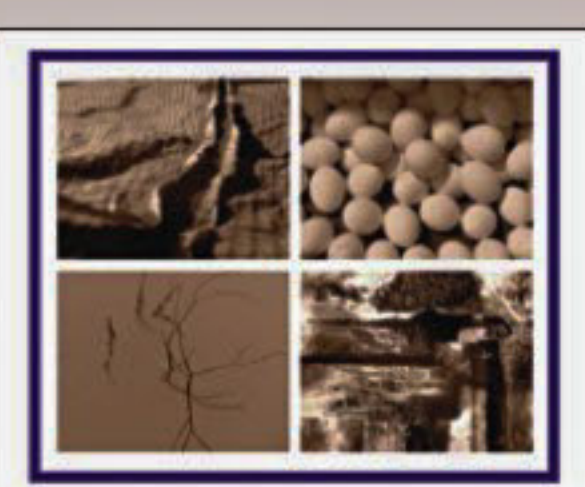


WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Printmaking Exhibition
 Artist: Kamruzzaman
 Venue: Zainul Gallery, University of Dhaka
 Date: February 9-15
 Time: 12pm-8pm



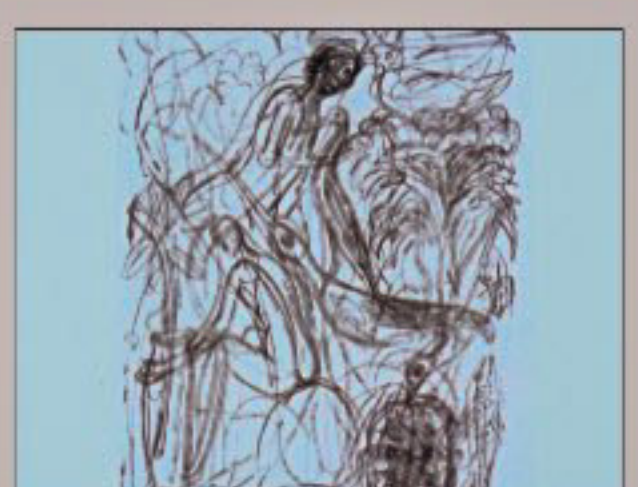
Solo Photography Exhibition
 Photographer: Karine b
 Venue: Radius Centre, Bay's Galleria, 57, Gulshan Avenue
 Date: February 6-19
 Time: 10am-8pm



Film Screening
 Organiser: High Commission of India Cultural Centre
 Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
 Film: Sagatika
 Date: February 26
 Time: 6pm



Solo Drawing Exhibition
 Title: Introspective Linearity
 Artist: Habibur Rahman
 Venue: Gallery Chitrag, H-21, R-4, Dhanmondi.
 Date: February 5-11
 Time: 10am-8pm



A boost to developing reading habits

Ekushey Book Fair in Pabna begins

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

The three-week long Ekushey Book Fair began in Pabna on Saturday. Ekushey Book Fair Celebration Committee, Pabna has organised the event at Pabna town hall premises. Speaker of the Parliament, Advocate Abdul Hamid, inaugurated the fair on Saturday evening amidst much festivity. A discussion and cultural programme were held at the inaugural ceremony.

Advocate Abdul Hamid urged all to encourage developing reading habits among the youngsters. Referring to the spirit of the Language Movement, the speaker called upon everyone to uphold the values of the movement. "The Language Movement is the origin of the Liberation War," he said.

"Books are sources of knowledge and information. We have to develop reading habits to ensure an enlightened society," he added.

Abdul Hamid also stressed the need to hold

such events and cultural programmes to generate interest in our heritage among the people.

President of Ekushey Book Fair Celebration Committee, Pabna, Sultan Ahmed chaired the inauguration programme. Lawmaker of Dhaka-8 and also the Chairman of Parliamentary Committee Rashed Khan Menon and lawmaker of Pabna-5 Golam Faruk Khandaker, among others, spoke on the occasion.

The speakers were of the view that this is a laudable example of a book fair in the district level.

Later, local artistes performed music and dance at the fair. Ashraf Hossain Rabi and Nasima Ashraf conducted the cultural programme. Highlight of the event were patriotic songs.

