

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Recitation Programme
 Organiser: Sangbita Abriti Charcha O Bikash Kendra
 Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
 Date: February 25
 Time: 6:30pm



Telefilm Premiere
 Telefilm: Zer
 Director: Shaheen Tarafdar
 Venue: VIP Auditorium, Reporters' Unity, Segunbagicha
 Date: February 26
 Time: 3pm



Solo Painting Exhibition
 Artist: Rokeya Sultana
 Title: The Mystique Empire
 Venue: H-275/F, R-27, Dhanmondi
 Date: February 19-March 2
 Time: 12pm-8pm

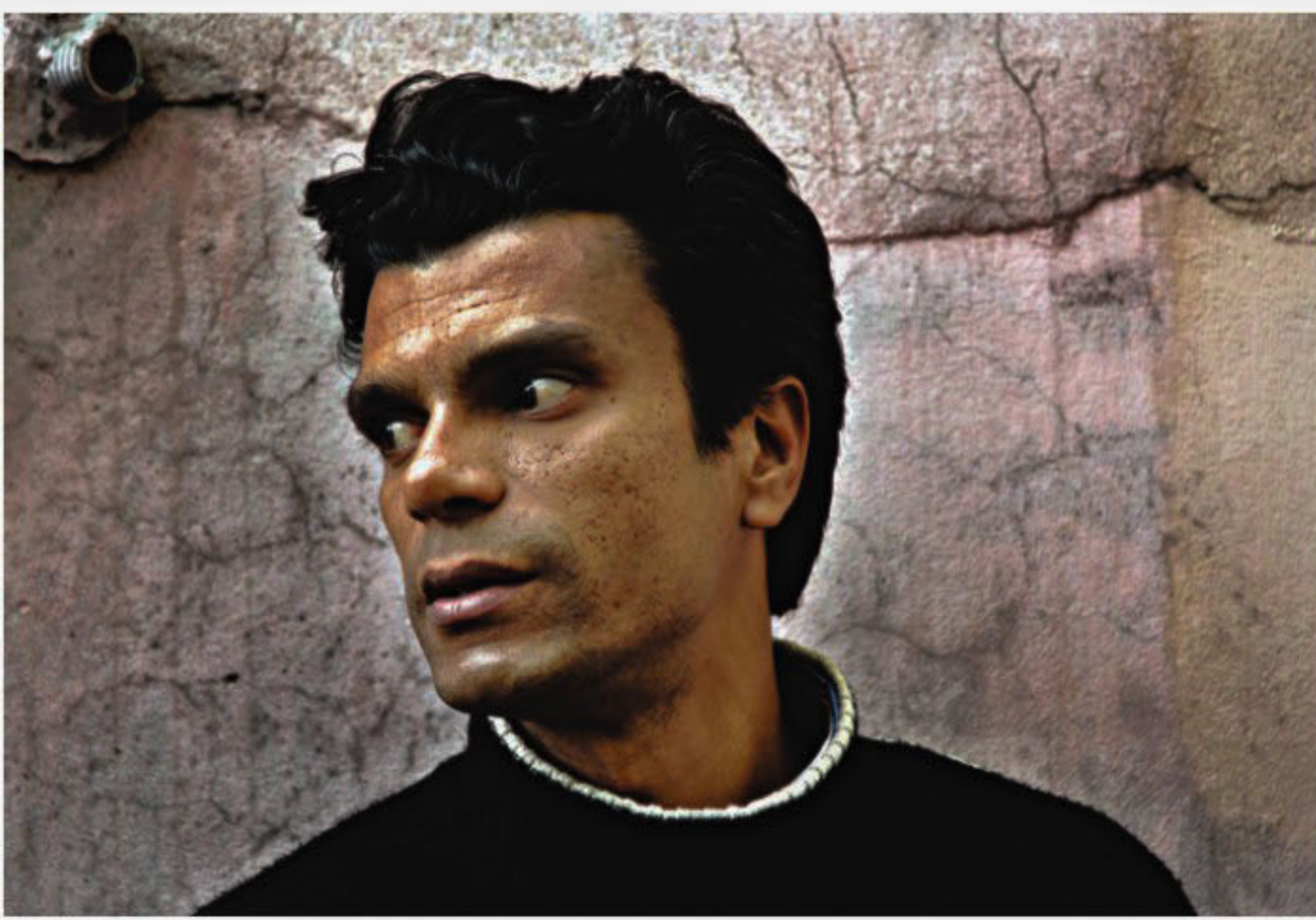


Solo Photography Exhibition
 Photographer: Andera Kunzig
 Title: Urban Changes
 Venue: Goethe Institut Bangladesh
 Date: February 8-25
 Time: 10am-7pm



