

WHAT'S ON

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Standard Chartered Sreejoni 2010
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7/A, Dhanomondi
Date: April 1-10



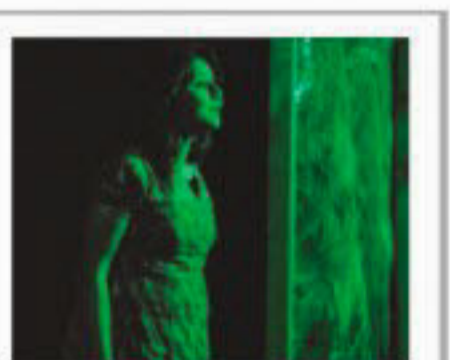
Mukh O Mukhosh 3
Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: March 26-April 6
Time: 11am-7:30pm

Grand Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2
Date: April 1-30
Time: 10am-8pm



Book Fair
Organiser: Adorn Publication
Venue: Public Library, Seminar Hall, Shahbagh
Date: April 2-13
Time: 10am-9pm

Theatre
Play: Et Yokaste
Troupe: Ananyak
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: April 1
Time: 6:15pm and 7:30pm



Photography Exhibition
Title: In Search
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Dharmamandi
Date: March 25-April 6



Group Installation Show
Title: Dhaka Seeks Solitude
Venue: Goethe Institut, H-10, R-9, Dhanomondi
Date: Mar 10-Apr 7
Time: 11am-9pm

