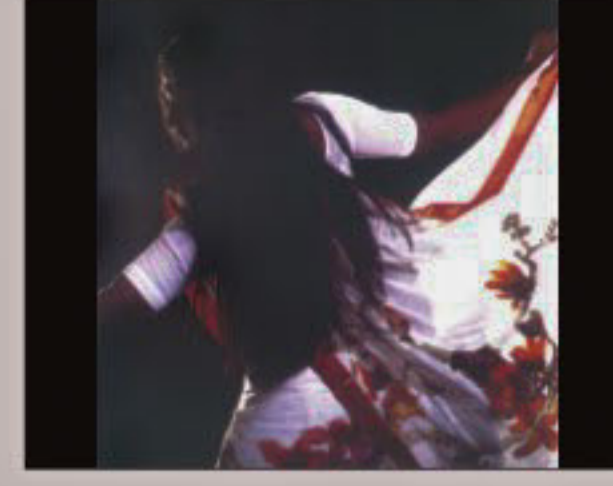





<h3>WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK</h3>	<h4>Exhibition of Sari</h4> <p>Title: Prokriti-2 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi Date: September 4-8</p> 	<h4>Film Screening</h4> <p>Film: Lucky Luke Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi Date: September 17 Time: 6pm</p> 	<h4>Photo Documentation</h4> <p>Title: Sacred Relics of the Prophets Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh H10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi Date: September 1-9 Time: 10am-8pm</p> 	<h4>Cultural Programme</h4> <p>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</p> 
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## Eid in a Far Away Land

TULIP CHOWDHURY

It is, I suppose our habit to dig out old bones holding memories and sit with them, our emotions licking on the past. This Eid I remember the Eid-ul-Fitr of 2009. At that time I was in Arkansas, USA. That Eid was spent with my son's family. It was also a day that was spent in the company of other Bangladeshi families living there. For the short time I was in Arkansas, I was touched by the hospitality and love of these expatriate families. They may have migrated to another land but they are extremely loyal to their motherland. All of them seemed to be tied by an invisible thread of brotherhood. They were dressed in the traditional clothes and had chalked out the whole day to be spent together. In the morning they went to the mosque to attend the Eid congregation. The day was filled with the spirit of sharing and joy! Different families were hosting breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. It was a special Eid, spent in a distant land and yet smothered with love and unity.



Arkansas is a beautiful place! There are mountains and lakes complementing each other throughout the region. It was early fall and so the trees were beautiful with colourful hues of orange, brown and yellow. We had to drive from one area to another to visit the hosts. But I was happy for my heart was wild with the excitement of witnessing fall spreading its beauty. The trees with their different colours looked as if someone had covered them with a painted cloth. The vast blue sky hung overhead like a canopy. There were flocks of birds flying everywhere. While driving by a wood, I spotted a squirrel scurrying along with his nut!