Around 40 stalls have been set up at the fair which will continue till February 25. Discussions and cultural programmes will be held every evening at the fair premises, said organisers.



Speaker of the Parliament, Advocate Abdul Hamid, inaugurates the fair amidst festivity.

Programmes to mark Amar Ekushey by Sangskritik Jote

A fortnight-long cultural programme by Sammita Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) to commemorate Amar Ekushey begins from today (February 8) at the Central Shaheed Minar premises, says a press release.

Finance Minister Abul Mal Abdul Muhith will inaugurate the festival as the chief guest. The programme will continue till February 21. The fortnight programme will feature music, dance, theatre, recitation and more. Different associated organisations of SSJ will take part at the programme.

Another cultural programme by SSJ will commence on February 19 at the Rabindra Sharobar, Dhanmondi and will simultaneously run with the Shaheed Minar programme. At Rabindra Sharobar, Faye Ahmed, the founding convener of SSJ will inaugurate the programme.

Golam Kuddus, vice president of SSJ is the convener of the Shaheed Minar festival, while Mannan Heera, another vice president of SSJ is the convener of the Rabindra Sharobar programme.

Renowned cultural personalities honoured in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Sangskritik Shangha accorded reception to seven noted personalities of Rajshahi recently for their contribution to different fields of culture and sports at the Padma Ranga Mancha.

The honoured personalities are: noted singer Rafiqul Alam, sports commentator Khoda Baksh Mridha, actor Abdul Aziz, footballer Shamsul Islam Mollah, classical singer Manjusree Roy, playwright Moloy Kumar Bhoumik and sculptor Mrinal Haque.

Speakers at the function, held Friday night, underscored the need to uphold and nurture our cultural heritage to resist fundamentalism.

They observed that the country remained deviated from its founding principles while development hindered for many years as there was a rise in fundamentalism. A revival in mass cultural practices could be vital to fight that, they said.

They also demanded immediate trial of war criminals.

Speaking at the programme, eminent litterateur Hassan Azizul Haque said that



The awardees (back row) seen with Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton (front row-C) and other distinguished guests at the programme.

a life without any trace of culture is "living like an animal." He urged politicians to act immediately to encourage cultural activities instead of lip service.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy DG, Kamal Lohani said that Bangladesh was once rich in natural resources and has been known for its communal harmony. "We may have lost our treasures due to a deep rooted conspiracy but surely we can overcome any scheme against our cultural identity."

Among others, Rahmat Ali of Dhaka University and Anisur Rahman, GS, Rajshahi Sangskritik Shangha spoke at the event. Vice president Md. Amiruzzaman was in the chair. The Shangha published a memorial magazine, edited by Mamunur Rashid Mukul, on the occasion.

Chief guest, Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, emphasised on importance of honouring accomplished individuals. He said, "Talents are not born in a land where they are not honoured."

Accomplished persons bag honours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A colourful procession was brought out recently in Kotchandpur upazila town and made its way through all the important roads of the town on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Mitali Shahitya Cultural Sangsad and Mitali Sangeet Academy at Kotchandpur upazila in Jhenidah recently. Twenty two accomplished persons were honoured as part of the programme in Jhenidah sadar upazila and Kotchandpur upazila respectively.

Of them, 13 persons, including a child artiste, were awarded the Mitali padak-

2010 and certificates at Kotchandpur Poura Pataghar auditorium. In the evening an entertaining cultural function was held.

Educationist Md. Shamsur Rahman was present as chief guest while Mayor Salauddin Bulbul Sidol; Upazila Acting Chairman Mohammad Ekramul Haq; Upazila AL president Sharifunnessa Miki were special guests.

The Mitali Padak-2010 awardees are Younus Ali Mollah, Jiarul Hossain, Abdul Khalek Biswas, Nazim Uddin Julius, Shanto Joarder, Shahinur Alam Liton, Suvash Das, Shahidul Islam, Sayed Shafikul Islam Akram, Mostafa Kamal

Bulu, Mohammad Yeasin Ali, Ashit Ghosh, Khaja Samadullah Tutul and child artist Nishat Anjum Urmii.

