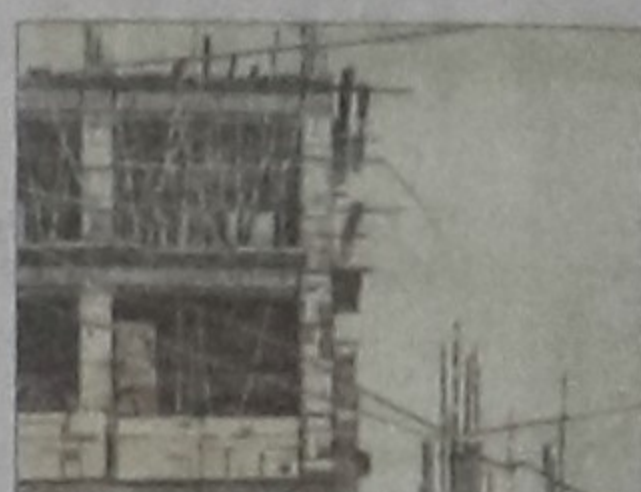


WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEK

**Hiralal Sen Memorial Speech**  
Organiser: Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies  
Venue: Alamgir Kabir Film Centre, 62, Science Laboratory Road  
Date: August 17  
Time: 6pm  
Subano Rekha will be screened after the speech



**Solo Woodcut Print Exhibition**  
Title: Kaleidoscopic Complexity  
Artist: Anisuzzaman  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 275/F, Rd 27, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 9-22  
Time: 12-8pm



**Solim Al Deen Birth Anniversary Celebration**  
Organiser: Dhaka Theatre & Shilpakala Academy  
Venue: Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 17-21  
Inauguration: 6pm



**Theatre**  
Play: Raja...Ebong Onnyanya  
Troupe: Prachyanat  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: August 16-17  
Time: 7:30pm



## Baul Akbar Ali's mission of pursuing Lalon's philosophy

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Baul Akbar Ali Shaijee regularly performs in Jhenidah. The artiste mostly renders spiritual *Pala Gaan*, accompanied by other folk artists.

Akbar Ali was born in Dudraipur on August 12, 1957. His father was the late Bahadur Malita.

Akbar Ali studied at Gopalpur Govt. Primary School. As a student of class V, Ali sang a Lalon song, "Jaat gelo jaat gelo boley," at a cultural function organised by the local scouts. At the end of the show, an emotionally moved scout officer embraced him. That gave an impetus to his musical intrigue and Ali began to learn *baul* songs. He trained under Santosh Kumar and Hazari in Kurulia village. He also started practicing with harmonium and *dotara*. Unfortunately, however, Ali soon faced the ire of the local conservatives who ostracised him. Ali recalls being prevented from even fetching water from the community tubewell.

Gradually, the young artiste was pressured and intimidated to flee from his village home. He went to India and took refuge with his previ-

ous mentor Santosh Goshai at Ghugragachi village in Ranaghat. There he spent eight years and gained deeper knowledge on the *Baul* philosophy and spiritual subjects.

Ali returned to Digherpara village in Bangladesh. There he trained for around 12 years under Aftab Shaijee. At the age of 35, Ali returned to his native village Dudraipur. Now he performs *Baul* songs and *Bhab Gaan* in Jhenidah as well as other districts of Bangladesh.

Ali performs spiritual songs and *Pala Gaan* with renowned artistes including Momotaj, Neela Pagli, Abul Sarkar, Khorshed Alam, Khaleq Dewan, Aruz Ali, Nazrul Islam, Jharu Shahi and Mahendra Goshai. In 2000 the then Jhenidah Deputy Magistrate Aminur Rasul conferred the title of "Lalon Shadhok" on Ali.

