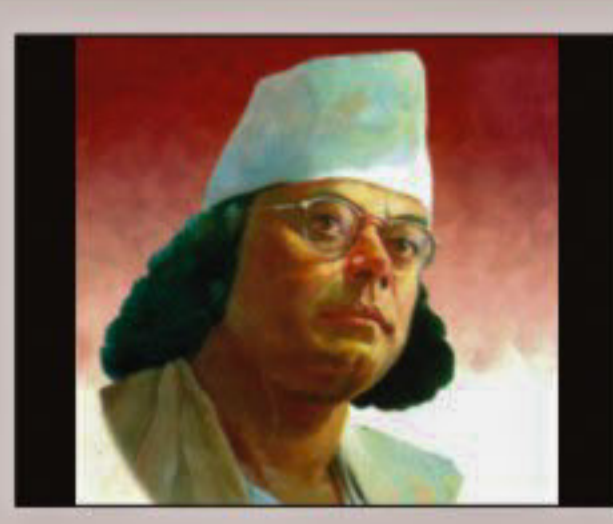



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Nazrul Anniversary
 Organiser: Nazrul Academy
 Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Nazrul Bhaban and National Museum
 Date: May 18-25
 Time: 5.30 pm onwards



Art Exhibition

Painter: Azyz Sharafy
 Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi
 Date: May 21-25
 Time: 3pm-8pm




Annual Art Exhibition

Organiser: Faculty of Fine Arts (FFA), DU
 Venue: FFA premises
 Date: May 20-31
 Time: 11am-6pm



Solo Photography Exhibition

Title: Soulscapes- Ontor Bhumi
 Photographer: GMB Akash
 Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
 Date: June 1-10
 Time: 12-8pm



Syed Shamsul Haque's novel goes for film adaptation

Mahurat of "Guerrilla" held



PHOTO: NELOY HOSSAIN

Speakers at the "Guerrilla" press conference

MAINUL HASSAN

Noted dramatist Nasiruddin Yousuff is to make a film on the Liberation War. Titled "Guerrilla", the upcoming movie will be based on noted writer Syed Shamsul Haque's novel "Nishidhdha Loban".

Yousuff who is also a Freedom Fighter will use his 1971 experiences to make the film.

"Using my real life experiences I hope to portray a true scene of wartime Dhaka and the war," said Yousuff, who took part in several guerrilla operations in 1971.

The movie will be shot in several locations of Dhaka, its suburbs and Rangpur.

The movie was supposed to be made long ago in 1998 but the work couldn't begin due to several reasons, informed Yousuff.

The launching ceremony of the film was held at Tejgaon Channel i office yesterday.

Among others, Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, secretary, Information Ministry as the chief guest; Syed Shamsul Haque; Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director, Impress Telefilm Limited and channel i and Momtaz Ala Shakur Ahmed, managing director BFDC were present on the occasion.

"It is a pleasure that for the first time a film will be made totally based on one of my novels on the Liberation War," said a visibly elated Syed Shamsul Haque at the launching ceremony.

"I hope that when released the film will serve as a reminder of the atrocities and the crimes committed against humanity by the Pakistani army and their collaborators during 1971, and play a role in raising awareness on the trial of the war criminals," said Haque.

"Guerrilla", a joint production by Impress

Telefilm Limited and arial creative space, follows a young Bangladeshi woman Bilkis (played by actress Joya Ahsan) who helps the freedom fighters in Dhaka with medicines, information and organising operations; she even plays a role in smuggling spoils recorded by Altaf Mahmud, to the Swadhin Bangla Betar radio station. As the story progresses, Bilkis is forced to flee to Rangpur but gets caught by the Pakistani occupation forces.

Other cast members in the movies include ATM Shamsuzzaman, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Raisul Islam Asad, Shompa Reza, Ahmed Rubel, Gazi Rakayet and Shotabdi Wadud.

Esha Yousuff, daughter of Nasir Uddin Yousuff and managing director of arial creative space, is the producer of the film. Esha thanked Impress Telefilm Limited for their assistance.

The total budget of the upcoming film has been estimated at Taka 1.5 crore, of which financial assistance of Taka nineteen lakh and twenty thousand has been granted by the government.

"In an effort to encourage quality film making we have given six movies financial assistance this year. I hope that through his real life experiences, Nasiruddin Yousuff will be able to make a good movie which will inform the public about the true happenings of the Liberation War and inspire the new generation," said Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury.

The script for the movie has been jointly developed by Yousuff and Ebadur Rahman. Animesh Aich is the production designer, Shimul Yousuf is the costume designer consultant and music director and Nurul Alam Atik is the chief assistant director.

