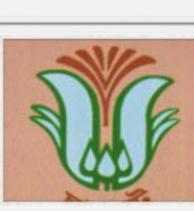
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Singers: Iffat Ara Dewan and











Sufia Kamal's contributions recalled

Two-day programme by Steps Towards Development



ngnitaries unveiling the DVD.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the occasion of poet Sufia Kamal's birth centenary, nongovernment organisation Steps Towards Development arranged a two-day programme at Chhayanau Sangskriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on July 3 and 4.

The programme featured live music, screening of a documentary on the life of the poet, discussion and a photo exhibition.

Ahmed was the chief guest at the inaugural programme.

State Minister for Women and Chil-Law Minister Barrister Shafiq

To mark the 2nd death anniversary of noted poet and

memorial meeting at its office in Purana Paltan, Dhaka

Veteran poet Fazal Shahabuddin presided over the

meeting. Poet Al Mujahidi; Jahangir Feroze; Kamar Farid;

Aminur Rahman; Kamruzzaman; Zakir Abu Zafar; Sabit

journalist Shaheen Reza was the host of the programme.

Fazal Shahabuddin said, "Dr Alauddin Al-Azad was

indubitably one of the exceptionally talented, creative

contributions to our great Language Movement."

sional and he made significant contribution to all

branches of Bengali literature. He was an honest and

and dynamic writers and poets of the country. He talked

about the masses in his poems and writings. He also had

Jahangir Feroze said, "Azad's writings are multidimen

Sarwar, among others, spoke on the occasion. Senior

novelist Alauddin Al-Azad, Kabikantha organised a

on July 4, according to a press release.

At the first day's programme, artistes Nasima Shaheen and

Mizanur Rahman rendered songs while members of the cultural organisation Jionkathi recited poems of Sufia Kamal.

The photo exhibition, held on the

second floor of the building, featured some rare photographs of the poet. A discussion and screening of the documentary were held on the second day. The discussion featured

dren's Affairs Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury as the chief guest. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddigu vice chancellor, Dhaka Universit music exponent and Chhayanau president Dr. Sanjida Khatun and

Sufia Kamal's daughter, human

rights activist Sultana Kamal were

Remembering Alauddin Al-Azad,

a multidimensional writer

special guests. Among others, Professor Momtaz Begum, chairperson, National Women's Organisation and Ranjan Karmakar, executive director of Steps, spoke at the discussion.

The discussants highlighted Sufia Kamal's immense contribution to the nation, and urged everyone to follow her in her footsteps to work for a better society. The documentary, titled

"Aparajita", was screened after the discussion. The nearly 40-minute long documentary has been directed by Manzar-e Hasin Murad. DVD of the documentary was also launched on the day. Attending guests unveiled the cover-jacket of

bold writer. He wrote what he believed. He observed

tive from East Pakistan who participated in All India

Writers Conference in the 1950. His works have been

district. He was a professor of Bangla Literature. He

wrote short stories, novels, poems and critiques. He

served as Educational Counsellor at the Bangladesh

included in the curricula of secondary, higher secondary

He participated in the Language Movement (1952)

and took the initiative to release the first bulletin of

Embassy in Moscow. His literary works were also

published in many languages."

and graduation levels.

Ekushey (February 21).

social problems closely and his writings reflected those

Aminur Rahman said, "Azad was the only representa-

Azad was born in 1932 in Raipura upazila of Narsingdi



Afsari, everything will be final-

ised this week. Shakib Khan is

supposed to play the other key

role, as son of the character to

be played by Shabnam.

New real life role

Shabnam to return

A CORRESPONDENT

Veteran actress Shabnam will

be seen in a new film after a 12

year long hiatus. Shabnam has

agreed to work on the next film

The iconic actress was last

directed by Malek Afsari.

seen in Kazi Hayat's film

"Ammajaan" which also fea-

tured the late actor Manna

Shabnam had said that

she'd only do a film if she liked

the storyline and if the charac-

Abdullah Zahir wrote the story

If all goes accordingly, said

Champa

considering Shabnam in the

ter offered to her was signifi-

cant. According to director

Malek Afsari, scriptwriter

central role.

