

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

## Exhibition

Title: Poshakay Ronger Ushab  
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upshar, Aziz Cooperative Super Market, Shahbagh  
Date: August 28-September 19  
Time: 10am-8pm



## Photo Exhibition

Images of tourist sites of Moscow and St. Petersburg  
Venue: Lobby, Russian Centre of Science & Culture, H 42, Rd 7, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 1-30



## Solo Sculpture Exhibition

Sculptor: Mohammad Aliul Islam  
Venue: Gallery, Asiatic Society, Nimitol, Ramna  
Date: August 26-September 6  
Time: 2-8pm



## 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



## Ahmed Sofa: The voice of the deprived

TAKIR HOSSAIN

"I come from a family of farmers. It is very hard to overlook this fact. I do not want to exaggerate anything. My forefathers had been directly involved with agriculture. I feel proud to be a part of them. I want poor farmers and labourers to eat rice and sing in a jovial mood," said Ahmed Sofa, in an interview in a book "Ahmed Sofa Samay", written by Nasir Ali Mamun. The book received high acclaim for its simple and ordinary language.

Ahmed Sofa was one of the most prolific writers of Bangladesh. He was born in 1943 at Gaachbaria in Chittagong. Among the contemporary fiction writers in Bangladesh, Sofa belongs in the first rank for his thought-provoking and contemplative writings. If we look at his writings, we will see most of his writings are vital and pensive providing many messages in the social, political and economic milieus. He wrote in many genres such as novels, stories, essays, poems, translations, songs and criticism. Sofa was outspoken but bold in expressing the truth. He hardly practised religion but his religious belief was unquestionable.

Sofa was very closely associated with noted painter SM Sultan. Both were



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bohemians, bachelors and had no interest in fame, money or other earthly elements. "We could not find such a personality in the last 100 years. His themes were all encompassing. He is the icon of Bengal. He is the greatest painter of the soil. He is also a philosopher. Nobody has

come forward to explore him truly. We need Sultan because he was the son of a farmer. Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hassan are not presented in such way. They are gentlemen. They do not identify with peasants and workers," said Sofa at "Ahmed Sofa Samay". Sofa's novels are usually in small volumes. All his

novels draw the attention of the reader for their well fleshed out, familiar and lively characters. His works plunge deep into the suffering people and their miserable living conditions.

Ahmed Sofa's "Jadopi Amar Guru" is a remarkable book- focused on National Professor Abdur Razzak's way of life. Abdur Razzak is recognised as one of the foremost intellectuals of our country. He was a thinker, philosopher, political scientist, and analyst of various contemporary issues.

Sofa embarked on his career as a novelist with "Surja Tumi Sathi". Published in 1967, the literary work got an extremely favourable response. Readers felt that after a long time they had found a writer who spoke their language.

Sofa wrote what he believed in. He disliked pretension and his writing is devoid of exaggeration. His writings strongly voice the concerns of underprivileged people in our country. Writing was his passion. He led a very simple and ordinary life with little place for comfort and luxury. For a long time, he stayed in a single room with nothing else but a bed, chairs, table and bookshelves.

Ahmed Sofa died in 2001.

## Laila Hasan and Tapan Mahmud on Rtv tonight

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Noted danseuse and actor Laila Hasan along with Tagore singer Tapan Mahmud feature as guests in tonight's episode of entertainment talk show "Dhrupadi." The show will be aired on Rtv at 9:25pm.

"Dhrupadi" features stories behind the success of celebrities through an entertaining conversation between the guests and the host. Apart from their success as artistes, both Hasan and Mahmud are well-known organisers who have gone a long way in promoting their respective cultural fields. In the course of the programme, both Hasan and Mahmud will share the factors behind their success with viewers.

The weekly programme has been compiled, directed and hosted by Shanta Islam.



Laila Hasan and Tapan share the secrets behind their success in the show.

## TV play Banolota Sen on ntv



Mosharraf Karim and Richi enact the lead roles in the play.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Single episode TV play "Banolota Sen" will be aired on ntv tonight at 9:00pm. Written by Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, the play has been directed by popular small screen actor Mahfuz Ahmed.

The play follows the story of a man named Jalal who works at an advertising firm. Sumi works at the office as an executive. One day, while checking a billboard of the company being set at a railway station, Sumi spots a young man about to jump in front of a rushing train. She stops the man. Jalal plans to use the incident for an advertisement. He makes an agreement with the young man, named Masud, offering him Tk 10 lakh. Sumi cannot accept this deal and resigns from the company.

Richi Solaiman, Mosharraf Karim and Hasan Masud play the lead roles.