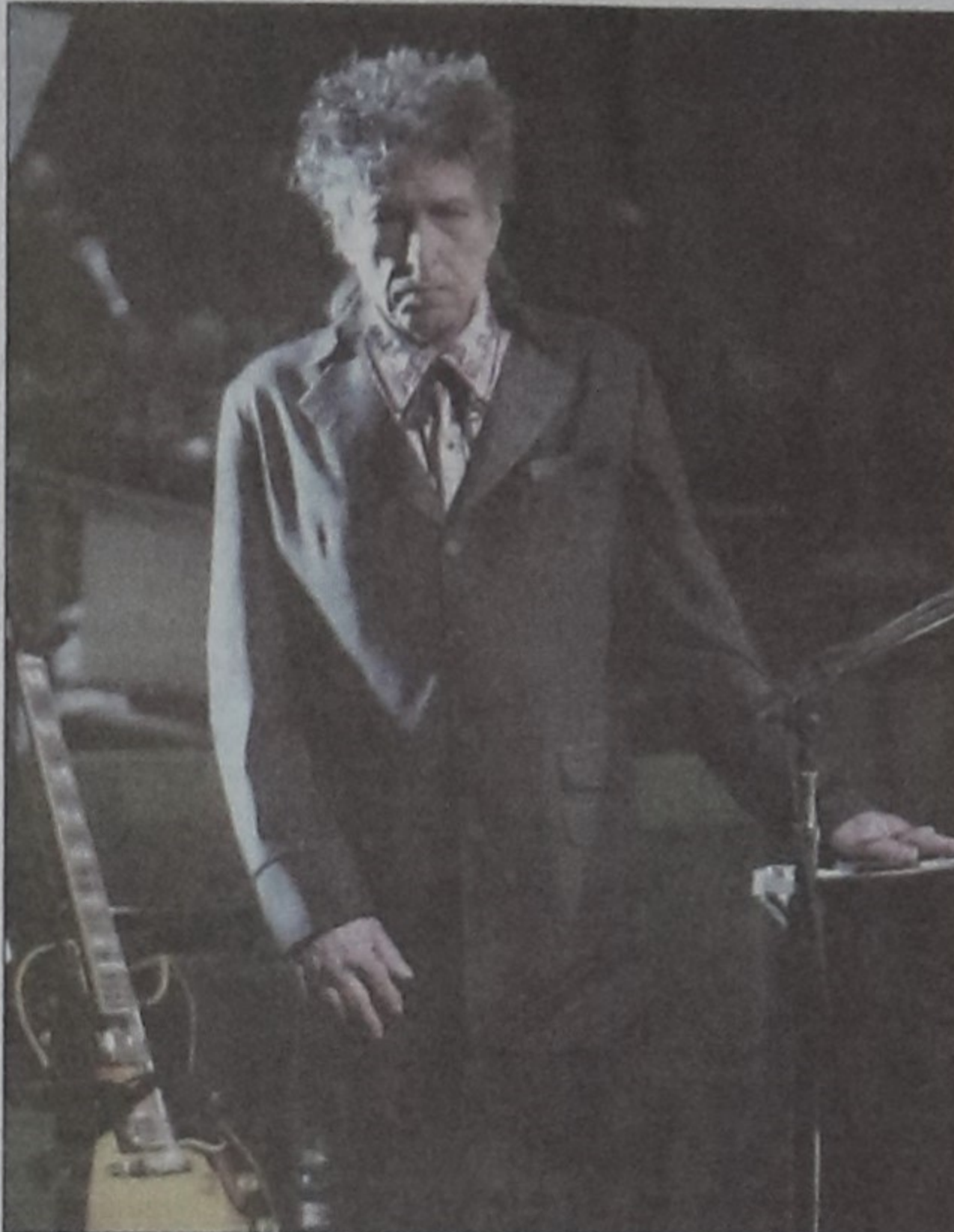
Ali possesses the unique quality of improvised compositions when he is on stage. He has around 300/400 spiritual and *Bichhedi* songs to his credit. The artiste has a family of five and he teaches Lalon songs. His ultimate aim is to devote himself to delve into Lalon's philosophy and songs.



Akbar Ali (R) with his troupe.

PHOTO: STAR

## Police to music legend: "You're Bob Dylan?"



Bob Dylan

AP, New York

Like a complete unknown.

That's how rock legend Bob Dylan was treated by police in one New Jersey shore community last month when a resident called to report someone wandering around the neighbourhood.

