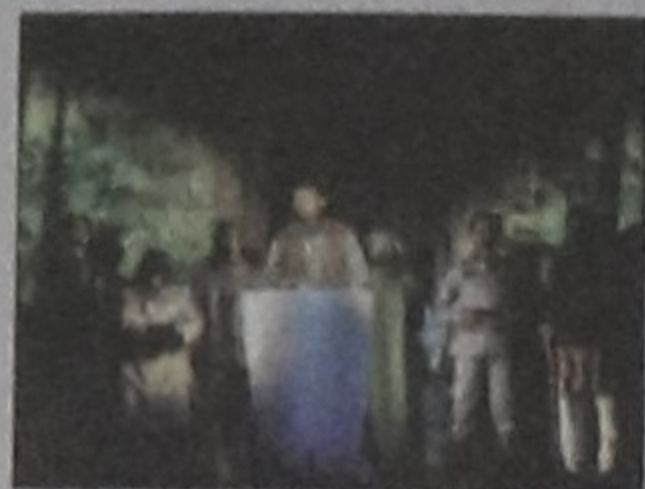


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Theatre

Play: Raja...Ebong Onnyanya
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: October 26
Time: 7:30pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Indian Princes and Parisian Jewellers
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 24-November 5
Time: 10am-12pm, 5-8:30pm

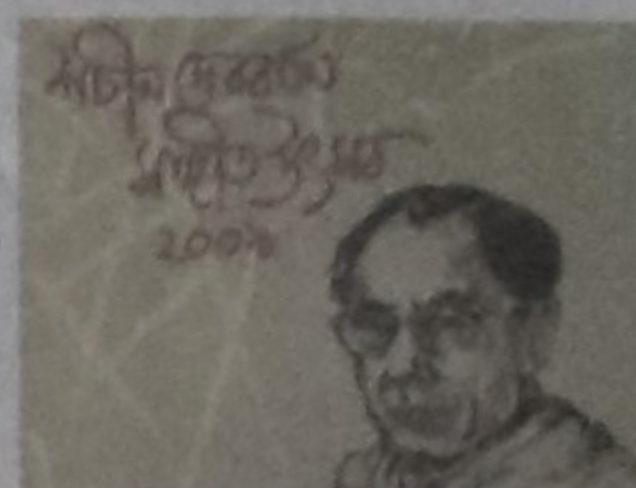


Solo Photo Exhibition

Title: Bangladesh-The Land of Diversity
Photographer: M.M. Zahidur Rahman Biplob
Venue: Drik Gallery, H 58, Rd 15A (new), Dhanmondi
Date: October 18-25
Time: 3-8pm



Shahin Dev Burman
Music Fest '09
Organiser: Bonhishika
Venue: Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh
Date: October 23-24
Time: 6:30pm onwards



Lalon Festival in London



The festival featured performances by artistes from Bangladesh, India and UK.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Lalon Utshob (festival) 2009 -- the first of its kind in UK -- was held recently in London. The festival marked the 119th death anniversary of Fakir Lalun Shah. The festival was organised by Bengali International, UK.

The event took place at the Epi Centre in East London.

There was a huge interest among all sections of Bengali expatriates living in the UK. Despite bad weather and transportation difficulty in London, the event saw a full house. Artists performing at the festival included Gourab and his team (from Bangladesh); Pandit Biplob Mondol and Sreeradha Banerjee (from India); Gouri Chaudhury, Himangshu Goswami (from London) and Hira, Lucky, Medora, Evana, Eva Hossain, Abbey, Mosharraf, Nuran Nahar, Dweep, Hafa and Rafa representing the Bengali International group.

The Bangladeshi High Commissioner in the UK, Dr. Syedur Rahman Khan, was present as the chief guest. Dr. Khan expressed his contentment and applauded Bengali International for organising the first Lalon Utshob in London. He urged other cultural organisations in London to come together next time to put up an even bigger event next year.

