

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening
Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society
Venue: Russian Centre of Science and Culture, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi
Date: September 15-16
Time: 3pm onwards
Sep 15: 'The Tale of Tsar Sultan' & 'Waltz with Basir'



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



Book Fair
Title: Altijhya Eid Boi Utshab
Organiser: Altijhya
Venue: Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: September 1-15
Time: 10am - 8pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
Artist: Shahabuddin
Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi
Inauguration: September 18
Time: 6pm



"Jitia Parbon": A tradition retained by Mahalis over thousands of years



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Mahali men and women sing at dance as part of the Jitia Parbon celebration.



ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Over a thousand members of the indigenous Mahali community observed *Jitia Parbon* (a Mahali festival) at Baganpara village under Godagari upazila last Saturday amidst much fanfare.

Mahali children, women, and men from some 18 villages of Rajshahi, Naogaon and Chapainabganj participated in the daylong festival that started from midnight.

The remote Baganpara village reverberated with life as groups of Mahalis danced with the beats of *dhol*, *madol* and other traditional instruments.

The festival formally started with a prayer for the well being of the country.

Although the festival is considered to be the biggest social event of the Mahali community, it was not observed for about half a century until the celebration resumed last year.

"Mahalis withdrew from celebrating the festival since many of them converted to Christianity. But now, we find our existence as Mahalis is at stake and this festival is part of our identity," said Zakaria Dumri, executive director of Mahali Adibashi Artho Samajik Unnayan Sangstha (MAASAU).

Dumri stated that the community stopped celebrating *Jitia Parbon* as Christianity does not support it. The festival requires a strictly vegetarian diet and includes prayers, singing, dancing and distribution of cakes.

"The history of the *parbon* goes back over thousands of years," said Zakaria, who has researched on the origins of the Mahalis.

There was a Mahali leader called Jit Bahan Thakur, who was born of a virgin mother. Jit rescued the Mahalis from the evils of superstitions, subjugation and injustice. In honour of Jit, the Mahalis have been observing *Jitia Parbon* since then.

"*Dal, bhat, jhijang, torokai, Jitia Parbon bhari, Kumra, kodu, alu, shosha/ Sobi miley eki ghati*" is the song rendered with dances throughout the festival.

Mahalis fast for three days prior to the festival and exchange gifts with each other.

MAASAU, in association with the social organisation Dighor Baisi, arranged the festival. Manusher Jonno Foundation and Oxfam GB also assisted in organising the festival.

Saraf Ahmed : A writer-director with a promising career graph

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Born in Mymensingh, Saraf Ahmed Zibon harboured a dream to carve a niche in the world of drama and film. Inspired by the works of Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, Zibon began working under Farooki as his chief assistant director from 2002.

"He is my guru. I've learnt many things from him, in particular the need to break free of traditional thoughts and approach," Zibon said.

With experience from working with Farooki on several mega serials and films, namely "51 Borti," "69," "420," "Bachelor" and "Mad_e in Bangladesh," Zibon gained a solid foundation in this field.

Zibon started both scriptwriting and directing in 2006 by making a telefilm titled "Ghar Nai." That was followed by "Autobiography of Sheikh Abdur Rahman" and "Nindito Norokey." All of them were produced by Chabial Utshob and aired on Channel I.

About his work process, Zibon said, "When I start, my focus isn't on artistic or commercial value. I try to reflect my thoughts in my works where a special point of view is emphasised."

The young director has made several single-episode TV plays including "Priyo Parvin," "Koyedi," "Chhayabazi" and "Ki Je Hobey Ki Je Hoy" which were aired on Channel I, BTV, Rtv and ETV respectively.

He has also directed two plays written by Anisul Haq, titled "Serious Ekta Kotha Achhe" and "Hawai Mithai," aired on Channel I and Channel I respectively.

Among other works by Zibon, several TVCs including the ones for GrameenPhone and Citycell are notable.

A number of single-episode plays directed by Zibon will be aired on different TV channels this Eid. Of them, "Serious Kothar Porer



Saraf Ahmed

Kotha" and "Wrong Pencil," both written by Anisul Haq, will go on air on Channel I and Rtv respectively. Written by Masum Reza "Miss Roshayon" and "Rongin Phanush" written by Nasreen Helali will be aired on BTV. Written by Fatema Shilu "Uchcha Madhyamik Shamadhan" will be aired on Banglavisian. I am now working on a mega serial titled "Mymensingh to Dhaka Gate Lock Service" both written and directed by me.

"Most of the emerging writers, directors, are commercially oriented. Moreover, since the preview committees of TV channels determine their fate, many promising writers and directors get discouraged, as their works are not properly evaluated," said Zibon on the flaws of the current system.



On Air

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 10:00am, 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 pm
Jonopad-er Khorobor: 5:15 pm

ATN BANGLA
NEWS (Bangla): 6:00 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-Ganjir Khorobor: 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

ntv
News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:20pm, 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, 08:00 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

Shimantley
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL I
08:30 Shokaler Gaan
08:40 Aiker Chakri
09:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh
09:45 Public Reaction
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shinglaap
12:05 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma

02:30 Special Programme
03:05 I Sports
03:20 Boi Ebong Boi
03:35 Cookery Show
04:05 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
04:30 Islamic Programme
05:10 Talk Show: Kathy Kathy
05:40 Talk Show: Khola Akash

03:15 Ekusher Chokh
03:30 Cookery Show: Tomi Mianr Recipe
04:02 Talk Show: O Bandhu Amar
04:30 Shomali Shadakalo
05:30 Sports Plus
06:45 Drama: Rojadar
07:45 Eid Fashion
08:00 Game Show: Bari Bari Jombe khela
08:30 Drama Serial: Hitlu
09:30 Drama Serial: Zahur Ali Zahuri