Portrait of a young theatre activist

In conversation with Ratan Dev



Ratan Dev PHOTO: AMIRUL RAJIV

JAMIL MAHMUD
 Ratan Dev is one of the active members and leading performers of Udichi's theatre wing. He has been involved with the cultural troupe since 1999. Primarily he was more interested in music, and he initially joined Udichi's musical wing. Gradually his interest in theatre grew and at present he is an integral part of the theatre troupe. So far, the young actor has performed in several acclaimed Udichi productions, including "Chilekothar Sepai", "Bou Basanti" and "Half Akhrai". Recently in a conversation

with The Daily Star, Dev talked about his early days, his growing interest in the arts and carving a niche for himself in the theatre circuit. Dev was born and raised in Sylhet. His involvement with the arts started from an early age. According to the actor, "It was late 1980s when I first heard of Udichi. I was preparing for my HSC exams at that time. My first impression of Udichi was that it was a musical organisation and I was very keen on that. I regularly followed their practice sessions. Sometimes I got chances to sing with the group. That's how I gradually

became a member of the group." Dev came to Dhaka in 1999 and joined Udichi's Central Musical Department. He completed his Masters from Chittagong University. In Chittagong, he was actively involved with the cultural organisation Oikatan. About his move from music to theatre, Dev said, "Perhaps the love for performance was within me, which I never fully realised until I joined Udichi." A workshop featuring young directors in 1996 also motivated Dev's transformation. "The workshop in Dhaka featured up and coming

theatre directors, which impressed me a lot," said Dev. Udichi's much-admired production "Chilekothar Sepai" -- based on Akhtaruzzaman Ilyas' novel -- was Dev's first play. In "Half Akhrai", Dev played the protagonist Ramnidhi Gupta. Dev recalled the rehearsals and said that he had to work hard to prepare himself to play the historic character. "I had to study a lot for that character. I observed his (Gupta's) images over and over to get myself into the role," he said. Highlighting the historic conflict between Ramnidhi Gupta -- the originator of Bengali 'tappa' songs -- and his once-favourite disciple Mohan Chand, the play was written by Ratan Siddiqui and directed by Azad Abul Kalam. Dev confessed that he had to face some obstacles to find a foothold in theatre but with ardent enthusiasm he gradually overcame the difficulties. As a young theatre activist, Dev has noticed that there is a dearth of quality teachers. To groom powerful actors, proficient teachers are a must, he said. Dev is determined that theatre is the place where he wants to belong. Concurrently he wants to hone his musical skills, as he feels both acting and music are equally important for theatre.