Dylan was in Long Branch, N.J., on July 23 as part of a tour with Willie Nelson and John Mellencamp that was to play at a baseball stadium in Lakewood that night.

Long Branch business administrator Howard Woolley says a 24-year-old police officer was apparently unaware of who Dylan was and asked him for identification.

The singer wasn't carrying any, so police took him back to his hotel, where tour staff vouched for him. No charges were filed.

How did it feel? A Dylan publicist did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

## Nodi Bachao, Dhaka Bachao on Channel i

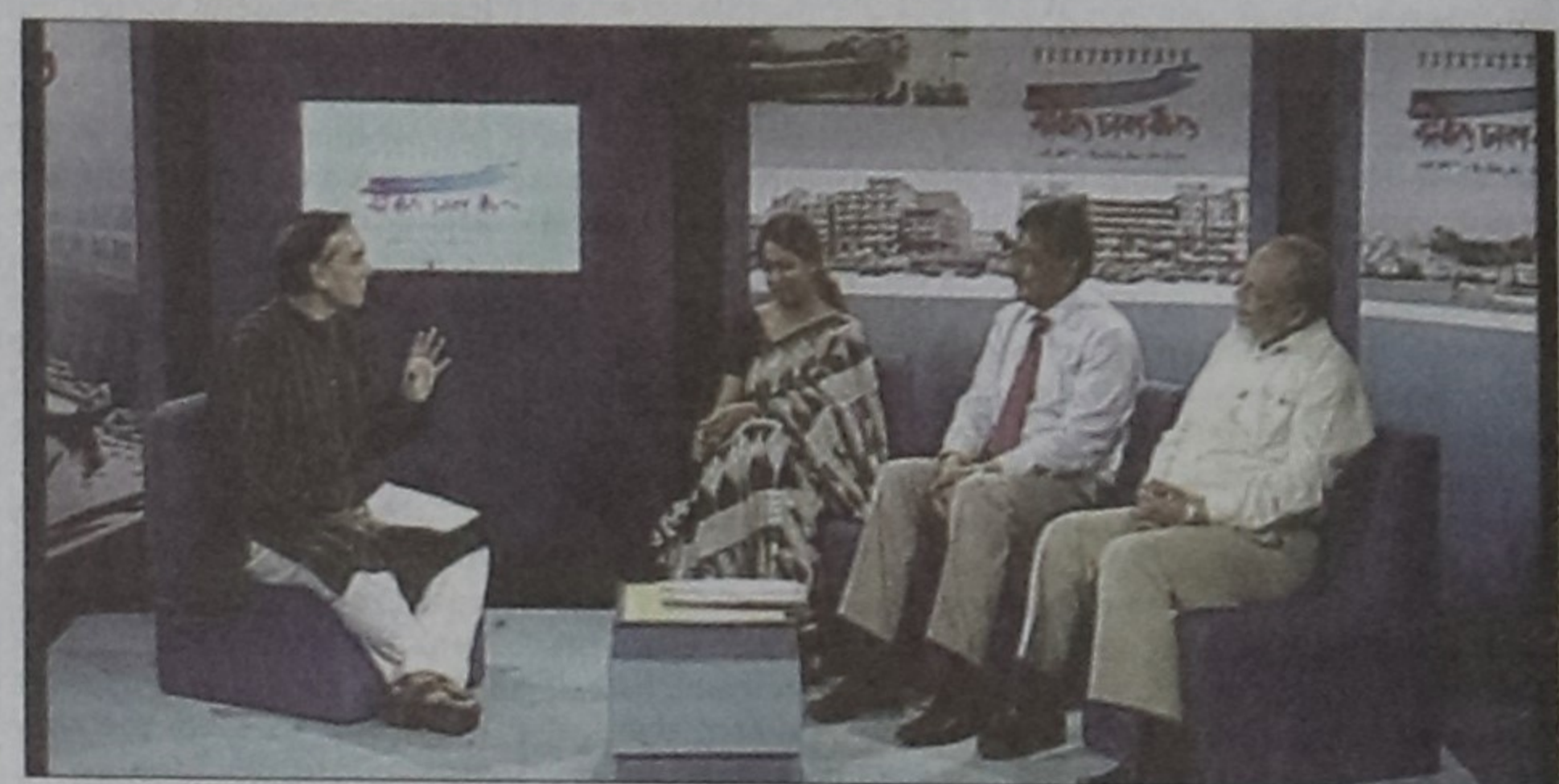
CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

The second episode of "Nodi Bachao, Dhaka Bachao, Pradhanmantri Shomipey" (a five-episode special talk show on recovering the rivers around the capital) will be aired on Channel i tonight at 11:30 pm.

