

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Exhibition

Title: Poshakey Ronger Utshab
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upahar, Aziz Cooperative Super Market, Shahbagh
Date: August 26-September 19
Time: 10am-8pm



পোশাকে রঙের উত্শব

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



Photography Exhibition

Title: 20 Years of Drk
Venue: Drk Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: September 7-10
Time: 3pm-9pm



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



Nandan Kanon stages Tahader Kotha

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Nandan Kanon, an organisation of the reciters, staged its production "Tahader Kotha" at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library recently. Rahmatullah Noman directed the production.

"Tahader Kotha" zooms in on triumphant women -- both real and fictional characters. It narrates the stories of Pakhi, Rohini and Jitsoma.

Pakhi is one of thousands of *Birangana*, who had to endure inhuman abuse during the Liberation War. Rohini, a widow, is the protagonist of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's "Krishnakanta Will." Jitsoma was a scholar at the royal court of the King of Gandha.

The recital also included heroic stories of Utpalbarna and Draupadi.

The production featured a compilation of writings by Bani Basu, Sabyasachi Dev, Momtazuuddin Ahmed, Khandokar Mosharrat Hossain, Shawli Mitra and Masuda Bhattacharya.

The cast included Razia Sultana Koli, Azmia Binte Mahbub, Sharmin Sultana, Syeda Tasnuva, Jyotirmoy Das, Camellia Jelly, Kazi Farzana Leena and Manishita Biswas.



An artiste of Nandan Kanon during the recital.

Beatlemania is set to return again

Beatlemania is set to return -- in digital form at least -- when The Beatles' Rock Band game is released this week.

The format may not be unique, but the content is. It will be the first time that music by the Fab Four has appeared in a video game.

And as a newcomer to music gaming, it was astonishing how quick and easy it was to step from the 21st Century into the Swinging Sixties.

For the uninitiated, Rock Band is a karaoke-style game that uses adapted game controllers -- lead, guitar, bass guitar and drums -- to play along to various songs.

The game is all about keeping in time with colour-coded blobs that scroll along the on-screen fretboard. It works in a similar way if you are Ringo on

the drum pads.

And it's curiously addictive. If one of the band is not up to scratch, you'll get kicked off stage -- though there's a family-friendly override setting.

The Beatles' Rock Band game is part of a wider marketing campaign that also sees

the release of newly-remastered versions of the band's back catalogue on CD.

It comes at a time when the music industry is looking for new ways to recover some of its dwindling revenue as CD sales decline.

Of course, music video

games are nothing new -- Guitar Hero 5 was released last week in the US featuring tracks by Nirvana, Muse and Iron Maiden.

But getting a brand like The Beatles is a significant feat in an industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The game, which goes on sale on September 9, will feature 45 songs, along with a bonus track -- "All You Need is Love" -- that can be bought online.

The albums "Abbey Road," "Sgt Pepper" and "Rubber Soul" will be released for download later in the year.

The game allows players to follow The Beatles through their career in environments such as The Cavern Club and the Shea Stadium. It also features "imaginative environments" known as Dreamscapes.

Source: BBC



The game allows players to try The Beatles' three-part harmonies.