## News Bulletin

**BTB**  
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-1**  
News (Bangla): 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am  
Janopad-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-Ganjur 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  
**etv**  
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

## BTB

08:45 Shokar-er Gaan  
09:05 Phirey Dekha  
09:15 O Amar Desher Mati  
09:35 Udoyer Pathay  
10:30 Karukaj  
11:30 Mati O Manush  
12:10 Swashtho Jigyasha  
01:30 Shukhi Poribaar  
02:15 Sisjpur  
02:45 Bangla Feature Film  
05:45 Geeli Malyo  
06:25 Islamic Programme  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha  
08:25 Shobhyotar Joyjatra  
09:00 Drama: Unmochon  
10:25 Special Programme in memory of Abdul Alim

## ATN BANGLA

08:15 Ajker Shangbadpotro  
08:30 Children's Programme  
09:10 Kandeey Amar Maa  
09:15 Drama Serial: Pashapashi  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Top Spin  
12:15 Bangla Feature Film  
03:40 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun  
04:15 VIM Zholpot Ifar  
04:35 Islamic Programme  
05:35 Islamic Programme  
06:35 Rasul-er Deshey  
06:45 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: 14 May @  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News  
**CHANNEL 1**  
08:05 Rabindra Sangeet  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
08:40 Ajker Chakri  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 Amader Aina  
12:05 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Selected Programme  
02:30 Mukti Judhyo Probidin  
04:05 Fashion Dot Com  
04:30 Ramjanul Mobarak  
05:10 Talent Hunt: Sur Daria Epaar Opaar  
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: Jatrawala

Shari  
09:00 Drama: Banolota Sen  
11:30 Apnaar Jigyasha  
**ETV**  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi  
10:02 Deho Ghori  
11:30 Mukto Khobor  
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 Eid Shombar  
09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi  
10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan  
11:45 Market Trend  
12:02 Ekusher Raat  
**RTV**  
09:45 Drama Serial: Alta Shundori

## BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel  
09:00 Ebong Classer Bairey  
11:35 Cookery Show  
12:30 Housing Barta  
01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:20 Islamic Programme  
05:55 Quran-er Alo  
06:45 Amader Jiboney Ramjan  
08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagoror Konya  
09:05 Talk Show: Lizan Mehedi Amar Ami  
09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
11:25 Tarabih Shinglap  
12:10 Shangbad Probidin

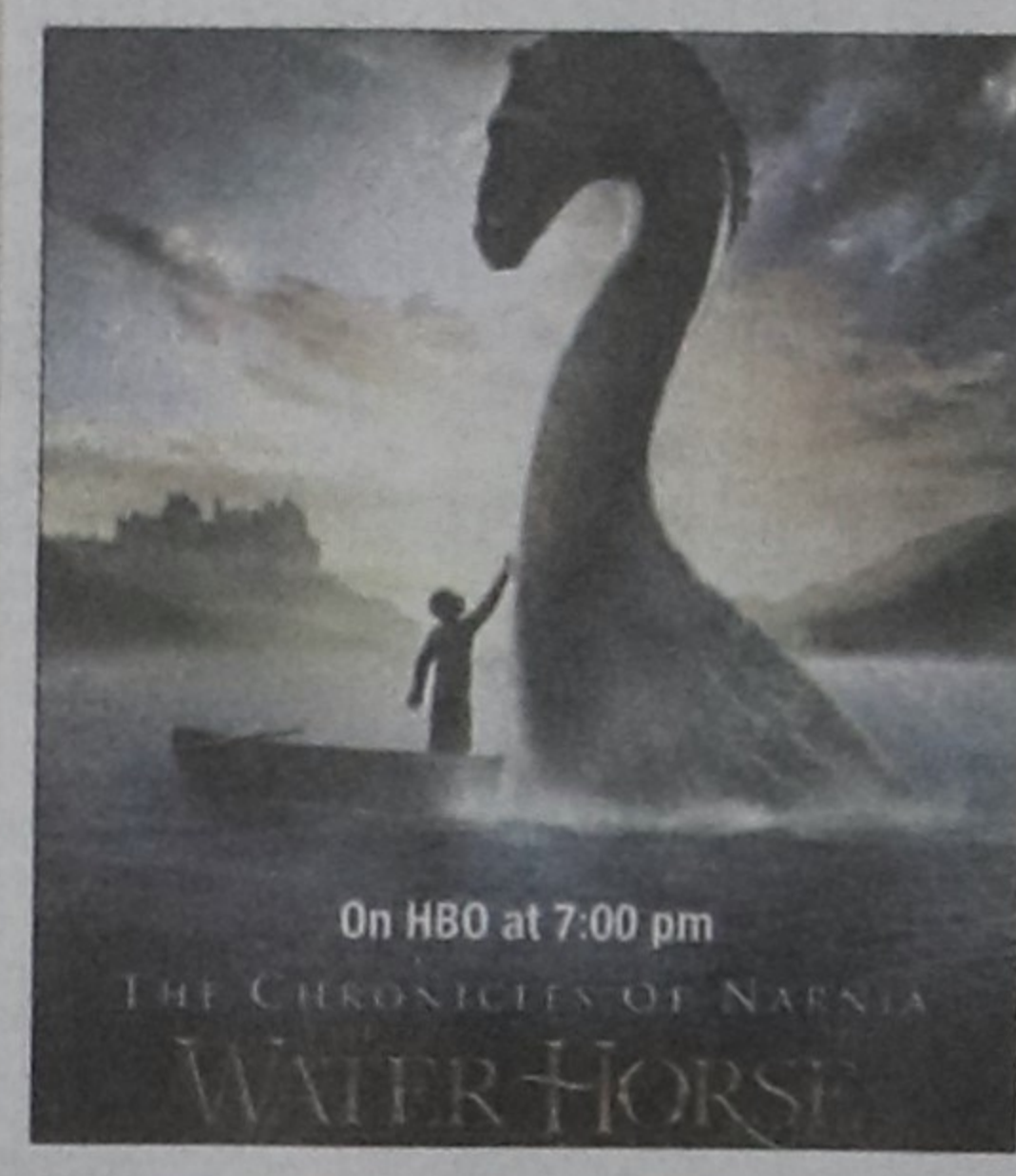
02:00 Get shorty  
02:30 I Do, They Don't  
04:30 Shes The Man  
06:40 The Jungle Book 2  
08:20 Blind Dating  
10:30 Summer of Sam  
**STAR MOVIES**  
08:50 The Nanny Diaries  
11:00 Impy's Island  
12:40 Wall Street  
03:00 Because I Said So  
06:55 Superhero Movie  
06:40 Dr. Dolittle: Tail To The Chief  
08:30 Miracle Fighters, The  
10:30 Chronicles Of Namia, The: Prince Of Caspian  
01:20 Death Sentence  
**HBO**  
10:30 Transformers

