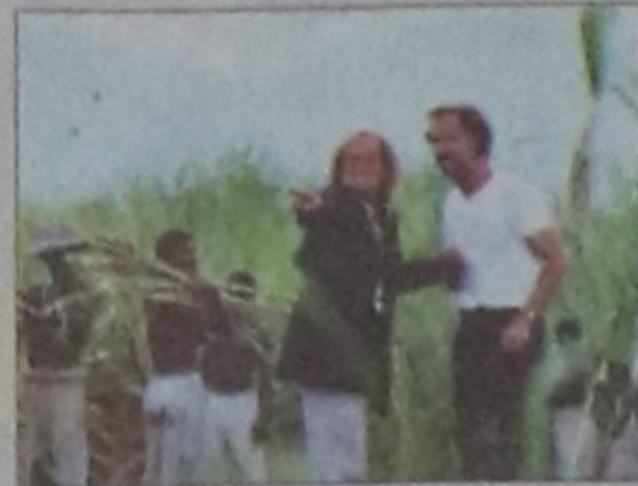


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Photo Exhibition**  
On the occasion of Werner Herzog's 60th birth anniversary.  
Title: Film Must be Physical  
Venue: Goethe-Institut, Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi  
Date: Sep 16-Oct 8



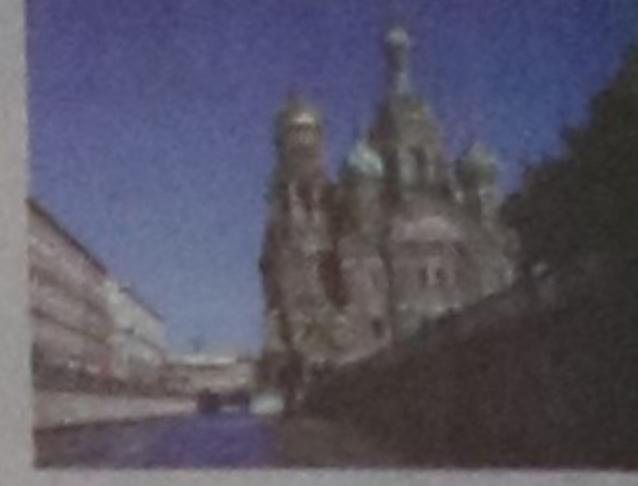
**Solo Painting Exhibition**  
Artist: Shahabuddin  
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, H 21, Rd 4, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 18-Oct 9  
Time: 10am-1pm, 5-8pm



**Film Screening**  
Celebrating 50 years of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka (AFD)  
Venue: AFD, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: September 27-30  
Time: 5pm onwards  
September 27: 'Quest for Fire' & 'Diva'



**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



## Life in Bangla filmdom

In conversation with Shahjahan Chowdhury

## CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Shahjahan Chowdhury is a noted film director, script-writer and dialogue writer. His highly selective writings delineate our social, economic and political conditions, as well as the Liberation War.

Shahjahan is a journalist by profession. During the pre-Liberation period, he worked

with the newspaper *Khobor*. After Independence, he began working with *Bichitra*. Later, he went on to publish a monthly, *Nipun*. Its subjects are cinema, literature, poetry, essays and drama. Now he is the editor and publisher of the *Weekly Nipun*.

At the start of Shahjahan's career, he got a chance to work as a co-director with the legendary Pakistani

filmmaker Saroor Barabankvi who was then working on "Akhrin Station". As he says, "I learned many things from this veteran filmmaker. In Bangladesh, I was always encouraged by Khan Ataur Rahman and Soovas Dutt. 'Ata bhai' (Khan Ataur Rahman) was my idol in Bangladesh. As a budding filmmaker, I felt confident, thanks to his loving and considerate approach. I learned scriptwriting, editing and various aspects of production from him."

"At one point, I also started writing lyrics. Some of my lyrics earned acclaim. Song writing completely depends on my mood. When I am in a pensive mood, Allah permits me to write," says Shahjahan. He doesn't write songs frequently though. He believes that lyrics should be significant and insightful.

