WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Film Screening
Film: You Are So Beautiful
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Date: July 9
Time: 6pm

Concert
To celebrate World Cup Football
Band: Parthibo
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangaldesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: July 11
Time: 9pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Painter: Niamul Bari
Title: Journey of the No
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanmondi
Date: July 2-15
Time: 3pm-8pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Immersed in Nature
Artist: Rezaun Nabi
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi
Date: July 2-13
Time: 12-8pm

The addictive melody of banshi

Solo flute recital by Ustad Azizul Islam

Ustad Azizul Islam (centre) plays *banshi* at the programme. PHOTO: MUMIT M.

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A solo *banshi* (flute) recital, titled "Borshar Raag," by Ustad Captain (retd) Azizul Islam was held at National Music and Dance Centre auditorium, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) on July 6. The programme was jointly organised by BSA and Sargam, a monthly magazine on music.

State minister for cultural affairs, Advocate Promode Mankin, was the chief guest, while secretary to the ministry of civil aviation and tourism, Shafik Al Mehedi, was special guest at the event. Director of Music and Dance Department of BSA, RA Mahmud Selim, presided over the discussion. Editor of Sargam, Kazi Rawnak Hossain, delivered the welcome speech.

Shafik Al Mehedi admired the flutist's contribution to the music of Bangladesh throughout his four decade long career.

"If music could be played in every nook and corner of Bangladesh, peace would certainly prevail, and peace is the prerequisite to development. We have to face extremism with the weapon of melody," said Advocate Promode Mankin.

Prior to the discussion, the chief guest handed over a crest to Ustad Azizul Islam.

Ustad Captain (Rtd.) Azizul Islam is the only Bangladeshi instrumentalist to have taken part at the silver jubilee celebration of Dover Lane Music Conference -- the biggest Indian classical music event in Kolkata. Islam's love of the flute goes back to his early days when he was a navy captain. During moments of solitude, he often played the flute. The style of renowned flutist Panna Lal Ghosh inspired him at that time. Later, he learned to play *banshi* under Ustad Belayet Ali Khan, Ustad Bahadur Khan, Pt. Debendra Murdweshwar and VG Karnad.

At the event, Ustad Azizul Islam played "Raga Mian Ki Malhar" -- a monsoon raga created by Mian Tan Sen -- accompanied by Syed Meher Hossain on *tabla*; M Mohon Sinha and M. Jahangir Alam on *tanpura*. The presentation lasted about 50 minutes. The presentation began in slow tempo; the artiste performed *alaap*, followed by flowering *jor* and *jhala*. Later, he performed *gat* on *jhap taal*, *ek taal* and *teen taal* based on the same raga.

Another presentation at the programme was an abridged form of "Raga Megh" on *teen taal*. The event wrapped up with the presentation of a *dhun* footed on "Raga Mishra Pilu" on *dadra* performed by Ustad Azizul Islam.

Dr. Niru Shamsunnahar anchored the programme.

Celebration of Santal Revolution Day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

The indigenous Santal community from the northern districts recently celebrated the 155th anniversary of the Santal Revolution Day in Dinajpur and adjacent districts. Various cultural programmes and a discussion were held to observe the day.

Indigenous artistes staged the cultural programmes at their respective areas.

In Dinajpur different local NGOs organised varied programmes at Dinajpur Lokbhaban recently. Coordination of NGOs for Adibashis (CNA), a platform of several Dinajpur NGOs, organised the programme. Mohammad Jamal Uddin, Deputy Commissioner of Dinajpur, was present at the discussion as chief guest.

Noted personalities of the district, including Chitta Ghosh, president of Dinajpur Press Club, and Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad spoke at the meeting. Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, president of CAN, chaired the meeting.

The day was also celebrated at Birampur upazila of Dinajpur. Abul Khayer Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, UNO of Birampur upazila, inaugurated the programme as chief guest.

Santal artistes perform at Birampur upazila, Dinajpur. PHOTO: STAR

Dinajpur chapter of World Vision Bangladesh and Develop the Villages (DV) assisted the programme organised by Pargana and Manjhi Parishad of Dhanjhuri Mission at Khanpur union of the upazila.

Indigenous community leaders expressed the views that they had long been subjected to violation of human rights in the northern districts. They said that indigenous people were still being uprooted from their own land by the Bengali settlers.

After the short discussion, a colourful cultural progamme featuring indigenous artistes was held.

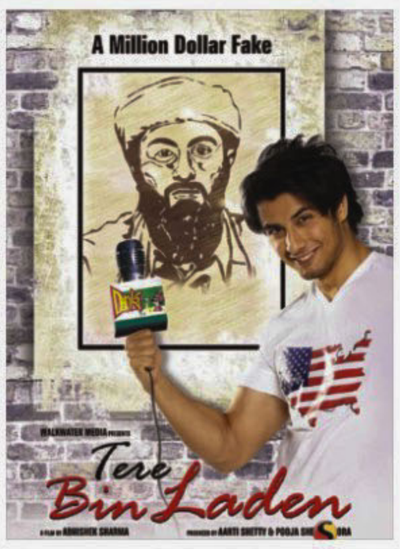
A Bollywood debut for Osama Bin Laden

Osama bin Laden is coming soon to a movie screen near you.