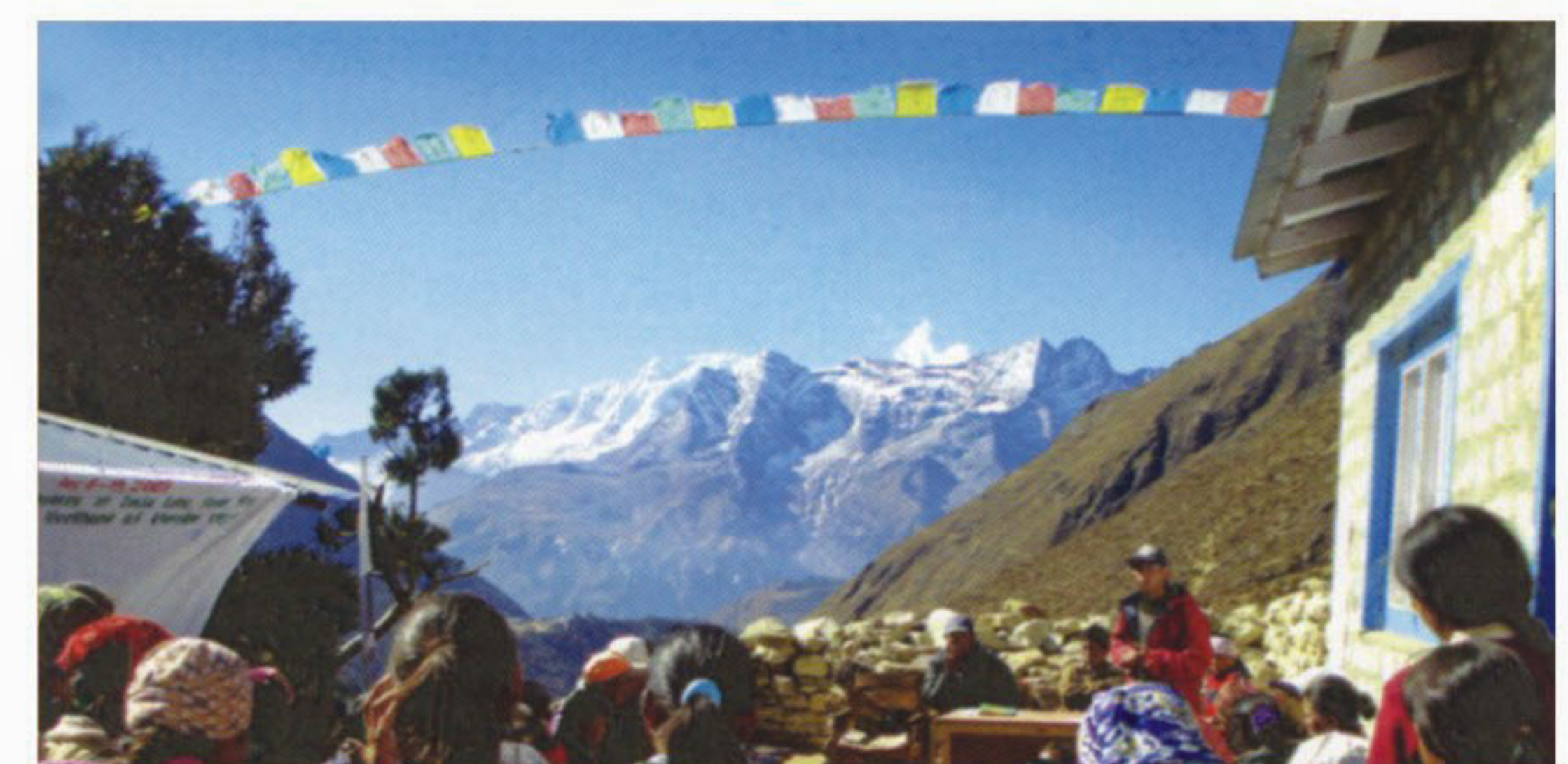


Contemporary Australian Art Exhibition
Title: BALGO
Venue: Gallery Cosmos, 69/1, New Circular Road, Malibagh
Date: April 1-13



CLIMATE CHANGE IN FOCUS

Documentaries screened at the British Council



A CORRESPONDENT

At an event marking the 'Climate Week', youngsters had an opportunity to discuss with some renowned climate experts of the world at the British Council Auditorium, on Fuller Road, Dhaka. Ian Burton, Emeritus Professor at the University of Toronto and Pablo Suarez, Associate Director of Programmes at the Red Crescent Climate Centre were among the climate scientists who addressed the packed auditorium on March 28.

The programme also featured screening of ten short films. Titled, 'From the Himalaya to the Bay of Bengal', the screening attempted to highlight the challenges presented by climate

change and their impact on people in Bangladesh and Nepal. Wildlife documentary filmmaker Tanjilur Rahman worked with 10 young filmmakers to put the big issues shaping our planet today in the lime-light. The films raised crucial questions about what is happening around the world and presented a rallying cry to the youth to wake up and protect their future. The year long filmmaking project was supported by British Council and Wild Eye.

The short films by 10 aspiring filmmakers are titled "An Omen", "Living in Clouds", "An Uncharted Landscape", "Water Water", "Climate Confusion", "Sunday Monday Carbonday", "Water World", "Small Things", "Spreading Colour", and "Be

Smart. Act First". Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, chairperson of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change, was present as the chief guest at the inaugural event. Commenting on the importance of the programme Chowdhury said, "It is extremely important that we educate our young people about the impact of climate change and I welcome this opportunity for them to engage with international experts."

Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University who was present as special guest said, "I am delighted to see such an impressive line up of speakers on the University Campus and I commend the British Council for inviting them here."

Story of a Teenage Freedom Fighter

"Amar Bondhu Rashed" opens tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Morshedul Islam's latest film on the Liberation War, "Amar Bondhu Rashed", will be released tomorrow. Initially the film will be released in Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi and Dinajpur. Based on a novel for adolescents by Dr. Mohammad Zafar Iqbal, the film narrates the courage and patriotism of a teenager in 1971.

The premiere of the film was held yesterday at Star Cineplex in Dhaka. The cast

and crew, along with the director, producer, distributor and several other noted personalities enjoyed the premiere. The film received a government grant. Monon Chalachitra and Impress Telefilm Ltd. have jointly produced the film. Ashirbad Chalachitra will distribute the film across the country.

The film narrates the story of Rashed, a student of class eight who lives in a small town. The Liberation War breaks out and Rashed along with his friends get involved with the resistance movement. They start

helping the freedom fighters.

The young cast includes Chowdhury Joyit Afnan, Raihan Iftesham Chowdhury, Rifayet Zinnat, Faiyaz Bin Zia, Likhon Rahi, Kawser Abedin and Kazi Raihan Rabbi. Seasoned actors Raisul Islam Asad, Pijush Bandopadhyaya, Wahida Mallick Jolly, Gazi Rakayet and Dr. Enamul Haq have played key roles in the film.

L. Opu Rosario is the cinematographer of the film. Emon Saha has directed the music. The film has been edited by Ratan Paul.



A scene from "Amar Bondhu Rashed"

Bhalobashi Mago Tokey

Rumana Islam's latest album featuring inspirational songs



A CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of the Independence Day, Rumana Islam released her latest album "Bhalobashi Mago Tokey", under the banner of Laser Vision. Among the ten songs featured in the album are -- "Haire Amaar Mon Matano Desh", "Bhalobashi Mago Tokey", "Bot-er Chhaya Re", "Jodi Aar Dekha Nai Hoyo" and "Amar Shahitto Amar Shongskriti". Khan Ataur Rahman, Munshi Wadud, Sadat Khajiyam, Ahmed Imtiaz Bulbul and Alaudin Ali are credited with the lyrics.

