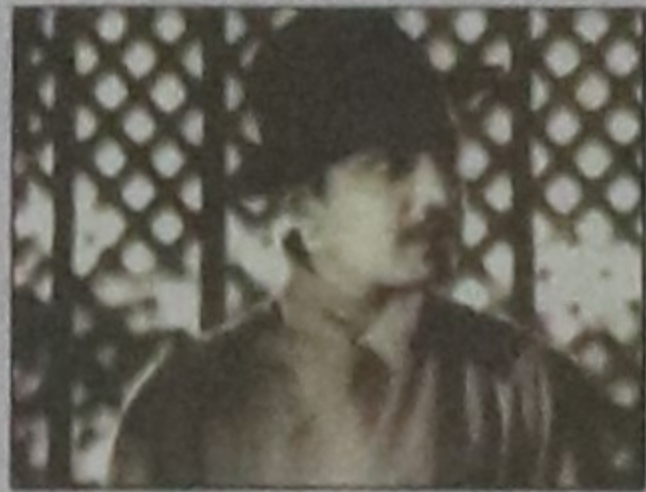


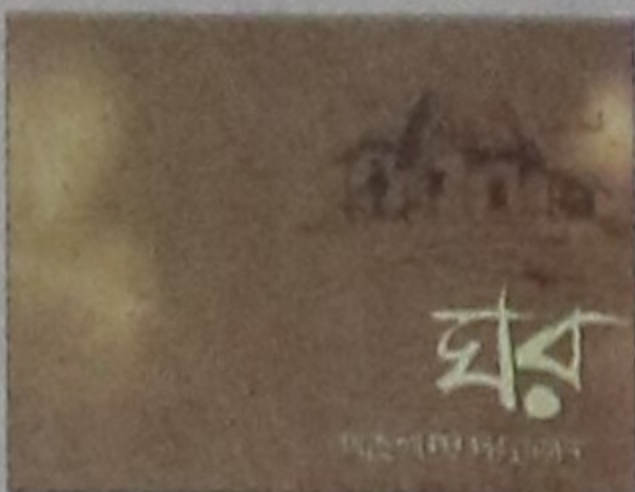
WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEK

## Film Screening

Film: Jhinder Bandi  
Filmmaker: Tapan Sinha  
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1  
Date: December 7  
Time: 6pm

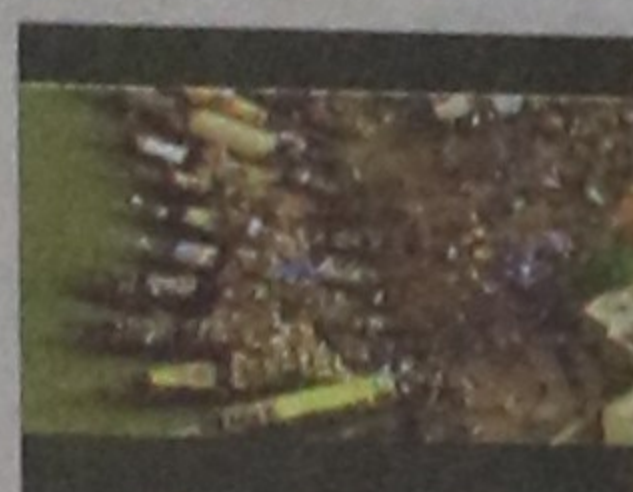
Solo Sketch  
Exhibition

Title: The Story of Mud & Thatch from Time Immemorial  
Artist: Sajid Bin-Doza Bonny  
Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 4-17  
Time: 9am-12pm & 5-8pm



## Film Screening

Film: Home (2009)  
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Française de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: December 11  
Time: 10:30am & 6pm



## Dance Performance

Title: Arangatom  
Artistes: Kasi & Naziba  
Organiser: Dhruvad Kala Kendra  
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA  
Date: December 5  
Time: 5pm

Mokammel's *Swapnabhumi* induces spirited discussion at Srinagar film festival

Mokammel's documentary is about the Urdu-speaking community in Bangladesh, who are also known as 'Biharis' or 'Stranded Pakistanis'. The documentary narrates the woes of the 'Biharis' and their hopes of a better life.