The al Qaeda leader is the subject of a Bollywood film "Tere Bin Laden" ("Without You Laden"), the story of an imaginative young television journalist who turns an encounter with a look-alike of Laden into his ticket to fame.

The journalist, played by Pakistani pop artist Ali Zafar, films a video with the look-alike, which goes viral quickly, and attempts to use his 15 minutes of fame to migrate to the United States after past attempts at getting a visa failed.

"The film looks to give a fresh perspective to the repercussions of 9/11 that a lot of people are facing but I want to do it through humour," director Abhishek Sharma said in an interview. "When he comes across a look-alike of bin Laden, he hits upon the idea of making a video. That video makes him famous and ironically, he has to use the U.S.'s biggest enemy to create a favourable impression of himself," Sharma said. This is not the first Bollywood film to focus on the September 11, 2001 attacks and their aftermath. Over the past year, three big-budget films, including Shah Rukh Khan's "My Name is Khan" have focused on the subject. This is also not the first Bollywood film to focus on infamous personalities: A film on the last days of Hitler ran into controversy last month after Jewish groups protested, causing the lead actor to pull out of the film.



Previous films have also featured controversial personalities such as Indian outlaw Phoolan Devi and mafia don Dawood Ibrahim.

But Sharma says the low-budget "Tere Bin Laden," which opens across India on July 16, is not a serious film, and expects the audience to also treat it that way.

"It's a satire, and a mad comedy. I don't want to preach," said the director.

Source: Internet

Will spy ring story help Jolie's "Salt"?

Any movie marketer thinking that the forthcoming film about a female Russian sleeper spy might be helped by recent headlines should take those thoughts with a grain of "Salt."

The FBI's arrest of 11 alleged Russian spies recently does have unusual similarities with the Angelina Jolie film, which opens July 23. But being topical is no guarantee of success, says David A. Gross, a former studio marketing executive.

"I think that this intersection between entertainment and a specific current event -- I don't think that's necessarily a plus," says Gross, observing that recent Iraq war-set films have foundered at the box office.

In film history, when art has been in close proximity to life, the result has been a mixed bag for movie marketers. The Arnold Schwarzenegger action film "Collateral Damage," which showed a terrorist attack on the U.S., was originally scheduled for release in October 2001 but was pushed back to February 2002 -- and had a trailer changed -- after the September 11, 2001, attacks. It still performed relatively poorly at the box office.

On the other hand, "Wag the Dog," the 1997 film about a political consultant who orders a war with Albania to distract the public from a presidential scandal, came out just weeks before revelations about the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky imbroglio and had a successful run.

In fact, says Gross, who now runs the site Moviereviewintelligence.com, the studio's best strategy might be to stay out of the way.

"There might be a very small segment that thinks ['Salt'] is interesting because it's so timely and looks at the parallels of what's going on," he says. "But for the mass-appeal audience, they want to go see an intensely entertaining thriller with Angelina Jolie."

Other prescient films, which weren't timed quite so closely with current events, earned greater appreciation in retrospect: 1962's "The Manchurian Candidate," about a conspiracy planning an assassination attempt on a presidential candidate, gained notoriety a year later after the assassination of John F. Kennedy; 1976's "Network," a critical and box-office success when it was released, found its extreme TV world looking positively quaint within a few years.

"Salt" features Jolie, Liev Schreiber and Chiwetel Ejiofor and is directed by Phillip Noyce, who has made a number of thrillers, including the box-office hits "Patriot Games" (1992) and "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) as well as the critical successes "Dead Calm" (1989) and "The Quiet American" (2002).

"Salt" might be the beginnings of a franchise, with Jolie a female equivalent to Jason Bourne or James Bond. But that depends on the film's success.

Source: CNN

Angelina Jolie plays a woman alleged to be a Russian spy in the film "Salt."

ON AIR

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

ATN BANGLA
- 11:10 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:30 Drama: Oporanho
- 03:45 Islamic Programme
- 04:25 Location
- 05:15 Islamic Programme
- 10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha
- 11:00 Drama: 35mm Bedona

CHANNEL i
- 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan
- 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Mukim Brothers
- 03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak
- 03:45 Amader Shikhkha Amader Shangskriti
- 04:10 Muktijudhyo Protidin
- 04:30 Alor Pathey
- 06:00 Musical Programme: Chhayajhankaar
- 06:20 Banglalink Banglar Pathey

ntv
- 10:05 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan
- 01:05 Swastha Protidin
- 02:35 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhey Jabo Jabo
- 03:20 Drama Serial: Dhupchhaya
- 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey
- 06:10 Shubho Shondhya
- 06:45 Amar O Gaitey Ichchhey Holo
- 09:00 Marks All Rounder Competition