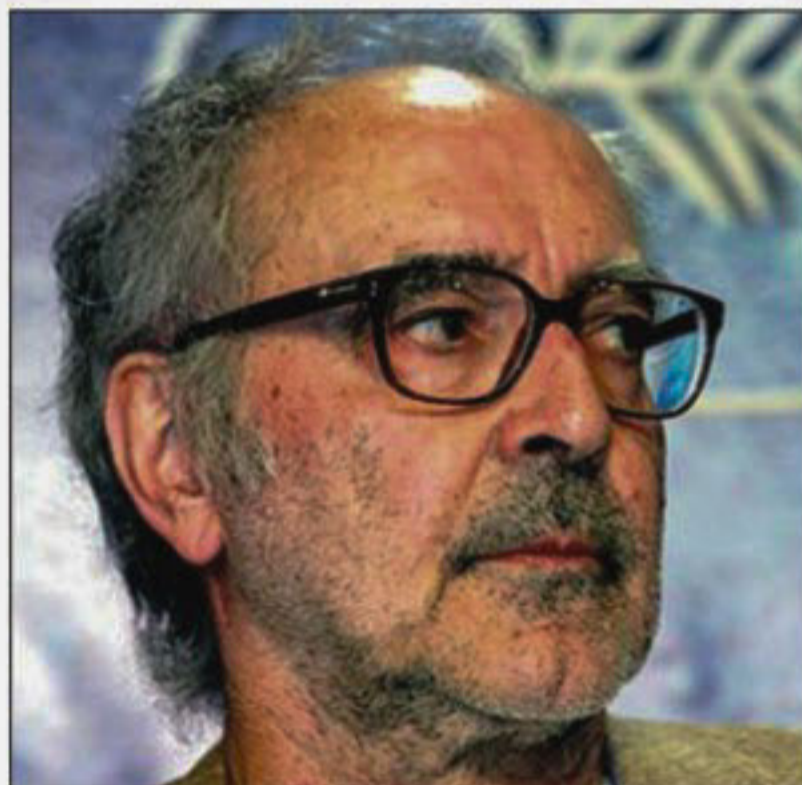
Bangladeshi families had been out of the country for decades. They had not yet got the papers that would allow them to travel to their home country. And some were going to Dhaka every year. However, among them there was the note of sadness, a hint of regret over leaving their motherland. Some of them had choices but for others circumstances had forced them to migrate. The life of the expatriates holds flowers and thorns. They work hard and reap the fruits of their work. Many of them were supporting needy families back at home. What I found really touching was how strong their unity was in that far away land. I was their "Auntie" and they gave me a day that was full of beautiful memories. Forgotten on that day were KFC, McDonald, Popeye and Jenny's. The tables were filled with 'deshi khabar'. Good memories are what we cherish when the heart is lonely. This year I remember that beautiful Eid spent in Arkansas and my heart fills with joy. As William Wordsworth has said of memories in his poem "Daffodils",

*"For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude..."*

Tulip Chowdhury writes fiction and is a literary critic

## Jean-Luc Godard won't travel to accept honorary Oscar

He is a filmmaker who has often set himself up in opposition to Hollywood's domination of cinema. So it is perhaps unsurprising that Jean-Luc Godard, the ageing lion of the French nouvelle vague, is refusing to travel to California to pick up an honorary Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences this November.



Jean-Luc Godard

"Would you go all that way just for a bit of metal?"

Mieville said it was likely that "someone from his production team" would travel to represent Godard on November 13. She rejected suggestions that the filmmaker's silence -- he has failed to make any public comment

since the award was announced -- was a snub to the Academy or an indication of his anti-Hollywood attitude. Godard would pen a response in good time, she said.

"He just told me it's not the Oscars," Mieville added. "At first he thought it was going to be part of the same ceremony, then he realised it was a separate thing in November."

Among Godard's most sincere indictments of Hollywood are 1963's "Le Mépris" (Contempt), in which he ridicules the studio system's crass commercialism, and 2002's "Eloge de l'amour" (In Praise of Love), which poured scorn on American filmmakers' penchant for "stealing" European memories for their films -- in particular second world war stories, treated in big-budget US films such as Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List".

Source: Internet

## Venice Film Festival 2010

### Ten movies to See

Filmmakers and celebrities from around the world have descending on Venice for the 67th Venice International Film Festival, which kicked off September 1 and runs through September 11. Eighty-six feature films are being screened at the festival's four official sections, including twenty-four in competition, known as Venezia 67. American director Quentin Tarantino presides over the jury as president.

Among the highlights:

**"Black Swan"** (Venezia 67): American director Darren Aronofsky's opening-night film is a thriller set in the competitive world of ballet and stars Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis. In 2008, Aronofsky received the Golden Lion, the festival's highest prize, for "The Wrestler."

**"Somewhere"** (Venezia 67): Sofia Coppola's new film stars Stephen Dorff as a Hollywood actor whose life takes a turn when his 11-year-old daughter played by Elle Fanning arrives unexpectedly on his doorstep. Coppola won critical praise and an Academy Award for her original screenplay for "Lost in Translation." Will she repeat that film's success?

**"Machete"** (Out of Competition): Robert Rodriguez, along with Ethan Maniquis, directs Danny Trejo as Mexican ex-federale Cortez Machete in an action movie about corruption and revenge along the U.S.-Mexico border. The cast includes Jessica Alba, Robert De Niro, Don Johnson, Lindsay Lohan, Cheech Marin, Michelle Rodriguez and Steven Seagal. Expect this movie to stir up the immigration debate big-time. The movie had its world premiere September 1 in Venice.

