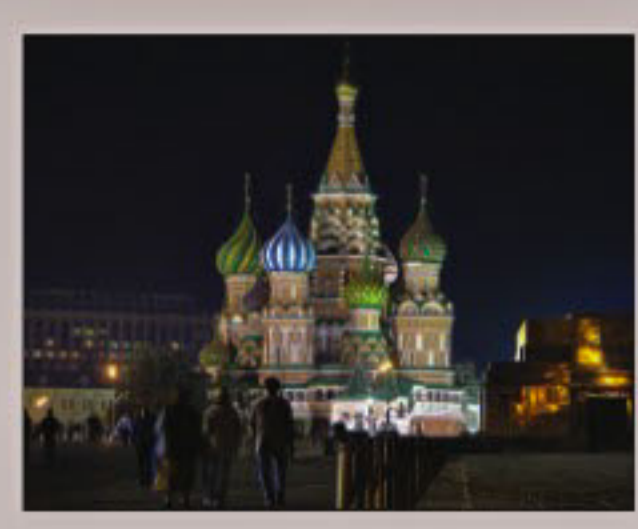
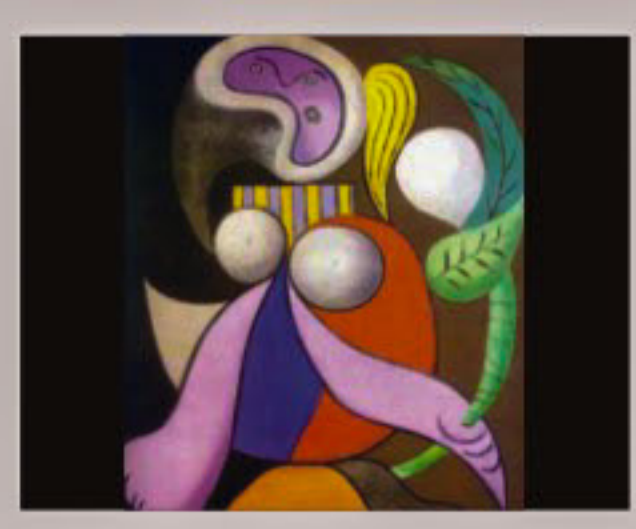


## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Photo Exhibition**  
To mark Int'l Day of Tourism  
**Title:** Tourist Sights of Moscow and Moscow Region  
**Venue:** Modern Language Institute, DU  
**Date:** September 2-28



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



**Film Screening**  
**Film:** The Army of Crime  
**Filmmaker:** Robert Guédiguian  
**Venue:** Auditorium, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** September 3  
**Time:** 4pm



**Cultural Programme**  
**Organiser:** Russian Centre of Science and Culture and Bangladesh-Russia Friendship Society  
**Venue:** Auditorium, RCSC, H 510, Rd 7, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** September 16  
**Time:** 6pm



# Breaking down stereotypes: The face of Islam

Munem Wasif's photo series at French photojournalism festival



"In Bangladesh, Islam is like the many colours produced by a mirror in the sunlight" -- Munem Wasif

Young Bangladeshi photographer Munem Wasif is exhibiting his latest series, "In God We Trust," at the international photojournalism festival, 'Visa pour l'image' being held in the southern French city of Perpignan. The festival began on August 28 and will continue till September 12, according to a press release.

Wasif's project has received support from Fabrica, the communication research centre of the Benetton Group. "In God We Trust" is based on a concept developed by Fabrica and in line with the philosophy of the agency for creative work, focusing on diversity as a resource and the idea that all

cultures are of equal value. Wasif feels that he must report on situations seen from the inside, and since September 11, 2001, Islam has become a central issue, seen from the outside, in the context of the "War on Terror," leading to problems and prejudice. Wasif, as a bearded

Bangladeshi, says he has often been aware of the way people look at him with suspicion or even hostility, for example in the Paris underground, and even more so with immigration police checking passports. This is striking as external signs such as the headscarf, cap or beard can

often be interpreted as signs of fundamentalism and therefore danger, rather than as a sign of cultural identity. "Our hearts and minds, and even our visual constructs are now occupied by Western thoughts and ideas that give the impression that madrassahs are the cradle of terrorism. But the life of children in madrassahs is much the same as the life of other children: they play in wide-open spaces, read books, sing out loud and play badminton... In Bangladesh, Islam is like the many colours produced by a mirror in the sunlight. There are both headscarves and lipstick, and we wear jeans as well as grow beard...In our country people pray at graves without thinking about reincarnation, but there are also fakirs and saints in mazzars who continue to sing and pray for eternal peace," the photographer says.

