

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

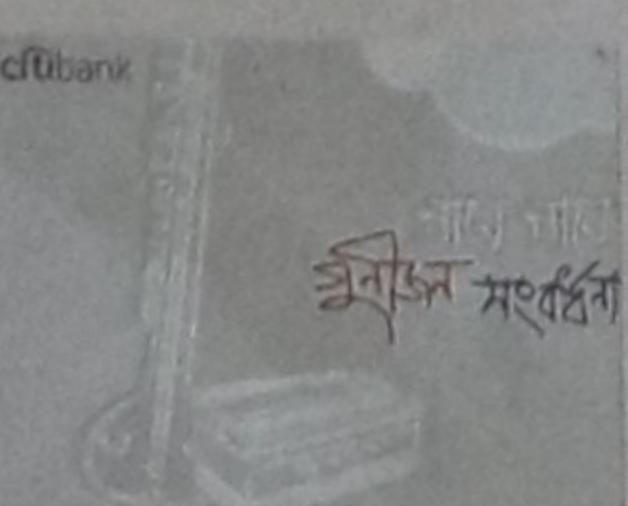
Book Launch
In memory of 'Shurjo Dighol Bar' actress Dolly
Book Title: "Aditya Dolly"
Venue: Nilima Ibrahim Auditorium, Mahila Shamiti, Natok Sharani
Date: July 18
Time: 5pm



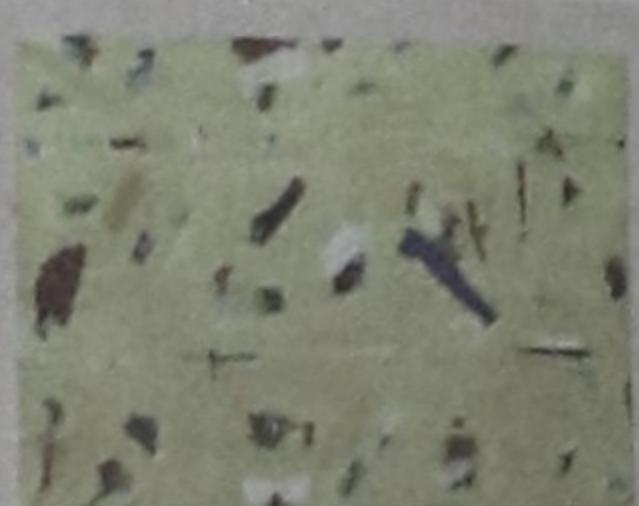
Musical Soiree
Title: Praner Khele
Artistes: Mita Haque & Nandita Yasmin
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Bengal Shilpalya, H.275/F, Rd.27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 23
Time: 7:30pm



Musical Soiree and Reception
Title: Ganey Ganey
Organiser: Bengal Foundation
Venue: Radisson Water Garden
Date: July 17 (for invited guests only)



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Nature-Offerings
Sculptor: AKM Alamgir Huque
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H.275/F, Rd.27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 8-21
Time: 12-8pm



Michael Jackson's record sales top 9 million since his death

As Jackson mania continues, CDs, MP3s and jukebox plays continue and King of Pop-themed acts book tours.

The surge in sales of Michael Jackson's music catalogue continued Wednesday with the announcement that his recordings dominated the pop charts for the third consecutive week, and a source told The Times that more than 9 million of Jackson's albums have been sold worldwide since his death June 25.

Nielsen SoundScan said Jackson's albums sold 1.1 million copies over the last seven days and had combined to sell an impressive 2.3 million in the U.S. in the nearly three weeks since he died.

Sony Music, which controls the catalogue of his solo adult recordings, declines as a policy to comment on sales issues, but a spokeswoman for the label did not dispute the accuracy of the 9-million figure provided by the source, who has knowledge of Jackson's global album sales but is not authorized to speak on the matter. Jackson's music has also topped the pop charts in countries including France, Germany, Australia and the U.K. during the same period.

The dramatic influx of income for the singer's estate illustrates what's at stake in the legal battle to name an executor for Jackson's will.

This month, lawyers for the singer's mother, Katherine Jackson, 79, filed court papers asking that she oversee his estate. Days later, two of Jackson's long-time associates -- entertainment attorney John Branca and veteran music industry executive John McClain -- filed a will the performer signed in 2002 naming them executors. A hearing on the

matter of an executor is scheduled for Aug. 3 in Los Angeles.