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

At minus two degrees celsius, Srinagar, the summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, was virtually freezing on November 24. But the auditorium at the Kashmir University -- crammed with young men and women -- was warm with an animated discussion on Bangladeshi director Tanvir Mokammel's award-winning documentary "Swapnabhumi" and a host of other issues thrown up by it.

The seats in the auditorium were full and people

sat on the passage while many others chose to stand behind the seats in big numbers. The audience, mostly young Kashmiris, seemed an engaged one, as they shot off question after question at Mokammel after the screening of his documentary, the director told The Daily Star.

During the question and answer session after the film's screening, "they asked me all kinds of questions about the film and the issues it dealt with," he said.

The questions mostly related to the partition of India in 1947 and the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971. About the partition of India, the discussions

were "very vibrant and the viewpoints of Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad about India's partition were discussed," said the director.

"I was also asked about the Liberation War of 1971. I told them in detail how the people of the then East Pakistan were economically, politically and culturally exploited by the Pakistani power elites and how we the Bengalis became disillusioned about the Pakistan state."

"I told them about the socio-political history of Bangladesh -- the Language Movement of 1952, the student movements in the 1960s, the Mass Uprising of 1969 and the election of 1970 in which the Bengalis won absolute majority and, of course, the Liberation War of 1971," he said.

Mokammel narrated to the audience the trauma Bengalis suffered from the brutal Pakistan army -- the genocide of three million people and the sufferings of ten million refugees.

"In general, the audience was very receptive and were avid listeners. The engaging question and answer session had to be terminated because of paucity of time but my discussions with the young Kashmiris went on in the lobby and in the garden of the university. It seemed to me that there was no dearth of enthusiasm among the people of Kashmir about politico-historical documentary films but they lacked exposure to this kind of cinema. They also seemed lacking knowledge about the true historical events of 1947 and 1971," said Mokammel.

Describing the documentary festival as "quite a success," he said two dozens of very well selected documentary films from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal were showcased at the festival. The presence of filmmakers from South Asian countries "added spice to the festival held in this conflict-ridden but beautiful town of Srinagar where for the first time such an important cultural event like a film festival took place."

What struck the filmmaker most was the comment from a young female student: "Your film, other films and this festival was a real eye-opener for us" and the director said this seemed the "quintessential feeling" of the Kashmiri people about the Srinagar festival.

## Robert Pattinson to play John Lennon?

Guess it's time for "Twilight New Moon" dreamboat to set sail on the Mersey.

How else would he get in the Liverpool frame of mind and master the famous accent of the northern English city?

Because, if the rumours sweeping Hollywood are true, none other than famed filmmaker Robert Zemeckis wants Pattinson to change hats and play the late John Lennon in Disney's rehash of the Beatles' animated classic, "Yellow Submarine".

What else would it take for Rob to transform himself into the late "Working Class Hero"? Well, he is down with the music, since he enjoys the occasional strum and howl with a willing guitar.

He would probably look cool sporting the sailor's cap that the Beatle made famous in his early years, to the point it was popularly called a "John Lennon cap."

Here's a tough one though, who's going to play Paul opposite the dashing hero?

The decidedly un-late Paul McCartney was known worldwide as "the cute Beatle."

Pattinson recently told MTV that he is testing the "economic viability" of lots of flicks. Included are an adaptation of Guy de Maupassant's torrid page-turner, "Bel Ami".

Then Pattinson said he is also considering a more sanguinary role: "I'm doing -- I



hope -- a western with Rachel Weisz and Hugh Jackman called 'Unbound Captives' sometime [next year]."