The programme aims at generating awareness on the importance of saving our rivers, a much-discussed topic of recent times. Tonight's topic of discussion is "Legal Tangles. Implementation of Recent High Court Verdict for Protection of the rivers."

Rizwana Hasan, chief executive, BELA; Giasuddin Ahmed Choudhury, executive director, Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) and Kamal Uddin Talukder, DC, Gazipur are the discussants on tonight's show.

Mahfuz Anam, publisher and editor of The Daily Star, is the moderator of the programme. "Nodi Bachao, Dhaka Bachao, Pradhanmantri Shomipey" is a joint initiative by Channel i and The Daily Star. The following episodes of the show will be aired on August 23, 24 and 30. Shihab Sumon is the producer of the show.



Discussants seen with Mahfuz Anam (left) on the show.

## New TV serial "Babar Hotel" goes on air tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

New TV serial "Babar Hotel" goes on air tonight on Banglavisión.

The serial will be telecast every Monday and Tuesday at 8:15 pm.

The serial is an observation of an otherwise 'ordinary' family through the perspective of an outsider. Piyash, a young man immersed in his studies, lives in the attic of a house. The serial shows the members of the family as Piyash sees them.

Latif, a retired government official, is the patriarch of the family. He takes every issue the family has to deal with, seriously. Shafat, the eldest son of Latif, is an entrepreneur. Riya, Shafat's wife, considers herself very 'creative.' Lady Abir, Latif's youngest son, seemingly lacks ambition, though he has graduated from a university with flying colours. Manisa, Latif's daughter, like music and dance. Does she have a soft corner for Piyash?

Cast of the serial includes Abul Hayat, Intekhab Dinar, Jenny, Tisha, Iresh Zaker and other.



## 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 10:00 am, 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-Ganjor 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

## atv

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 Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Drama: Bhut Odbhut  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Top Spin  
11:40 Amra Tomader Bhulbona  
12:15 Motamot  
01:25 Cholo Chitr Golpo  
02:30 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamal  
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar  
Chokkhu Nai  
03:45 Children's Programme: Chhotoder Prithibi  
04:20 Special Programme  
05:40 Business Week  
06:20 The Lost World  
06:45 Special Programme: Kaandey Amar Maa  
08:00 Drama Serial: Shadkalo Mon  
08:45 Gaaney Gaaney Golpo  
11:30 Jey Katha Keu Boleni  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
12:30 Hello Bangladesh

## CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song  
08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan  
08:40 Aiker Chakri  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritomatra  
11:05 Educational Programme  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
03:00 Study at UK  
03:30 Banijyo O Orthoniti  
04:10 Mukti Juddho Protidin  
04:30 Business Talk  
05:30 Dhonyo Shei Kobi  
06:00 Udyog  
06:30 Shudin-er Barta

07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shanglaap  
09:30 Drama Serial: Shobkichhu Bhengey Porey  
10:00 Drama Serial: Manorama Arogyo Niketon  
11:30 Nodi Bachao, Dhaka Bachao, Pradhanmantri Shomipey  
12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro  
ntv  
08:25 Swastho Protidin  
08:45 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari  
09:30 Joto Modhur Bhulguli  
10:05 Gallery  
10:30 Rup Madhuri  
11:30 Tiffin-er Phakey  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy



Gaaney Gaaney Golpo  
On ATN Bangla at 8:45 pm  
Musical Programme hosted by Bappa Majumder  
Guest: Kumar Bishwajit