Wasif frames his shots very strictly but with flexibility, paying special attention to light; he likes contrasts and there is great elegance in the composition of his works, both classical and discerning. This produces bold visual logic in his stories, making them compelling without being demonstrative.

## Baul Shariful Islam

An artiste's fame and misfortune-riddled life

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenidah

Veteran Baul singer, Lalon devotee and an enlisted artiste of Khulna Betar (radio), Shariful Islam draws a large following in Khulna division with his soulful renditions of Lalon songs. At the national level, too, he is known as a talented Pala Gaan and Baul singer.

Islam was born on March 5, 1942 in Sadhuhati village under sadar upazila of Jhenidah district. His father Omar Ali was a farmer. Islam's interest in Lalon songs and Pala Gaan was kindled when he was merely eight years old. At the time Lalon songs were performed and Pala Gaan were staged at the village.

Islam completed his primary education in 1953 and studied up to Class X in Sadhuhati Secondary School. In 1958 he gave up studies to immerse himself in Lalon's ideology and songs. He was particularly attracted to Lalon songs rendered by Neamot Ali of Shailokupa upazila. Later, he learnt Lalon songs under Ayub Hossain of Ratidanga village for around five years. Next he went on to train under Karim Shah for one year and Khulna Betar artiste Torab Ali Shah for two years.

In 1978 he auditioned at Khulna Betar and was selected as a Lalon singer. He has collected at least 28,000 songs of Lalon, Pagla Kanai, Balaram Sharma and other rural bards.

Abdus Salam, a professor at Bunagati Degree College of Magura, asserts that Islam is a proponent of Lalon Shah, Panju Shah, Edu Biswas and Pagla



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Kanai songs. "He has collected songs of these bards, some of which no one has heard of in Jhenidah. However, he is uncared for as he is unwell," says Salam. Tutul Bashar, a professor at Shishu Kunjo College, echoes this view.

Islam told The Daily Star that he has taken part in Pala Gaan with reputed artists like Jharu Shah, Azahar Biswas, Khodabox Shah, Karim Shah, Neamot Ali, Kanai Shah, Mohendranath Goswami and Mostafa Zaman Abbasi, renowned for his folk songs.

Islam won an award from the Bangla Academy for his rendition of

Balaram Sharma's songs in 1983. Later in 2006 he bagged another award from Unnayan Dhara.

He now wants to publish an album that requires a significant financial investment. He hopes to raise the sum with the help of altruists.

The seasoned artiste gets only one programme every two months from Khulna Betar for which he is paid a paltry sum of Taka 577. His situation is even harder because he is afflicted with the Hemangioma disease.

An undaunted Islam, however, says he will continue with Lalon songs and conduct research on Lalon in future.



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

**ATN Bangla**  
12:15 IT Zone  
01:25 Band View  
06:00 Islami Sawal O Jobab  
08:00 Rexona Destination Unlimited  
10:45 Documentary Programme: Bihongo Katha  
12:30 Grameenphone Lead News  
**Channel i**  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Hridayer Gaan  
03:05 Drama Serial: Choita Pagol  
04:40 Drama Serial: Koshto Shudhui Amar  
06:00 Ramjanul Mubarak

12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra  
**RTV**  
12:30 Drama Serial: Shada Patay Kalo Daag  
02:30 Bangla Feature Film Ramjan O Iftar  
09:45 Drama: Dhrupodi Kahini Crime Focus  
**ETV**  
04:02 Drama Serial: Nil Toyaley  
05:45 Jhotpot Iftar  
06:20 Drama: Rojadar  
07:50 Siam O Shusthata  
10:10 Ciney Hits

**DESH TV**  
04:30 Dur-er Janala  
05:30 Durpath  
06:02 Mahey Ramjan  
06:25 Atto Dordhon  
07:45 Shubho Jonmashtomi  
12:30 Total Sports  
**Banglavisian**  
12:05 Raat Biraatey  
02:30 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
04:10 Amader Jiboney Ramjan  
06:00 Hamd Naat O Azan  
09:05 Shundarjo Katha  
11:25 Walton Amar Ponyo Amar Desh  
**ATN NEWS**  
11:30 Sports Insight  
02:15 Amader Katha  
05:15 Pramanno Shomoy  
07:30 Saat Rang (Live)  
08:30 Visual Diary  
09:00 NEWS HOUR  
**Boishakhi TV**  
01:40 Boishakhi Shur

