

WHAT'S ON

Shilu Abed Craftsperson Award
Venue: Brac Centre Auditorium, Mohakhali
Date: March 5
Time: 5pm

Classical Vocal Music Recital
Artist: Vidya Shah
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: March 4
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art exhibition
Title: An Echo of Composed Emotions
Artist: Zenaat Wahid
Venue: Art Club, Garden Gallery, H-34, R-11A, Dhumonia
Date: Feb 25-Mar 3
Time: 3pm-7pm

Workshop & Art Exhibition
Organiser: Gallery Cosmos
Artist: Fudezuka Toshieba
Venue: Cosmos Centre, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh
Date: Feb-25-March 5

Bangladesh Street Theatre Festival 2011
Organiser: Bangladesh Street Theatre Parishad
Venue: Central Shaheed Minar
Date: March 1-7
Time: 4pm

Solo Photo Exhibition
Title: Gear and Panda
Photographer: Babu Ahmed
Venue: Bengali Gallery Fine Arts, H275/Fd Rd (near), Dharmad
Date: Feb 27-March 8
Time: 12-8pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: 7 Visions
Venue: Tivoli Art Gallery, DCC Super Market, Gulshan-2
Date: March 3-12
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Srijonshil Tarunier Natyapokash
Venue: Natyomondol, Dhaka University
Date: March 1-15
Time: 6:30pm

Tagore's 150th birth anniversary celebration
Organiser: Chhayanaut Venues: Chhayanaut and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 3-6
Time: 6pm

Street Theatre Festival Begins at Central Shaheed Minar

The Daily Star and Bangladesh Patho Natok Parishad celebrates 40 years of independence



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Patho Natok Utsab 2011, a weeklong street theatre festival to mark the 40th anniversary of independence, began at the Central Shaheed Minar premises in Dhaka on March 1.

The Daily Star and Bangladesh Patho Natok Parishad have jointly organised the event that features nearly 50 plays by different troupes from all over the country. On the inaugural day, five plays were staged.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the festival, attending the programme as chief guest.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, was special guest at the opening ceremony.

The guests along with the organisers paid tribute to the martyred from all movements through offering wreaths at the Shaheed Minar altar. They also observed one minute silence in their honour.

Theatre personalities Ramendu Majumder, Mamunur Rashid, Liakat Ali Lucky, M. Hamid, Selim S.H. Chowdhury

(also GM, events and production, The Daily Star) and Golam Kuddus, among others, spoke at the ceremony presided over by Patho Natok Parishad president Mannan Heera.

The Education Minister said that theatre activists can use the platform of street theatre to create awareness against social evils like eve teasing. He also lauded theatre activists' efforts to highlight the spirit of the Liberation War. He declared that the government will emphasise on theatre education at primary and secondary levels.

Mahfuz Anam said that theatre has a major impact, like literature, and can lead to an enlightened life. He also praised Patho Natok Parishad's activities. "It is important to understand the spirit of socio-political and cultural movements. Patho Natok Parishad has been working tirelessly to uphold this spirit," he said.

Theatre personalities present at the event urged the government to implement the trial of war criminals without delay. After the inauguration, Aranyak

CRICKET FEVER STARS SPEAK

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I love cricket. I'm watching the World Cup matches at home. I was super excited about the opening match between Bangladesh and India, but couldn't understand why the tigers chose to bat first. Anyway, best wishes for the Bangladesh team. Expectations are running high as we are the hosts. I would love to see Bangladesh putting their hands on the silverware but I'll be realistic and I think they should reach the quarter finals. Australia can also be the ones lifting the trophy, with India coming in second. I hope Sachin Tendulkar will be judged man of the tournament.



TAGORE'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Plays and film screening at Chhayanaut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of Chhayanaut's yearlong programmes to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary [May 8, this year] of Rabindranath Tagore, a four-day event featuring plays and film screening will kick off today at Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhavan in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Programmes will also be held at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala academy (BSA), Dhaka.

With the title, "Rabindranath-er Haateer Haat Rekhey Bangladesh", the yearlong programme has been divided into seven phases focusing every aspect of Tagore's creations, including songs, plays, poetry and artworks, and are being held at different venues including Shilaidaha, Kushtia.