Dr. Khan said, "Lalon is a symbol of Bengali secularism and had dedicated his whole life to promote communal harmony. This endeavour by Bengali International is certainly commendable. This organisation should involve people, professionals and politicians of the mainstream British community, so that they can realise the secular nature of Bengali culture. This would help form better understanding between the Bengalis and the British community."

Chairman of Bengali International, UK, Shams Hogue said, "I'm ecstatic that our organisation has been able to

put together this event. Bengali International has decided to make this an annual event."

"Lalon can be a major source of inspiration for the contemporary war-torn world with exploitation, discrimination and fundamentalism on the rise. We need to uphold the philosophy of Lalon to make this world a better, safer and more peaceful place."

Councillor Kazi Khalilur Rahman OBE delivered a brief speech emphasising the teachings of Lalon in combating fundamentalism and racism of modern times while Shaheen Westcombe MBE gave vote of thanks to the chief guest and the audience.

The event has become a talk of the town and several community leaders and organisations have already expressed their interest to join in such a venture next year. The Bengali International cultural team has already started planning their second Lalon Utshob.

Sonu Niigaam in Dhaka

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Popular Indian playback singer Sonu Niigaam is now in Dhaka. The artiste is scheduled to perform at a concert at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre tonight. The event, titled 'Sonu Niigaam Back in Dhaka,' will feature solo performance by Sonu.

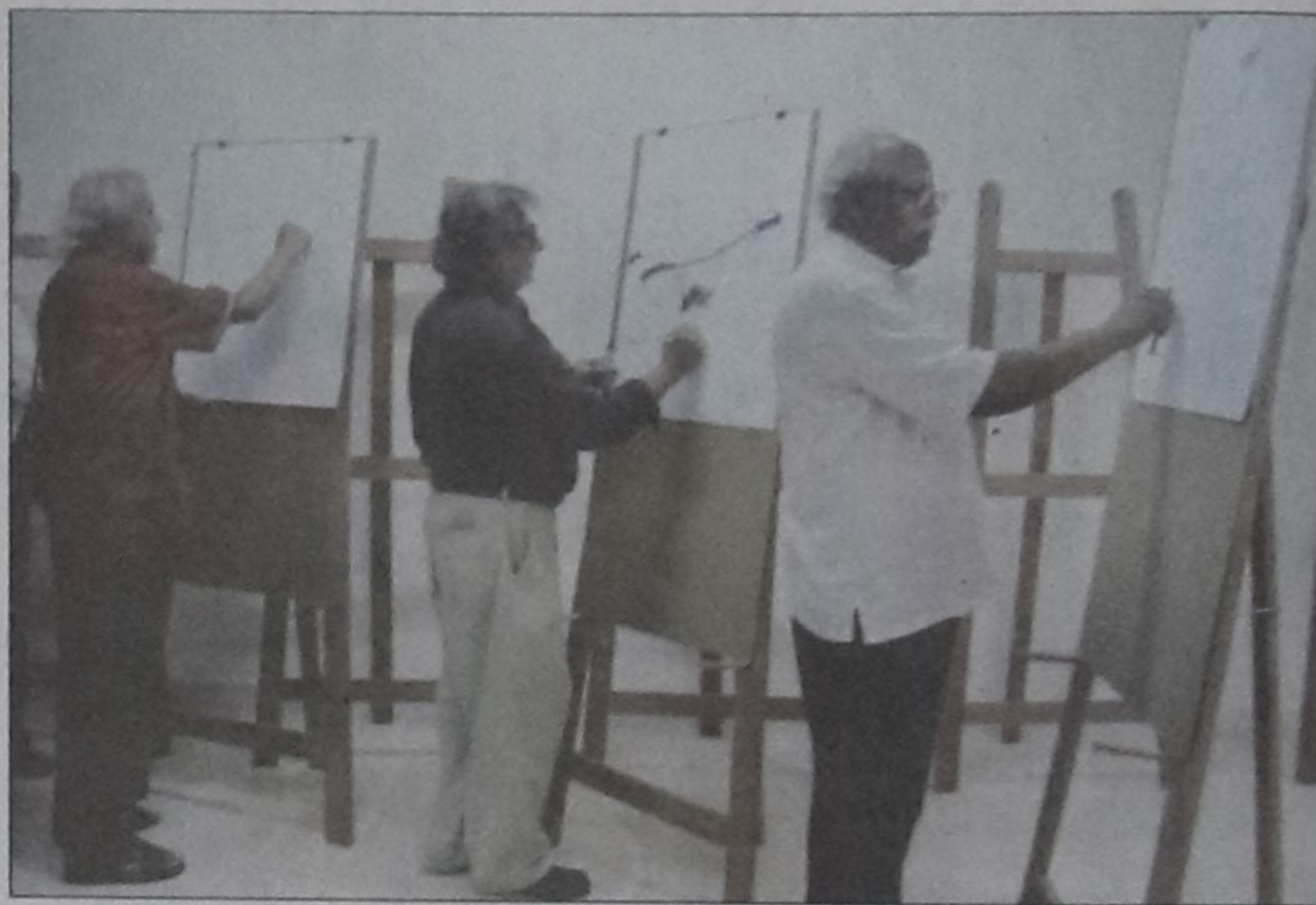
The concert, presented by Nokia, has been organised by Fireworks Events and PR.