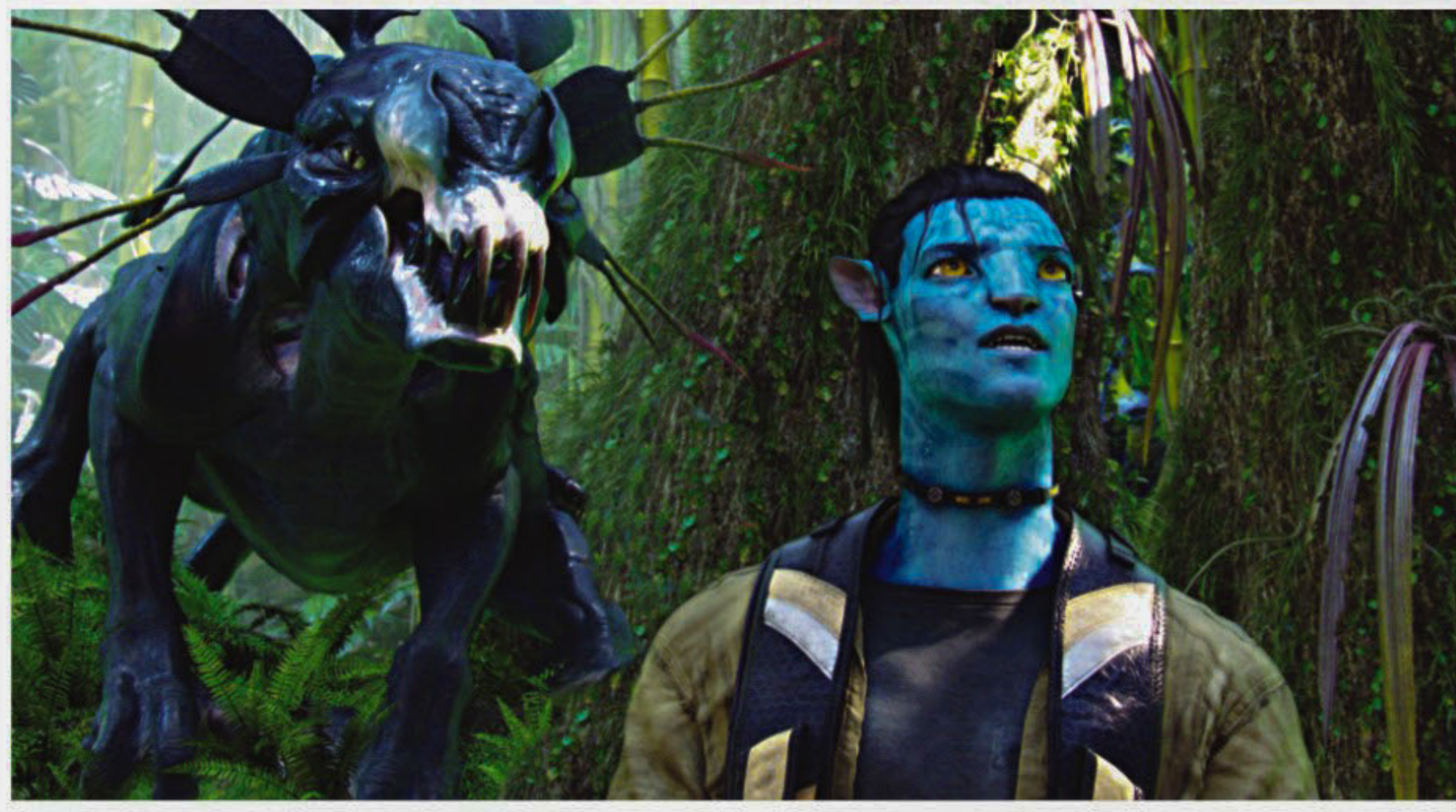
"Avatar" director emphasises environmental message

"I was asked to sort of tone it down," the director James Cameron said on Monday evening. He was referring to the blatant call to environmental activism that is just beneath the adventure-story surface of his science-fiction epic "Avatar." The revelation came during a fund-raiser for the Natural Resources Defence Council -- held on the lot of 20th Century Fox, whose executives, he said, were nervous about the preachy element in his blockbuster. "I said, 'I don't want to do that,'" Cameron said, recalling his response to the executives' request. The subject came up during a question-and-answer session with the film critic Elvis Mitchell, after a screening of clips from the film. To some extent, this may have been a bit of Oscar campaigning. The ballots are still out, and with "The

Hurt Locker" racking up awards from various guilds and professional organisations (the British Academy of Film and Television Arts honoured it over the weekend), Cameron was promoting "Avatar" as a movie with a message. Speaking to several hundred Hollywood types and others at the fund-raiser, the silver-haired director said he had deliberately designed "Avatar" to move the masses with a kind of emotional appeal that documentaries like "An Inconvenient Truth" and his own undersea adventures could never deliver. "I wanted to have these messages of opening our eyes and changing our perceptions," he said. Cameron cited climate change as a major concern. "All the climate scientists in the world have pretty much locked arms on this thing," he said. For his own part, Cameron said he

was proudly anti-corporate, though not anti-American. "It's the nature of business, it's the nature of all the economies of the last thousand years," he said, to "just take" what they want. "Avatar" asks us all to be warriors for the earth," he continued. Still, he acknowledged, not everyone had bought the movie's message in its entirety. "Right-wingers," he said, had criticised the film, often without seeing it. Then there was an Ecuadorian tribal leader who, having watched the movie, took issue with its seeming insistence on armed resistance, rather than mere dialogue, in defence of the environment. "This movie needed a better message," Cameron recalled being told by the elder. "Wow!" he added. "I've been schooled."

