

## Reality Bytes

In conversation with filmmaker Amirul Arham

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Amirul Arham is a Paris based Bangladeshi filmmaker. He has been making feature, documentary films for over 20 years. His works delve deep into varied social, political and economic issues in our society. The themes are often based on the Liberation War and Language Movement. Arham left the country for Paris in 1984. Before leaving for Paris, he became associated with the Bangladesh Film Archive Institute whose other members included Tanvir Mokammel, Morshedul Islam, Manjare Hasin Murad, Mohammad Jahangir and Akhter. They formed the institution with many dreams and social commitment.

"At one stage, I started writing poetry. Some of my poems are based on patriotism and nature. Writing poetry completely depends on my mood. When I am in a pensive mood, nature permits me to write," says Arham. He doesn't write poetry frequently. He believes that poems should be significant and insightful.

In the course of his career, Arham had the chance to work with Jean



Amirul Arham

Rouch, one of the legendary figures in the documentary world. He learned many techniques and methods from the veteran filmmaker. Some of his notable works are "The Water of Goalamari", "The Poet Shamsur Rahman", "The Devil's Water", "A Banker for the Poor", "The Lost Souls of Bangladesh", "The Eviction", "Be-

hind the Enemy", "The Music of the Parisian Street" and others.

"The Water of Goalamari", is a film based on the experience of the social venture of Nobel Peace Laureate (in 2006), Professor Mohammad Yunus. In the film, water crises have been highlighted. In Bangladesh, a large part of the population has little or no

access to drinking water. The water that is available is naturally polluted or poisoned by arsenic.

Professor Yunus conceived of the idea of social venture. This means setting up a business with a social objective. The film has focused on the villagers of Goalamari.

"The Poet Shamsur Rahman", is based on the legendary poet Shamsur Rahman and the documentary earned acclaim for its significant content and varied information on the poet. In the documentary, the poet describes his likings, political belief and notion on varied social, political and economic issues. The documentary was shot in Paris and Dhaka. The documentary was first screened at Musee Guimet Auditorium, Paris.

"The Lost Souls of Bangladesh" is one of his films about the war children of Bangladesh, who were later adopted by foreigners. The children were interviewed by Arham.

Arham's ongoing projects are "Prattayabartan", "Bahirbishwye Bangali", "The Living Water", "A Poverty Free World" and "Arsenic: A Poison in the Veins of Bengal".



Scenes from documentaries by Arham.



## Tele-film 'Chondro Ferot', on ATN Bangla



Chanchal Chowdhury in the tele-film.

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As part of the Eid special programmes, ATN Bangla will telecast tele-film 'Chondro Ferot' today at 4:40 pm. Written and directed by Mamunur Rashid, the tele-film revolves around the life of a rural denizen. Though his father wants him to be a school teacher, when he grows up he chooses to become a shepherd. Adventurous by nature, he loves nothing more than herding his sheep at the rural steppe all day long. One day he decides to take his flock to the city.

The cast includes Mamunur Rashid, Chanchal Chowdhury, AKM Hassan and Tomalika.