This is Sonu's second visit to Dhaka. Last year on August 7 the singer performed at the same venue to a full house. Sonu is equally popular among the elderly, middle aged and young music enthusiasts in the sub-continent.



A launching pad for Bangladeshi artists

Drawing workshop by Dhaka Art Centre



Painters Aminul Islam, Monirul Islam and Rafiqun Nabi at the workshop.

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

A studio-based workshop on drawing was inaugurated recently at Dhaka Art Centre (DAC), Dhanmondi. Noted painters Aminul Islam, Rafiqun Nabi and Monirul Islam jointly inaugurated the workshop. Sixty young painters are participating at the three-months long workshop.

"Drawings are a reflection of the thoughts and visions of an artist. An artist's drawings articulate his/her expressions. Drawing is the prime fundamental element to become a painter," said Nisar Hossain, Professor, Drawing and Painting Department, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Hossain is one of the trustees of DAC.

DAC is a newly established foundation. Its

main aim is to promote Bangladeshi art locally and abroad. The centre also seeks to reshape our present art scenario. DAC also has plans to open a library complete with detailed information, biography, published books, catalogues and essential information on Bangladeshi painters. Regular exhibitions, discussions, workshops and curation will also be vital part of the centre's activities. There will be a permanent place for printmaking as well.

At the centre, painters, critics, reviewers and collectors can get together under one roof. The centre will also invite well-known critics, historians, curators and painters from all over the world as part of its varied activities.

"We want Bangladeshi art to stand out in the present world context. We want to establish a proper and methodical system," said Anis Moquit, trustee of the centre.