The sixth phase features films and plays -- adaptations of Tagore's works. Child artistes of Nalanda [Chhayanaut's school] will stage

the play "Daakghar" at Chhayanaut auditorium today at 6pm. The film "Kabuliwala" will also be screened today at the same venue.

The film "Otithi" and "Charulata" will be screened at 10:30am and 7pm tomorrow at Chhayanaut auditorium.

Dr. Syed Jamil Ahmed will deliver a lecture, titled "Bangladesh-e Rabindra Natyacharcha", on March 5 at National Theatre Hall. Staging of "Bishorjon" by the artistes of Tirjok Natyadol, Chittagong will be held at the same venue.

The sixth phase will wrap up through screening of the film "Tin Konya" at Chhayanaut auditorium on March 6 evening. Nagarik Natya Sampradaye will stage the play "Achalayatan" at National Theatre Hall the same evening. The yearlong celebration began on July 16 last year through a two-day Rabindra Festival at the National Theatre Hall. The second phase of the programme marked the 100th anniversary of

"Geetanjali" and was held on September 24 the same year at Chhayanaut Auditorium, while third instalment of the programme was "Bangladesh-e Rabindranath". A two-day "Rabindra Nrityotsob" was the fourth phase of the programme that started on January 21 this year at Chhayanaut while the fifth phase was an exhibition featuring reproductions of 54 artworks by Rabindranath Tagore. Renowned Indian artist and art teacher KG Subramanian inaugurated the exhibition, also on January 21 this year, and delivered an in-depth lecture on "Rabindranath and His Artwork".

The seventh and final phase will be held from May 7 to 9, 2011 at the Shawkat Osman Auditorium, Central Public Library, Shahbagh. Apart from songs, dances and recitations, two lectures by Dr. Atiur Rahman and Abul Momen are parts of this phase.

Grameenphone is sponsoring the yearlong programme.

Creative Young Talents in Limelight

Fortnight-long theatre festival at Natmandal begins

JAMIL MAHMUD

The fortnight-long theatre festival, featuring productions by students of the Department of Theatre, Dhaka University, began on March 1 at the university's Natmandal auditorium. The festival, titled 'Robi Srijonshil Tarunier Natyapokash 2011', features 25 plays. On the inaugural day, Syed Waliullah's "Ujaney Mrittu" was staged.

Featured plays at the festival highlight a diverse range of theatrical forms and styles -- from Bangladeshi indigenous to international classics.

Atiqul Islam directed "Ujaney Mrittu". The absurd play narrates the plight of a rural individual till his death. Through the play, the director has tried to focus on an individual's heartache and emo-

tional void -- representing the widespread apathy in a corrupt world. Khan Mohammad Rafiqul Islam played the protagonist. Apt use of rural elements to create the set was a highpoint of the production. However, the fact that the dialogues did not represent rural dialect was not ignored by the audience.

Tahsinur Rahman and Masud Rana donned the other two characters of the play. Masud Rana also did the set, light and costume designing.

The inaugural ceremony of the festival was held prior to the play. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, inaugurated the festival.

Today, two plays -- "Kiehu Ghashphul Shukiye Jaye" and "Bibhrantikor" -- will be staged. The show will start at 6:30pm.

Telecom operator Robi is the sponsor of the festival.



"Ujaney Mrittu" marked the inaugural of the festival. PHOTO: MUMIT M.



Clockwise (from top-left): Scenes from the plays "The Mad", "Dahon" and "Khekshial". PHOTO: MUMIT M.

Natyadol staged its play "Khekshial". Written and directed by Mannan Heera, the play focuses on the trial of war criminals.