"I was also closely associated with legendary musicians like Sallil Chowdhury, Gauri Prasanna Majumdar and Naushad Ali. They persuaded me to write," he asserts. So far Shahjahan Chowdhury has made four movies: "Pinjar" (1975), "Shatru" (1985), "Uttarer Khep" (2004) and "Ek Khando Jami" (2004). "Uttarer Khep" and "Ek Khando Jami" won several awards in different categories.

"Uttarer Khep" is based on Shawkat Ali's novel with the same title. Renowned actress Champa bagged the National Award for her moving performance as the central character



Shahjahan Chowdhury

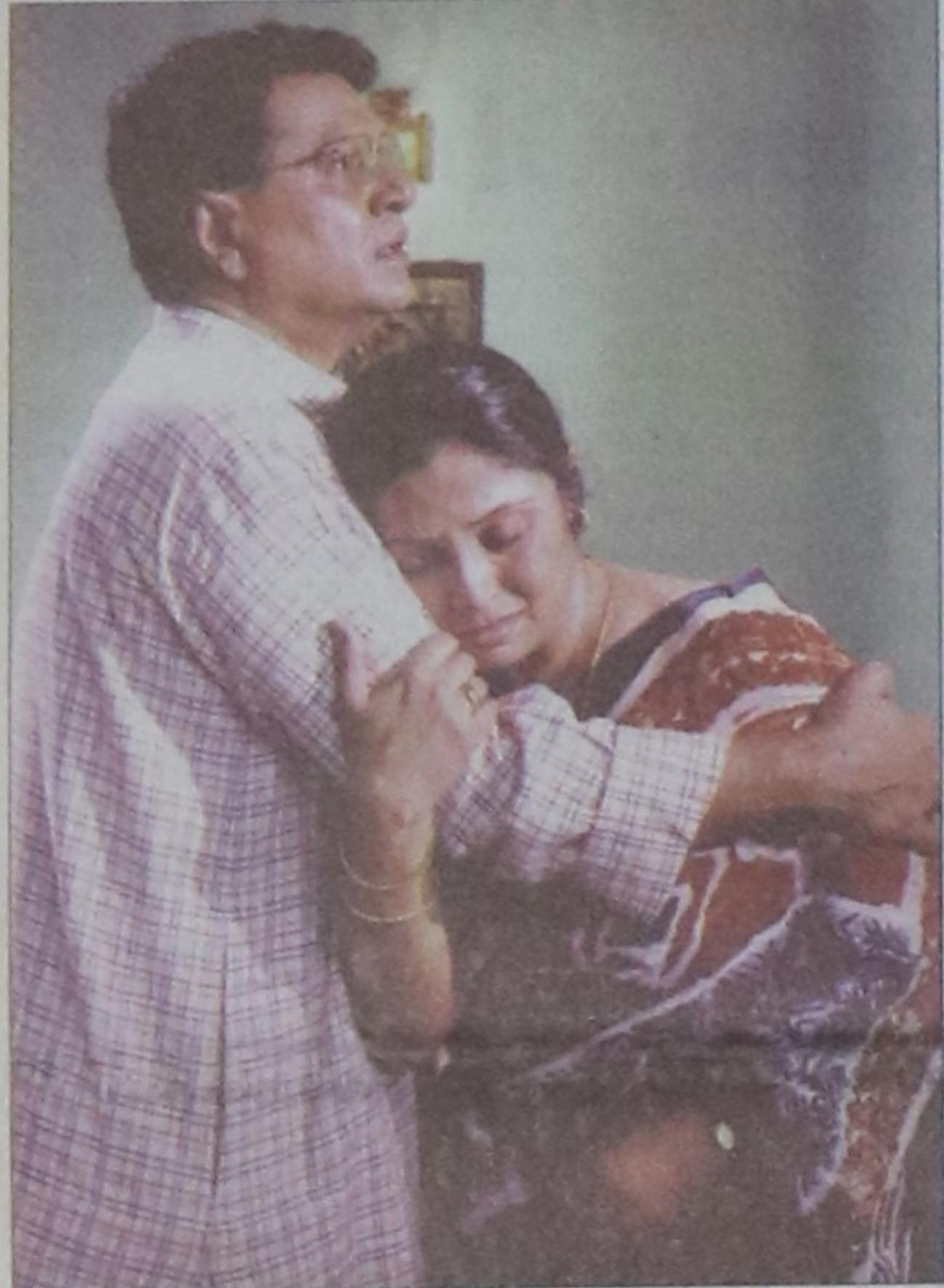
in the film. The film received a government grant.