Rumana Islam, daughter of the late Khan Ataur Rahman, says the people who sacrificed their lives for the country are our greatest pride. The album is a homage to these great souls, Rumana adds. The artiste hopes that the post-Liberation War generations will be inspired by the songs in the album and kindle the spirit of freedom in their hearts. The album was launched on March 23.



A. M. JAHID, RU CORRESPONDENT

A bust of Shaheed (martyr) Habibur Rahman and a monument to his honour, installed at the entrance of Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall of Rajshahi University, was inaugurated on March 26 to commemorate his martyrdom in 1971.

The monument, named "Bidhargo" (a house of wisdom), is adorned with a bust of Shaheed Habibur Rahman and two steel images -- of a freedom fighter with a gun on his shoulder and an intellectual with a pen -- installed on a hexagonal basement. The black tiles are a symbol of mourning while the red bricks and green grass represented the national flag. Sculptor Shaon Sagor had designed the monument. RU Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdus

Honouring a Rare Sacrifice

Shaheed Habibur Rahman monument inaugurated

Sobhan inaugurated the monument on the occasion of Independence Day, while Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Nurullah and treasurer Professor Abdur Rahman were present as special guests.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by a discussion with Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall provost Dr. Shahid Iqbal in the chair.

Professor Abdus Sobhan in his inaugural speech said the monument will play a commendable role in rekindling the spirit of the Liberation War as well as depicting the facts of history for the new generation.

The country achieved its independence in 1971 through supreme sacrifices made by its people. The largest educational

institution of the northern region, Rajshahi University (RU), made its own share of sacrifices. The institution was also at the forefront of the resistance movement during 1971 as the Pakistani army launched a military operation against Bengali civilians, students, intelligentsia, and armed personnel in the country on March 25.

Like many other places in the country, RU was attacked on the dark night of March 25. Around mid April, a huge force of the Pakistani Army entered the city. Most of the campus residents left the area as the Pakistani army established their base at the university halls.

The army turned Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall into a 'concentration camp' and 'repression

centre'. After torturing them, the barbarians killed the students, the intellectuals and able-bodied males at the mass graveyard behind Zoha Hall.

Professor Habibur Rahman, a teacher of Mathematics was a voice of protest in the university. He was also regularly communicating with freedom fighters. Some collaborators informed the Pakistani army about Rahman's role in the resistance.

Though he was aware of impending danger and his colleagues pleaded him to leave, he stayed on the campus with his family. On April 15, the Pakistani army led by Brigadier Aslam and Colonel Taj launched a drive at his house and picked him up. He never returned.



Silent Spaces

Md. Tokon's solo exhibition in New York



The artist

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Queens Museum of Art in New York, USA has organised a solo painting exhibition featuring works of Bangladeshi expatriate painter Md. Tokon. The painter has been in New York since 2001. The exhibition opened on March 19 and will run till April 10. The museum also held a reception in honour of the artist on March 27.

Before leaving for New York, the artist spent most of his time in Jhenidah and Dhaka. Urban life and its various socio-economic aspects as well as the surrounding atmosphere have made a great impact on his work.

Tokon left the country after graduating from the Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka). He studied Communication Design at The City University of New York. He is

also a graphic designer. Last year, his solo exhibition was held at Sky Lobby Gallery in New York. Nature, human relationships, depression, isolation, ecstasy, physiological journey and inner vision are the artist's preferred themes. The artist usually uses thick colours and creates several textures and forms on the canvas. Vibrant colours and vague forms are noticeable features of his paintings, which follow the abstract expressionism style. His compositions reveal rough texture and opulent arrangement of space. Primarily, the artist concentrates on the use of space. Crimson, azure, yellow, emerald green and black are mostly used in his works.



Banglavisision Turns Five

A CORRESPONDENT

TV channel Banglavisision turns five today. To mark the anniversary, a grand cultural programme will be held this evening (starting from 7pm) at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

Hanif Sanket has planned and directed the cultural event that will feature live performances by Andrew Kishor and Runa Laila. Aside from the renowned singers,

dancers Shibli Mohammad and Shamim Ara Nipa with their troupe will present a dance. Popular singers Shakila Zafar, Mila, Kona, Hridoy Khan and Arfin Rumei will also perform live and actors Tarin, Afsana Mimi, Tania, Bindu, Sarika, Mim, Ferdous, Shakib Khan and others will participate in various segments of the show. Banglavisision will air the event live.