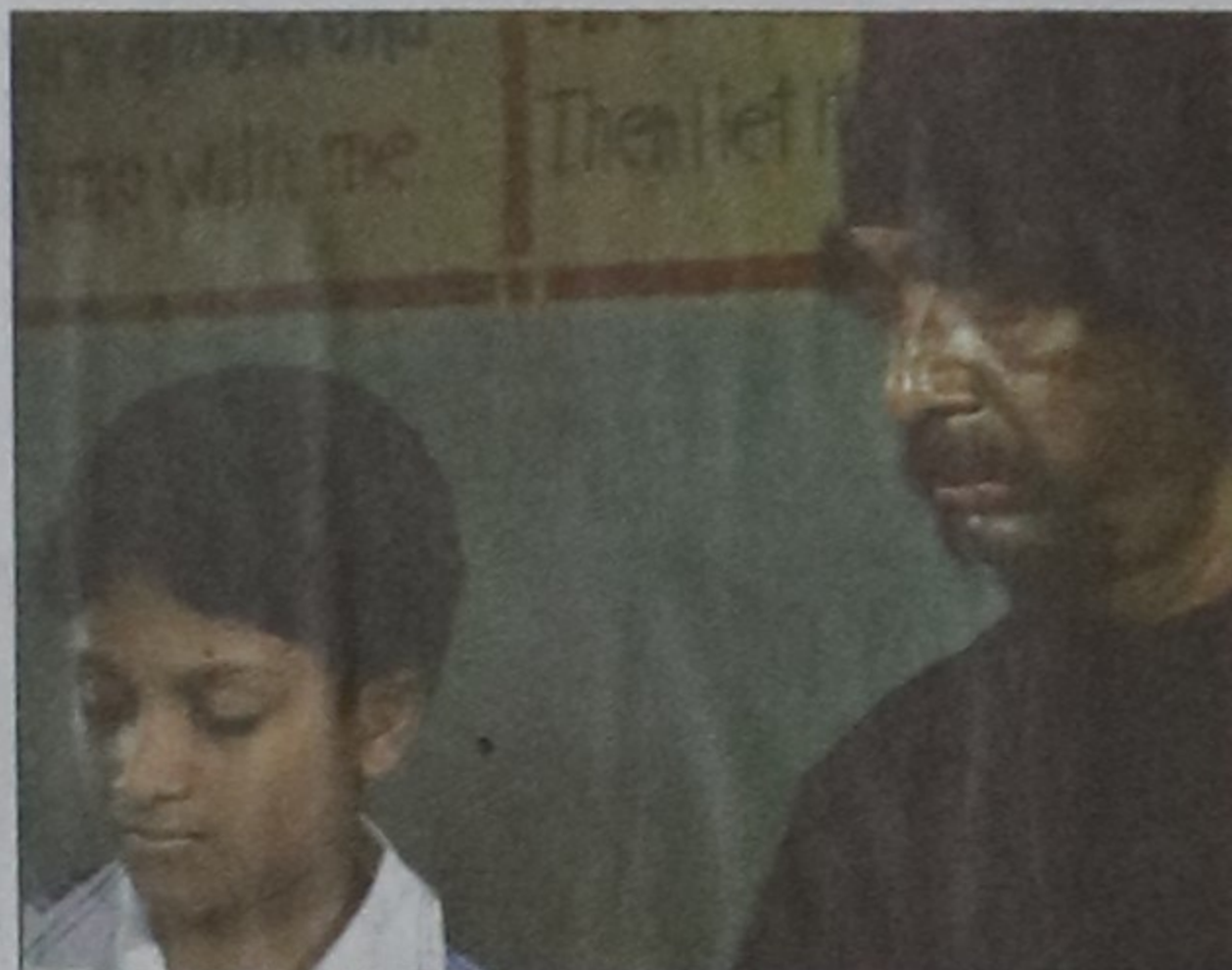
## Eid special play 'Khokoner Posha Bhoot' on Desh TV

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Desh TV will telecast Eid special play 'Khokoner Posha Bhoot' tonight at 7:30 pm. Written by Kamrul Ahsan, the play is directed by Abu Syed.

The play centres on the youngster Khokon. Like any kid of his age, Khokon is restless, likes to spend all day playing and is not one whit interested in studies.

His classmates and even his friends stay away from him. To teach him a lesson, one day his father locks him in a room. While groping his way out, he discovers an old bottle and accidentally breaks it. A



A scene from the TV play.

ghost ('bhoot') comes out of it. Seeing the 'bhoot', Khokon becomes very scared but to his amazement the 'bhoot' tells him that Khokon is now his

master and Khokon's every wish is his command.

The cast includes Jayantyo Chatterpadhyay, K S Feroz and Nasim.

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

## On Air

### ATN BANGLA

10:30 Eid Upohar  
11:05 Anondo Hillol  
12:10 Tune Cafe  
01:10 Bangla Feature Film  
04:40 Tele-film: Chondro Ferot  
07:45 Otthi Kahon  
08:50 Tana Poren  
10:45 Mon-e Porlo  
Tomaye  
12:00 Eid Jatra  
Dhum Dhum

### CHANNEL i

09:45 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
12:15 Tele-film: Password  
02:30 Eid Anondey Channel i Shera Kontho'09  
04:30 Drama: Ma  
06:00 Rangdhonu Rangey  
07:50 Drama: Pagol Meyeti  
09:35 Drama: Prithibir Shob Bhalobasha  
01:00 Grameenphone Tritiomatra

### ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:30 Ek Jhak Roddur  
10:02 Special Programme  
11:30 BATEXPO Fashion Show  
12:30 Golden Voice  
01:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:25 Drama: Station-er Poribanu  
07:30 Drama: Brishti Kaal Kadbey  
09:30 Drama: Ekdin Bhalobasha Eshey  
11:10 BATEXPO Fashion Show  
12:02 Phone O Live Studio Concert

### ntv

10:05 Bangla Feature Film  
02:30 Tele-film: Jyotsna Nadi Othoba  
Rashid-er Kichu Drishwo  
Kalpo  
05:20 Rangoshala  
06:10 Jana Ajana  
06:45 Musical Programme: Shur  
Bhora Nilima  
08:05 Drama: Shadaalo Shadakalo  
09:50 Drama: Behind the Scene  
11:15 Drama: Golden Ratio

