

WHAT'S ON

Photography Exhibition
Title: 7th Int'l Inter University
Photography Exhibition
Venue: Dhaka Gallery, H-58, Rd 15-A, Dhanamondi
Date: July 8-14

Album Launch
Artist: Nashed Kamal
Venue: Ladies' Community Centre, Rd-83, Gulshan
Date: July 15
Time: 5:30pm

Group Art Exhibition
Artists: Fandi, Rangit and Maksud
Venue: H-300, R-198 New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: July 9-19

10th Anniversary of Prachyanat School
Play: Tempest
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: July 15, Time: 3pm

Dance Programme
Title: Nupur Beje Jai
Organiser: Shadonna
Venue: Chayananti, Dhanamondi
Date: July 14

Solo Musical Soiree
Artist: Himadri Sheikh
Taluks
Venue: IGCC, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1
Date: July 15

Photography Exhibition
Title: Thrive in the Wild
Women's Tale
Venue: Goethe-Institut, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanamondi
Date: July 5-13

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Peter Gan, Bangla Bagh
Artist: Naz Hosain
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, 42, Rd 16 (new), Dhanamondi
Date: July 5-15
Time: 12-8pm

Milon back with a bang

SHAH ALAM SHAZU
Actor Anisur Rahman Milon is back from the US after a 23-day shoot for 104-episode serial 'Chhayabrito'. Tauquir Ahmed is the director of the serial.
On his role in the serial, Milon said, "I play a character that goes to US on a 10-



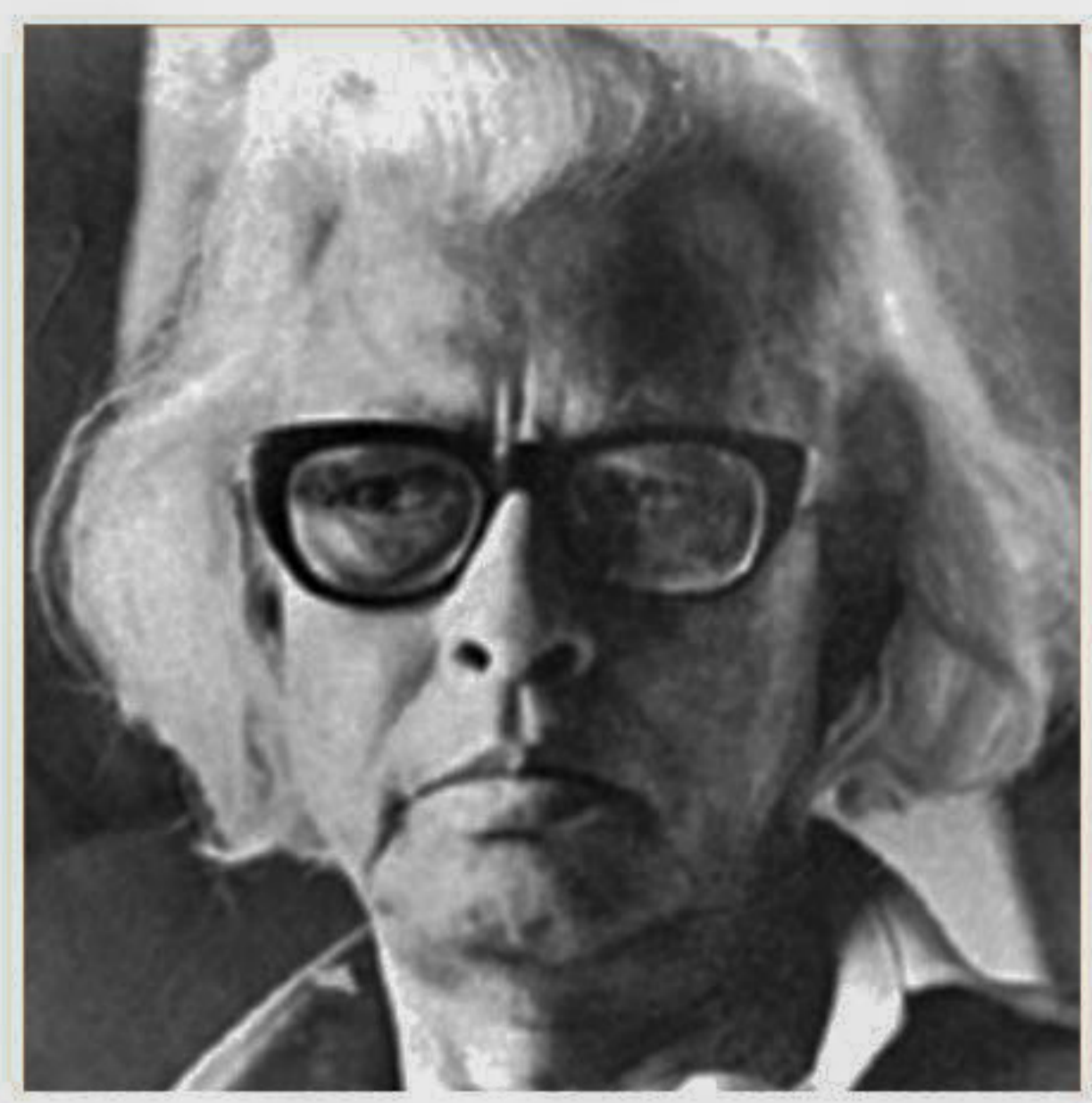
day trip, but decides to stay on. Later, he begins a struggle for his existence."
"Since he's been back, Milon has spent long hours before the camera for "Ladies First". He dons the role of a derailed university student who later turns a new leaf. Milon instantly consented to do the serial when he was approached by the director SA Haque Alik. The shooting is currently on in Uttara, Dhaka.
Milon has also acted in several TV plays directed by Chayanika Chowdhury, Kaiser Ahmed and Shokal Ahmed. The busy artist will be seen in a number of TV plays on the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.
"I'm going to Kushtia next week for shooting of an Eid-special TV play 'Trinetra', directed by Saidul Anam Tutul. Manosh Paul has scripted the play in which I enact the role of a detective," said Milon.
Apart from these, a dozen of his TV serials including "Putul Nach-er Itikatha", "Agnirath", "Rumali" and "Mithya Tumi Dosh Pipra" are being aired on various TV channels.
Milon also amplifies on his new film "Shoachan Pakhi". "Work on the film is mostly finished. I hope that it will be completed soon. I'm very optimistic about the prospects of the film," he said.