Other plays staged on the day were "Dahon" by Banalata Natya Sangsad,

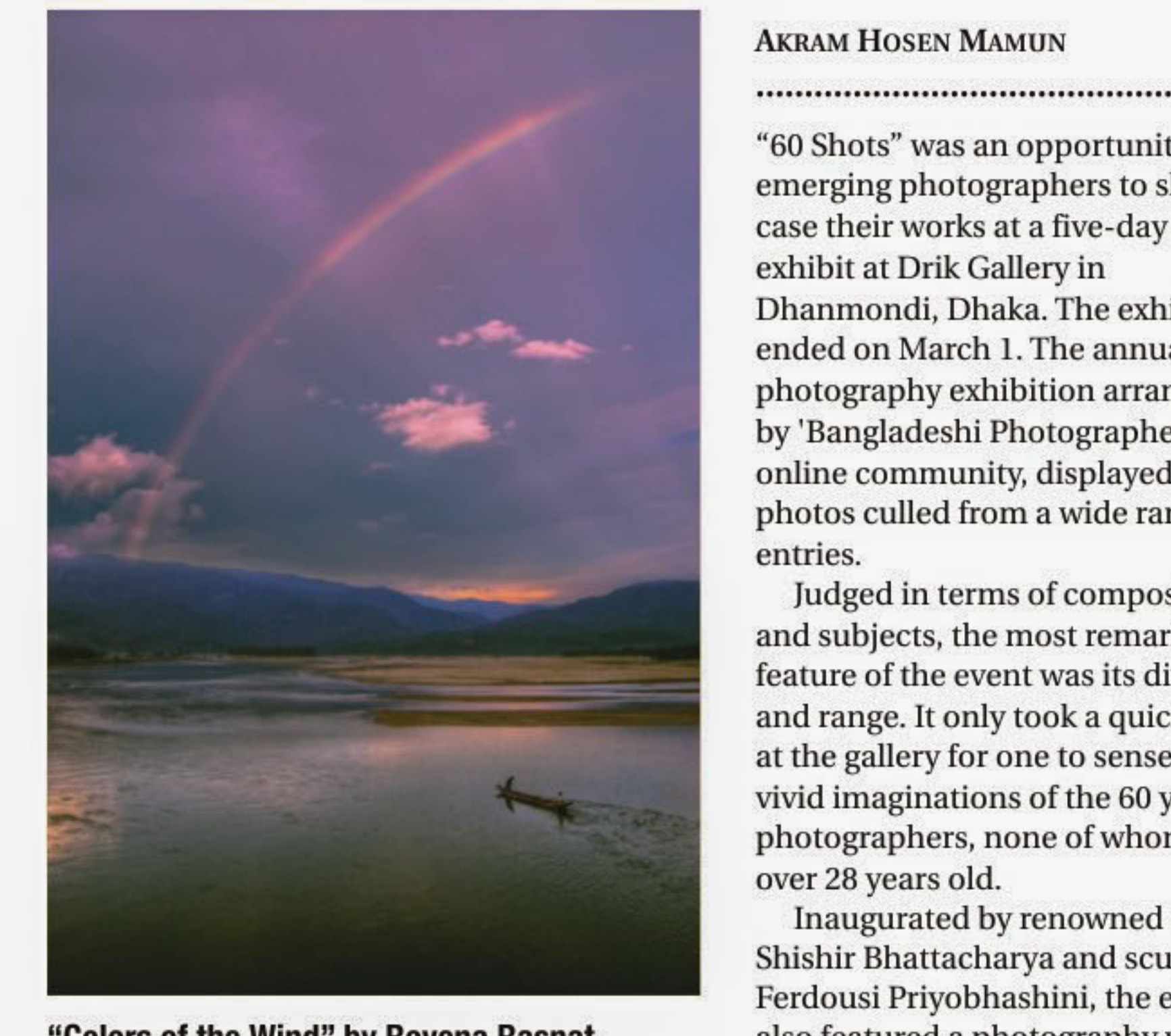
Jhenidah, "Razakarer Kechchha" by Natyadwip; "The Mad" by Subachan Natya Sangsad and "Ishitehar" by Shattik Natya Sampraday.

The programme, which continues till March 7, starts everyday at 4pm.



President of International Theatre Institute Worldwide Ramendu Majumdar with noted theatre personalities and activists Dr Enamul Haque, Mamunur Rashid, Afroza Banu, Azad Abul Kalam and others have recently unveiled a book, titled "Kotipoy Natyakriti", at TBS auditorium, Shantinagar, in the capital. The book has been written and published by Ratan Siddiqui and Panjere Publications Limited.

