

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Film Screening**  
Films: "Kaktaria" (Bangladesh) & "A Year Ago in Winter" (Germany)  
Venue: Auditorium, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H-10, Rd-9, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 29  
Time: 7:30pm onwards



**Dress Exhibition**  
Title: Woman and Flower  
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 20-September 2  
Time: 3pm-9pm

**Nazrul Death Anniversary**  
Organiser: Chhayanaut Sangeet Bidyayon  
Venue: Chhayanaut Premises  
Date: August 27  
Time: 10:30am

**Film Screening**  
Film: "Tais-Toi"  
Venue: Auditorium, Alliance Francaise De Dhaka, Dhanmondi  
Date: August 27  
Time: 6pm

## Biplob highlights the ravages of unbridled free market economy

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Golam Rabbani Biplob has directed just two films. His films have not been blockbusters but he sticks to his conviction -- that unbridled free market economy is going to destabilise human life in a country like Bangladesh.

This is a subject he has portrayed in his "Swapnadanay" (2007) and "Briter Bairey" (2009) and is going to deal with it again in his forthcoming feature film he plans to start shooting in and around Dhaka from November this year.

The "ill-effects" of free-market economy on the struggling lower-middle class families in a country like Bangladesh will be brought out through the story of three young women arrested on the charge of prostitution in Biplob's third feature film, which is based on a story written by him.

Revealing the story of the yet-to-be-titled film on the sideline of a film festival here on August 20, Biplob said it will be the 24-hour "journey of the three women [in the age group of 20 to 25], whose incomes are not enough to sustain them -- from their arrest on the charge of being prostitutes to their release the next day following a court directive."



Golam Rabbani Biplob

On coming out of the lock-up, the girls from lower middle class find life hasn't changed for them and they look to an uncertain future like before.

Biplob said he is yet to finalise the cast of the film, which he plans to shoot in locales in and around Dhaka and some villages. He plans to complete the film by April next year.

Biplob said the storyline of his proposed film had come up in his mind when he saw three girls being arrested by the police in front of his office in the Kakrail area of Dhaka four years ago.

"A big crowd had assembled in front of a hotel in Kakrail, so much so that even the traffic had come to a halt. I wanted to go out somewhere but I did not get a rickshaw. Then I

pushed my way through the crowd and saw three girls being arrested on the charge of being prostitutes and taken out of the hotel. That was when I had planned a film on this," says the director.

However, for some reason or other, he had to wait for four years to make the film. In fact, Biplob says he wanted to make his coming film immediately after "Swapnadanay".

Why is Biplob turning to the same subject for his film again and again? The answer, according to him, can be traced to his association with pro-Left movement as a student in Bangladesh.

According to the director, the economic system of every country evolves as per local conditions and the centuries-old cultural traditions. But that comes under severe stress and is often destabilised when efforts are made to "impose an economic system from outside. This is what is happening on human life in developing and poor countries with the onset of free-market economy and this I have been trying to project in my films," he says.

The director tried to show this in "Swapnadanay" through the story of an impoverished village medicine-man who suddenly finds his life thrown into a spin after he finds foreign currencies in the pocket of a

second-hand trouser he buys for his son. The same idea is conveyed in his second film, in which a rural flutist finds his life taken over and regulated by market forces symbolised by a large commercial music house wanting to encash on his popular appeal.

Asked if he is not running the risk of becoming a typecast director by focusing on the politics of economics, Biplob acknowledges he does but says this is his favourite subject.

Biplob is also aware that the kind of films he has made and is going to make is for a niche audience and would not be commercially viable. His "Swapnadanay" and "Briter Bairey" were made at a cost of Tk 56 lakh and Tk 89 lakh and their producer, Impress Telefilm Ltd, had lost about Tk one crore as the films did not find an audience outside multiplexes in Bangladesh and international film festival circuit.

However, the director derives satisfaction that "Swapnadanay" and "Briter Bairey" won awards at international film festivals in India in 2006 and 2009. While the first film won the special jury prize at the IFFI in Goa, the other shared the top award with a Kazakh film at the Third Eye Festival in Mumbai.



Biplob's previous films "Swapnadanay" (left) and "Briter Bairey" also dealt with the negative impacts of free-market economy on the struggling lower-middle class families in Bangladesh.

## Drama serial "Lolita" on Ekushey TV tonight

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Lolita" will be aired on ETV tonight at 9:30 pm. The serial is an adaptation of a story by Abdus Salam. Jewel Mahmud wrote and directed the serial.

The storyline of the serial: Lolita is a young woman living in a slum near Dhaka. Lolita dreams of becoming a film actress and stands out sharply from the other slum dwellers. The slum represents the lives and future of the marginalised section of society and is also a hub of anti-social activities.



A scene from the serial.

Produced by ETV, the cast of the serial includes Joyonto Chattoopadhyay, Elora Gahor, Anisur Rahman Milon, Bonya Mirza and Sumaiya Shimu.

## Lady Gaga seizes Twitter crown from Britney Spears



Perhaps fittingly for a pop-artist whose debut album was called "The Fame", Lady Gaga has increased her dominance of social media by overhauling Britney Spears to become the most followed person on Twitter.

After last month becoming the first living person to have 10 million fans on Facebook, Gaga surged past Spears to take her followers beyond 5,667,000.

Gaga did not immediately acknowledge the achievement, which has been anticipated by avid Twitter followers who have watched the singer add over 600,000 new followers in the past month.

It meant Spears' reign as most popular tweeter came to an abrupt end a mere three months after she overtook Ashton Kutcher -- who remains the third most followed Twitter user -- in May.