03:40 Shur Shoptok  
05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan  
06:20 Shurja Konya  
11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon  
**HBO**  
10:30 Beowulf  
12:30 Quarantine  
02:00 Burn After Reading  
04:30 What A Girl Wants  
07:30 The Witches  
09:30 Terminator Salvation  
11:30 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa  
**Star Movies**  
11:20 Sex Drive  
01:10 High School Musical 3: Senior Year  
03:10 The Fall  
05:15 Merry Gentleman, The  
07:00 Cop Land  
08:50 She's The One  
10:35 Cold Creek Manor  
**Zee Studio**  
10:35 Ladder 49

01:00 Guthy Renker  
04:10 Failure to Launch  
09:10 In Studio  
09:30 Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen  
**Cartoon Network**  
12:00 Tom and Jerry Tales  
12:30 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban  
06:00 Ben 10: Alien Force  
08:30 Dragon Ball  
09:00 Pokemon  
**Discovery Channel**  
11:30 Great White Appetite  
12:30 Man Vs. Wild  
05:30 Day Of The Shark II  
09:30 Atlas 4d  
10:30 Extreme Peril  
11:30 Destroyed In Seconds  
**Travel and Living**  
11:30 La Ink  
04:30 Planet Food  
06:30 La Ink  
07:30 Kylie Kwong: Simply Magic  
08:00 Take Home Chef

11:00 Feast Bazaar  
**National Geographic**  
07:30 True Stories  
08:30 Nat Geo Wild  
09:30 Big: Engineering Connections Week  
10:30 Big Cats  
11:30 True Stories  
**Ten Sports**  
12:00 Micromax Cup: Final H/L's  
02:00 Serie A Show  
04:00 Motorsport Mundial  
05:30 WWE BottomLine  
06:30 FIFA: Futbol Mundial  
07:00 US Open 2010 H/L's  
08:00 WWE BottomLine  
11:00 US Open 2010: 2nd Round  
**BBC World**  
12:00 BBC World News  
05:00 GMT with George Alagiah  
07:00 Impact Asia with Mishal Husain  
09:30 HARDtalk  
12:00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi

**Talk Show**  
**ATN Bangla**  
10:30am Hello Bangladesh  
11:10am Asian City Vision 2020  
**Channel i**  
09:45am Grameenphone Trintyo Matra  
12:30pm Citycell Taroka  
**Kathon**  
**Rtv**  
07:00pm Road To Democracy  
**DESH TV**  
11:45pm Shoja Katha  
**Boishakhi TV**  
10:40pm Shongskriti Katha

**Drama Serial**  
**ATN BANGLA**  
08:40pm Gharjamai  
09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala  
11:30pm Nithua Patharey  
**Channel i**  
07:50pm Mukim Brothers  
09:35pm Swapno Bazar  
11:30pm All Out  
**Rtv**  
09:00pm Manpower  
10:20pm Shiyal Pondit  
**ETV**  
08:20pm Ek E Shunyo Dosh  
09:30pm Jahur Ali Jahuri  
**BANGLAVISIAN**  
08:15pm Hoi Hoi Roi Roi  
09:45pm Gulshan Avenue  
**DESH TV**  
10:30pm Metro  
**Boishakhi TV**  
08:00pm Roshamia  
09:10pm Momer Putul

**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 (English) at 6:00pm  
**News Every Hour:**  
7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm  
News (English): 9:00 am, 6:00 pm.  
**BANGLAVISIAN**  
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

**Hoi Hoi Roi Roi**  
On Banglavisian at 08:15pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Afroza Banu, Sajal  
**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa**  
On HBO at 11:30pm  
Genre: Animation  
Cast: Ben Stiller, Chris Rock

**Jolpori**  
On Channel i at 05:15pm  
Single Episode TV Play  
Cast: Intekhab Dinar, Bonna Mirza

**RADIO FOORTI**  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:00 Morning Express  
12:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
09:00 Knight Riders  
**abc radio fm 89.2**  
06:00 Bhorer Janalay  
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney  
12:00 Darun Dupurey  
03:00 Durant Bikelley  
05:00 Shondha Tara  
07:00 Shaj-er Maya  
09:00 Raat-er Akashey  
11:00 Galper Shesh Nei  
**RADIO TODAY**  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Masi Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adda  
04:00 U-turn  
08:00 Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00 Raat Vor Gan  
02:00 Back to Back