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## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

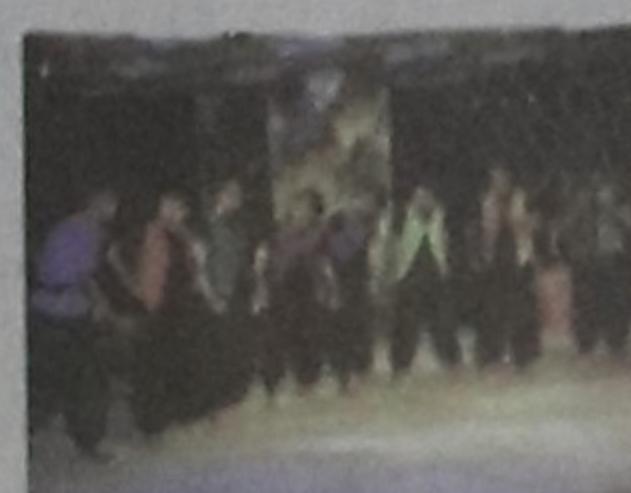
**Exhibition**  
Organiser: Bangla Boshon  
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15/A (new), Dhanmondi  
Date: August 28-29  
Time: 3-9pm



**Film Screening**  
Film: The Big Day (France)  
Filmmaker: Jacques Tati  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 4  
Time: 10:30am & 5pm



**Theatre**  
Play: Shorobhuj  
Troupe: Subachan Natya Sangsad  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy  
Date: August 29  
Time: 8:15pm



**Photo Exhibition**  
Title: Our stories: Middle Class Bangladesh  
Date: August 27-September 9  
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
Time: 10am-8pm



## Rejecting conventional norms

**Aikik Theatre** premieres "Drop Out"



Scenes from the play.

JAMIL MAHMUD

The premiere of Narayanganj based Aikik Theatre's 10th production "Drop Out" was held at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy on August 27. The play has been written and directed by Anwarul Haque.

Young Anwar, a member of Uddihi Shilpi Gosthi and guest director, tries to bridge the gap between the protagonists and the audience. The protagonists are from an imaginary and anarchic society.

The protagonists-- three anonymous individuals who introduce themselves as 'I', 'You' and 'S/he'-- want to reject the conventional rules of their society.

In some sequences it seems that Anwar wants to de-construct his own society; we see the protagonists symbolically do not bow to the audience at the end and leave the stage separately. Soon after the curtains come down on the performance, the director delib-

erately keeps the audience in darkness for a while, which he says gives them time for introspection.

Interestingly enough, the play ends where it opens. At the opening, a giant mask appears gradually through the darkness, with a song "Boshey achhi boshey, achhi boshey achhi." Anwar uses the mask as a symbol of numbness of the society.

The protagonists seek to live coherently but often find themselves at cross-purposes. Their illogical conversation sometimes last long and sometimes short but they never find a way to escape.

Through their conversation it appears that they live in a society, where people do not laugh. "Why don't people laugh nowadays?" asks one of them. "They do not want to," answers one of them.

In the midst of their conversation, guests from different time periods join them to find a way to overcome their dilemmas. First comes the great poet Kanhpa, from the Charya era. The theme of featuring Charya poets is also visible in Aikik's 9th production