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08:55 Drama Serial: Bari Bari Shari Shari
09:30 Tomader Pelo Bangladesh
10:05 Drama Serial: House Full
11:00 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan
11:30 Music Jam
12:10 Apnaar Jigyasha
01:05 Japan Video Topic
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher

09:00 Mega Serial: The Family
10:10 Drama
11:35 Selected Programme
12:30 Shyamol Bangla
01:30 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari
02:40 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnagore Konya
04:10 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar
04:45 Kinbadantir Dhaka
05:25 Islamic Programme
06:30 Amader Jiboney Romjan
08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
09:05 Special Talkshow on Swine Flue
09:45 Drama: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey
11:20 Tarabin Shinglap

RTV
09:00 Crime Focus

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DESH TV
12:15 Dur Path
04:30 Bazarey Notun
05:02 Cartoon
05:30 Baatighar
06:02 Eibar Jombey Khela
07:00 Islamic Programme
08:15 Drama Serial
09:45 Drama Serial: Ichhchhey Holo
10:30 Total Sports
11:45 Shoja Katha

ZEE STUDIO
09:30 Instinct
12:05 Blind Dating
02:55 The Mirror has two faces
05:45 Spiderman
08:30 Homebound 2: Lost in San Francisco
10:30 Casanova
01:05 Lords of Dogtown

HBO
04:50 Delta Farca
06:40 Bug
08:35 I-See-You.Com
10:30 Police Story III: Super Cop
12:05 Super Troopers

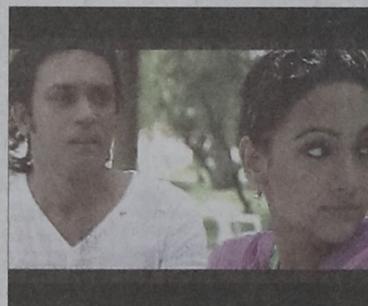
STAR WORLD
11:00 Friends
11:30 Everybody Loves Raymond
12:00 According To Jim
12:30 Most Daring
01:30 Koffee With Karan
02:30 Friends Sr 8
03:00 Monk
04:00 The Ellen Degeneres Show
05:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
05:30 7th Heaven
06:30 Desperate Housewives
07:30 According To Jim
08:00 Psych
09:00 Friends
10:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
10:30 Two And A Half Men
11:00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!
12:00 Prison Break

BBC WORLD
08:00 World News Today
09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Asia Business Report
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
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02:00 BBC World News
02:30 HARDtalk (r)
03:00 BBC World News
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09:00 BBC World News
09:30 Earth Report (r)
10:00 World News Today
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 World Business Report
11:45 Sport Today

abc radio FM 89.2
09:00 Mukhorio Jiboney
12:00 Duran Duprey
03:00 Duranio Blesley
05:00 Shontha Tara
07:00 Shajar Manjya
11:00 Golpar Sheel No

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM
07:30am Hello Dhaka
10:00am Morning Express
12:30pm No Tomson
04:00pm Dhaka Calling
09:30pm Knight Riders

Radio Today 89.6 FM
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Muthi Unkinkid
01:50 Today's Adita
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11:00 Rasat Bhor Gaan
12:00 Today's Happy Moments



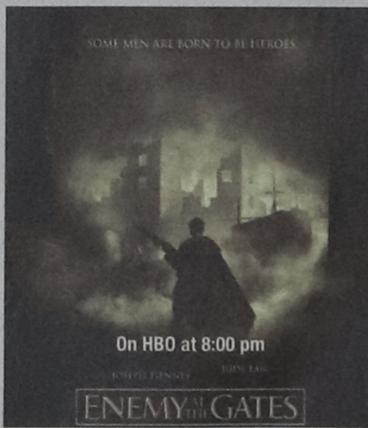
Jahur Ali Jahuri
On ETV at 9:30 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Anisur Rahman Milon, Bindu



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ENEMY AT THE GATES
On HBO at 8:00 pm

<p>06:10 Business Show 06:30 Islamic Programme 06:45 Kefala 07:50 Talent Hunt: Channel I Shera Kontho 10:00 Drama Serial: Shobkichhu Bhengey Porey 11:30 Drama Serial: Pacific-er Parey 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shingbadpotro</p> <p>ETV 08:30 Ekush-er Shokal 09:55 Ekushay Business 02:30 Drama Serial: Lolita</p>	<p>Manush 03:10 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho 03:45 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey 05:40 Crime Watch 06:40 Islamic Programme 08:15 Drama Serial: 1920 09:00 Glamour World 09:45 Drama Serial: Paloloi Mon 11:30 Apnaar Jigyasha 12:30 Swastho Protidin</p> <p>BANGLAVISION 08:00 Shubho Shokaal 08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagarer</p>	<p>09:30 Good Shot 09:45 Drama Serial: Dora Kata 10:45 Taroka Alap 11:30 Share Update 12:30 Drama: Kagojer Manush 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 09:25 Drama: Tobuo Boshonto 10:10 Drama Serial: Naioir 11:30 Very Filmy</p> <p>07:30 Into The Wild 10:30 Something's Gotta Give 01:00 Hollywood One On One 57 01:30 Hollow Man 03:45 Hollow Man 2 05:30 Magic In The Water 07:30 Tmz 060 08:00 Enemy At The Gates 10:30 Smokin' Aces 12:15 Jaws</p> <p>STAR MOVIES 10:05 The Brothers Grimm 12:25 Resurrecting The Champ 02:35 Goal II: Living The Dream</p>
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