## ETV

09:55 Ekush-er Business  
12:02 Ekush-er Dupur  
02:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
03:30 Deho Ghori  
04:30 Desh Jurey Oporadh Porikroma  
05:30 Sports Plus  
05:45 Street Magic  
07:45 Cookery Show: Tommy Mia(n)r Recipe  
08:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita  
10:10 Talk Show: O Bandhu Amar  
Rtv  
08:50 Trade Talk  
09:45 Drama Serial: Dorakata  
10:45 Taroka Alap

## BANGLAVISION

08:30 Bhalo Thakun  
10:10 Jonotar Mukhomukhi  
11:35 Telepress Business  
12:30 Orthoniti Sanglap  
01:30 Amar Ami  
02:40 Drama Serial: Lucky Thirteen  
03:20 Drama Serial: Megh Bondhu  
04:10 Porospor  
06:00 Din-er Sheshey  
06:20 Sports Time  
06:50 Point of Order  
08:15 Drama Serial: Mama Bhagney  
09:05 Amader Rannaghar  
09:45 Mega Serial: The Family  
11:25 Special Programme: Smriti O Pritir Katha Kabyo  
12:00 Shangbad Protidin

## 11:45 Shoja Katha

HBO  
09:15 Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
11:30 Loving Leah  
01:30 Jaws: The Revenge  
02:30 The Making Of Zodiac  
04:15 Beyond Borders  
06:45 Get Smart's Bruce And Lloyd Out Of Control  
08:15 Nutty Professor II: The Klumps  
10:30 The Core  
01:15 Glitter  
STAR MOVIES  
09:50 Dead Poet's Society  
12:15 Astronaut Farmer  
02:20 Bad Company  
04:35 Four Weddings And A Funeral  
06:50 Butterfly On A Wheel

## STAR WORLD

09:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
10:30 Friends  
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
11:30 According To Jim  
12:00 Cops  
01:00 Seinfeld  
02:00 Friends  
02:30 Boston Legal  
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
05:00 7th Heaven  
06:00 What About Brian  
07:00 According To Jim  
07:30 Grey's Anatomy  
08:30 Friends  
09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:00 Two And A Half Men  
10:30 Koffee With Karan  
11:30 Monk  
12:30 Most Daring

## BBC WORLD

08:45 Sport Today  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business Report  
11:45 Sport Today  
12:00 World News Today  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:30 World Business Report  
01:45 Sport Today  
02:00 World News Today  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:30 HARDtalk (r)  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Click (r)  
05:00 World News Today  
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 Fest Track (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
10:00 World News Today Business Edition  
10:45 Sport Today  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 HARDtalk (r)

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06:00am Shoror Jantashay  
09:00am Mukhorib Jiboney  
12:00pm Darun Dakshiny  
03:00pm Duranto Bikelley  
05:00pm Shonsha Tara  
07:00pm Shal-er Maya  
09:00pm Raat-er Aakashy  
Radio Forti 88.0 FM  
07:30am Hello Dhaka  
10:00am Morning Express  
12:00pm No Tension  
04:00pm Dhaka Calling  
09:00pm Knight Riders  
Radio Today 89.6 FM  
07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00am Mani Unlimited  
01:00pm Today's Adda  
04:00pm U-um  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gaan  
12:00am Today's Happy Moments

JACKIE CHAN OWEN WILSON  
On Zee Studio at 10:30 pm  
SHANGHAI NOON

## DESH TV

12:15 Durpath  
04:30 Obak Prithibi  
05:02 Cartoon  
05:30 Balighar  
06:02 Bazare Notun  
07:45 Banglar Pran  
08:15 Drama Serial: Aladin-er Cherag  
09:45 Drama Serial: Ichchhe Holo  
10:30 Total Sports

## 08:45 My Silent Partner

10:30 Banger Sisters, The  
01:25 The Condemned  
ZEE STUDIO  
12:20 My Bollywood Bride  
02:20 The Grudge 2  
04:40 Get shorty  
05:55 The Hot Chick  
08:15 Nothing to Lose  
10:30 Shanghai Noon  
01:00 The Pacifier