Special programmes will be aired on the channel marking the day. Street show "Banglavisision

Rothey Banglar Pothey" will go on air at 10:10am. Two cars -- one Teknaf-bound and the other headed for Tetulia -- will meet people of different regions. Directed by Tanvir Hossain Probal, the show will be aired till 4pm.

Written and directed by Humayun Ahmed, a single-episode TV play "Tara Tinjon Ebong Jhmu Khala" will be aired at 9pm. The cast includes Wahida Mallik Jolly, Swadhin Khasru, Faruk, Pran Roy and others. Special talk show "Paad Prodig-er Aloy Ka'on Natyajon," will be aired on 5:20pm. Eminent theatre personalities -- Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rashid, Ataur Rahman and Rawshan Ara Hossain will share their experiences on stage on the show. Produced by Kamol Chakma, the show will be hosted by Rokeya Prachi. With the slogan "Drishti Jurey Desh", the channel started its journey on March 31, 2006.



Theatre personalities on the talk show "Paad Prodig-er Aloy Ka'on Natyajon".

A day for Disadvantaged Children

Cultural competition 'Dip Shikha'

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

It was a fun filled day for disadvantaged children, complete with dancing and singing. The occasion: BRAC's Education Department had organised 'Dip Shikha' -- dance and song competitions for their students at Captain Abdul Halim Chowdhury auditorium in Manikganj on March 27.

One hundred and fourteen selected children from 305 BRAC primary schools and 192 pre-primary schools of all seven upazilas of Manikganj district and Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka district took part in the competitions. Of them, 19 were students of Shishu class, 12 of class one, 21 of class two, 27 of class three, 10 of class four and 25 students of class five.

In the song competition, Happy Akter of Shivalaya came up first in the class five group; Mita Pal of Manikganj Sadar upazila was first in the class four group; Sujon Hossain of Dhamrai upazila bagged the first position in the class three group; Sumaiya Parvin of Singair upazila was first in the class two group; Murad Hasan of Manikganj Sadar upazila occupied the first position in the class one group while Muttakim Akter of Dhamrai upazila was first in the Shishu class group.

In the dance competition, Mita Dutta of Shivalaya secured first position in class five group; Monika Akter of Dhamrai was first in class four group; Nila Akter of Manikganj Sadar upazila was first in class three group; Dipa Akter of Manikganj Sadar bagged the first position in the class two



group; Tania Akter of Dhamrai came up first in the class one group and Piu Saha of Shivalaya was first in Shishu class group.

After the competition, District Primary Education Officer and chief guest Shahin Ara Begum handed prizes among the winners. BRAC Education Programme official Anjumara Ara Beauty presided over the prize distribution function. BRAC Education programme officials Yunus Ahmed, Biplob Ghosh, Mofazzal Hossain, Golzar Hossain and Birendra Nath addressed the gathering.

Grooming Fresh Talent

Training programme on performing arts

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A 15-day training programme in classical music, acting, dance and tabla began at the auditorium of Mymensingh district Shilpakala Academy on March 28. Organised by the local Shilpakala Academy, the programme will conclude on April 11.

Some 200 participants, mainly students, from different upazilas of the district are taking part in the training programme, said the organisers.

Ustad Yeasin Khan and Shadiduzzaman Swapon (in classical music); Saju Ahmed (dance); Purnalaxma Chakma (acting); Mahmudul Hasan and Zakir Hossain (tabla) are conducting the training sessions. Additional Deputy Commissioner (gen-

eral) Kazi Ashraf Uddin inaugurated the programme as chief guest. Among others, Sarwar Jahan and Saiful Alam Pannu were present at the inaugural. District Cultural Officer Md. Shamsul Haque presided over the event.

The speakers at the inaugural session said that the younger generation will carry forward the country's cultural traditions and they need more training in the art forms.

Talking to this correspondent, Md. Shamsul Haque said that such long term training is the first of its kind in Mymensingh.

The participants will benefit from the training and such programmes should be organised regularly at the district level to identify fresh talent, asserted Haque.

Prince of Persia Takes Over Star Cineplex

Hollywood blockbuster "Prince of Persia" will have its Star Cineplex premiere today at 6:45pm at Level 8, Bashundhara City Shopping Mall in Dhaka, according to a press release. The 2010 mega-hit, directed by Mike Newell tells the story of a young fugitive prince and princess on the run who must stop a villain who unknowingly threatens to destroy the world with a special dagger that enables the magic sand inside to reverse time. The cast includes Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton, Ben Kingsley and Alfred Molina.