**"Barney's Version"** (Venezia 67): Paul



"Somewhere," starring Stephen Dorff and Elle Fanning, is one of the movies screened at Venice International Film Festival.

Giamatti and Dustin Hoffman team up with Canadian director Richard J. Lewis to bring the novel by Mordecai Richler (he also wrote "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz") to the screen. Giamatti stars in the title role as Barney Panofsky. The cast also includes Rosamund Pike and Minnie Driver.

**"Norwegian Wood"** (Venezia 67): Vietnamese-French director Tran Anh Hung (an Oscar nominee for 1992's "The Scent of Green Papaya" and the winner of the 1995 Golden Lion for "Cyclo") adapted Japanese author Haruki Murakami's best-selling novel, which has been translated into more than 30 languages since its publication in 1987. The story focuses on the life and loves of

a university student in Tokyo during the 1960s.

Other notable films in competition: French film stars Catherine Deneuve and Gérard Depardieu pair up for "Potiche" from director François Ozon; "Essential Killing" from Polish director Jerzy Skolimowski (filmed "almost entirely without dialogue" according to festival notes) about an Afghan man captured by U.S. troops; and Hong Kong director Tsui Hark brings to the screen "Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame," a Tang Dynasty drama about China's first female emperor with stars Andy Lau and Carina Lau.

Compiled by Correspondent

## A taste of royalty

### London beckons Aamir Khan

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi,

It's royal time for Bollywood actor-producer Aamir Khan. His wife Kiran Rao and he have been invited to dine with British Prince Charles and his wife Camilla Parker Bowles at the Marlborough House in Westminster, London, later this month.

Considering it as an honour, the actor has accepted the invite to attend the dinner for a select gathering and will be there September end when he will also attend the London release of his latest production "Pepli Live".

Before going to London, Aamir and his wife will fly to Toronto where "Dho-



Aamir and his wife Kiran.

bi Ghat", the maiden directorial venture by Kiran, will be screened at the

International Film Festival, marking its world premiere.

Adding to the honour of getting a chance to have a brush with the British royalty, "Pepli Live", a spoof on suicide by farmers hit by drought and debts, has been reportedly recommended to be watched by none other than Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Talking to a group of editors here on Monday, Singh is reported to have said the film contains as much a message for politicians as for the media.

The movie is a satire on the political class and the media in dealing with a plot based on farmers' suicides.