"Nobody's given me an instruction manual for dealing with it. I kind of stumbled into it by chance. It's true that I can't move around as freely these days. I can't go out alone anywhere I might be recognized. A lot of the time I feel like a nocturnal animal, blinded by the head-

lights of a car about to run over me. But I refuse to complain about what's happening to me. I just have to hunker down and let a few years go by. I know this craze will eventually die down. Then I'll be able to look back and say I lived through some extraordinary things," said the young actor about dealing with fame.

Source: Internet



## 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 am  
Jonopad-er Khobor: 5:15 pm

**ATN BANGLA**  
NEWS (Bangla): 8:00 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, 10:00 pm  
Gram-Ganjor Khobor: 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, 7:30pm, 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, 06:00 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

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

## On Air

## BTV

08:50 Binodon Kichukkhon  
09:20 Children's Programme  
10:30 Entertainment Programme: Anna Rakam  
11:20 Special Programme: Chhora Paath  
11:50 Special Programme: Kabita Paath  
12:25 Eid Adda by Women  
01:00 Bangla Feature Film  
03:55 Bangabandhu SAF Football'09  
06:20 Special Programme on Suhrawardi  
06:55 Bangabandhu SAF Football'09  
09:00 Drama: Aajker Patrikay Dekhlam  
10:30 Drama: Chhayamukh  
12:00 Swadheen Bangla Betar Kendra-er Gaan

## ETV

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhabhi Deho Ghar  
10:02

## ATN BANGLA

09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa  
09:15 Asian City Vision 2020  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka  
12:15 Shesh Okkhon  
01:30 Prapok  
02:40 Bangla Feature Film  
05:10 Kaandey Amar Maa  
06:15 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun  
08:00 Drama Serial: Projapoti Mon  
08:40 Drama Serial: Eka  
09:20 Drama Serial: Jolkona  
10:40 Talk Show: Mukto Sanglap  
11:30 Drama Serial: Maa Tai Kemon Aahish  
12:00 Talk Show: Grameenphone Lead News

## CHANNEL-i

08:05 Tagore Song  
08:30 Shokaler Gaan  
08:40 Aaker Chakri  
09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh Public Reaction  
09:45 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
09:50 Talk Show: Amader Aina

## Desh TV

10:30 Khelar Shokal

12:05 Hridoyer Gaan  
12:30 Citycell Taroka Katha  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Shobaar Jonoy Shoroboshey Bigyan Dharona  
02:30 Muktiyudhyo Protidin  
04:05 Talk Show: Save the Children  
04:30 Shotyer Shondhaney  
05:30 Talent Hunt: Surdona Bagha Gayen  
07:50 Drama Serial: Sakin Sharishuri  
09:35 Hridoyer Mati O Manush  
10:00 Drama Serial: Koyekti Kataghuri  
11:30 Drama Serial: Jatrawala  
12:00 Grameenphone Aaker Sangbadpatra

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10:30 Khelar Shokal

12:15 Dur Paath  
01:00 Cartoon  
03:00 Bangla Feature Film  
04:00 Desh Janopad  
07:45 Documentary Programme: Muktiyudhyo Smritikatha  
09:45 Drama Serial: Jao Pakhi  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha

08:30 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel  
09:00 Ebong Class-er Bairey  
10:10 Jonotaar Mukhomukhi  
11:35 Anyo Nayan  
12:30 Media Bhubaaan  
01:30 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
05:25 Chhu Mantor Chhu  
06:20 Special Programme: Vision Living Onyo Alor Gaan

11:00 BBC World News  
01:10 This World: Can Obama Save The Planet?  
02:00 BBC World News  
02:10 Hot Cities: Counting The Cost  
03:00 BBC World News  
03:30 Newsnight  
04:00 BBC World News  
04:30 Our World: The Fire Storm (r)  
05:00 BBC World News  
05:30 Middle East Business Report (r)  
06:00 BBC World News  
06:30 Dateline London  
07:00 BBC World News  
07:15 Sport Today  
07:30 Spirit Of Yachting  
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 World Challenge 2009  
09:00 BBC World News