Wanna Know  
10:30 Wanted  
12:45 Transformers  
**BBC WORLD**  
09:30 HARDtalk  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Earth Report (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 Children Of Beslan - 5 Years On  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 Newnight  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:10 Age Of Terror  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Our World: The New Wild West (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 Spirit Of Yachting  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:10 Dissonance and Harmony  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:10 Children Of Beslan - 5 Years On (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 This Week  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:10 Age Of Terror (r)  
**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 The Simpsons  
10:30 Rodney  
11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful Orn  
01:30 AMERICA'S GOT TALENT  
02:30 Eureka  
03:30 Heroes  
05:30 Beauty & The Geek  
06:30 Howie Do It  
07:30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!  
08:30 Koffee With Karan  
09:30 Friday Night Lights  
10:30 Criminal Minds  
11:30 Grey's Anatomy  
12:30 Seinfeld



14 May @  
On ATN Bangla at 11:30 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Shojol

**abc radio FM 89.2**  
06:30 Bhorer Janaboy  
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Duranto Bikoley  
05:00 Shundhata  
07:00 Shajer Mays  
09:00 Kanteer Akashray  
11:00 Golpo Shesh Nei  
**Radio Forth 88.0 FM**  
08:00 Adabaz  
12:00 Boler Poka  
02:00 Forni Unlimited  
06:30 Bumper to Bumper  
10:00 Club Forth  
01:00 Back to Back music  
**Radio Today 89.6 FM**  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Music Unlimited  
01:00 Today's World Music  
04:00 U Turn  
06:00 Tobey Tai-Hak  
11:00 Roast their Gaan



On HBO at 7:00 pm

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA  
THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

## DESH TV

12:15 Dur Paath  
03:00 Bangla Feature Film  
04:00 Desh Janopad  
07:00 Islamic Programme  
08:15 Fashion Show  
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha  
**ZEE STUDIO**  
09:30 Pearl Harbour

01:15 Hydra  
03:00 Tmz 054  
03:30 Entourage S509: Pie  
04:15 Entourage S510: Seth Green Day  
05:00 The Making Of The Bourne Ultimatum  
05:30 Hollywood One On One 55  
06:00 The Making Of Transformers  
06:30 Tmz 054  
07:00 The Water Horse: Legend Of The Deep  
09:30 True Blood S110: I Don't

12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro  
**ntv**  
08:55 Bangla Feature Film  
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha  
01:05 Cartoon  
02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi  
03:45 Drama: Bus Number  
04:25 Gallery  
05:35 Ajker Itar  
06:40 Islamic Programme  
08:15 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari  
10:45 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Share Update  
12:30 Drama Serial: FDC  
01:30 Swapnodin-er Gaan  
03:00 Drama  
05:30 Probidin  
06:20 Islamic Programme  
06:50 Islamic Programme  
08:10 Lux Shoppers Guide  
09:25 Dhrupadi Kahini  
10:10 Drama Serial: Monkora  
11:30 Jegey Achho Ki