Those choosing to keep abreast of Gaga's affairs on Twitter are treated to insights into her touring habits and occasional pictures.

Not all tweets have been work ethic and fashion-related, however, with the singer also using the service to reveal that there was a group protesting outside her Monster Ball tour last month.

"At the risk of drawing attention to a hateful organization, I would like to make my little monster fan aware of a protest being held outside," she tweeted in July, adding: "Their message is of hatred and divisiveness, but inside at the Monsterball we preach love and unity."

Gaga is also the most popular living person on Facebook, according to Famecount, which tracks social media users' performances across the web.

She lingers behind only Michael Jackson in terms of popularity, comfortably beating the actor Vin Diesel and Barack Obama into 6th and 9th places respectively.

Source: Internet.



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

**ATN BANGLA**

12:15 Motamot  
01:25 Mehedi Aynar Shamne  
03:45 Zolpot Iftar  
04:30 Jante Chai  
05:10 Kerat Competition  
05:45 Rasuler Deshe  
10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihango Katha  
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News

**CHANNEL i**

01:05 Ebonog Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Rhidoer Gaan  
04:05 Elder Kenakata  
04:45 Janapader Khobor  
07:50 Drama: Abu Pagla

**ntv**

11:30 RC Travel On  
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

**04:00** Desh Janopod  
**05:30** Durpath  
**06:25** Atto Dharshan  
**11:45** Shojko Kotha  
**12:30** Total Sports

**ATN NEWS**

11:30 Sports Insight  
02:15 Amader Katha  
05:15 Documentary  
07:30 After Thoughts (Live)  
08:30 Saat Rang  
09:00 NEWS HOUR

**04:30** Street Magic  
**05:25** Taja Ekusher Shandha  
**05:45** Jotpot Iftar  
**12:00** Ekusher Raat

**BANGLAVISION**

12:05 Amar Ami  
01:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Hamd, Naat O Alochona  
09:05 Cookery Show: Amader Rannaghar  
Anyo Nayon  
12:30 Cinemar Gaan

**HBO**

11:00 Star Trek III The Search For Spock  
01:30 He's Just Not That Into You  
04:00 Rush Hour 2  
07:30 Scooby-Doo  
09:30 Collateral Damage  
11:30 Batman Begins

**Star Movies**

11:25 Night At The Museum: Battle Of The Smithsonian  
01:20 The Secret Life Of Bees  
05:20 Dark Skies  
07:00 Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins  
09:10 Soul Men  
10:55 Stir Of Echoes: The Homecoming

**Zee Studio**

11:00 Away from Her  
01:00 Guthy Renker  
01:30 Father of the Bride Part II  
04:00 The Truman Show  
06:20 Reindeer Games  
09:30 Catch Me if You Can

**Star World**

11:00 The Simpsons  
06:30 VIP  
07:30 Glee  
08:30 Romancing The Crown  
09:30 Moment Of Truth  
10:30 Criminal Minds  
12:00 The Simpsons

**Cartoon Network**

08:30 Toon Toast  
12:30 Ben 10 Alien Swarm  
02:00 Tom and Jerry Show  
08:30 Dragon Ball  
09:00 Pokemon  
10:30 Richie Rich

**Discovery Channel**

11:30 I Shouldn't Be Alive  
05:30 Extreme Peril  
06:30 Anaconda: The Hunt For The Bull Killer  
07:30 Mega Builders  
08:30 Man vs. Wild  
11:30 Killer Whales

**Travel and Living**

11:30 La Ink

12:30 Indian Rendezvous  
06:00 Feast Bazaar  
06:30 La Ink

**National Geographic**

07:30 Inside: Sumo Kids  
08:30 Wild: Snake Week  
09:30 Mega Bridges Week  
10:30 Fight Science  
11:30 True Stories

**BBC World**

12:00 BBC World News  
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah  
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain  
09:30 HARDtalk  
10:00 The Hub with Nik Gowing  
12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi

**CNN**

12:00 World Report  
03:00 Larry King Live  
06:30 African Voices  
09:00 The Brief  
10:00 Prism  
11:00 International Desk

**Talk Show**

ATN BANGLA	10:30am Hello Bangladesh	12:30pm Tritio Matra Citycell Taroka Kathan
11:10am Asian City Vision 2020	ntv	12:30am Ei Shomoy
11:30pm Jey Katha Keu Boloni	ETV	10:10pm O Bandhu Amar
CHANNEL i	09:45am Grameenphone	11:45pm Shoja Katha

**Drama Serial**

ATN BANGLA	08:00pm Chhonochara	08:20pm Gunin
08:40pm Polh Jana Nei	09:30pm Lolita	
10:55 Nondini		
CHANNEL i	02:30pm Jugolbandhi	08:15pm Mad Bhai
05:15pm Koushol	09:45pm Fifty Fifty	
ntv	08:15pm Manabzamin	08:15pm Shimanto
09:45pm Dhupchhaya		

**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,

**Abu Pagla**  
On Channel i at 07:50pm  
Single Episode TV Play  
Cast: Shariar Nazim Joy

**Catch Me If You Can**  
On Zee Studio at 09:30pm  
Genre: Biography/Crime  
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks

**Mad Bhai**  
On Banglavisian at 8:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Zahid Hasan, Pijush Bandyopadhyay

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

**abc radio fm 89.2**

06:15 Choy Noy  
09:30 Adik Odik  
02:05 Oporazita  
03:00 Duranto Bikeley  
03:30 Adik Odik  
04:30 Bhalo Theko  
05:30 Kachalonka

**RADIO TODAY**

07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
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