Although Jackson was about \$400 million in debt to various financial institutions, people with knowledge of the singer's business holdings say his assets outweigh his debt by at least \$200 million -- and those assets are only increasing with the tremendous record sales.

In the meantime, the popularity of Jackson's music, memorabilia and even performances inspired by his body of work shows no sign of diminishing.

"We're seeing a real outpouring from fans and consumers who are looking to connect and get past what's happened -- the tragedy of his death -- through attaching themselves to his music," said Gary Arnold, senior entertainment officer for the national music retailer Best Buy.

Sales of Jackson's music have remained "exceedingly strong" in the weeks since his death, Arnold said. "They're buying a pretty broad spectrum of his work; they aren't just buying 'Thriller' but a broad range of titles from throughout Michael's career.

Realistically we expect to see people connecting at unprecedented levels through Christmas."

Amazon.com typically doesn't discuss sales figures, but in the wake of Jackson's death company spokesman Andrew Herdener said "the customer response to Michael Jackson's death has been staggering and unprecedented -- we took more orders for Jackson CDs and MP3s in the first 24 hours after his death than we did in the previous 11

years of the Amazon music store."

There were other manifestations of the insatiable appetite for all things Jackson. The performer's songs were punched up just shy of 1 million times on the 38,000 jukeboxes operated by TouchTunes, the nation's leading jukebox supplier. Thirteen of his songs, either solo or with the Jackson 5, were in the company's Top 100 songs for the period, and his recordings occupied half the slots in the Top 10.

Maximising on the Jackson mania that has sent fans into mourning worldwide, producers of the U.K. stage musical "Thriller Live" announced that they were taking the show on the road this month.

The musical -- a two-hour tribute concert using Jackson impersonators to showcase many of the singer's best-known songs -- will begin traveling across Europe on Tuesday and will be performed in several U.S. cities at some point in the next 12 months, an announcement said.

The six-member, North Carolina-based Jackson tribute group Who's Bad seized the zeitgeist by booking a North American tour July 9 that will send the band members travelling coast to coast through November.

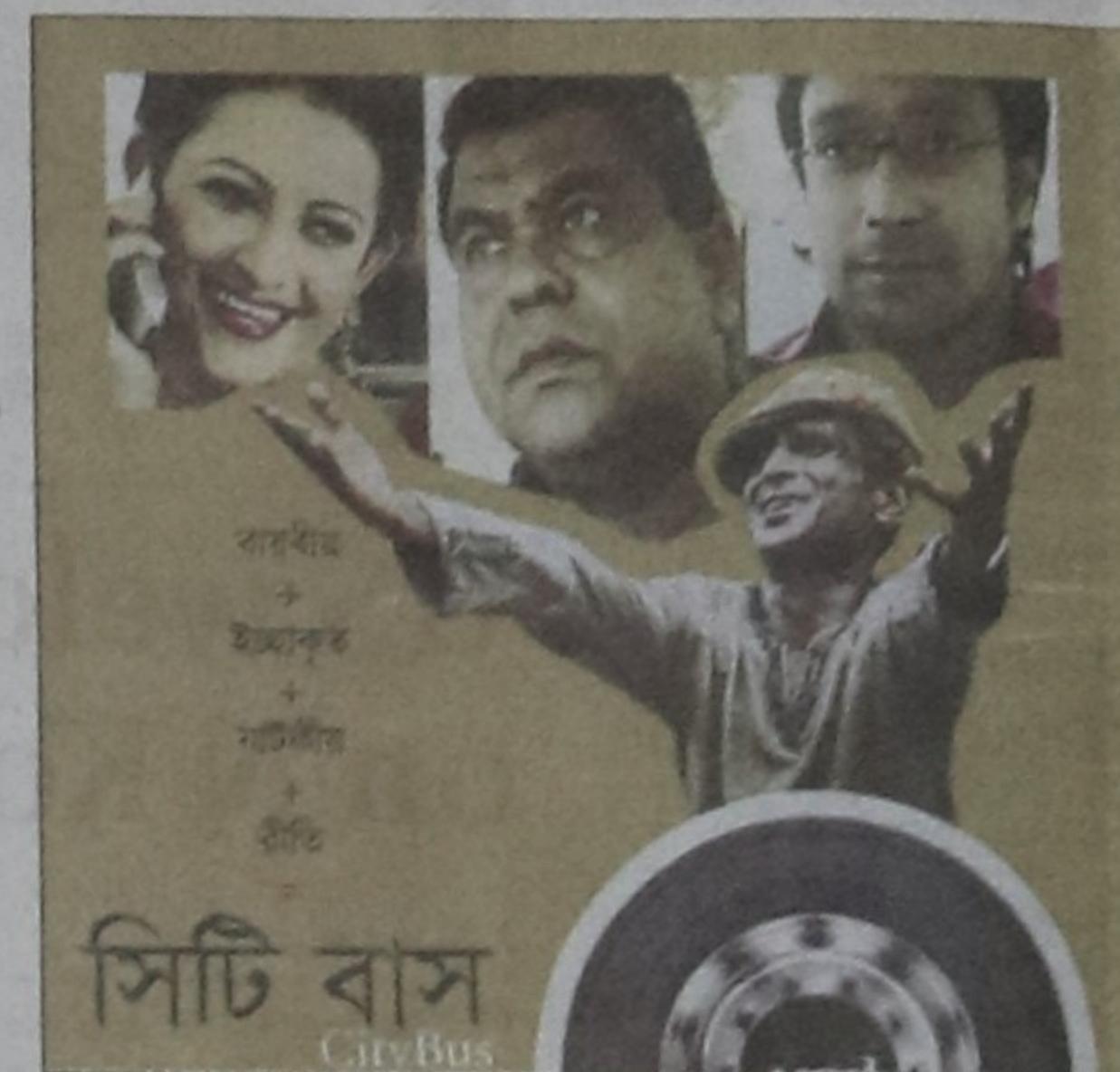
"With Michael Jackson gone, Who's Bad is, right now, the closest thing to hearing and seeing him perform," the band's leader Vamsi Tadepalli says in a statement on its website. "We only seek to keep those memories alive."