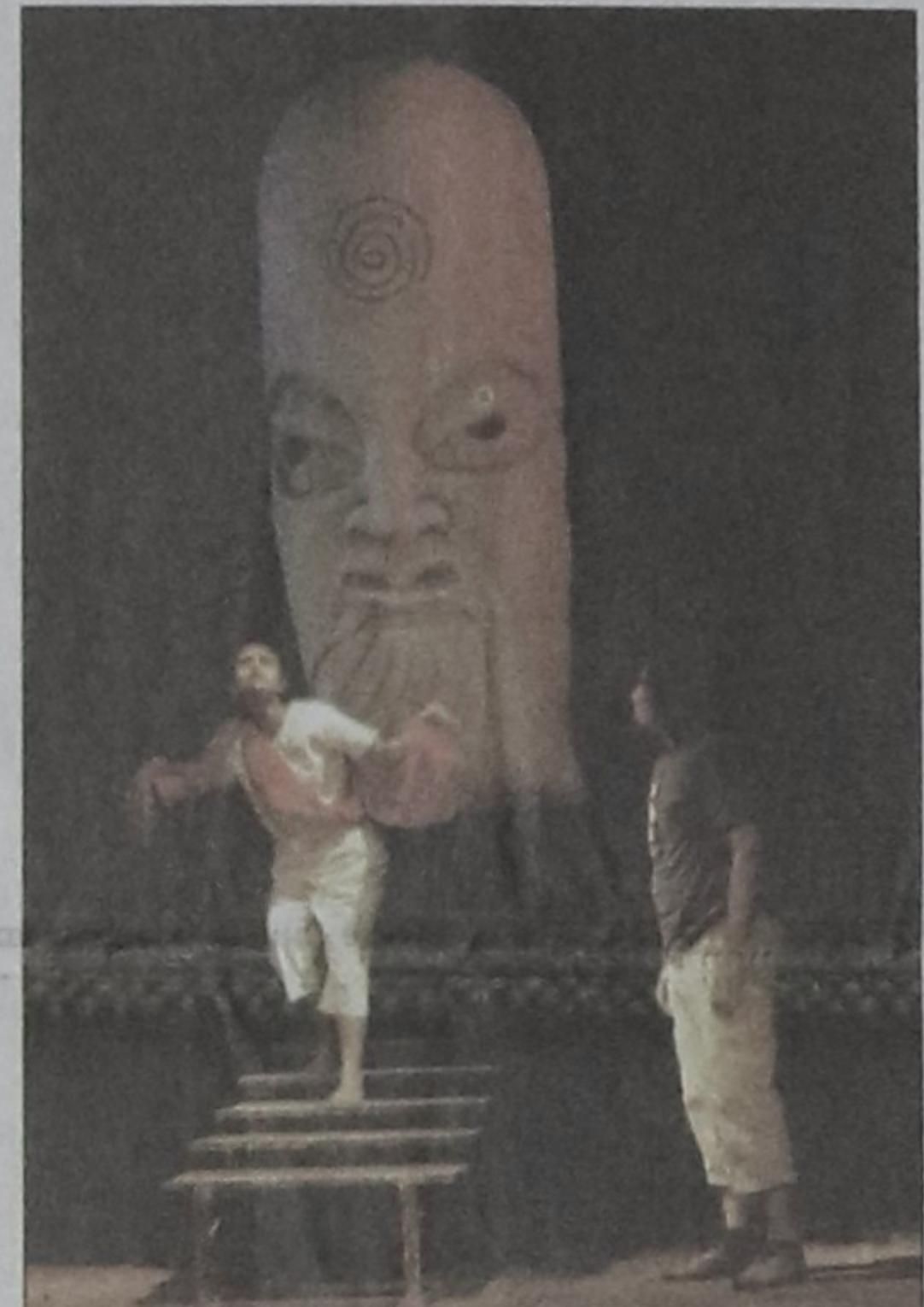
"Antarjatra."

The second stranger is a messenger, who alerts the protagonists about the arrival of 'Hitchcock's Birds.' The third is a mother, whose child has died after a tragic incident. The three strangers along with the three individuals try to find a way to escape the conventional society.

Fahim Emil, Ahmedur Rahman Tonu and Sheikh Safayet Alam play the roles of the three anonymous individuals. Sarwar Hossain Biplab appear as Kanhpa. Ayesha Tanjila and Ruma Sarkar respectively perform as the messenger of 'Hitchcock's Birds' and the mother.

Atiquel Islam Munna is the light designer and Asit Kumar is the music director of the play.

Earlier prior to the staging of the play, noted theatre critic Biplab Bala formally announced the premiere of the play. President of Aikik Theatre S.M Ripon also spoke at the brief inaugural part.



A three-day photography exhibition was held recently at the North South University (NSU) campus at Bashundhara. Organised by North South University Photography Club (NSUPC), the exhibition was inaugurated by M.A. Kashem, Chairman, NSU Foundation. Vice Chancellor of the university Dr. Hafiz G.A. Siddiqui was present as special guest. Over a hundred photographs by the students were on display at the exhibition, depicting nature, landscape, architecture, action, still life, portraits, and life style.

## Ferdous and Munmun on Rtv tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Rtv will telecast weekly talk show 'Dhrupadi Kahini' at 9:25 pm. Nazrul artiste Ferdous Ara and dancer Munmun Ahmed are guests on tonight's episode. The programme will feature insights into their lives -- untold stories behind their success, inspiration, struggles they had to face on their way to success and finally a sneak peak at their personal life.

