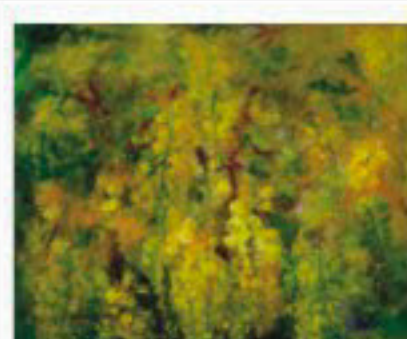


WHAT'S ON

Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Laisa Ahmed Lisa
Venue: IGCC, H-24, R-2, Dhanmondi
Date: April 22
Time: 6:30pm



Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Symphony of Colours
Artist: Syed Abdullah Khalid
Venue: Gallery Kaya, H-20, R-16, S-4, Uttara
Date: April 12-29



Grand Group Art Exhibition
Venue: Saju Art Gallery, DCC Market, Gulshan-2
Date: April 1-30
Time: 10am-9pm



Solo Photo Exhibition
Title: A Dream of Venice
Photographer: Stephan Rabold
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: April 15-May10



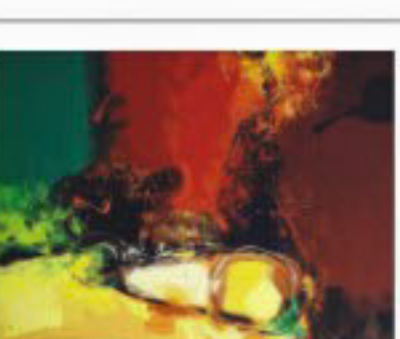
Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Rebeka Sultana
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, National Museum, Shahbagh
Date: April 18



Baishakhi Mela
Organiser: BSOC
Venue: Bangla Academy premises
Date: April 14-24
Time: 10am-8pm



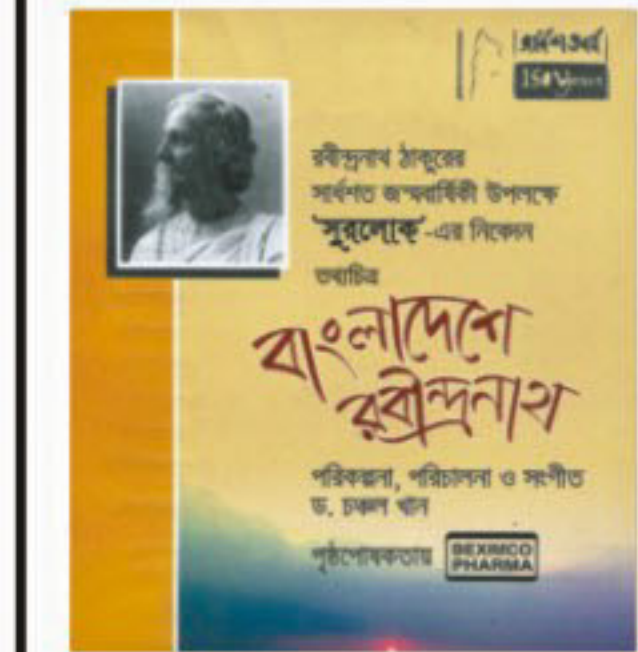
Solo Painting exhibition
Title: Impression of Surroundings
Artist: Mehakulinn Ahmed Maham
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15A, Dhanmondi
Date: April 15-22
Time: 3pm-8pm



Solo Photo Exhibition
Photographer: Bisnu Nandi
Title: Creative Destination, H 20, Rd 1, Sec 3, Uttara
Date: April 16-23
Time: 3-8pm



NEW RELEASES



Bangladeshey Rabindranath Documentary on Rabindranath Tagore
Source: Shurolok



Labonye Purno Pran Solo album of Rabindra Sangeet by Shakila Jafar
Source: Agniaveena



Kon Kuley Aaj Bhirilo Tori Solo album of Nazrul Sangeet by Rehana Siddiqui
Source: Surtaal



Republic Mixed album
Source: G-Series, Agniaveena



ZAHANGIR ALAM

The Daily Star celebrated its 20 years of eventful journey at the Hall of Fame, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka on April 15. The newspaper was born on January 14 in 1991.

People from different sections of the society, including ministers, diplomats, politicians, educationists, economists and cultural personalities attended the grand event under the banner "40 years of Independence, 20 years of Independent Journalism."

Renowned newspaper editors from India, Pakistan and Nepal joined the ceremony. Praising the role of The Daily Star in the last 20 years, they spoke about its impartiality and its principle of 'journalism without fear and favour'.