Source: Internet

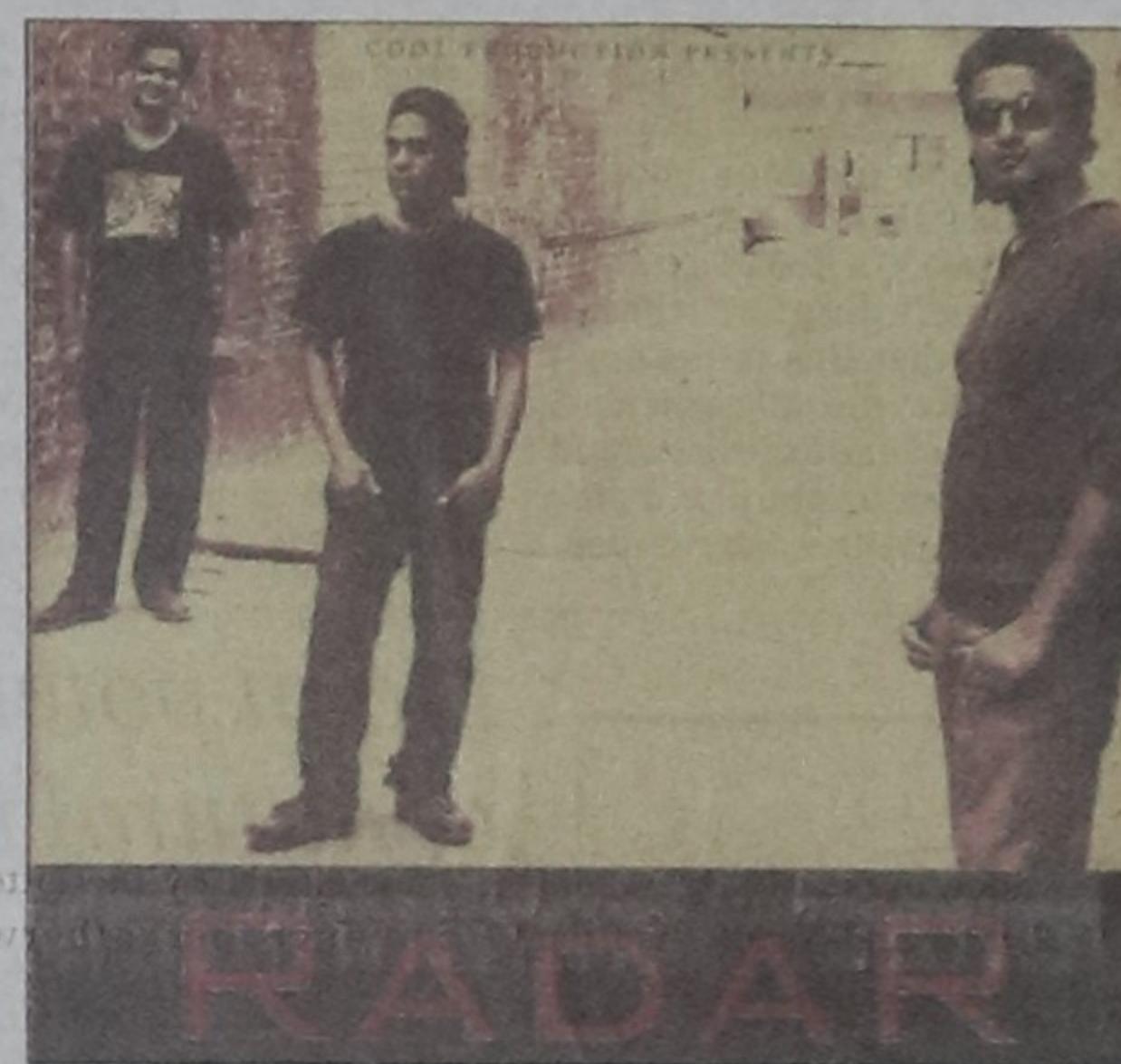
NEW RELEASES



Eid Vacation
TV play written and directed by Sara Zaker
Cast: Asaduzzaman Noor, Subarna Mustafa
Source: G-Series



City Bus
TV play written and directed by Norman Robin
Cast: Hasan Masud, Sohel Khan and others
Source: G-Series