A day earlier nine talented persons were honoured and a cultural function was held at Zilla Shilpokala Academy in Jhenidah.

Deputy Commissioner, Roma Rani Roy of Jhenidah was present as chief guest while Police Super Mohammad Rezaul Karim of Jhenidah, and Azizur Rahman district AL general secretary were special guests.

Naser Shahriar Jahedi Mahul chairman of Radiant group was the main discussant.



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

On Air

- ATN BANGLA**
- 08:30 Tatka National Dance Star
 - 09:45 Kandey Amar Maa
 - 10:30 Hello Bangladesh
 - 11:05 Talk Show: Asian City Vision 2020
 - 11:35 Notun Chhobir Gaan
 - 12:15 Molamot
 - 01:25 Chhohochitr Golpo
 - 03:10 Drama Serial: Manik Roton
 - 03:45 Chhotoder Prithibi
 - 05:15 Aanaar Shamney
 - 05:45 Boimela Protidin
 - 06:15 The Lost World
 - 08:00 Drama Serial: Mike
 - 08:45 Shah Cement Nirmaner Taroka
 - 11:30 Talk Show: Jay Katha Keu Boley Ni
 - 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
- CHANNEL i**
- 08:05 Rabindra Sangeet
 - 08:30 Shokaler Gaan
 - 08:40 Ajker Chakri
 - 09:30 Shanbadpotrey Bangladesh
 - 09:45 Public Reaction
 - 09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra
 - 11:05 Educational Programme
 - 11:30 Docu Drama: CSR
 - 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan
 - 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 - 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 - 02:30 Selected Programme
 - 04:05 Arshinagar
 - 04:30 Trust Bank Boimela Protidin
 - 05:30 Amar Chhobi
 - 06:00 Documentary Programme: Jibon Jekhaney Jemon
 - 06:20 TV Series: Super Man
 - 07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shanglap
 - 09:30 Drama Serial: Moneybag Fantasy
 - 10:00 Drama Serial: Alo Chhaya
 - 11:30 RC Travel on
 - 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
- CHANNEL 1**
- 08:05 Swastho Protidin
 - 08:45 Drama Serial: Graduate
 - 09:30 Joto Modhur Bhulguli
 - 10:05 Gallery
 - 10:30 Rup Madhuri
 - 11:00 The Challenge
 - 11:30 Tifiner Phakey
 - 12:10 Ei Shomoy
 - 01:05 Japan Video Topic

- 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 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.
 - Gram-Ganjer 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
 - 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