Souls featuring You: Campaign to discover new music talents



One of the pioneering Bangladeshi bands, Souls, in association with Grameenphone is launching a talent hunt. Titled, "Souls featuring You", the competition aims to inspire budding lyricists and instrumentalists to come up with a song for the band's upcoming album, says a press release.
The campaign, set to kick off tomorrow (July 13), invites lyricists to write a song for Souls' next album "Jam". Souls will later compose the song as the 11th track of the album, while the winning instrumentalist will get an opportunity to play with the band. The album will be launched by mid August this year, and will be exclusively available for Grameenphone subscribers for a period of two months.
Aspiring musicians who are interested to participate in the contest can send their entries through 4040 (Music Radio) or email it to souls@grameenphone.com. All submissions must be sent by July 30.
Selecting the winning lyrics will be done in two phases. The first phase will feature screening and selecting the top entries. That selection of songs will then be judged by a panel of prominent lyricists of the country.
The process for selecting the top instrumentalist will be held in three phases. The first phase will short-list from the entries. The finalists will then appear for audition in front of the band. Souls will select the top five. In the third and final phase, performances by the top five will be aired on radio for public voting, and the winner will be declared based on both Souls' evaluation and public voting.
Partho Barua, leading guitarist and vocalist of Souls, expressed his excitement on being a part of this campaign. He said, "Bangladesh has no shortage of talents. However, due to lack of opportunities these talents don't flourish. We are extremely happy to be associated with this campaign."