Radar
Self-titled album of the band Radar
Source: Cool Production



Romonthon
Solo album by Sharmin
Source: Laser Vision

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

On Air

BTV

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phire Dekha

09:30 Sisimpur

10:05 Esho Gaan Shikhi

10:30 Amader Golpo

10:55 Jaantey Chal Janatey Chal

11:20 Documentary Programme: Tomader Bhubona

11:30 Children's Programme

12:10 Theatre

01:00 Maa O Shishir Katha

02:15 Islamic Programme

03:15 Bangla Feature Film

04:45 Documentary Programme

08:30 Onu Natok

09:00 Banglar Mukh

10:25 Special Programme

ATN Bangla

08:15 Ajker Shanbaadpotro

08:30 Drama Serial: Joyotsnakaal

09:20 Educational Programme: Cambrian Education Zone

10:30 Cook Show: ATN Rannagar

11:05 Islamic Programme

02:30 Islamic Programme

03:15 Bangla Feature Film

05:00 Gram Gonjer Khobor

06:15 Amra Korbo Joy

06:45 Kandey Amaar Maa

08:00 Drama: Onnobe Boshonto

09:20 Drama Serial: Tomara Doa-e

Bhalo Achhi Ma

10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno

11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Tagore Song

08:30 Musical Programme: Shokaal-er Gaan

09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

10:30 Grameenphone Teleishomoy

11:30 Islamic Programme

12:05 Talk Show: Kora Alap

12:30 Grameenphone Tritiomatray Apni

02:35 Musical Programme

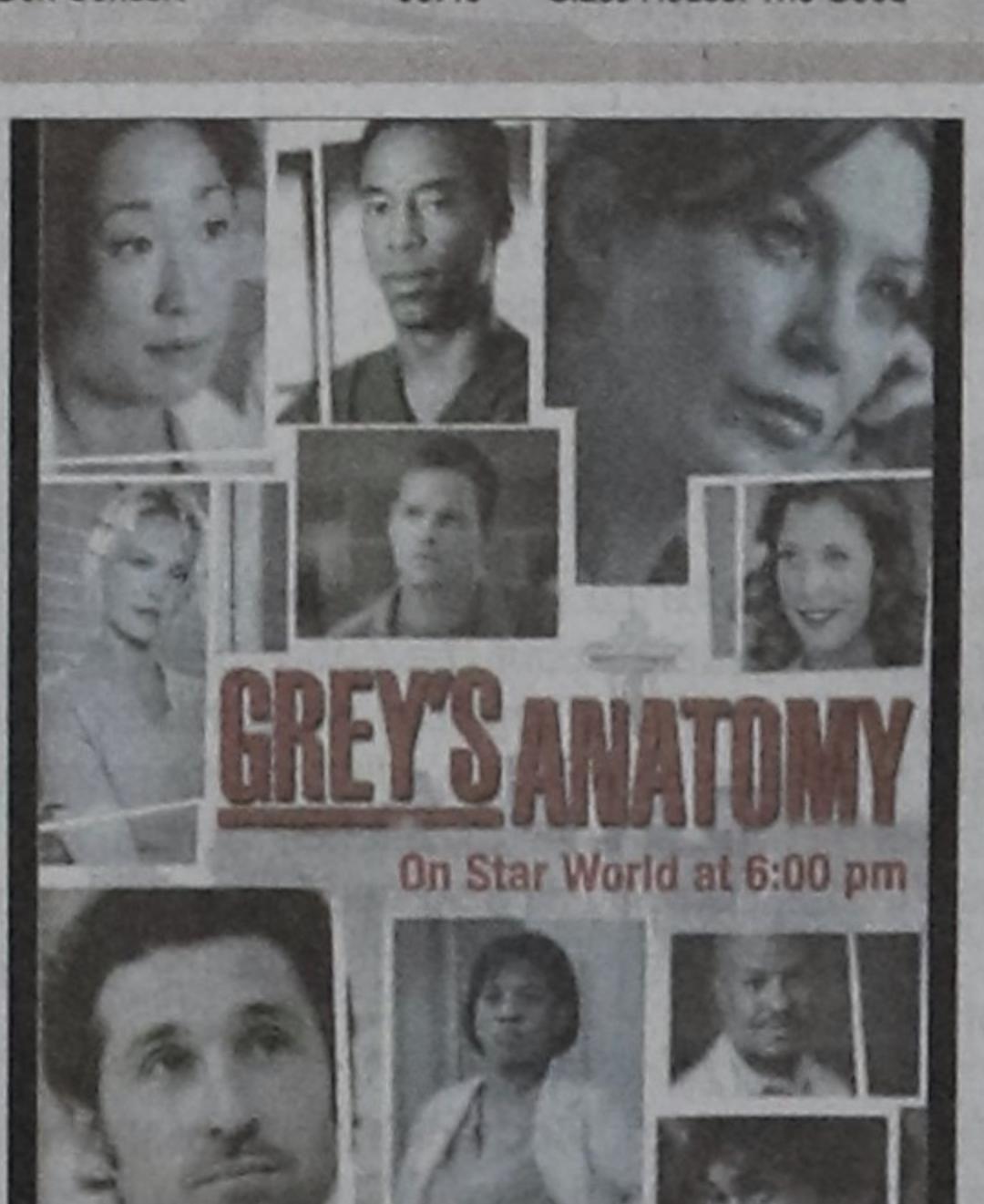
04:05 Mukti Juddho Protidin



Tomar Doa-e Bhalo Achhi Ma
On ATN Bangla at 9:20 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Richi