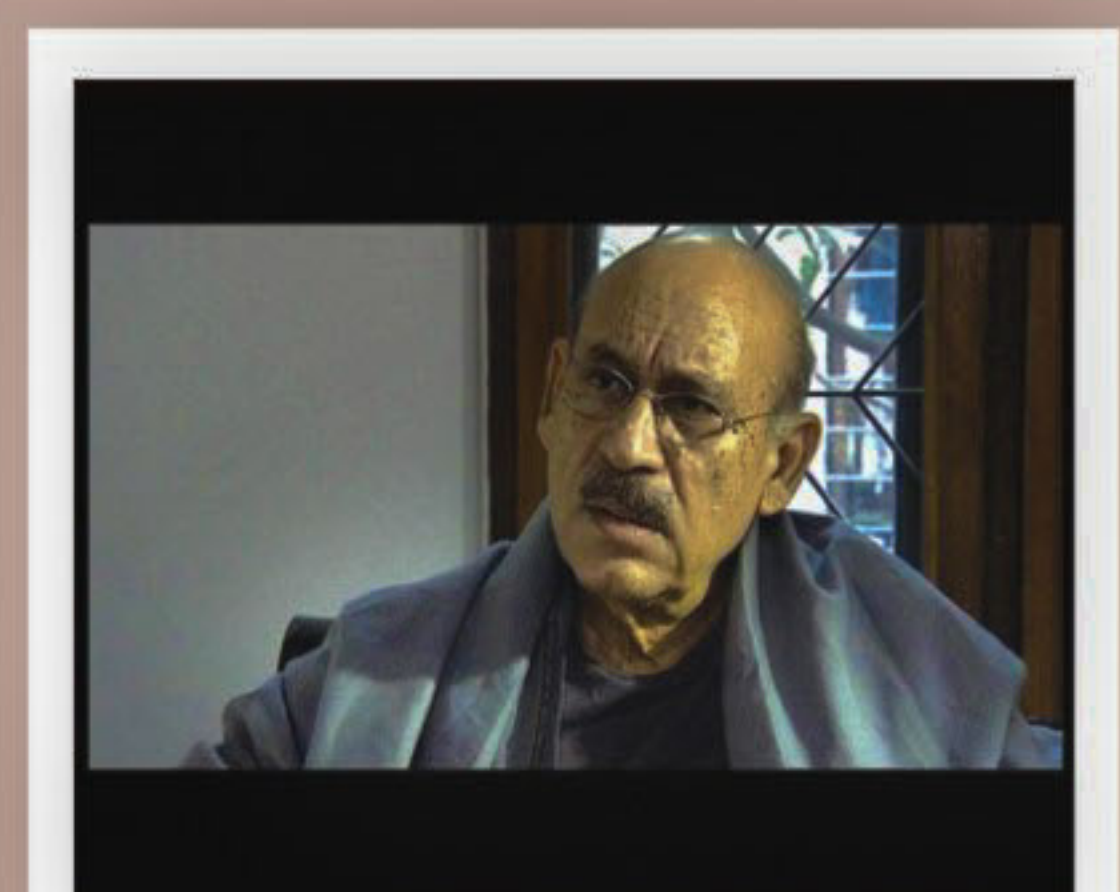
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Chakkar
 - 03:15 Dhupchhaya
 - 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey
 - 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
 - 06:10 Shubho Shondhya
 - 08:15 Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta Manush
 - 09:00 Cookery Show: Pran Gura
 - Moshla Amar Ranna
 - 09:45 Drama Serial: FnF
 - 11:30 Boi Boshontey
 - 12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- ETV**
- 08:30 Ekusher Shokaal
 - 09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
 - 10:02 Media Gossip
 - 10:50 Financial Bulletin
 - 11:30 Ekusher Business
 - 12:02 Desh Jurey
 - 02:30 Ekusher Business
 - 03:30 Deho Ghari
 - 04:30 Street Magic
 - 05:45 Kobi O Kobita

- 06:45 Crime Focus
 - 07:15 Ekushey Boimela
 - 07:45 Road To Democracy
 - 09:25 R Music
 - 11:30 Good Shot
- DESH TV**
- 12:15 Durpath
 - 03:00 SA Games Dhaka 2010
 - 05:02 Cartoon
 - 05:30 Baati Ghar
 - 06:02 Bazarey Notun
 - 07:45 Banglar Pran
 - 08:15 Drama Serial: Shimanto
 - 09:45 Drama Serial: Phirey Phirey
 - Ashi
 - 10:30 Total Sports
 - 11:45 Shoja Katha
- BANGLAVISION**
- 08:00 Shubho Shokal
 - 08:30 Bhalo Thakun
 - 11:35 Shoundarjo Katha
 - 01:30 Drama Serial: Patigonit
 - 02:30 Bangla Feature Film

- 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
 - 03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul
 - 04:30 Ganer Khata
 - 05:15 Shuktara
 - 06:00 Saanjh Bela
 - 08:15 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya
 - 09:00 Drama Serial: Kaanch-er Putul
 - 09:45 Events of the Day
 - 11:00 Club Seventies
- ZEE STUDIO**
- 08:30 The Pink Panther
 - 10:30 Shes The Man
 - 01:30 Pride and Prejudice
 - 02:40 Bailey's Mistake
 - 04:40 Capote
 - 07:20 Scoop
 - 09:30 Reign of Fire
 - 11:45 Freaky Friday
- HBO**
- 08:30 Internal Affairs
 - 10:30 Cradle 2 The Grave
 - 12:30 Seven Years In Tibet
 - 03:15 Timeline