Source: The New York Times



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On Air

News Bulletin
 BTB 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
 Onpad-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
ntv
 News (Bangla): 7:30am, 12:02pm, 2:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am
ETV
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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

ATN BANGLA
 08:30 Drama Serial: Kothay Pabo Tarey
 09:10 Kaandey Amar Maa
 09:20 Talk Show: Asian City Vision 2020
 10:30 Talk Show: Hello Bangladesh
 11:10 Bangla Feature Film
 02:30 Drama: Pakhir Dana
 03:45 Sundar Jibon-er Jonjo
 04:25 Cinema Cinema
 05:10 Kandey Amar Maa
 05:45 Special Programme: Boimela Protidin
 08:00 Drama Serial: Batasher Ghar
 08:40 Drama Serial: Dayebondhon
 09:20 Drama Serial: Shubarno Swapno
 11:30 Bibeker Kachhey Proshno
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News
CHANNEL i
 08:05 Tagore Song
 08:30 Shokaal-er Gaan
 08:40 Ajker Chaakri
 09:30 Shangbaadpotrey Bangladesh
 09:45 Public Reaction
 09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Tritiomatra
 11:05 Special programme
 12:30 Citycell Taroka Kathan
 01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 02:30 i Sports
 03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
 03:45 Amader Shikya Amader Shangkriti
 04:10 Mukti Judhyo Protidin
 04:30 Trust Bank Boi Mela Shorashori
 05:30 I Speed
 06:20 Banglalink Banglar Pothey
 07:50 Cookery Show
 08:25 Drama Serial: Goriber Kopaley Shanti Nai
 09:35 Drama Serial: Swapnobazar
 11:30 Talk Show: Aaloy-e Bhuban Bhora
 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro
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 08:20 Swastho Protidin
 08:45 Drama Serial: Mamuli Ekta

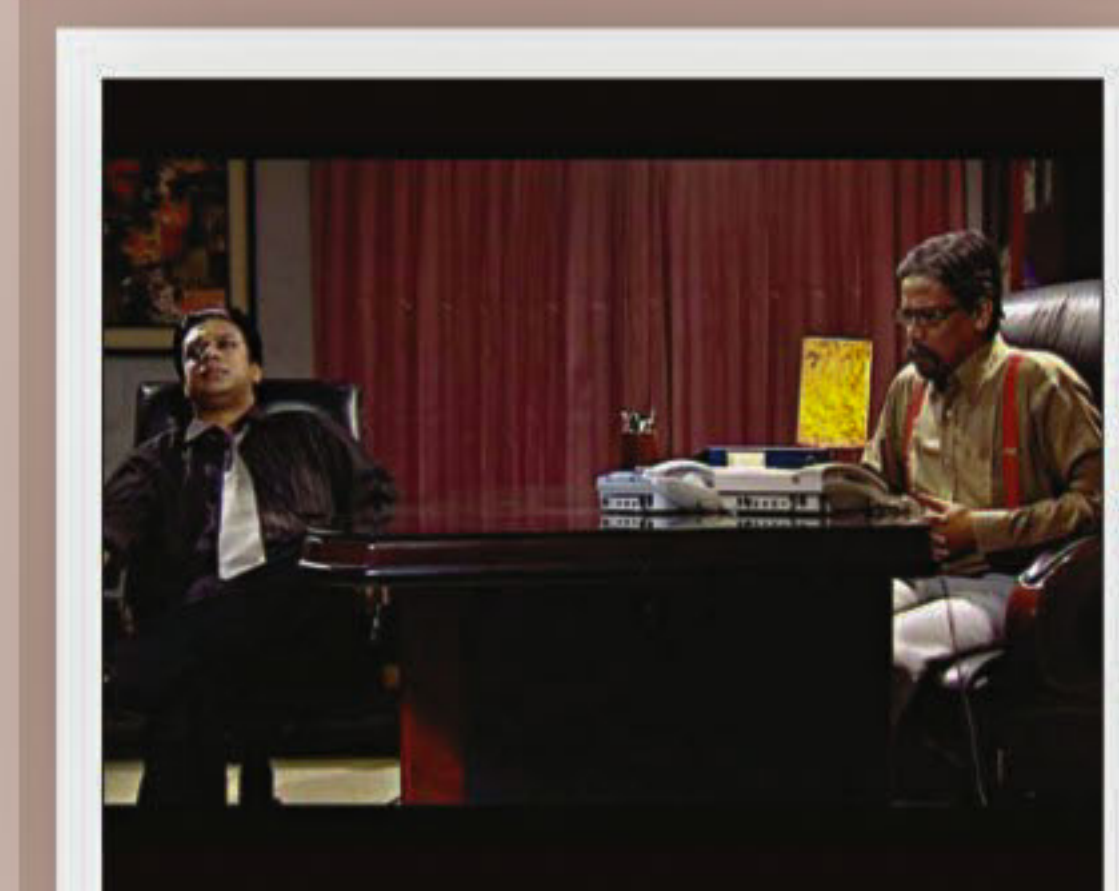
Manush
 09:30 Bajo Ebong Bajao
 10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
 11:00 Apnar Jigyasha
 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
 01:05 Cartoon: Mina
 02:35 Drama Serial: Kachh-er Manush
 03:20 Drama Serial: Shanto Kutir
 04:10 Quiz Show: Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey Mohilangon
 05:35 Shubho Shondha
 06:10 Musical Programme: Amaro Gaitey Ichha Holo
 08:15 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free
 09:00 Reality Show: The Challenge
 09:45 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
 11:30 Boi Boshontey
 11:40 Musical Programme: Shur Bhora Nilima