A CORRESPONDENT

Multiple National Award-

winning actress Champa's

daughter, Esha, recently got

of entrepreneur and former

chairman of BGMEA,

take place today at

Kutubuddin.

married to Tanvir Ahmed, son

The newly turned mother-

in-law said that the akht was

held on November 4, last year

The formal reception due to

Shenakunjo, Dhaka has been

rescheduled for July 9 due to

unavoidable circumstances.

Around 2,000 people have

to films after 12 years

been invited to the event. Champa and her elder sister, internationally recognised actress Bobita, have sought blessings for the newly weds from everyone.

Branching out and reaching the fans

In conversation with Kona

Popular singer Kona has branched out in acting and TV show hosting. Her voice has earned wide recognition thanks to several

Kona's last album was released two years ago. The self-titled album was her second solo record. The track "Borosha" was an overnight hit and held its position on the top chart for a while. After a hiatus, Kona is busy again with her third studio album -couple of songs have already been recorded. Expectations surrounding the album run high, as three juggernaut composers Bappa Majumdar, Habib and Fuad are involved with the album Bappa will do the bulk of the work -- composing tunes for six songs, while Fuad and Habib will compose three and one respectively. Kona informs that although 70 percent of the job has been completed, the name of the album is yet to be decided. She adds that the album may come out this month. Listeners will get a variety of classical inspired, romantic and semi-rock tunes, along with the first ever collaboration between Kona and Habib

Apart from her new album, Kona's schedule is marked with live performances, playbacks and jingles. Her voice will soon be heard in songs of the movies "Chheleti", "Lal Tip" and "Speed". Kona also sang for the new Banglalink ad. Her recent work also includes the title song for the TV serial "Terminal", written by Jahid Akbar.

Audience first heard Kona's voice in her debut album "Jyamitik Bhalobasha" in 2006. The same year she began acting and hosting a show "Amra Ekhon Unish Kuri" (on ntv) and "Tomader Pelo Bangladesh". The hosting experience was a wonderful one, says Kona. Her first TV play was "Nokol Poshak", directed by Shahiduzzaman Selim. Although the initial plan was to appear in one play, praises came as inspiration to venture further into the acting world, Kona informs. The acting journey has seen Kona appearing in 26 productions so far, counting both single-episode plays and serials, the most popular of which are "Danguli", "Bhober Haat", "Chhayabithi-Toley", "Bohemian", "Society", "Bhoy", "Hojoborolo" etc.

Kona had her music lessons from Nazrul Academy and Shishu Academy. The teacher and mentor who groomed her vocal talents is Moidul Islam, says Kona.

Kona's career in jingles began in 1998 with a tune composed by Emon Saha. In 2003, she joined a female group Angel Four, which included singers Tisha, Rumana and Nafisa.

Kona says that the love of the audience is her main gain. A memorable experience: When she was busy with playbacks for movies "Amar Achhe Jol", "The Search" and "Jaago", Kona received a surprise call from seasoned singer Shakila Zafar. Zafar called just to express her appreciation of Kona's singing.

All of Kona's dreams surround music as it means the world to her. She feels that live performances on stage are a completely unique experience. Although of late the number of live shows have gone down, Kona says she was up to the neck with around 14 shows a month until recently.





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Doors mark Morrison's death anniversary

Former members of The Doors have marked the 40th anniversary of Jim Morrison's death in Paris.

On Sunday, keyboardist Ray Manzarek and guitarist Robby Krieger lit candles at Morrison's grave in the city's Pere Lachaise cemetery. Morrison, the band's lead singer, died

of heart failure in a bath in Paris on July 2, 1971. He was 27. Hundreds of Morrison fans, some

wearing T-shirts bearing the words 40th Anniversary, left flowers at the grave. Some sang and others read poems to mark the day.