In his speech, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Mahfuz Anam said, "Without democracy, free media cannot flourish and without free media, democracy cannot survive."

"When there is a clash between the government and free media, the govern-



The Daily Star

ment will win. But that [victory] will be short-lived... in the end freedom will win but precious time will be lost," he added. In her welcome speech, Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairperson of Media World, the owner organisation of the daily, said that The Daily Star is more than a newspaper. It is an institution on which the people depend greatly.

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Artistes of Pallabi Dance Centre perform a dance (top); Elita Karim sings at the event.

on the landmark events over the last 20 years that drew the guests' attention.

A documentary featuring The Daily Star's 20-year-long journey was screened at the event. Poplar singer and editor of Star Campus magazine Elita Karim performed an inspiring patriotic number "Tomar Dikey Takiye Desh". Musician

Shondhi (on acoustic guitar) wrote and composed the song.

The highlight of the event was a dance performance by artistes of Pallabi Dance Centre. Seasoned dancer Minu Haque choreographed the piece.

"This year is very special not only because Bangladesh is celebrating 40 years of independence and The Daily

Star is celebrating its 20th anniversary but also, coincidentally, we are going to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore," Haque said.

The musical part of the 12-minute performance featured excerpts of songs written by Rabindranath Tagore, Shahidullah Kaiser (composed by Shaheed Altaf Mahmud), Sukanto Bhattacharya (composed by Sheikh Lutfor Rahman) and Dr. Enamul Haque (composed by Shaheed Altaf Mahmud). The songs were "Bohey Nirontor Ontor Anandadhara", "Ami Manusher Bhai Spartacus", "Himalay Thekey Sundarban Hothat Bangladesh" and "Jai Satyer Jai".

Actor-musician Shimul Yousuf directed the medley.

The cultural programme wrapped up with a group rendition of the theme song "Nirbhoy Niropekko Konthey Janatar Adhikar Rokkhay Shochchar Daily Star". Noted lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman penned the song, set to tune by Ali Akbar Rupu. Biman Chandra Biswas, Tilti, Imran, Monir and Tito performed the theme song.



Jennifer Lopez has been named People Magazine's 'most beautiful woman in the world'.

The 41-year-old singer and actress joined former winners Halle Berry, Jennifer Garner and Beyonce Knowles to top People's annual list of the world's most beautiful people.

The mother of twins was ecstatic when the news was broken to her. The "Wedding Planner" actress, who took time off to have twins in 2008, has enjoyed a revival in popularity since becoming a judge this year on talent show "American Idol".

Her new single, the dance pop hit, "On

The Floor", has been topping charts around the world. Lopez, who was dropped by her record label in 2010 after disappointing sales, releases her first new studio album in four years in May, called "Love?".

Known for her flawless skin and curvy figure, she attributed looking good to her personal life. "I think it's because I have a lot of love in my life. I feel lucky to be an attractive person, but I've always felt that real beauty always comes from your heart."

Source: Internet



Cultural organisation Rabiraag celebrated Pahela Baishakh on April 14 near Dhanmondi lake in Dhaka. Singers Sadi Mohammad and Ameenah Ahmed along with dancers Shameem Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad [of Nrityanchal] performed at the event. Meena Bazar was the sponsor of the event.

Farooki Joining Hands with Star Cineplex

Filmmaker's next project "Television" to have multiple producers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Filmmaker Mostafa Sarwar Farooki will soon be joining hands with Star Cineplex to produce his next film "Television". Star Cineplex and Farooki's own production house Chhobial will jointly produce it.

Two international producers (from Germany and France) are set join the project as co-producers. Farooki is going to Berlin and Paris later this month to finalise the deal with the international producers. The filmmaker sees the deal as a step ahead for Bangladeshi cinema in the international arena.

"Working with international



producers will likely open a door for Bangladeshi films to the global movie market," said the filmmaker.

Farooki also informed that both the international producers are well recognised and

their productions have been screened at prestigious film festivals such as Cannes, Berlin and Venice.

"Television" will be Farooki's fourth feature film. The film will highlight rural characters

rather than urbanites -- Farooki's preferred theme so far. The filmmaker also informed that Habib Wahid and Hridoy Khan will work as music directors for the film. Shooting will likely start this July, according to the director.

It should be mentioned that "Television" received the Asian Cinema Fund award for script development at the last Pusan Film Festival. It was also selected as an official project of Pusan Promotion Plan 2010 (recently renamed as Asian Project Market) and Film Bazaar India 2010.

Farooki's other films are "Batchelor", "Mad e in Bangladesh" and "Third Person Singular Number".