Director and playwright rolled into one

In conversation with Animesh Aich

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Animesh Aich is one of the most successful directors and playwrights of our times. So what is the secret behind Animesh's wide recognition? What does it take for the perfect shot? Here is Animesh Aich's response to these questions and many more.

You seem to be constantly on your toes. What keeps you so busy?

"Either I am directing, writing a new play or working on a new idea -- everyday it's the same routine".

Of late, ntv has been airing your TV play "Manush Bodol" -- which has generated a good response. What is the play all about?

"Manush Bodol revolves around two individuals, Mujib and Wares, who look alike (Abul Hayat plays a double role) but from completely different backgrounds. Wares is a successful and affluent novelist, while Mujib makes his living as a typist, confronting extreme hardship every day.

"A person might change his appearance, his lifestyle, or might even pretend to be some one else but no matter what he does, he is always the same person inside, I have tried to convey this message through the play."

What are your upcoming projects?

"I am working on a 13-episode serial for BTv, the



Animesh Aich

shooting for which is scheduled to begin from July."

It is rumored that you like to act as well. You have acted in the film "Runway" by Amit Ashraf. What is your take on this?

"Well sometimes I do act for my own satisfaction, but I am mainly a director."

Was it your early involvement with theatre, which inspired you to become a director and playwright?

"When I was a student I was with an organisation called *Jolchhobi*. Among the members of the group were Giasuddin Selim, Mustafa Sarwar Farooki, Nurul Alam Atik and late Tarek Shahriar,

who later became big names in the media. Back in those days I had the opportunity to sit down in regular adda sessions with them and share our thoughts and ideas, which was helpful indeed.

How many plays have you written and directed so far?

"So far I have penned nearly 70 TV plays. The last one was a drama serial named "Parapar" for Arnono Sarwar. I have directed for nearly 40 plays."

Ever thought about directing films?

"May be if there is an ideal environment for cinema, I might think of making a movie."

Tell us about the current TV play scenario.

"In the not so distant past, directors and the actresses used to spend sleepless nights before a production went on air, because back then there was a certain commitment to their work. However, these days commercial values have taken over the industry; new directors/ playwrights and actresses are mushrooming out of the blue, and many TV channels are even airing their works.

"For directors the quality of the production should be more important than quantity. It takes a lot more than a crew, a camera and actresses to make for a successful production."

"... Ebong Kanna" and "Firey Esho Behula"

Two new films set to hit the silver screen

"...Ebong Kanna" and "Firey Esho Behula" represent two early initiatives at a time when digital filmmaking has been introduced in Bangladesh, says a press release. Overcoming several steep hurdles, the two movies are now getting final touches before screening.

Introducing film songs to the audience before the film's release is a common practice these days. However, at every step of the way, both films have been

so closely interlinked that the songs and a few sound tracks of the cinematic works are accommodated in a single CD.

The short story "Kanna" by Akhtaruzzaman Elias inspired Maruf Hossain, the director of "...Ebong Kanna" to go for his first film. Along the way the short story became a full length feature film, with the characters, events and their fortunes being given a broader perspective.

DS Café

This month DS Café will have actress Aupee Karim take your calls at The Daily Star office. Readers will have the opportunity to ask Aupee whatever they want to know. Call 8126155 on next Saturday, May 29, between 12 and 1 pm to speak to Aupee!!!





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

ATN BANGLA

01:25 Musical Programme: Shur-er Madhuri
 02:30 Business Week
 03:10 Sports Programme
 03:45 Chardeyal-er Kabbo
 05:30 Musical Programme
 06:15 Law & Order
 10:45 Documentary Programme
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL i

01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
 04:05 Muktiujddho Protidin

04:30 Amar Chhobi
 05:30 Fan Club Tournament
 06:20 Selected Programme
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

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12:50 Swastho Protidin
 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey
 05:30 Apnaar Jigyasha
 06:10 Shubho Shondha
 06:45 Aain-er Chokhey
 07:20 Sholoana Bangaliana
 09:00 Drama: Kichhu Bolbey Ki?