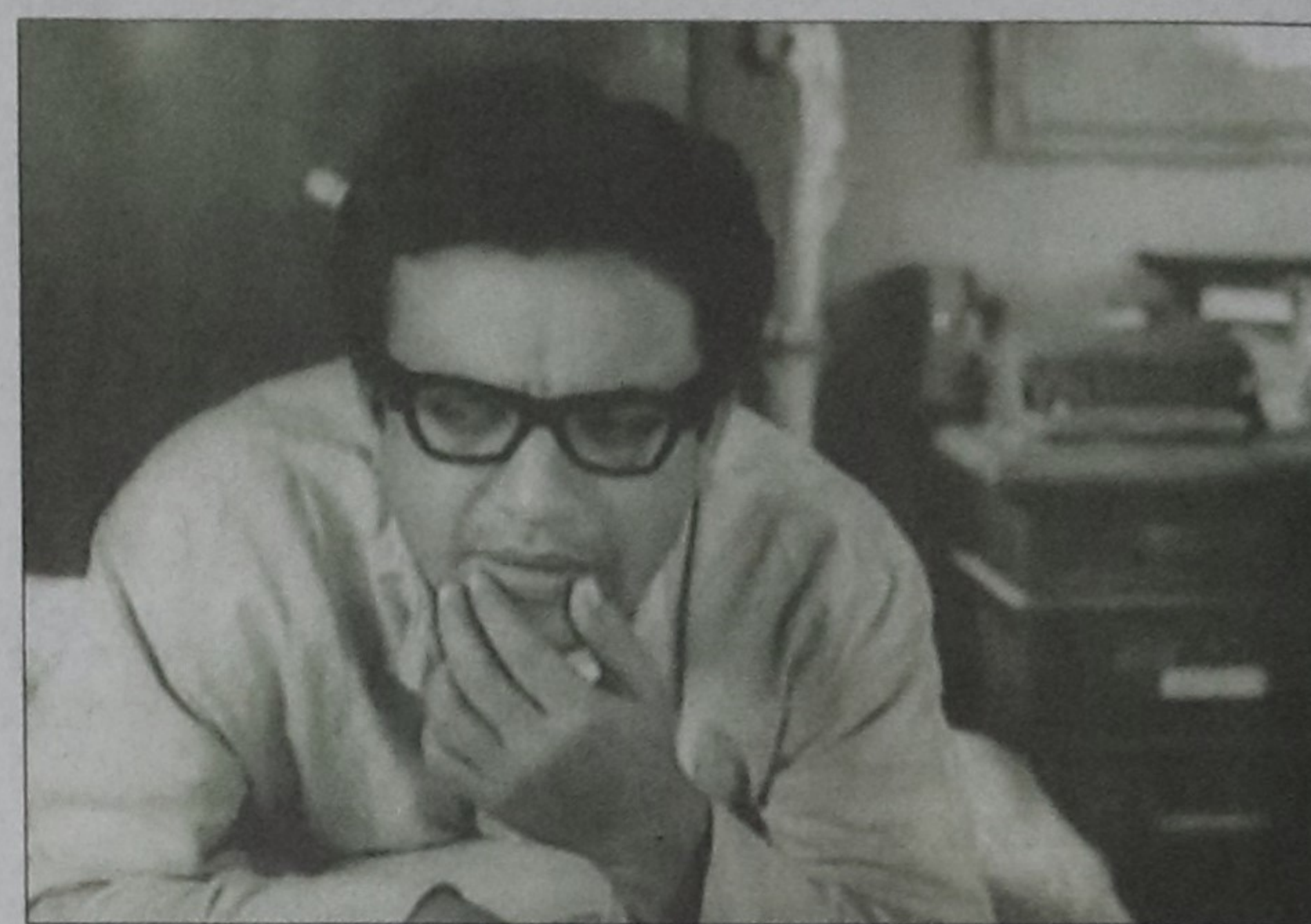
Uttam Kumar: The legend that was and will be

Bengali cinema's greatest matinee idol Uttam Kumar's birth anniversary on September 3, 2009 was celebrated befittingly in Kolkata. In a tribute to the actor, the Department of Posts, India released a postage stamp. Honorary Governor Sri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, on the release of the first day cover and the stamp, paid rich tributes to the great actor.

Every year in September, when Uttam Kumar was born the denizens of West Bengal celebrate with abandon in tribute to him. All Indian television channels feature his films all through July and then September.

Among the honours that have come his way: His fans have set up the Uttam Mancha, an auditorium for staging plays in South Kolkata, while others have introduced the Uttam Kumar Film Awards in memory of this great actor. And that's not all. Tullygunj where Uttam Kumar spent a large part of his working life boasts of his life size statue. Also the Tullygunj metro station was recently named Uttam Kumar Sarani after him.