### RTV

08:00 Ei Din  
10:45 Taroka Alap  
11:30 Bangla Feature Film  
03:00 Tele-film: Oshomapto Ghar

06:30 Bhoot Bari Achho  
07:30 Drama: Khokon-er Posha Bhoot  
09:30 Drama: Jibon Gari  
11:45 Live Show: Call-er Gaan  
**BANGLAVISION**  
08:00 Shubho Shokaal  
09:00 Drama: Shourob  
10:10 Bangla Feature Film  
02:30 Tele-film: Shongo  
05:20 Habib Concert in Dubai (part 1)  
06:40 Ek Paye Nupur  
08:15 Drama: Nishobdo  
Kobita  
09:40 Drama: Poroshpor  
12:05 Music Together

**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 America's Got Talent  
10:30 30 Rock  
11:00 Monk  
12:00 Royal Pains  
01:00 Friday Night Lights  
02:00 Friends  
02:30 Lost  
03:30 Koffee With Karan  
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
05:00 Ugly Betty  
06:00 Monk  
07:00 Friends  
07:30 Lost  
08:30 Two And A Half Men

10:30 HARDtalk  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 World Business Report  
01:00 BBC World News  
01:30 World Business Report  
01:45 Sport Today  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:30 World Business Report  
02:45 Sport Today  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:30 HARDtalk (r)  
04:00 BBC World News  
05:00 BBC World News  
05:30 World Business

Report  
11:45 Sport Today

### ESPN

10:00 Bupa Great South Run  
Portsmouth  
10:30 European Table Tennis Championships  
01:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10  
Match: Portsmouth vs. Manchester United  
02:30 2009 Maui Invitational Match: Cincinnati vs. Gonzaga  
05:30 World Of Gymnastics  
06:00 Bupa Great South Run  
Portsmouth  
06:30 Premier League Highlights  
07:30 Winter X Games 13  
08:30 Players Lives  
09:00 Almost Anything Goes  
09:30 Sportscenter India 2009  
10:00 Sportscenter Asia  
10:30 Cathay Pacific Open - Men's Highlights 1  
11:30 Sportscenter India 2009  
12:00 Sportscenter Asia

### STAR SPORTS

09:30 International Motorsport News 2009  
10:00 Sailing: World Champions Of The Monsoon Cup  
11:00 Bwf Super Series - French Open  
12:00 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals H/L  
01:00 World Mixed Doubles Classic  
05:00 Behind The Baseline  
05:30 TNA Xplosion 09/10  
06:30 Engine Block 2009  
07:00 New Pollution Series 3 #9  
07:30 TNA Impact 09/10  
09:30 Best Of Australian Open 2007 - Women's Singles  
Match: Maria Sharapova vs. Kim Clijsters  
10:30 Score Tonight  
11:00 TNA Impact 09/10

**Nihshobdo Kobita**  
On Banglavisian at 8:10pm  
Single Episode TV play  
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Tinni

abc radio FM 89.2  
09:05 Music Shake  
09:20 Piroti Rupali Anondo  
09:30 Phirpa C.R. Ushabher  
Amshey (live performance by Ayub Bachchu)  
07:05 Igloo His Hot  
09:35 Akter Studio Adda  
abc Studio (live performance by Bangla)  
**RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning Express  
12:30 No Tension  
04:30 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Knight Riders  
**RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Must Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adda  
04:00 U Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tal Hok  
11:00 Rusti Shor Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy Moments

**Password**  
On Channel i at 12:15 pm  
Tele-film  
Cast: Habibul Bashar, Rokeya Prachi

### STAR MOVIES

10:55 Warbirds  
12:45 Astronaut Farmer  
02:50 Hot Shots! Part Deux  
04:40 Say It Isn't So  
06:35 The Education Of Charlie Banks  
08:35 Butterfly On A Wheel  
10:30 The Condemned  
12:45 Showdown  
At Area 51

09:30 Desperate Housewives  
10:30 Friends  
11:00 30 Rock  
11:30 The Unit  
12:30 Royal Pains  
**BBC WORLD**  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 Asia Business Report  
08:45 Asia Today (r)  
09:00 World News Today  
10:00 BBC World News

Report  
05:45 Sport Today  
06:00 World News Today  
07:00 World News Today  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 HARDtalk (r)  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 Life On The Edge (r)  
Sik Ceiling - Part 1  
10:00 World News Today  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 World Business