30 Musical Programme
 10:50 Taroka Alap
 11:30 Drama Serial: Kala Koltor
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:03 Protidin

DESH TV

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 Budget Special
 09:30 Drama Serial: Shorolikoron
 10:02 Drama Serial: Jol Por
 10:30 Total Sports
 11:45 Shoja Katha

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 World Business Report

12:45 Sport Today

01:00 BBC World News

01:30 World Business Report

01:45 Sport Today

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 HARDtalk (r)

03:00 BBC World News

04:00 BBC World News

04:30 World Business Report

04:45 Sport Today

05:00 World News Today