On Air

BTV

09:05 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

09:15 Esho Gaan Shikhi

09:30 Sisimpur

10:05 Tiffin-er Addaye

10:30 Amader Ei Basundhara

10:55 Jantey Chai Janatey Chai

11:20 Mela

12:10 Desh O Bigyan

12:45 Mon-er Mukurey

02:00 Shundor Jibon

02:30 Pratay

03:15 Bangla Feature Film

07:25 Selected Programme

07:40 Documentary Programme: Phirey Dekha

08:25 Shobhyotaar Joyjatra

08:30 Onu Natok

09:00 Drama: Nayak Nayak Bhab

10:25 Ronangon-er Dinguli

ATN BANGLA

09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa

09:20 Educational Programme

10:30 ATN Rannaghar

11:05 BSB- Cambrian Youth Parliament

12:05 Islamic Programme

03:15 Bangla Feature Film

06:20 Amra Korbo Joy

08:00 Talka National Dance Star

09:20 BBC Buzz

10:40 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno

11:30 Drama Serial: Roilo Baki Ek

12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

08:05 Tagore Song

08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan

08:40 Aker Chaakri

09:30 Shangbaadpotrey Bangladesh

09:45 Public Reaction

09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone

10:00 Trilomatra

10:30 Grameenphone Tele Shomoy

11:30 Islam Ki Boley

12:30 Grameenphone Tritio Matray Apni

01:05 Shur Doria Epar Opar

02:30 Tele-film: Brishtir Phool

05:30 Shur Doria Epar Opar

07:50 Channel i Shera Kantho '09

09:50 Drama Serial: Version Z

11:30 Talk Show: Shangshad Ei

12:00 Shotaho

12:00 Grameenphone Aker

Shangbadpotro

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08:45 Crime Watch

09:30 Bhalobasho Mor Gaan

10:30 Apnaar Jigyasha

11:30 Amaro Gailey Ichchha

Holo

12:10 Music Euphony

12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy

ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal

09:30 Dehotori

10:02 Shonamoni Shukhey

Ashukhey

11:30 Job line

02:02 Bangla Feature Film

04:30 DW Euromax

05:30 Sports Plus

07:55 Naachery Gaanery Number 1

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabi

10:10 Drama of the Week: Shohor

Bhora Kach-er Kokil

11:45 Shoptaho Jurey

12:02 Phone O Live Studio Concert

RTV

10:00 Drama Serial: Tobou

BANGLAVISION

09:00 Nodi O Jibon

10:10 Bhalo Thakun

11:05 Housing Barta

12:05 The Spirit of Islam

01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

02:30 Special Programme

03:20 Shyamol Bangla

04:05 Music Together

05:25 Din Bodoler Manush

05:55 King Bodontir Dhaka

06:20 Vision Living Onno Alor Gaan

08:15 Drama: Antyonkhyo

09:05 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari

09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue

11:20 Talk Show: Anyo Nayan

12:00 Shanbad Protidin

Letterman

10:30 The Simpsons

11:00 Desperate Housewives

02:00 Friends

02:30 Dirty Sexy Money

03:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show

04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

05:00 7th Heaven

06:00 Lipstick Jungle

07:00 According To Jim

07:30 Psych

08:30 The Simpsons

09:00 Friends

09:30 Seinfeld

10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?

10:30 Psych

11:30 Eureka

12:30 Desperate Housewives

01:00 BBC World News

01:30 World Business Report

01:45 Sport Today

02:00 BBC World News

02:30 Taking The Credit? (r)

03:00 BBC World News

04:00 BBC World News

04:30 World Business Report

04:45 Sport Today

05:00 World News Today

06:00 BBC World News

06:30 World Business Report

06:45 Sport Today

07:00 World News Today

08:00 BBC World News

08:30 Taking The Credit? (r)

09:00 BBC World News

09:30 Our World: One Family, Two Armies (r)

10:00 World News Today

11:00 BBC World News

11:30 World Business Report

11:45 Sport Today

STAR MOVIES

10:15 Stargate: The Ark Of Truth

12:15 Breach

02:25 Road To Perdition, The

04:40 27 Dresses

06:50 Blue In The Face

08:30 I-See-You.Com

10:30 From Hell

12:50 The Mist

HBO

11:15 Mamma Mia!

02:30 Elizabeth: The Golden Age

03:45 Tmz 088

04:15 City Slickers II: The Legend Of Curly's Gold

06:30 New York Minute

08:30 Red Skies

10:00 Tmz 089

10:30 Trapped (2002)

12:30 Mamma Mia!