ArcSa (Architecture Students Association), Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) with students of final year and ArcAAB (Architecture Alumni Association of BUET) jointly celebrated Pahela Baishakh 1418 on BUET campus in Dhaka on April 14. The programme included a procession, art competition for children, a play, rendition of Baul songs etc. The celebration also featured performances by teachers and students of BUET. On the occasion the department premises wore a festive look -- top attractions were beautiful decorations, nagor dola and more.



SANGRAIN FESTIVAL

Fun and frolic in Rangamati

SHANTIMOY CHAKMA, Rangamati

The traditional Sangrain Festival of the Marma community concluded last Friday at Rajasthali upazila, under Rangamati district.

The Marma Sangskritik Sangathan, a local cultural organisation, held elaborate programmes to celebrate Sangrain, marking the New Year.

The Marmas held cultural programmes and games on the occasion. 'Jal Khela' (splashing water) is the biggest attraction of Sangrain [observed on the second day of the Bengali year].

A large number of enthusiastic locals --

along with Marmas from the three hill districts of Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari -- joined the festival. A significant turnout of domestic tourists, journalists from the capital city and other parts of the country were also seen at the festival.

Sangrain, which began on April 11, concluded on April 15.

Turned out in Marma attire, Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. Afsarul Amin inaugurated the 'Jal Khela' and addressed the ceremony as chief guest.

State Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Dipanker Talukder and Nikhil Kumar Chakma, chairman of

Rangamati Hill District Council, addressed the gathering as special guests.

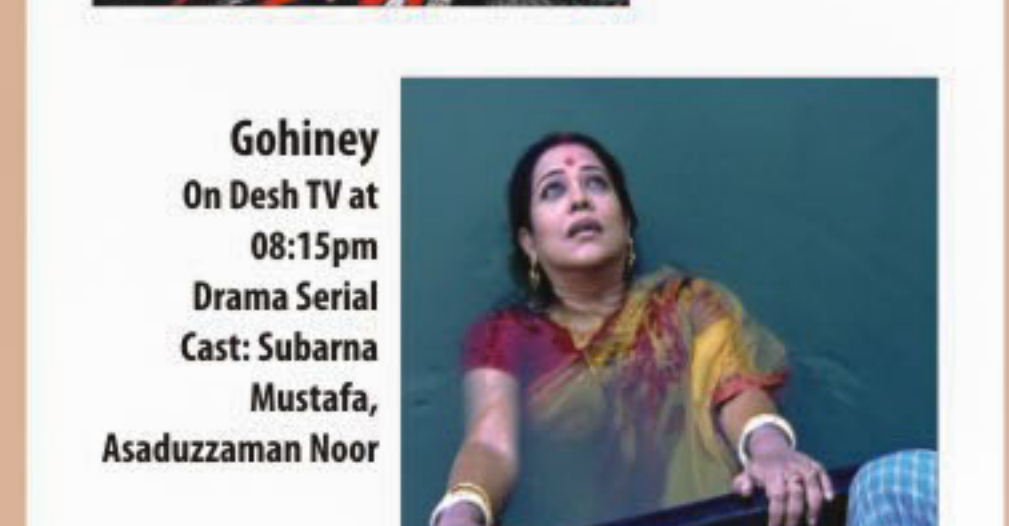
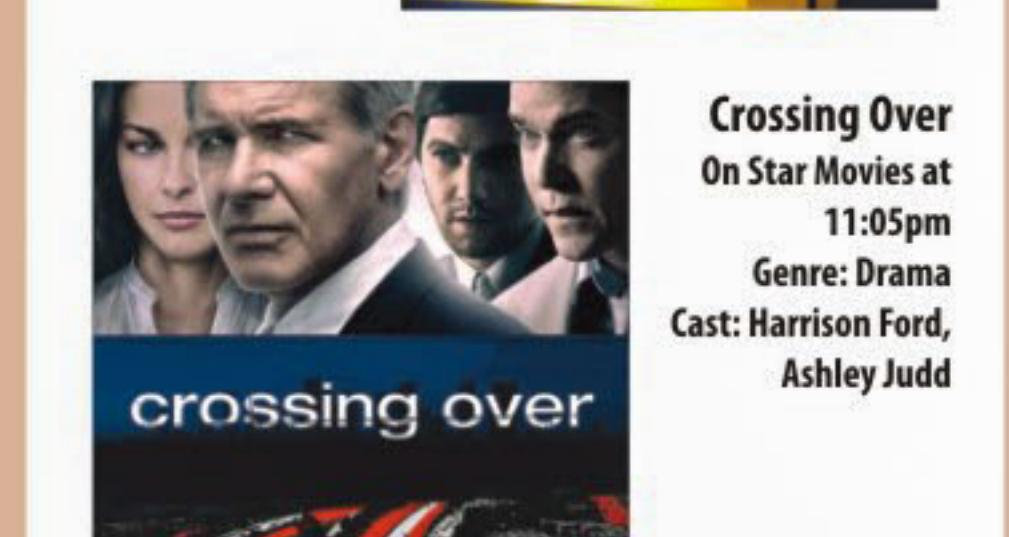
Soon after inauguration by the guests, two groups of young Marma boys and girls respectively, splashed each other with water jets.