- BBC WORLD**
- 08:00 BBC World News
 - 08:30 Asia Business Report
 - 08:45 Asia Today (r)
 - 09:00 BBC World News
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 - 10:00 BBC World News
 - 10:30 HARDtalk Hans Blix
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 - 01:45 Sport Today
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 - 02:45 Sport Today
 - 03:00 BBC World News
 - 03:30 HARDtalk (r) Hans Blix
 - 04:00 BBC World News

- AXN**
- 08:30 So You Think You Can Dance
 - 09:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 - 11:30 Caught On Tape
 - 12:30 Criss Angel Mindfreak
 - 01:30 Master Of Disguise, The
 - 03:30 Ebuazz
 - 04:00 Magic Asia: India
 - 05:30 Middleman, The
 - 07:30 Wipeout
 - 08:30 Scare Tactics
 - 09:30 Masters Of Illusion
 - 10:30 David Blaine: Street Magic
 - 11:30 Csi: Miami
 - 12:30 Masters Of Illusion
- ESPN**
- 08:30 Final Score
 - 09:00 NBA Action 2009/10
 - 09:30 NBA Regular Season 2009/10 Match: Philadelphia 76ers vs. New Orleans Hornets
 - 12:00 World Of Gymnastics
 - 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Liverpool vs. Everton
 - 02:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Sunderland vs. Wigan Athletic
 - 04:30 Hitz 09/10
 - 04:00 PBA Tour : Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational
 - 06:30 Winter X Games Eleven Classix: Skiing
 - 07:30 Premier League Highlights
 - 08:30 Sportscenter India
 - 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
 - 09:30 2008 World Cup Of Trick Shots
 - 10:30 Sportscenter India
 - 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 - 11:30 Premier League Highlights