Here's the story of Uttam Kumar's eventful life: His name initially was Arun Kumar Chatterji but was changed to 'Uttam' ('the best') when he staged an entry into the world of films. *Dristidaan*, his first film, was released in 1948. One school



Uttam Kumar

of thought has it that he made his debut as an extra in *Mayador* in 1947. Ironically at the beginning of his film career, he was labelled as 'Flop Master General' because his films flopped often, driving him to despair. He managed to take off in the world of films through sheer grit.

Apart from some of his successful films, Uttam Kumar is also known for his sizzling chemistry with Suchitra Sen from their first film *Shaare Chuattar*, a tickling comedy, to their last film *Priyo Bandhabhi*. In between they acted jointly in other

films like *Harano Sur*, *Saptapadi* and *Grihadah*. The so-called intellectuals labelled him as a 'theatrical actor full of mannerisms', while other detractors claimed that 'He does not know the ABC of acting.' However, he foiled the critics with his stellar performance in *Bosu Paribar* (1952), directed by Nirmal De. After this first success, he became a star with *Agni Parikkha*, directed by Agradoot. His last film was *Ogo Bodhu Sundari* (1980), loosely adapted from *My Fair Lady*. Following a massive heart attack on the studio floors, he passed away

on July 24 at the age of 54. In his three decade film career he had acted in 159 Bengali films.

Uttam Kumar is also known for his performance in such Satyajit Ray films as *Nayak* and *Chirakhana*.

Alongside he acted in a few Hindi movies such as *Amanush*. For a small period he also acted in professional theatre.

A lesser known side of him is his persona as a director, assistant director, producer, production manager and his role as a singer.

Compiled by Cultural Correspondent



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

On Air

BTV

08:45 Shokaler Gaan
09:05 Documentary Programme: Prirey Dekha
09:15 Selected Programme
09:30 Educational Programme
10:05 Open University
10:30 Ogrout
11:30 Shonali Swapno
12:10 Gaan-er Mala
12:35 Shukhi Poribar
01:30 Matri Bhasha
02:15 Baanshuri
02:45 Knira Diganto
03:05 Cartoon
03:30 Bhorhola Dor Kolo
04:05 Baithak Khana
04:30 Shombhabonar Bangladesh
05:05 Debate
06:20 Islamic Programme
07:25 Selected Programme
07:45 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha
08:25 Iltash Oitijey Bangladesh
09:30 Selected Programme
10:50 Tomar Gaan Shonabo

ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aker Shangbadpotro
08:30 Drama: Chhaday Boshey
09:45 Kandey Amar Maa
10:30 Hello Bangladesh
11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Vision
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03:45 Children's Programme: Choroder Prithibi
04:15 Zhotpot Ifar
04:35 Kotomey Quran
05:10 Jantey Chai
05:35 Islamic Programme
06:15 Islamic Programme
06:35 Rasul-er Deshey
06:45 Islamic Programme
08:00 Drama Serial: Shadakalo Mon
08:40 Drama: Polironari
11:30 Talk Show: Jey Katha
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12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

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08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:50 Aker Chakri
09:30 Shanbadpotro Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 Educational Programme
11:30 Hridoyer Gaan
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
02:30 Arshin Nagar
03:00 Study @ UK
03:05 Baniyo O Othoniti
04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
04:30 Islamic Programme
05:10 Amar Chhobi
05:40 Jibon Jekhney Jemon

09:30 Airey Chokhey
10:05 Gallery
10:30 Rup Madhuri
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Japan Video Topic
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Belabumi Shomporko
04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey
05:30 Aker Ifar
05:40 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
06:45 Hridoye Ramjan
08:15 Drama Serial: 1920
09:00 Pran Gura Moshla Amar Ranna
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon
11:30 Aker Shokaal