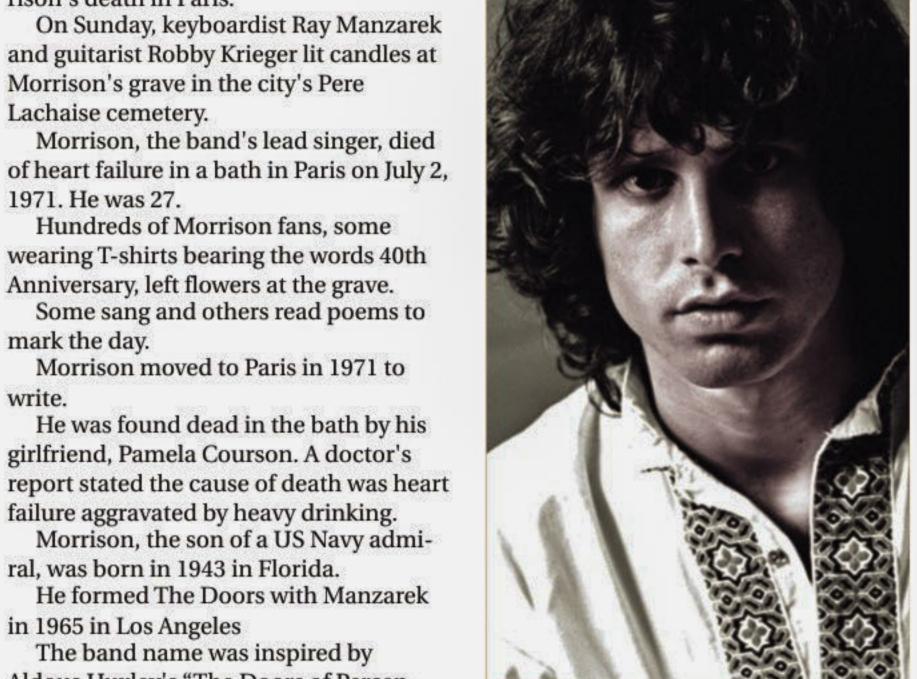
Morrison moved to Paris in 1971 to He was found dead in the bath by his

girlfriend, Pamela Courson. A doctor's

failure aggravated by heavy drinking. Morrison, the son of a US Navy admiral, was born in 1943 in Florida. He formed The Doors with Manzarek

in 1965 in Los Angeles The band name was inspired by Aldous Huxley's "The Doors of Percep-

SOURCE: BBC



Morrison fans gathered from around the world to remember their idol.

Aamir Khan, the Good Samaritan

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

When it comes to lending his face for a cause, Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan is always ahead

Aamir has not only made quite a few movies like "Taare Zameen Par", "3 Idiots" and "Hum Hain Raahi Pyar Ke" that deal with children's issues but also appeared for the government of India's promotional video on tourism asking Indians to behave properly in order to not put off foreign tourists and keep places of tourism inter-

And now the actor is all set to don a different role -- that of brand ambassador for the Ministry of Women and Child Development for spreading the message of curbing malnutrition among Aamir held a meeting with Minister of State

for Women and Child Development Krishna Tirath here on Monday along with his creative team led by lyricist Prasoon Joshi, making a presentation on how he plans to spearhead the campaign on generating awareness among people about ill effects of malnutrition

Tirath, a lawmaker from Delhi, expressed happiness that Aamir is ready to shoulder this social responsibility without expecting anything in return. She thanked Aamir for sharing the government's concern for children and making this sincere effort in spreading the social message about the scourge of malnutrition and good food habits among children and mothers.

Aamir, for his part, said, "To be involved with this campaign is an important part of my emotional aspect. It's an attempt to reach out not just to the common man but to policymakers,



important and different roles to play."

"As an actor, my job is to entertain the more than 1.2 billion people of India but as a citizen of this country, I'm sensitive to a lot of issues. As my commitment to children is very high, I want to contribute as much as I can," he added.

Explaining the decision to choose Aamir as the brand ambassador against malnutrition, a senior ministry official said, "Aamir has been involved in societal causes for long. When we approached him, we found him very forthcoming."

Solemn tribute

138th death anniversary of Michael Madhusudan Dutt

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikgani

petition on Monday evening.

Jatra Vision Limited has arranged a year-long

jatra competition at 'Jatra King' Amolendu

Promod Mankin, state minister for cultural

affairs, formally inaugurated the Robi Jatra Co.