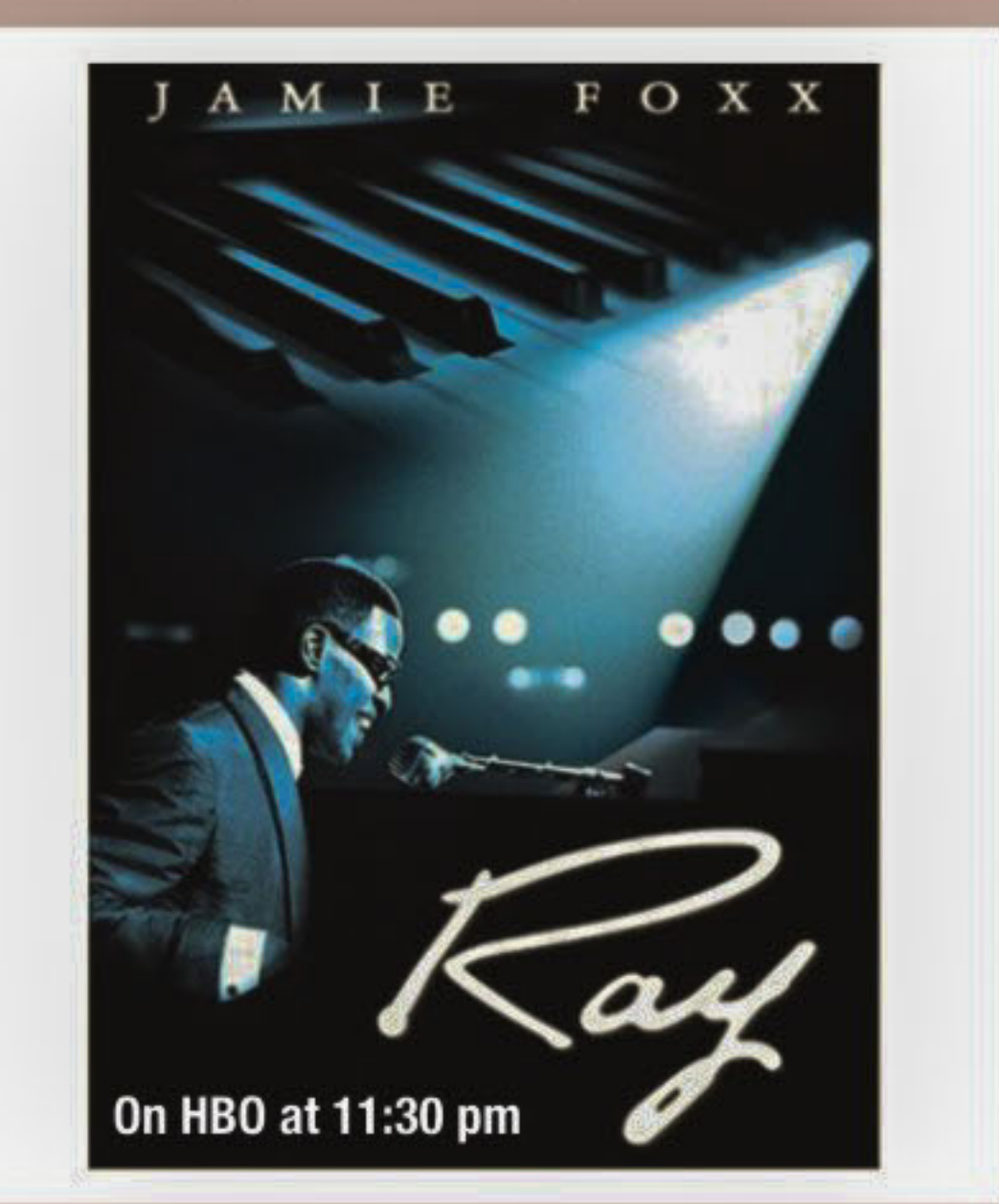


Babar Hotel On Banglavisian at 8:15 pm Drama Serial Cast: Abul Hayat, Tisha

- 06:30 Desh Jurey
 - 07:50 Cookery Show: Tommy Mianr Recipe
 - 08:20 Drama Serial: Ghorar Dim
 - 09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita
 - 10:10 Talk Show: O Bondhu Amar
- Rtv**
- 08:00 Ei Din
 - 09:00 Trade Talk
 - 10:00 Drama Serial: Dorakata
 - 10:45 Taroka Alap
 - 11:30 Share Update
 - 12:30 Drama Serial: FDC
 - 02:03 Selected Programme
 - 06:03 Protidin

- 05:55 Protidin-er Boimela
 - 06:05 Sports Time
 - 06:40 Point of Order
 - 08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
 - 09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Ranna Ghar
 - 09:45 Drama Serial: Diba Raatri
 - Khola Thakey
 - 11:25 Anyo Nayan
 - 12:00 Shangbad Protidin
 - 12:30 Bashuda Cinemar Gaan
- CHANNEL 1**
- 08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh
 - 09:10 Events of the Day
 - 10:30 Drama: Gaanwala

- abc radio FM 89.2**
- 06:00 Bhoror Janalay
 - 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
 - 12:00 Darun Dupurey
 - 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
 - 05:00 Shondhataro
 - 07:00 Shajer Maya
 - 09:00 Raat-er Akashy
 - 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei
- RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM**
- 07:30 Hello Dhaka
 - 10:00 Morning Express
 - 12:00 My Time
 - 01:00 No Tension
 - 04:00 Dhaka Calling
 - 09:00 Night Rider
 - 01:00 Back to Back music
- RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM**
- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
 - 11:00 Muski Unlimited
 - 01:00 Today's Adda
 - 04:00 U Turn
 - 08:00 Tobey Tai Hok
 - 11:00 Raat Bhor Gaan
 - 12:00 Today's Happy Moments



- 04:30 BBC World News
- 05:00 BBC World News
- 05:30 World Business Report
- 05:45 Sport Today
- 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain
- 08:30 World Business Report
- 08:45 Sport Today
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 HARDtalk (r) Hans Blix
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 11:45 Sport Today

- STAR SPORTS**
- 08:30 2009/10 GP 2 Asia Series
 - 10:30 Barclays Premier League 2009/10 Match: Burnley vs. West Ham United
 - 12:30 SA Tennis Open
 - 02:30 Hitz 09/10
 - 03:00 33rd America's Cup 2010 - Race
 - 07:00 KFC Malaysia World Band Competition 2009 - Highlights
 - 07:30 2009/10 GP 2 Asia Series
 - 09:30 Score Tonight
 - 10:00 TNA Xplosion 09/10
 - 11:00 SA Tennis Open