<p>All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.</p>	<h4>ATN Bangla</h4> <p>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</p> <h4>Channel i</h4> <p>01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan 01:30 Hridayer Gaan 03:05 Drama Serial: Choita Pagol 06:00 Ramjanul Mubarak 12:00 Grameenphone Aajker Shongbadpatra</p> <h4>ntv</h4> <p>02:30 Drama Serial: Megh Bolechhey Jabo Jabo 04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey 05:30 Hridayer Ramjan 06:25 Jibon Gorar Ashor 09:00 Kichhu Katha Kichhu Gaan</p> <h4>RTV</h4> <p>12:30 Drama Serial: Shada Patay Kalo Daag 02:30 Bangla Feature Film 06:00 Ramjan O Iftar 09:45 Drama: Dhrupodi Kahini 11:45 Crime Focus</p> <h4>ETV</h4> <p>04:02 Drama Serial: Nil Toyaley 05:45 Jholpot Iftar 06:20 Drama: Rojadar 07:50 Siam O Shushthata 10:10 Ciney Hits</p> <h4>DESH TV</h4> <p>04:30 Dur-er Janala 05:30 Durpath 06:02 Mahey Ramjan 06:25 Atto Dordhon 07:45 Ekoi Brintey 12:30 Total Sports</p> <h4>Banglavision</h4> <p>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</p> <h4>ATN NEWS</h4> <p>11:30 Sports Insight 02:15 Drama Katha</p>	<h4>Boishakhi TV</h4> <p>01:40 Boishakhi Shur 03:40 Shur Shoptok 05:30 Shudhu Cinemar Gaan 06:20 Shurja Konya 11:30 Boishakhi Shongskriti O Binodon</p> <h4>HBO</h4> <p>10:30 Airplane II: The Sequel 12:30 Crazy Eights 02:00 The International 04:30 Living Proof 06:30 Spanglish 09:30 SATC: The Movie 12:00 Fast &amp; Furious</p> <h4>Zee Studio</h4> <p>10:45 The Haunted Mansion 01:30 Deja Vu 04:00 Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest 07:30 The Long Weekend</p>	<p>05:15 Pramanno Shomoy 07:30 Saat Rang (Live) 08:30 Visual Diary 09:00 NEWS HOUR</p> <h4>Star World</h4> <p>11:30 Bones 02:30 Friends 03:30 Ugly Betty 08:30 Best Of Koffee With Karan 10:00 Who's Line Is It Anyway? 10:30 Bones 12:00 The Simpsons</p> <h4>Cartoon Network</h4> <p>12:00 Tom and Jerry Tales 02:00 Krishna and Balram 06:00 Ben 10 08:30 Dragon Ball 09:00 Pokemon 10:30 Richie Rich</p>	<h4>National Geographic</h4> <p>12:30 True Stories 05:30 Amazing Moments 07:30 True Stories 08:30 Nat Geo Wild 09:30 Engineering Connections Week 10:30 Big Cats 11:30 True Stories</p> <h4>Discovery Channel</h4> <p>10:30 Surviving The Drought 11:30 Day Of The Shark II 12:30 Destroyed In Seconds 02:30 A Haunting 08:30 How Do They Do It? 09:30 Atlas 4d 10:30 Extreme Peril</p> <h4>BBC World</h4> <p>12:00 BBC World News 02:30 HARDtalk 04:30 World Business Report 06:45 Sport Today 07:00 Impact Asia 10:00 The Hub 12:00 World News Today</p>	<h4>Talk Show</h4> <p><b>ATN Bangla</b> 11:10am Asian City Vision 2020 <b>Channel i</b> 09:45am Grameenphone Tritojo Matra 12:30pm Citycell Taroka Kathon</p> <p><b>ntv</b> 12:30am Ei Shomoy <b>Rtv</b> 07:00pm Road To Democracy <b>DESH TV</b> 11:45pm Shoja Katha <b>Boishakhi TV</b> 10:40pm Shongskriti Katha</p>	<h4>Drama Serial</h4> <p><b>ATN BANGLA</b> 08:40pm Gharjamai 09:20pm Poush Phaguner Pala <b>Channel i</b> 07:50pm Mukim Brothers 09:35pm Swapno Bazar 11:30pm All Out <b>ntv</b> 09:45pm Asharey Galpo <b>Rtv</b> 09:00pm Manpower</p> <p><b>ETV</b> 08:20pm Ek E Shunyo Dosh 09:30pm Jahur Ali Jahuri <b>BANGLAVISION</b> 08:15pm Hoi Hoi Roi Roi 09:45pm Gulshan Avenue <b>DESH TV</b> 10:30pm Metro <b>Boishakhi TV</b> 08:00pm Roshamia 09:10pm Momer Putul</p>
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<h4>News Bulletin</h4> <p><b>BTV</b> 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). <b>CHANNEL-i</b> News (Bangla): 7:00 am,</p>	<p>9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am <b>ATN BANGLA</b> NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am <b>News Every Hour:</b> 7:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 01:00pm, 3:00pm, 04:00pm <b>News (English):</b> 9:00 am, 6:00 pm. <b>BANGLAVISION</b> News (Bangla) at 7:30am,</p>	<p>1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm, 1:00am <b>ETV</b> News (Bangla): 9:00am, 11:00 am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm <b>abc radio</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Asharey Galpo</b> On ntv at 09:45pm Drama Serial Cast: Mosharrar Karim, Bindu</p>	<p><b>Dick Tracy</b> On Star Movies at 10:20pm Genre: Action/Crime Cast: Warren Beatty, Charlie Korsmo</p>	<p><b>Manpower</b> On Rtv at 09:00pm Drama Serial Cast: Shrabonti, Momo</p>	<p><b>RADIO FOORTI</b> 07:30 Hello Dhaka 10:00 Morning Express 12:00 No Tension 04:00 Dhaka Calling 09:00 Knight Riders <b>RADIO TODAY</b> 07:15 Good Morning Dhaka 11:00 Masti Unlimited 01:00 Today's Adda 04:00 U-turn 05:00 Shondha Tara 08:00 Tobe Tai Hok 11:00 Raat Vor Gan 02:00 Back to Back</p>
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