"Ek Khando Jami" is based on a poem written by Shahabuddin Nagri. It is an Impress Tele-film production. Champa and Raisul Islam Asad don the main roles in the film.

Shahjahan's first movie "Pinjar" was a commercial hit. Besides making films, he has directed many TV plays.

Shahjahan is now busy with his upcoming film. The film, "Atmadaan", is adapted from Imdadul Haque Milon's "Suto-e Badha Projapoti". The film is based on the Liberation War. As the director says,

"During the Liberation War, the Pakistani army tortured the masses. Husbands lost wives, parents lost children... I want to present a complete picture of the war". Fuji Colour has already provided a grant for the film.

Alamgir and Saberi Alam in a scene from *Atmadaan*.

## Durga Puja commences

Idol makers have a field day

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, Sirajganj

With the Sharodiya Durga Festival taking place, artisans, in particular idol makers in Sirajganj, have been working overtime to put finishing touches to the idols they have crafted.

"We are extremely busy but happy as the number of Puja mandaps has increased this year over the previous year. Besides, the retainer we get for making idols is better than last year. For this reason, we have taken on additional orders so that we can earn an additional income," said Nobin Chanda, the oldest idol maker in the area.

Nobin Chanda, 65, from the Kalibari slum in the town



The making of the deities.

has been in the profession since he was 15. Inspired by his now deceased father, Nobin has continued with his father's profession. This year he is making 10 Durga idols for 10 mandaps. Several assistants, including his

young son Kabul, are lending him a helping hand in making the idols, he said.

Like Nobin, about 50 artisans in the town now have their hands full in readying idols for Durga Puja. The artisans also prepare idols like

Durga, Ganesh and other deities for Puja mandaps.

The artisans said that Durga Puja is the greatest festival of the Hindu community and comes once a year. Therefore, they keenly await this auspicious occasion so that they can receive ample orders.

While visiting the workshops of idol makers, this correspondent found them very busy. They were working with the media of mud, water and using painting brushes. Meanwhile, they were engaged in last minute preparations to attire the idols with clothes and colour them with painting brushes.

Meanwhile, the town is ready for the festive occasion with ample lighting and tightened security measures in the various temples.

## Authors reveal influential books

Lolita, The Satanic Verses and The English Patient have been named in a list of books that shaped the world of literature over the past 25 years.

Twenty-five authors including Amit Chaudhuri, Blake Morrison and Indra Sinha were asked by literary magazine Wasafiri for their top pick.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude* was the only book to be picked by more than one writer.

The list was created to coincide with Wasafiri's 25th anniversary.

Marquez's novel, originally published in Spanish in 1967, tells the



Gabriel Garcia Marquez was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1982.

story of one family's struggle in a fictional South American town. It was chosen by Nigerian author Chika Unigwe, Ghanaian poet Nii Parkes and Indian poet Sujata Bhatt.

"Marquez completely redefines how one looks at reality," said Unigwe. "I cannot think of a single writer-friend I know who has not been influenced by Marquez."

Barack Obama's memoir, *Dreams from My Father*, also appeared on the list, as did works by Seamus Heaney, VS Naipaul, Ted Hughes and JM Coetzee.