BANGLAVISION
06:15 Shubhoshondha
06:45 Musical Programme
08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
09:00 Super Hero Super Heroine
12:25 Washington Barta
10:30 Ta Na Na
10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey
11:30 Job Line
12:30 Drama: Rohoshymoi
02:00 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Sports Plus
06:15 Ekusher Shondha



STAR MOVIES
04:30 Premey Premey Ganey Ganey
05:15 Shoptaho Sheshey
06:45 Selected Programme
07:00 Talk Show: Bondhu Amar
08:15 Drama
09:15 Young Craze
09:45 Events of the Day
11:00 Amaar Ghar
11:30 Desh Kaal
12:00 Vampire Bats
10:30 Khelar Shokal
12:15 Dur Path

STAR WORLD
10:00 Friends
10:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
11:00 Two And A Half Men
11:30 Grey's Anatomy
12:30 Cops
01:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?
02:30 Knight Rider
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful
05:00 7th Heaven
06:00 Grey's Anatomy
07:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
07:30 Cops
08:30 Friends
09:30 Rodney
10:00 How I Met Your Mother
10:30 Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?
11:30 Knight Rider
12:30 Cops
BBC WORLD NEWS
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Asia Business Report
09:45 Asia Today (r)
10:00 BBC World News
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08:00 BBC World News
08:30 Pechard's People (r)
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Our World: The Russian Billionaire (r)
11:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today