60 SHOTS Exhibition Featuring Aspiring Photographers at Drik



"Colors of the Wind" by Royena Rasnat



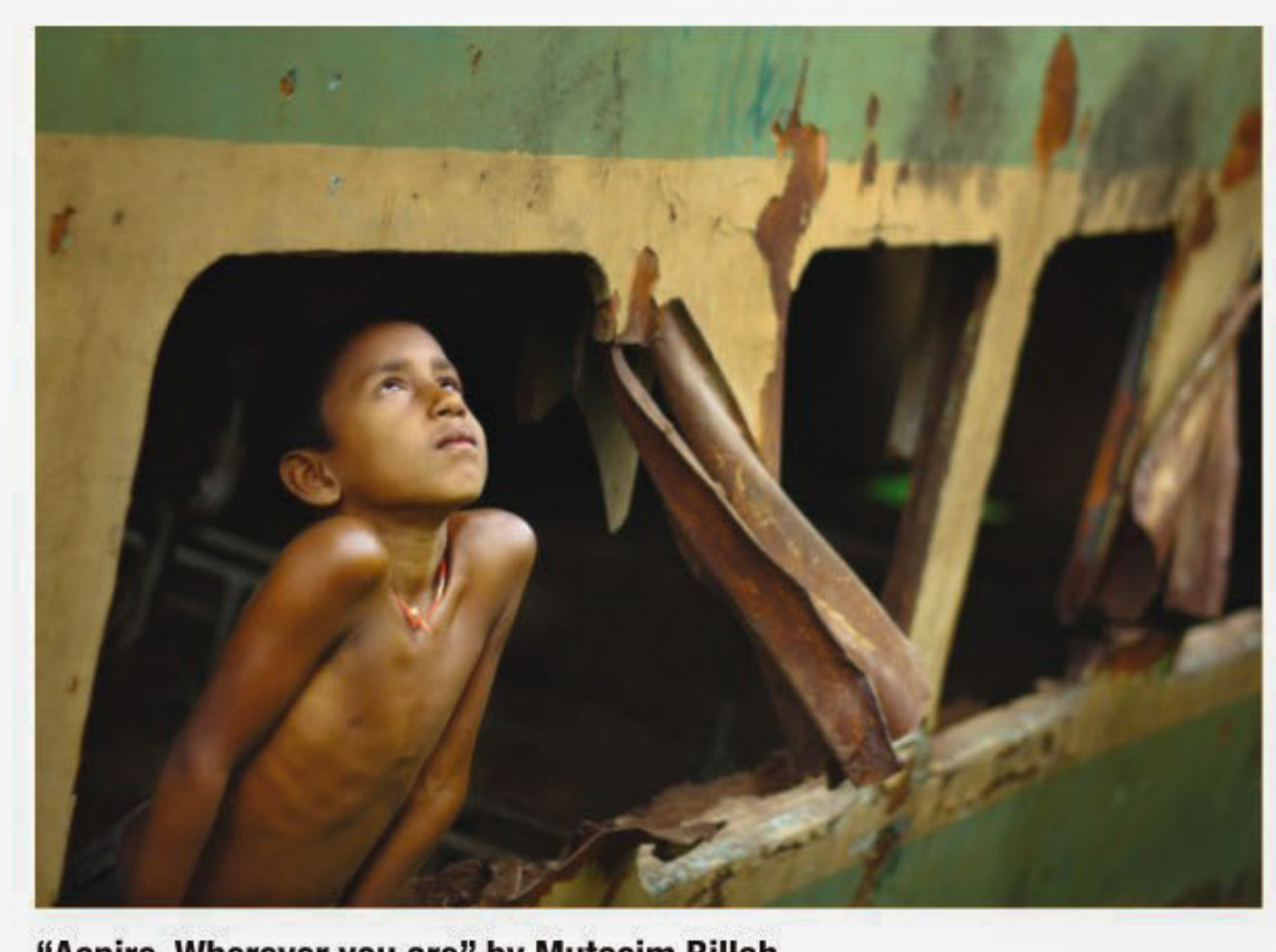
"Shelters" by Ananya Rubayat

AKRAM HOSEN MAMUN

"60 Shots" was an opportunity for emerging photographers to showcase their works at a five-day long exhibit at Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The exhibition ended on March 1. The annual photography exhibition arranged by 'Bangladeshi Photographers', an online community, displayed 60 photos culled from a wide range of entries.