ETV

02:02 Market Trend

03:30 Shonamoni Shukhey Ashukhey
 04:30 Best of Dhum Tana
 05:25 Sports Plus
 05:45 Ei Shoptaer Bishwa
 06:30 Deshjurey Oporadh Porikroma
 07:50 Musical Programme: Ta Na Na

RTV

02:03 Bangla Feature Film
 06:00 Protidin
 06:30 R Ranna
 07:00 Road to Democracy
 11:10 Trade Talk
 12:00 Budget Protiyasha

BANGLAVISION

02:30 Bangla Feature Film
 06:05 Positive Bangladesh
 06:40 Point of Order
 11:20 Musical Programme: Shonchari

DESH TV

04:30 Prekhkhit Bangladesh
 05:30 Durpaath

06:30 Shangskriti Shara Dosh
 07:45 Amra Dujon, Dekhtey Kemon
 11:45 Shoja Katha

HBO

01:45 Multiplicity
 04:00 The Butterfly Effect 2
 05:45 Polar Storm
 07:45 Tarzan Goes To India
 09:30 Hairspray
 12:00 Fracture

ZEE STUDIO

08:30 Forever Mine
 11:00 Columbus Day
 01:30 Father of the Bride 2
 03:30 Dead Poets Society
 07:30 Spy Kids 3-D:Game Over
 09:30 Raging Bull
 12:15 Six Days Seven Nights

ESPN

01:30 World Sport 2010
 02:00 Planet Speed 2009/10
 02:30 Sportscenter Week In Review
 03:00 MotoGP World Champion-

07:02 NBA Eastern Conference Finals 2009/10
 09:30 Sportcenter Weekend
 10:30 Review Of The Season 2009/10
 11:30 FIFA Confederations Cup 2009 South Africa Match: Spain vs. Iraq

STAR SPORTS

10:30 ATP Nice Open
 12:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Ladies' Singles Highlights
 Match: Dinara Safina vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova
 01:30 Best Of Roland Garros 2009 - Men's Singles Highlights
 Match: Roger Federer vs. Robin Soderling
 02:30 Roland Garros 2010 Preview
 03:00 Roland Garros 2010
 12:00 Hitz

BBC WORLD

01:00 BBC World News
 01:10 UK Report (r)

01:30 Talking Movies (r)
 02:00 BBC World News
 02:10 Reporters (r)
 02:30 Dateline London (r)
 03:00 BBC World News
 03:10 Theo's Adventure Capitalists (r) Brazil
 04:00 BBC World News
 04:10 E24 (r)
 04:30 Africa Business Report (r)
 05:00 BBC World News
 05:30 Newsnight (r)
 06:00 BBC World News
 06:10 This Week (r)
 06:30 Click (r)
 07:00 BBC World News
 07:15 Sport Today
 07:30 Extra Time (r) Marcello Lippi
 08:00 BBC World News
 08:30 Working Lives: Human Traffic (r) Kenya
 09:00 BBC World News
 09:10 UK Report (r)
 09:30 Develop Or Die? (r)
 10:00 BBC World News
 10:30 India Business Report (r)
 11:00 BBC World News

Talk show

ATN BANGLA
 12:30am Hello Bangladesh
CHANNEL i
 09:50am Grameenphone Tritiomatra
 12:30pm Citycell Taroka

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 ntv
 12:10am Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
BANGLAVISION
 09:05pm Amar Ami
DESH TV
 11:45pm Shoja Katha

Drama Serial

ATN BANGLA
 08:00pm Kagojer Ghor
 08:40pm No Problem Dot Com
 09:20pm Jolkona
 11:30pm Ma Tui Kemon Achhish

ETV
 08:20pm Gunin
 09:30pm Lolita
RTV
 09:00pm Porshibari
 09:45pm FDC

CHANNEL i
 07:50pm Keba Apn Keba Por
 09:35pm Chhayabithi
 11:30pm Chandramagno

BANGLAVISION
 08:15pm Jamai MeLa
 09:45pm Hoi Hoi Roi Roi

DESH TV
 08:15pm Shimanto
 09:45pm Jao Pakhi

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
ATN BANGLA
 NEWS (Bangla): 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.
BANGLAVISION
 News (Bangla): 7:30am,

1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
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,



Media Gossip
 On Ekushey TV at 10:10pm
 Entertainment Show
 Guest: Shuvro Dev, Shafiu Alam Raja



Hairspray
 On HBO at 9:30pm
 Genre: Comedy
 Cast: John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer



Kichhchhu Bolbey Ki
 On ntv at 9:00pm
 Single Episode Play
 Cast: Tauquir Ahmed, Sumaiya Shimu

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

abc radio fm 89.2
 06:00am Bhorer Janalay
 09:00am Mokhurto Jiboney
 12:00pm Darun Dupurey
 03:00pm Duranto Bikeley
 05:00pm Shondha Tara
 07:00pm Shaj-er Maya
 09:00pm Raat-er Akashy
 11:00pm Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO TODAY
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
 11:00am Musti Unlimited
 01:00pm Today's Adda
 04:00pm U Turn
 08:00pm Tabey Tai Hok
 12:00am Today's Happy Moments

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