AHSAN HABIB
A Poet of Urbanity



Ahsan Habib earned acclaim as a poet in the 1940s. He was an urban poet through and through -- both in terms of language and sensibility. His poems reflect the social reality of his times, relationships, and focus on the concerns of the middle class.
He was born on February 2 in 1917 in the village Shankarpasha, under Pirojpur district.
July 10 marked the 26th death anniversary of the poet. After passing the Entrance (Matriculation) examination in 1935 from the BM College, Barisal, Habib enrolled in the Pirojpur Government School, Barisal (1937-38) and the Saogor (1939-43). From 1943 to 1948 he worked as a staff artist at the Calcutta centre of All India Radio.
After the partition of India in 1947, Habib left Calcutta for Dacca (now Dhaka). He was the production adviser of Franklin Publications from 1957 to 1964. He also worked at the Dainik Pakistan and Dainik Bangla.
About Ahsan Habib, poet Asad Chowdhury said, "Habib's verses can be characterised by their preciseness and intensity. His poetry highlights tranquility and optimism."
Poet Nasir Ahmed said, "Habib was a multidimensional writer. He wrote poems, novels, essays, literature for adolescents and more. His style was more relaxed than his contemporaries'. He was modern by virtue of his understanding of the human situation,

his explanation and interpretation of the complex ideas and issues of his time."
Noted literary critic Professor Harunuzzaman said, "Habib's poems reveal a subtle quality and a fondness for intellectual independence. We should remember that Habib was not light reading. His works are of excellence (in language as well as style) and intellectually very mature. He delved deep into the multifaceted world of revolution, solitude and socio-economic conflicts."
Habib's first poem "Mayer Kabar Pare Kishor" was published in his school magazine in 1934; he was a student of class ten at that time. His poems were published in various journals and literary magazines such as Desh, Mohammad, Bichitra etc. His first book of poems was "Ratri Shesh" (1947). Other books of poetry include "Chhayaharin" (1962), "Shara Dupur" (1964), "Ashayeh Bashati" (1974), "Megh Bole Chaitre Jabo" (1976), "Duhate Dui Adim Pathar" (1980), "Premer Kabita" (1981), "Bidirna Dargane Mukh" (1985) etc. He also wrote novels; among them "Aranya Nilima" (1960) and "Ranikhaler Sanko" (1965) are remarkable.
Habib received several awards for his literary achievements; among them are: Bangla Academy Award, Adamjee Literary Prize, Nasiruddin Gold Medal, Ekushey Padak, Abul Mansur Ahmed Memorial Prize and Abul Kalam Memorial Prize.
COMPILED BY: CORRESPONDENT.

What's Joya been up to?

A CORRESPONDENT

Joya Ahsan has just completed working on a single-episode TV play, titled "Ananta Adhara". Directed by Shihab Shahin, the play also features Iresh Zaker, Moutushi Biswas, Sharmeen and Shahin. About the plot, Joya says that though it's a complicated one, she loved working on it.
The play narrates the story of a woman whose husband has decided to divorce her. The play will likely be telecast on Maasranga Television on the first day of transmission. The play was shot in Uttara.
Joya is busy working on several TV plays for the upcoming Eid.
Joya will also feature in a tele-film based on Nihar Ranjan Gupta's novel "Hospital", directed by Chayanika Chowdhury. Her much appreciated single-episode play "Antaheen" was aired recently on the 12th anniversary of ntv.