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08:30 Ekusher Shokaal

09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
10:10 O Bondhu Amar
09:00 Trade Talk
09:45 Drama Serial: Dorakanta
10:45 Taroka Alap
11:30 Share Update
12:30 Drama Serial: Kagojer Maush
01:30 Bangla Feature Film
05:30 Protidin
06:50 Islamic Programme
07:30 Islamic Programme
07:40 Road To Democracy
08:10 LUX Shoppers Guide
09:20 Drama Serial: Dorakanta
10:10 Drama Serial: Kagojer Manush
11:30 Crime Focus
12:00 Drishyo Kalpo

BANGLAVISION

08:00 Shubho Shokal
08:30 Bhalo Thakun

11:25 Tarabin Shinglaap
12:00 Shangbad Protidin
12:30 Bashuda Cinemar Gaan
12:15 Durpath
04:00 Desh Jonopad
05:02 Cartoon
05:30 Bati Ghar
08:15 Drama Serial: Aladin-er Chherag
09:45 Drama Serial: Ichchhey Holo
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Shoja Katha

STAR MOVIES

09:05 Fantastic Four: Rise Of The Silver Surfer
10:55 The Journey Of August King
12:50 Bridge To Terabithia
02:45 Tmnt
04:35 Step Up 2: The Streets
06:35 King Of California
08:30 Santa Clause 3: The Escape

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

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
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
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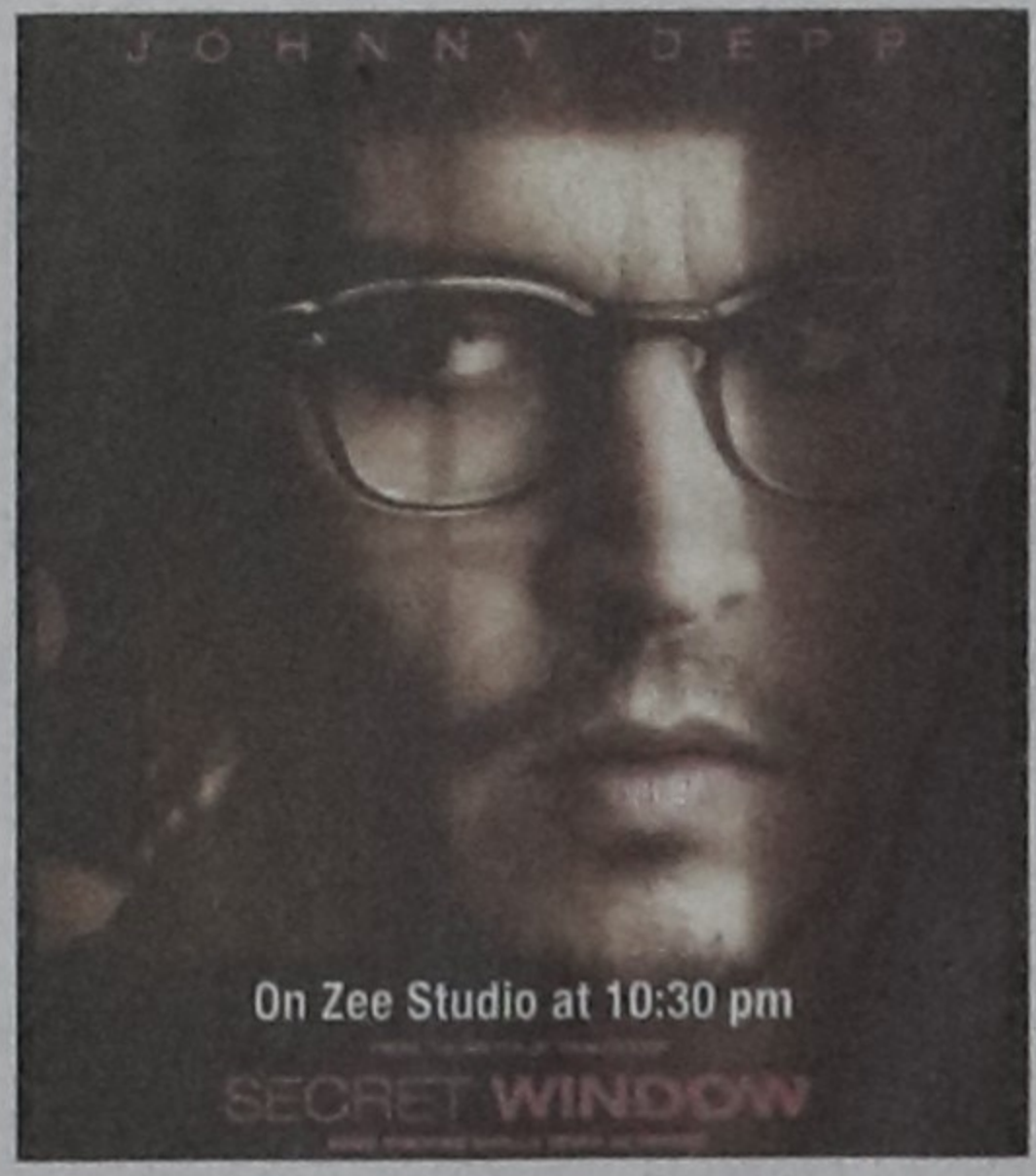
09:30 Out Of Season
12:05 Get shorty on Campus
01:05 Grosse Pointe Blank
03:30 The Grudge 2
05:50 The Tailor of Panama
08:20 Betsy's Wedding
10:30 Secret Window
12:40 Ed Wood
11:45 Balls Of Fury
01:30 In The Line Of Fire
04:00 Daddy Day Care
06:00 The Making Of Knocked Up
08:15 Hollow Man
09:30 Forgetting Sarah Marshall
10:30 Ogre
12:15 Half Past Dead