01:00 Football Forecast  
02:00 Football Asia 2009/10  
02:30 Seoul 1988: Official Documentary  
05:00 Premier League Preview  
05:30 2010 FIFA World Cup Magazine Show  
06:00 Inside Wtcc  
06:30 Hitz 09/10  
06:55 Sportscenter Weekend 2009  
07:00 Primetime Premier League  
07:40 BPL 09/10: Portsmouth vs. Burnley (Live)  
09:45 Primetime Premier League  
09:55 BPL 09/10: West Ham United vs. Manchester United (Live)  
12:00 Primetime Premier League  
12:25 BPL 09/10: Manchester City vs. Chelsea

09:55 BPL 09/10: Blackburn Rovers vs. Liverpool (Live)  
12:00 BPL 09/10: Arsenal vs. Stoke City (Live)

**HBO**  
09:15 The Incredible Hulk (2008)  
11:30 Copperhead  
01:15 The Heartbreak Kid  
03:30 Dec '09: HBO Central (SA)  
04:00 The Spiderwick Chronicles  
06:15 The Making Of The Golden Compass  
06:30 America's Sweethearts  
08:45 The Making Of Tropic Thunder  
09:00 True Blood S205: Never Let Me Go  
10:00 Tmz 120  
10:30 Eagle Eye  
01:00 The Incredible Hulk (2008)

**STAR MOVIES**  
10:05 Firehouse Dog  
12:15 P2  
02:10 Feast Of Love  
04:05 The Myth  
06:30 War, Inc.  
08:35 Juno  
10:30 John Rambo  
12:30 Hitman

**STAR WORLD**  
09:30 Eureka  
10:30 Dirty Sexy Money  
11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful Omn  
01:30 America's Got Talent  
02:30 Lost  
03:30 Royal Pains  
06:30 Koffee With Karan  
07:30 Lost  
08:30 David Letterman  
09:30 Friday Night Lights  
10:30 America's Got Talent  
11:30 Desperate Housewives  
12:30 Royal Pains

**ZEE STUDIO**  
09:30 The Wedding Date  
11:35 The Lady Killers  
02:00 Get shorty  
02:30 Murder at the cannes film festival  
04:45 Eight Below  
06:30 Get shorty on Campus  
07:30 Count of Monte Cristo  
10:30 Half Light  
01:00 Reign of Fire

**STAR SPORTS**  
08:00 2009 Australian Open Day 3 (Live)  
01:00 TNA Sikander 09/10  
02:00 Monsoon Cup 09  
04:00 Nike Football Locker Room-2009/10  
04:30 World Combat League  
05:30 World Combat League  
06:30 Ashes 2005 Programme  
06:55 SAFF Championships 09: India vs. Afghanistan (Live)  
09:00 Max Power 2009/10

08:00 NBA 09/10: Chicago Bulls vs. Cleveland Cavaliers  
10:30 Nuts  
11:00 Football Asia 2009/10  
11:30 Premier League Preview  
12:00 Hitz 09/10  
12:30 Castrol Football Crazy

08:00 World News Today  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 HARDtalk (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 Middle East Business Report  
12:00 BBC World News  
12:30 Click (r)

08:15 Drama Serial: Rupnagar-er Koinya  
09:05 Drama Serial: Ronger Duniya  
09:45 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue  
11:20 Orthoniti Shanglap

09:10 This World (r)  
10:00 BBC World News  
10:30 Our World: The Fire Storm (r)  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 Final Score

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**Eka**  
On ATN Bangla at 08:40 pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Zahid Hasan, Moushumi



**Half Light**  
On Zee Studio at 10:30 pm  
Demi Moore  
On Zee Studio at 10:30 pm