ZEE STUDIO

10:30 Wing of the dove

11:30 Matilda

01:40 I Do, They Don't

04:05 Get shorty

04:35 Count of Monte Cristo

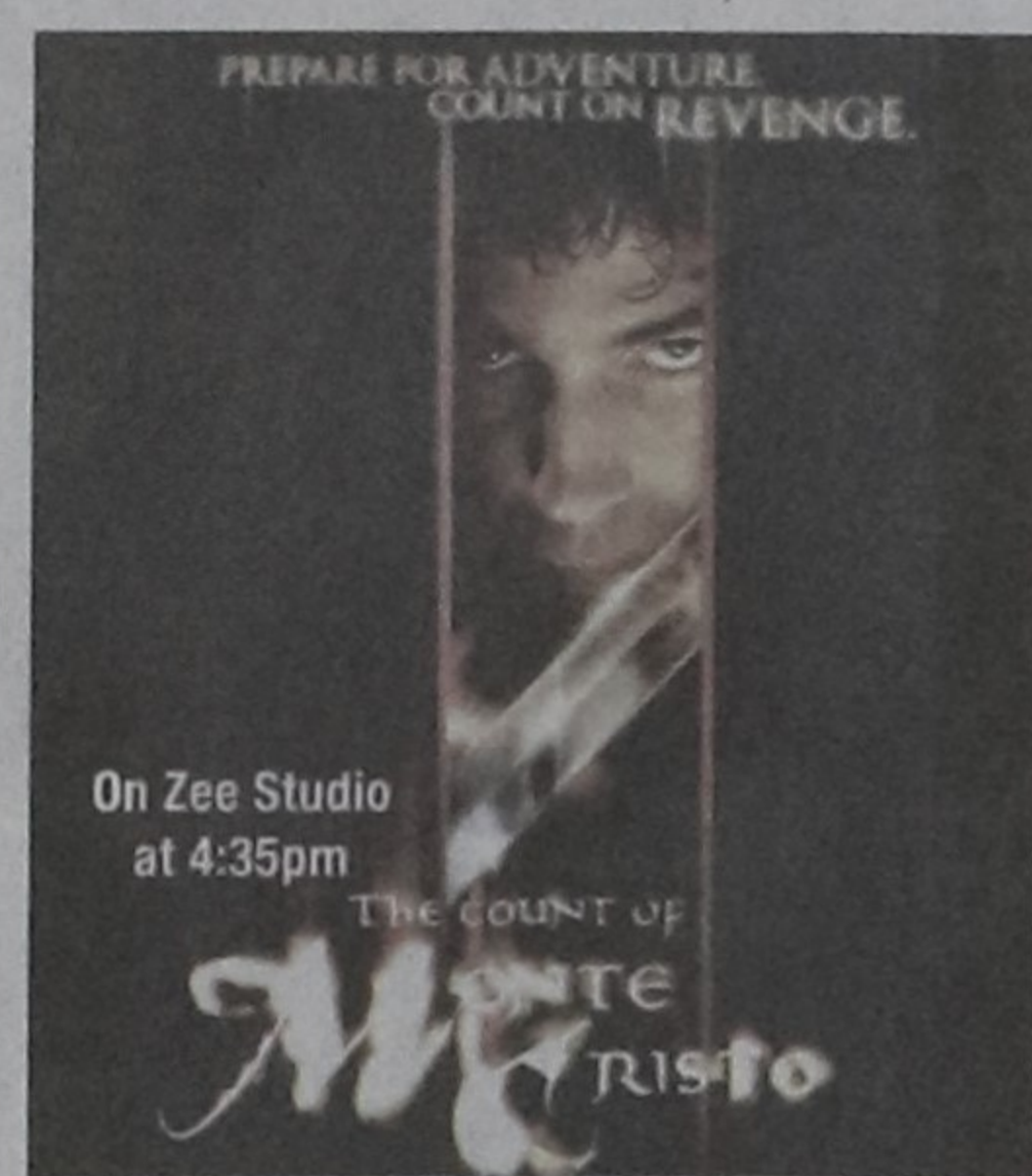
07:45 Donnie Brasco

10:30 Heaven

01:45 Instinct



Shohor Bhora Kach-er Kokil
On ETV at 10:10 pm
Single Episode TV play
Cast: Apurbo, Richi Solaiman



DESH TV

10:30 Khelar Shokaal

12:15 Dur Paath

01:02 Cartoon

03:00 Cricket

07:45 Special Programme

08:15 Drama Serial: Maer Doa

Poribahan

09:45 Rang Mistri Show: Shongshar

11:45 Call-er Gaan

STAR WORLD

09:30 Late Show With David

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