Jyotsna Biswas, popular jatra artiste and wife

of the late Amolendu Biswas, presided over the

function. ABM Anwarul Haque, local lawmaker;

Biswas' native village Jabra in Manikganj.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The 138th death anniversary of poet Michael Madhusudan Dutt was observed here recently in a fitting manner. Michael Madhusudan Sahitya Parishad organised programmes that included a discussion, recitation and cultural events.

The discussion was held at Satkhira Press Club auditorium with Sahitya Parishad president Tripti Mohon Mallik in the chair. Satkhira Deputy Commissioner Md. Abdus

Samad was the chief guest, while eminent littérateur Dr. Kanai Sen (India); Dr. Anil Guha (India); Dr. Amitabh Chakraborty (India); Professor Abdul Mannan; Professor Kazi Waliullah; Professor Abdul Hamid; Professor Abu Nasar and Satkhira Press Club president Abu Ahmed were special guests. Among others, poet Sobhan Amin; Gazi

Later, the chief guest gave away the Madhusudan Parishad Award for 2010 to Madhusudan Dutt researcher Dr. Amitabh Chakraborty (India); Shahi Sabur; Sardar Enamul for their contribution to their respective fields.



Shahjahan Siraj; Enamul Haque and Abu Hena Alam took part in the discussion on the life and literary works of Dutt. Paying rich tributes to Dutt,

'amitrakshar chhanda' (blank verse) and Bangla Sobhan Amin, Gazi Shah Jahan Siraj, Haidar Ali and others recited poems written by Dutt at the

Haque; Khan Akhtar Hossain and Abu Hena Alam

speakers said the poet was a titan in the literary Sting cancels Kazakhstan They said that the nation would remember him for his brilliant contribution to Bengali literature and pioneering what came to be called concert over "rights abuses"

Jatra Competition in Manikganj

Munshi Shahabuddin Ahmed, Deputy Commis

sioner; Mohammad Ali Mia, police superinten-

Dramatics Department, Jahangirnagar Univer-

Jatra Vision Limited and daughter of Amolendu

Dey, Rawshan Ara Labony, among others, spoke

The state minister said that the present gov-

ernment encourages traditional cultural prac-

tices including jatra. Veteran jatra artiste Bhanu

dent; Afsar Ahmed, Professor of Drama and

sity; Aruna Biswas, film actress, chairperson

and Jyotsna Biswas; jatra artistes Milon Kanti

on the occasion.

British singer-musician Sting cancelled a concert he was due to give in Kazakhstan's capital Astana on Monday, blaming violations of the human rights of striking oil workers in the ex-Soviet state.

Sting said in a statement published on his website that he cancelled the concer part of his Symphonicity world tour, after campaign group Amnesty International told him of repressions against oil and gas workers.

"Hunger strikes, imprisoned workers and tens of thousands on strike represents a virtual picket line which I have no intention of crossing," Sting was quoted as saying in the statement late Sunday.

days as leader of band The Police as well as his solo hits with a symphony orchestra

backing as part of city day celebrations, with tickets selling for up to 10000 tenge The Kazakh organisers initially said

Saha was accorded a reception at the inaugural

Around 120 jatra troupes are taking part

Gopalganj, Tangail, Munshiganj, Jessore and

The Bengali daily Shamokal and Radio Today

in the competition, at 10 venues across the

country. Fourteen jatra troupes of

Manikganj are participating at the

are media partners of the event.

"Jail Theke Bolchhi", a historic jatra was

staged at the programme.

Manikganj venue.

Sunday that Sting's concert had been cancelled for "organisational and technical Several hundred oil and gas workers

went on strike in May in the Mangistau region on the shores of the Caspian Sea demanding higher wages, picketing the regional administration and attempting to close off highways.

Police detained strikers for taking part in an unsanctioned protest and several dozen people were sacked.

Sting, known for his espousal of environmental causes, has been criticised for giving a concert in Tashkent in 2009 Sting was due to perform songs from his organised by the daughter of Uzbek President Islam Karimov, criticised for human rights abuses.







Jyotsnay Kalo Saaj BANGLAVISION

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TALK SHOW

Boishakhi TV 06:20pm Women and Green 1:30pm Aloye Bhubon Bhora