10:10 Baula Ontor
 11:45 Amader Boimela
RTV
 09:00 Look at Me
 09:30 Documentary Programme
 10:00 Drama Serial: Monkora
 10:45 Taroka Alap
 11:30 Share Update
 12:30 Drama Serial: Shey Amar Ekta Pakhi
 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:00 Protidin
 06:45 Borney Borney Rochito
 07:15 Ekusher Boimela
 07:45 Road to Democracy
 09:25 Drama Serial: Tobou Boshonto
 10:10 Drama Serial: Dui Pokkho
 11:30 Tomaar Jonyo Amar Ei Gaan
BANGLAVISION
 08:30 Drama Serial: Fifty Fifty
 09:00 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel
 10:10 Special Programme/Drama

05:02 Cartoon
 05:30 Baati Ghar
 06:02 Boimela
 07:45 Musical Show: Murchhonar Shabdojal
 08:15 Lizan Herbal Ekoi Brintey
 09:45 Drama: Ekti Oshamapto Noisho Bhojer Drishya
 11:45 Talk Show: Shoja Katha
CHANNEL 1
 09:10 Events of the Day
 11:00 Bangla Feature Film
 03:30 Drama Serial: Kaanch-er Putul
 04:00 Drama Serial: Garbhadharini
 04:30 Ekushey Boimela
 05:15 Gollachhut
 08:15 Drama Serial: Garbhadharini
 09:45 Events of the Day
Diganta TV
 08:05 Shubarno Shokal
 12:30 Score Card
 08:05 Public Parliament

01:30 World Business Report
 01:45 Sport Today
 02:00 BBC World News
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 02:45 Sport Today
 03:00 BBC World News
 03:30 HARDtalk
 04:00 BBC World News
 05:30 World Business Report
 05:45 Sport Today
 06:00 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)
 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowig
 11:30 World Business Report
 11:45 Sport Today
 12:00 BBC World News
ESPN
 07:00 Vancouver 2010 Olympic