ETV
- 02:30 Ekusher Business
- 03:30 Dehotori
- 05:25 Shongskriti Shomachar
- 05:45 Sports Plus
- 06:00 Ekusher Shondhya
- 07:50 Drama: Peyar Boro Beauty Jinish
- 10:10 Fashion and Tune

Rtv
- 02:03 Bangla Feature Film
- 06:00 Protidin
- 06:30 Star and Sports
- 09:45 Drama: Chhaya Shongi
- 11:10 Tomaar Jonyo Amar E Gaan

DESH TV
- 04:30 Dur Durantey
- 05:30 Durpaath
- 06:25 Cine Gungun
- 07:45 Musical Programme: Muchhonaar Swabdojaal
- 09:45 Desh-e Golpo
- 11:45 Total Sports
- 12:00 Drama: Football

BANGLAVISION
- 11:35 Amar Ami
- 02:30 Programme on Request
- 03:35 Cinebit Shadakalo
- 04:15 Swapno Chura
- 05:25 Music Vision
- 06:00 Shamol Bangla
- 06:30 Talk of the Week
- 09:05 Media Bhuban
- 11:25 Bishwacup Protidin

HBO
- 08:30 Perfect Alibi
- 10:30 Mean Machine
- 12:30 In & Out
- 02:00 The Express
- 05:00 Revolution
- 07:30 Ed
- 09:30 Fool's Gold
- 11:30 The House Bunny

STAR MOVIES
- 10:20 The Day The Earth Stood Still
- 12:10 High Plains Invaders
- 01:45 Kinta
- 03:25 Australia
- 06:15 Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo
- 07:45 Bangkok Dangerous
- 09:30 Behind Enemy Lines: Colombia
- 11:10 Confessions Of A Shopaholic

BBC WORLD
- 12:00 BBC World News
- 02:30 HARDtalk
- 05:00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 06:30 World Business Report
- 09:00 BBC World News
- 09:30 HARDtalk
- 10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing
- 11:30 World Business Report

CNN
- 12:00 World Report
- 02:20 Eco Solutions
- 03:00 Larry King Live
- 03:30 World Report
- 06:30 Living Golf
- 08:00 International Desk
- 09:00 The Brief
- 09:30 World Sport
- 10:00 Prism
- 10:30 Living Golf
- 11:00 International Desk
- 12:00 Quest Means Business

STAR CRICKET
- 10:00 Natwest Series '02: England vs. India
- 11:30 Calypso Beats
- 12:30 2007 India Tour Of England H/L
- 02:30 Through The Covers
- 05:30 Friends Provident T20 - H/lts: Derbyshire vs. Warwickshire
- 06:30 Natwest ODI Series '09 4th ODI H/lts: England vs. Australia
- 07:28 Natwest Series '10 (live): England vs. Bangladesh
- 11:00 Cricket Extra '10
- 11:30 Natwest Series '10 (live): England vs. Bangladesh

Talk Show
ATN Bangla
- 10:30am Hello Bangladesh
- 06:20pm Priyojon

CHANNEL i
- 09:50am Grameenphone Tritio Matra
- 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathan
- 11:30pm Aloy-e Bhuban Bhora

ntv
- 12:10am Ei Shomoy

Rtv
- 07:00pm Road To Democracy

Drama Serial
ATN BANGLA
- 08:00pm Batasher Ghar
- 08:40pm Ogni Rath
- 09:20pm Shubarno Swapno

CHANNEL i
- 05:30pm Fashion
- 07:50pm Mukim Brothers
- 09:35pm Swapno Bazar

ntv
- 08:15pm FnF

Rtv
- 09:00pm Tabu O Boshonto

BANGLAVISION
- 08:15pm Pati Gonit
- 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue

DESH TV
- 10:30pm Metro

ETV
- 04:02pm Bondhon

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.

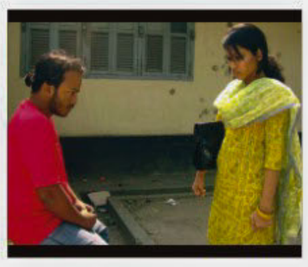
BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at **7:30am. 1:30pm. 5:00pm. 7:15pm. 10:30pm.**
News Headlines (Bangla) at **10:00am. 12:00am. 4:00pm.**
News (English) at **6:00pm**

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**



Mukim Brothers
On Channel i at 7:50pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Tisha, Chaiti, Zahid Opu

Australia
On Star Movies at 03:25pm
Cast: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman

Patigonit
On Banglavision at 8:15 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Mosharraf Karim, Tisha

abc radio fm 89.2
- 06:00 Bhorer Janalay
- 09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney
- 12:00 Darun Dupurey
- 03:00 Duranto Bikeley
- 05:00 Shondhatara
- 07:00 Shajer Maya
- 09:00 Raat-er Akashey
- 11:00 Golper Shesh Nei

RADIO FOORTI
- 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
- 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00 Musti 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