ATN BANGLA	06:05 Rong Be Rong
10:40 Bangla Feature Film	07:00 Anondho Ayojon
03:45 Shundor Jibon-er Jonno	09:00 Drama: Tara Tin Jon
10:45 Bihongo Kotha	11:20 Ebong Jhmu Khala
11:00 Drama: Raat-er Sheh	Rivers Swing
Tren	Diganta TV
12:30 Lead News	12:30 Score Card
01:05 Ebong Gnemar	03:30 Sports Week
Gaan	06:30 Inside Story
02:40 Proktoi O Jibon	09:25 Pothey Pranatory
03:10 Hridoye Man O	11:05 Diganta Music Hour (Live)
Mansher Daak	01:30 The Italian Job
11:30 From the Gallery	04:00 Collateral
12:00 Alker Shongbadpotro	06:30 Hollywood land
09:30	09:30 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl
10:05 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu	
Gaan	
01:05 Shashta Protidin	HBO
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	12:30 The Quest for Peace
	02:30 Paris When It Sizzles

abc radio FM 90.2	10:00 Morning Express
06:00 Bhoier Jashay	12:00 My Time
09:00 Mukhorjo Jiboney	01:00 No Tension
12:00 Duran Durey	04:00 Dhaka Calling
03:00 Duranta Biley	09:00 Night Rider
05:00 Shomukhara	09:00 Back to Back music
07:00 Shajer Maja	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00 Golper Shech Nei	12:00 Today's Adda
Radio Footi	04:00 U Turn

Rumali
On ntv at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Naj

Pirates of the Caribbean
On Z Studio at 09:30pm
Genre: Action/Adventure
Cast: Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush

Cricket Rongo
On Rtv at 08:15pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Lita Anam, Faruk Ruma

06:10 Shubho Shondhya	05:15 Platoon Leader
11:30 Music Show	07:15 House of Wax
ETV	09:30 Spiders
03:30 Ekushey-er Business	Star Movies
05:25 Desh Jurey	11:40 Edge Of Darkness
05:40 Sports Plus	03:45 Born To Raise Hell
06:30 Cricket Extra	07:00 The Santa Clause 2
07:50 Mangoli Paddakuri	08:50 From Paris With Love
10:10 Drama: Shapla Studio	10:30 The Stranger
11:50 Cricket Crazy	Discovery Channel
Rtv	02:30 Anatomical Travelogues
01:15 World Cup Carnival	08:30 Mega Builders
02:30 Bangla Feature Film	09:30 Swords
06:00 Extra Innings	10:30 Destroyed in Seconds
11:10 Cricket Highlights	11:30 Wild Encounters
11:15 Tomar Jonno Amar E Gaan	Star World
Desh TV	02:30 Las Vegas
04:30 Dur Durante	07:30 Coffee With Karen
05:00 Durpath	08:30 How I Met Your Mother
06:25 Cine Gun Gun	10:30 Dexter
08:15 Change the Game	11:30 Community
09:45 Desh e Galpo	National Geographic Channel
11:55 Drama: Oliv Gachh	10:30 Creative Vision
Cristal Nodi	02:30 Drugs Inc
BANGLAVISISION	07:30 I Didn't Know That
09:05 Drama: Tritlo Parush	09:30 Mega Factories
03:05 Magazine Show	10:30 Mega Bridges
05:20 Patho Prodig-er Aloy	

ATN Bangla	08:15pm Rumali
08:00pm Not Out	09:45pm Nokhob
08:40pm Ognoroh	Nokhobto
09:20pm Haat-er Reikia	Rtv
Katha Boley	07:50pm Dhaka to London
CHANNEL i	09:15pm Bagh Patul
09:35pm Maar Chhokka	10:40pm Cricket Rongo
ntv	Boishakhi TV

RTV	BANGLAVISISION
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am	News (Bangla) at 7:30am
2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm	1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm.
4:00 pm, 10:00 pm.	News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00am, 12:00am, 4:00pm.
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	News (English) at 6:00pm Rtv
CHANNEL-i	News (Bangla): 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:30 am
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NEWS (Bangla): 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm, 1:00 am, 4:00 am	ETV
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ATN BANGLA	10:55pm Inaklap
02:20pm Top Spin	BANGLAVISISION
CHANNEL i	10:10am FrontLine
09:45am Gamephone	ETV
06:20pm Babulhalo	12:05am Ekusher Raat
ntv	Desh TV
12:10am Ei Shomoy	06:00pm How's That
Rtv	Boishakhi TV