08:00 Global Football
 08:30 Sportscenter India
 09:00 Sportscenter Asia
 09:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 13 - Morning H/L
 10:30 Sportscenter India
 11:00 Sportscenter Asia
 11:30 Premier League World
 11:55 Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games - Nordic Combined
Star Sports
 09:00 Barclays Premier League 09/10: Manchester United vs. West Ham United
 11:00 KFC Malaysia World Band Competition 2009 - Highlights
 12:00 Barclays Dubai Tennis Championships
 06:00 Almost Anything Goes
 06:30 V8 Supercars Championship Series 2010 - Highlights
 07:30 V8 Supercars Championship Series 2010 - Highlights Ace 2010
 08:30 Behind The Baseline
 09:30 Score Tonight
 10:00 TNA Sikander 09/10
 11:00 Abierto Mexicano Telcel Presentado Por HSBC
 12:30 V8 Supercars Championship Series 2010 - Highlights
Discovery Channel
 09:30 Feast India
 10:30 Forest Tigers - Sita's Story Part 1
 11:30 Saving New Orleans
 03:30 Kochi, The Backwaters
 05:30 Man Vs. Wild (Season 3)
 09:30 Survivor:Man (Season 2): Kaiahari Rampage!
HBO
 09:30 The Dark Knight
 12:30 Undercover Brother
 02:15 Tmz 177
 02:45 The Perfect Man
 04:45 Hollywood One On One 75
 05:15 Black Sheep
 07:00 Stop-Loss
 09:00 Tmz 178
 10:00 In The Line Of Fire
 12:00 The Dark Knight
ZEE STUDIO
 08:30 The Last Wave
 10:55 White Noise
 01:30 Jane Eyre
 02:40 Barbershop
 04:50 Barbershop2: Back in Business
 07:10 Match Point
 09:30 The Lady Killers
 11:45 Assassination of Richard Nixon



Ekti Oshamapto Noisho Bhojer Drishya
 On Desh TV at 9:45pm
 Single Episode TV Play
 Cast: Raisul Islam Asad, Intekhab Dinar

abc radio FM 89.2
 06:00am Shorer Jansaly
 08:00am Mokshuto Jiboney
 12:00pm Darun Dupurey
 03:00pm Duranto Bikelrey
 05:00pm Shondha Tara
 07:00pm Shaj-er Maya
 09:00pm Raat-er Akashey
 11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei
RADIO FOORTI 88.0 FM
 07:30am Hello Dhaka
 10:00am Morning Express
 12:30pm No Tension
 04:00pm Dhaka Calling
 09:00pm Full Volume
 11:00pm Back to Back music
RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00am Must Unlimited
 01:00pm Today's Adda
 04:00pm U Turn
 08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
 12:00am Today's Happy Moments



On HBO at 12am

ETV
 08:30 Ekusher Shokaal
 09:30 Drama Serial: Jahur Ali Jahuri
 10:02 Cine Hits
 10:50 Financial Bulletin
 11:30 Ekush-er Business
 03:30 Dehatori
 04:02 Drama Serial: Bandhon
 04:30 Children's Programme
 05:25 Sangskriti Shamachar
 05:45 Sports Plus
 06:30 Deshjurey
 07:50 Mumbai to Dhaka
 09:30 Ekusher Chokh

11:35 Amar Ami
 12:30 Banglavisoin Top Ten
 01:30 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
 02:30 Tele-film/ Drama
 04:05 Drama Serial: Swapnochura
 05:25 Music Vision
 06:05 Shyamol Bangla
 06:40 Point of Order
 08:15 Drama Serial: Patiganit
 09:05 Media Bhuban
 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
DESH TV
 12:15 Dur Paath
 04:30 Dur Durantey

09:25 Pothey Prantorey
 10:00 Prime Time
 11:05 Diganta Sanglap
BBC World
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:30 Asia Business Report
 09:45 Asia Today
 10:30 BBC World News
 10:30 HARDtalk
 11:00 BBC World News
 11:30 World Business Report
 11:45 BBC World News
 12:30 World Business Report
 12:45 BBC World News

Winter Games (Live)
 09:00 Vancouver 2010 Olympic
 Winter Games - Ice Hockey
 01:30 Football Focus With John Dykes
 02:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 13 - Morning H/L
 03:30 Barclays Premier League 09/10: Manchester City vs. Liverpool
 05:30 Goals!
 06:00 Castrol Football Crazy
 06:30 Vancouver 2010 - Day 13 - Afternoon H/L
 07:30 Goals!