Source: BBC



## On Air

## BTV

09:20 Shukh Anondo  
10:05 Musical Programme  
10:30 Chhoror Chhondey  
11:00 Children's Programme  
11:30 Anyo Kichhu  
12:10 Musical Programme  
12:35 Angana  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:05 Debate  
05:30 Musical Programme  
08:30 Drama: Ochena  
09:45 Drama: Swapner Jaal Buni

## ATN BANGLA

08:30 Tele-film: Antar Ali  
09:45 Kandey Amar Maa  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:15 Shath Din  
12:10 ATN Music Eid Special  
01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri  
02:30 Documentary Programme: Prapok  
03:10 Khelaar Jagat  
03:45 Chardeyaler Kabyo  
04:20 Talk Show: Proshongo

05:15 Kandey Amar Maa  
05:20 Bashuda Dhak Dhol  
06:15 Law & Order  
08:00 Drama Serial: Karo Kono  
Niti Nai  
08:40 Special Programme on Durga Puja

11:30 Drama Serial: 14 May @

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

08:30 Swasthyo Protidin

08:55 Bangla Feature Film

12:10 Rock n Roll

01:05 Japan Video Topic

02:30 Drama Serial: Bela Bhumi

05:30 R U Ready

06:03 Protidin

06:45 R Ranna

07:30 Road To Democracy

09:25 Apnaar Jigysa

05:35 Joto Modhur Bhulguli

06:40 Joto Modhur Bhulguli

08:15 Drama Serial: Baari Baari

12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka  
Kathan  
01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong  
Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re  
Ga Ma  
02:30 Hridoyer Gaan  
04:05 Mukti Juddha Protidin  
04:30 Aktel Money Talk  
05:10 Aamader Tetelevision  
05:40 i-Speed  
06:20 Super Man  
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin  
Sharishuri  
09:30 Travel Show: Banglalink  
Banglar Pathay  
10:00 Bishwa Jurey Amar Channel i  
11:30 Deshjurey Channel i  
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker  
Shangbadpotro

09:00 Talk Show: Shomporko  
09:45 Music Jam  
11:30 Talk Show: El Shomoy  
12:30 Swastho Protidin  
ETV  
08:30 Ekushey Shokal  
09:30 Ekushey Business  
(Live)  
12:02 Ekush-er Dupur  
03:30 Baul Onkor  
04:30 Desh Jurey  
05:15 Sports Plus  
05:30 The Total Music  
06:30 Drama Serial: Aziz  
08:30 Drama Serial: Market Shahbag  
10:00 Dhaka 1000  
12:00 Drama Serial:  
Lolita

Shari Shari  
BANGLAVISION  
08:00 Shubho Shokal  
08:30 Krishokher Anondomela  
10:10 Nagar Baul  
11:35 Drama: Ghor  
02:30 Drama: A Journey by Love  
04:10 With Runa Laila  
05:25 Choturango  
06:15 Poncho Konyar Gaan  
09:45 Drama Serial: Rupnagar-er  
Konya  
09:05 Apnaar Agami  
09:45 Drama Serial: The Family  
11:20 Selected Programme  
DESH TV  
12:15 Durpath

11:30 Trade Talk  
BANGLAVISION  
10:20 Love & Other Disasters  
03:55 Young Master, The

06:00 John Rambo  
07:55 Chaos

10:00 Vip Access:  
Surrogates

10:30 27 Dresses

12:40 New Police Story

STAR WORLD

10:30 30 Rock  
11:00 In Case Of Emergency

11:30 Hope And Faith

12:30 Everybody Loves  
Raymond

02:30 Friends

04:30 The Simpsons

05:30 Seinfeld

07:30 Grey's Anatomy

08:30 Late Show With David

04:30 Trespass  
06:00 Ogre  
07:45 Iron Man  
10:30 Balls Of Fury  
12:30 Big Love S301:  
Block Party

ZEE STUDIO

09:30 The Europeans  
11:30 The Great Raid

02:30 Scrutin Boys

04:30 A Lot Like Love

06:50 Get Shorty onampus

07:50 Metro

10:30 Mighty Joe Young

01:05 Ocean's Twelve

BBC WORLD

09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)

Ted Forstmann

10:00 BBC World News

10:30 Fast Track

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 India Business Report

12:00 BBC World News

12:30 Middle East Business Report (r)

01:00 BBC World News

01:30 Thinking Big (r)

The American Pipe Dream

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 Detainee London (r)

03:00 BBC World News

03:10 The Day After Peace (r)

04:00 BBC World News

04:30 Talking Movies (r)

05:00 BBC World News

05:30 India Business Report (r)

06:00 BBC World News

06:30 Newsnight (r)

07:00 BBC World News

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