The programme is directed and hosted by Shanta Islam and aired on Saturdays.



The guests share light moments on the TV show.



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

## On Air

### BTV

08:45 Shokal-er Gaan  
09:05 Phirey Dekha  
09:15 O Amar Desher Mati  
09:35 Deshkey Bhalobashi  
10:30 Kagoj Niye Mojor Khela  
11:30 Mati O Manush  
12:10 Swasthito Jigysa  
01:30 Shukhi Poribaar  
02:15 Sisimpur  
02:45 Bangla Feature Film  
05:45 Geeti Malyo  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

09:00 Drama: Swapner Manush  
10:35 TV Series

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Selected Programme  
09:10 Kandey Amar Maa  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin  
12:15 Musical Programme: Shesh Okhkhon  
01:30 Documentary Programme: Amra Tomader Bhalobona

02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:35 Islamic Programme  
06:10 Rasul-er Deshey  
06:20 Islamic Programme

08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai  
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka  
09:20 Drama Serial: Naksha

10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Shanglaap  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL 1

08:05 Rabindra Sangeet  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
08:40 Ajker Chakri  
09:30 Shangbadpotre Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra

11:05 Amader Aina  
12:30 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:05 Prothom Alo GPA

02:30 Shonbordhona  
04:05 Fashion Dot Com  
04:30 Ramjanul Mobarak  
05:10 Talent Hunt: Sur Daria Epaar

06:30 Cookery Show  
06:45 Kafela

07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri  
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Nine Months in Brick Lane

11:30 Drama Serial: Jatraawala  
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

02:30 Documentary Programme: Swapno Din-er Gaan

08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Apnaar Jigysa  
01:05 Tomader Bhalobona  
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi

12:30 Mukto Shanglaap

12:30 Naachey Gaaney Number 1  
02:02 Bangla Feature Film  
05:15 Sports plus

05:20 Bhoghurey Dot Com  
06:45 Drama: Rojadar

07:45 Drama: Bashona Bhabhrom

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi

10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan  
11:45 Market Trend

12:02 Ekusher Raat

09:45 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori

10:45 Tariqa Alap  
11:30 Share Update

12:30 Drama Serial: FDC

02:03 Swapno Din-er Gaan

03:00 Drama

05:30 Protidin

06:20 Islamic Programme

07:30 Road to Democracy

06:20 Amader Jiboney Ramjan  
08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnogorer Konya

09:05 Talk Show: Liza Mehed Amar Ami

09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue

11:25 Tarabih Shanglap

12:10 Shangbad Protidin

12:15 Dur Paath

03:00 Bangla Feature Film

04:00 Desh Janapad

08:15 Drama Serial: Shubhro

10:02 Drama

11:45 Call-er Gaan

09:10 Events of the Day

09:15 Desh Kaal

10:30 Drama: Flexi Load

### ZEE STUDIO

09:30 The Lost City  
12:45 The Tailor of Panama

03:10 The Grudge 2  
04:55 End of Days

07:45 E! News  
08:15 Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid

10:30 Double Take  
12:30 He Got Game

11:00 Iron Man  
01:30 Bee Movie

03:30 Entourage S507: Gotta Look Up To Get Down

04:15 Entourage S508: First Class Jerk

05:15 The Making Of Gladiator

06:00 Iron Man

10:30 Starship Troopers  
12:55 Breach

### STAR WORLD

09:30 The Simpsons  
10:30 Rodney

11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

01:30 America's Got Talent

02:30 Eureka

03:30 Heroes

05:30 Beauty & The Geek

06:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!

08:30 Koffee With Karan

09:30 Kyle XY

10:30 Criminal Minds

11:30 Grey's Anatomy

12:30 Seinfeld

### BBC WORLD NEWS

08:00 World News Today  
09:00 BBC World News

09:30 HARDtalk (r)

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 The Last Volunteer (r)

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 Middle East Business Report

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 Click (r)

01:00 BBC World News

01:10 The World Debate: Are There Too Many..

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 Newsnight

03:00 BBC World News

03:10 Age Of Terror

04:00 BBC World News

04:30 Our World: Spain's Dark Past (r)

05:00 BBC World News

05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)

06:00 BBC World News

06:30 Dateline London

07:00 BBC World News

07:15 Sport Today

07:30 Talking Movies

08:00 BBC World News

08:30 Panorama: The Trauma Industry

09:00 BBC World News

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