In his speech, Dr Afsarul Amin said, "We are proud of the Bengali traditions as well as customs of all the indigenous communities living in CHT which have greatly enriched the collective culture of the country."

A cultural programme was held after the 'Jal Khela' session. Piitha (cakes) were distributed among the guests and participants during the function.

ATN BANGLA	12:30	Total Sports
01:25 Shurel Madhuri		
03:15 Khelar Jagot	11:30	Diganta TV
05:00 Gram Gonjer Khabor	11:30	Career Line
05:35 Boshudha Dhak Dhol	12:30	Score Cards
10:45 Bihongo Kotha	05:30	Alokitto Poth
	08:05	Shuffla Bangladesh
CHANNEL i	10:00	Prime Time
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan		
05:15 Krishi Shangbad	10:30	Z Studio
06:00 The Daily Star Standard	10:30	Shaolin Soccer
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	09:30	Scary Movie 4
	12:15	Friday the 13th Part VIII
ntv		Star Movies
10:05 Bangla Feature Film	11:15	Last Action Hero
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolar	01:30	The Dewey Cox Story
Achhey	03:10	Slumdog Millionaire
05:30 Apnar Jiggasha	07:00	Brooklyn's Finest
07:20 Sholo Ana Bangali Ana	09:20	The Hunt for the Blood

RADIO		
abc Radio FM 89.2	10:00	Morning Express
06:00 Bower Jantary	12:30	No Tension
09:00 Mahabubto Biboney	04:00	Dhaka Calling
12:00 Duranto Dupurey	09:00	Full Volume
03:00 Duranto Bikoley	11:00	Back to Back music
05:00 Shondha Tara	08:00	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
07:00 Shor-e-Maya	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
09:00 Raik-er Akashy	12:00	Today's Adda
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	04:00	U Turn
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09:00 Drama: Manush O Ekti Omanabik Akhyan	11:05 Orchid Crossing Over
ETV	HBO
04:00 Ekushey-er Binodon	11:30 Dennis the Menace
05:30 Folk Hits	11:30 Strikes Again!
07:50 Drama	01:45 The Hangover
10:10 Drama: Load-shedding	03:30 Shorts
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11:50 Hot Sit with King Khan	07:30 Monsters vs. Aliens
12:20 Phone O Live Studio Concert	09:30 A Serious Man
BANGLAVISION	StarWorld
09:05 Shudhui Gaan	10:30 Las Vegas
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	11:30 American Idol
06:05 Ebong Class-er Bailey	02:30 Friends
11:25 Business Vision	09:30 Coffee With Karen
12:00 Shagbad Protidin	11:30 Desperate Housewives
Rtv	National Geographic
01:10 Bangla Feature Film	Channel
05:00 Protidin-er Gaan	02:30 World's Deadliest Animals
06:00 Diplomatic Zone	09:30 Mission Army
09:50 Dhrupadi Kahini	10:30 Nat Geo Specials
12:00 Protidin-er Patrika	Discovery Channel
Desh TV	11:30 Nasty By Nature
04:00 Desh Janopad	02:30 Time Warp
04:30 Durpath	08:30 Blue Planet
06:25 Shangkriti Sharadesh	09:30 The Next Wave
07:45 Amra Dujon Dekhite Kemon	11:30 Extreme Engineering

DRAMA SERIAL	
ATN BANGLA	Alo Nei
08:00pm Megher Onok Bari	BANGLAVISION
08:40pm Neel	08:15pm Ladies First
CHANNEL i	09:45pm All Rounder
05:30pm Thakumar Jhul	Rtv
07:50pm Chaita Papal	09:05pm Air Con
09:35pm Maar Chhikka	Desh TV
ntv	09:45pm Sat Kahon
08:15pm Chader Nijer Kon	Boishakhi TV

NEWS BULLETIN	
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11:05am Vision 2020	07:40pm Our Democracy
04:25pm Prosang	Desh TV
CHANNEL i	11:45pm Shuja Kotha
09:45am Trismatra	Boishakhi TV
12:30pm Tarika Kothon	03:20pm Zero Hour
BANGLAVISION	Diganta TV
09:05pm Amar Ami	12:05am News of