Shadakalo Mon
On ATN Bangla at 8:00 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Zahid Hassan, Nadia



06:00 Bhorer Janaley
09:00 Mukhonto Joonoy
12:00 Dhanu Dushory
03:00 Dhanu Bhailey
05:00 Shondhila
07:00 Shajer Maya
08:00 Rasi-er Akashay
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:30 Hello Dhaka
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 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 Ashta
04:00 U Tum
08:00 Today's Talk
11:00 Rasi Bhor Gaan



On Zee Studio at 10:30 pm
SECRET WINDOW
JOHNNY DEPP
The Bold And The Beautiful

06:10 BRAC Shudiner Barta
06:30 Monohar Ifar
07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shinglaap
09:15 Drama Serial: Shobkichhu
Bhengey Porey
10:10 Drama Serial: Monorama Arogyo Niketon
11:30 Drama Serial: Paanchey Paanchey Pachish
12:00 Grameenphone Aker Shangbadpotro
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08:25 Swastho Protidin
08:45 Bari Bari Shari Shari

09:30 Drama Serial: Channel 21
09:55 Ekusher Business
10:30 Ekusher Business
12:02 Ekush-er Dupur
02:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
03:30 Deho Ghor
04:02 Desh Jurey Oporadh Ponkroma
05:15 Sports Plus
05:30 Street Magic
06:45 Drama Serial: Rojadar
07:45 Eid Shombhar
08:00 Cookery Show: Tommy Mianr Recipe

10:10 Positive Bangladesh
11:35 Good Night Raat Biraatey
12:30 Shondorjo Katha
01:30 Amar Ami
02:40 Drama Serial: Megh Bodhu
03:20 Drama Serial: Ropnagor-er Konya
04:10 Drama
05:20 Islamic Programme
06:45 Amader Jiboney Ramjan
08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
09:45 Mega Serial: The Family

10:30 The Impostors
12:30 Get Shorty
STAR WORLD
09:30 Late Show With David Letterman
10:30 Friends
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
11:30 According To Jim
12:00 Cops
01:00 Seinfeld
02:30 Boston Legal
03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful