

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
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
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



Memorial programme on Sayeed Ahmed

National Street Theatre Festival ends



Actors of Theatre Art Unit stage "Khepa Paglar Pechal".

A CORRESPONDENT
A memorial programme honouring the recently deceased cultural personality Sayeed Ahmed was held at the Central Shaheed Minar premises on February 7. Organised by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) and Shammito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ), the programme featured speeches by eminent personalities. The weeklong National Street Theatre Festival also came to an end on the day. The festival was organised by BGTF. At the programme, speakers termed Ahmed "as a pioneer, adding a new dimension to the Bangladeshi theatre movement". They also credited Ahmed with generating global interest in our theatre and arts. Among the speakers were AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor, Dhaka University; Ramendu Majumdar, president of

International Theatre Institute World-wide; Nasiruddin Yousoff, president of SSJ; Liaquat Ali Lucky, chairman, BGTF; lawmaker and media personality Asaduzzaman Noor, cultural personality Mofidul Haque and theatre personality Ataur Rahman. On the last day of the street theatre festival, several troupes including Swattik, Theatre Art Unit, Prachyanat and Subachan staged their productions. Theatre Art Unit staged "Khepa Paglar Pechal". Written by SM Solaiman, the play was directed by Rokeya Rafiq Baby. Prachyanat staged a new street play "Dui Duguney Char". The play was conceptualised and directed by Rahul Anand. Over 35 plays by reputed and lesser-known theatre troupes of Dhaka were staged throughout the festival. The festival will travel around the country throughout this month.

"My Name is Khan" runs into trouble

"My Name is Khan", slated to be Bollywood's biggest blockbuster of the year, is seemingly running into trouble even before its release on February 12. Lead actor Shah Rukh Khan has run afoul of the Shiv Sena the Mumbai-based hardline group for supporting the participation of Pakistani cricketers in the Indian Premier League. The group has threatened to disrupt the screening of the film in Mumbai unless Khan apologises for his stand. Meanwhile gutsy Khan refuses to back down. Khan, who was on a promotional tour of New York and London said that he stood by his statement. Hollywood studio Fox Star which is to distribute the Bollywood film is just as concerned because the Shah Rukh-Kajol starrer is the studios' first Bollywood release and comes close on the heels of success of "Avatar". Trade analysts believe that there is at least Rs 1.2 billion riding on the film and if Mumbai and by inference Maharashtra is affected, it would affect almost 25

percent of the film's cinema revenues. Meanwhile theatre owners in Mumbai are believed to be in two minds about whether they will screen the film unless all the controversial issues are resolved. Should such question marks be dealt with when Shah Rukh and Kajol are clearly heading towards their biggest blockbuster after "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge"? The much awaited film will have a star studded screening at this year's 60th Berlin International Film Festival, believed to be one of the oldest film festivals in the world, starting February 11-21. However, the Karan Johar directed film is not in the competition section. Even if the Shiv Sena has its way in Mumbai, the film is set to be released in over 40 countries including the US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East on February 12. The film centres on Rizvan Khan, who embarks on an amazing journey across America to win back the love of his life. Along the way, his unique



The film sees Shah Rukh and Kajol together after years. qualities endear him to many and inspire a nation. Describing the film, Shah Rukh is quoted as saying, "Normally, a film is more than the sum of its parts. It's not like it's a love story, it's got a Karan Johar touch to social cinema, it has an angle of religion. It also has a part of politics..." Source: Internet

"Bichargaan" and horse race in Magura



The horse race was held at Barunatoil village under Magura Sadar upazila.

Hossain Seraj, Magura

A horse race and a musical soiree featuring 'Bichargaan' (light song in the form of debate on various issues) were held at village Barunatoil on February 7. The horse race under the banner of 'Jubo Samproday' was held in the afternoon. Central Awami League leader Mohammad Altaf Hossain and Jatiyo Party's central joint-secretary general advocate Hasan Seraj Suja were present as the chief and special guest respectively and distributed prizes among the winners. Later, a musical soiree featuring 'Bichargaan' was held. A team led by Sheuli Parveen of Ramdia village in Faridpur district and another led by Taslima Sarkar from Majurdia village in Boalmari upazila of the same district took part in the event which continued well into the wee hours. Enthusiastic people from all walks of life thronged the venue to enjoy the horse race while the event 'Bichargaan' at night went down exceedingly with the audience, which had turned out in several thousands for the event.

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

On Air

Table listing TV and radio programmes for ATN Bangla, Channel-i, Channel-i, ntv, and Rtv, including show names and times.

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News Bulletin section with a TV icon and a list of news programs across different channels and times.

Advertisement for Boimela Protidin, featuring a photo of a woman and text: 'Boimela Protidin On ATN Bangla at 5:45 pm Live telecast of Ekushey Book Fair'.

Advertisement for abc radio FM 89.2, listing various music and news programs.

Advertisement for Charlie Wilson's War, featuring photos of Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, and Philip Seymour Hoffman, with text: 'On HBO at 11:30 pm Based on the outrageous true story.'