Judged in terms of composition and subjects, the most remarkable feature of the event was its diversity and range. It only took a quick look at the gallery for one to sense the vivid imaginations of the 60 young photographers, none of whom are over 28 years old.

Inaugurated by renowned artist Shishir Bhattacharya and sculptor Ferdousi Priyobhashini, the exhibit also featured a photography work-



"Aspire, Wherever you are" by Mutasim Billah

Another photo called "Womanhood of Bangladesh" effectively referred to the issues of gender roles and femininity in our society. Channel i and Star Campus were media partners of the exhibition.

Polanski and Tarantino Feted at French Film Awards

Roman Polanski has been named best director at the Cesar awards for his political thriller "The Ghost Writer".

The film, released as "The Ghost" in the UK, won three additional prizes for its screenplay, music and editing.

But Polanski missed out on the best film prize, which went instead to the French religious drama "Of Gods and Men".

US director Quentin Tarantino received an honorary Cesar at the Paris event, where Facebook drama "The Social Network" was crowned

best foreign film. "Of Gods and Men", inspired by the murder of seven French monks in Algeria in 1996, had led the field ahead of the ceremony with 11 nominations.

Apart from its best film award, though, it only received two other prizes -- one for supporting actor Michel Lonsdale and another for its cinematography.

The best actor prize went to Eric Elmosnino for his portrayal of French singer Serge Gainsbourg in a biopic named after him.

His compatriot Sara Forestier was

named best actress for "The Names of Love", about an activist who converts political opponents to her cause by sleeping with them.

Tarantino was presented his award by Diane Kruger and Christoph Waltz, two of the stars of his 2009 war movie "Inglourious Basterds".

Two-time Oscar winner Jodie Foster introduced the event, with French comedian Antoine de Caunes serving as master of ceremonies.

Source: BBC



Polanski (left) and Tarantino were among this year's Cesar recipients.

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	12:30	Drama: Thai	08:15	Kjanyer
	12:30	Lead News		Music Train
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	02:40	Prokoti O Bibon	03:30	Sports Week
	03:10	Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak	06:30	Inside Story
	05:30	Special Programme	09:25	Poetry Prantorey
	07:50	Let's Move Bangladesh	11:05	Diganta Music Hour (Live)
	12:00	Ajker Shongbadpotto		Z Studio
nTV	10:05	Kichhu Kotha Kichhu	04:20	The Marchant Candidate
	01:05	Shastha Pretidin	06:15	Holiday in Handcuffs
	03:20	Drama Serial: Doshok-er Galpo	09:30	The Firm
	04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar	12:10	Harsh Times
	06:10	Shubho Shundhya	12:15	Hidalgo
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				Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
				Rush Hour 2

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06:00	01:00	No Tension
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12:00	09:00	Night Rider
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10:00	10:00	Morning Express

Bhoj On Desh TV at 11:55pm

Single Episode TV Play

Cast: Tariq Anam Khan, Aucee Karim

Species II

On HBO at 09:30pm

Genre: Horror/Sci-Fi

Cast: Natasha Henstridge, Michael Madsen

Ikarus-er Dana

On Bohakhi TV at 09:15pm

Drama Serial

Cast: Lucky Enam, Kishum Shikdar

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		10:40	The Burrowers
		12:20	Moment Of Truth
			Star World
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		08:30	The Good Guys
		09:30	MasterChef US
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			National Geographic Channel
		06:30	Triumph of Life
		07:30	I Didn't Know That
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		09:30	Super Factories
		10:30	Big, Bigger, Biggest
		11:30	Hunter Hunted

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