PHOTO EXHIBITION

Spirited Bangladeshi women as seen through Muntasir Mamun's lens

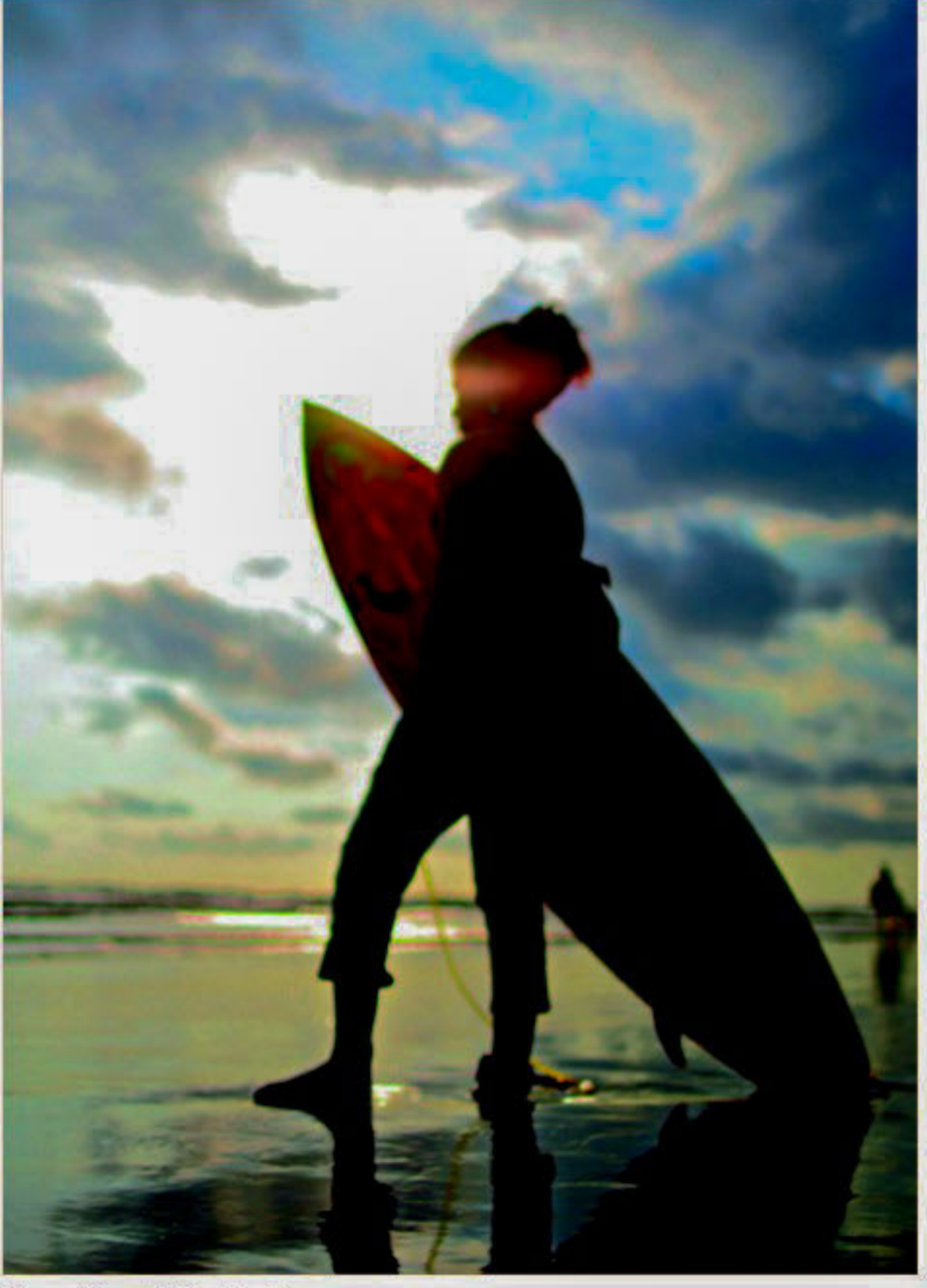
A CORRESPONDENT

A photo exhibition by Muntasir Mamun denotes the spirit of adventurous Bangladeshi women. Opening on July 5, at Goethe-Institut in Dhaka, the three-day exhibition was supposed to wrap up on July 9. However, due to hartal, the authorities have extended the duration of the exhibition and the photos are still on display.
The 32 photographs that are being exhibited at the show depict women and their indomitable spirit. Although some of the photos may seem rather mundane, if the theme is considered, there is a perceptible sense of joy in them. The entries have framed women walking in the city, touring on a bicycle, trekking in the hills, climbing the mighty Himalaya, surfing at Cox's Bazar and much more. In a symbolic way, the images show how some women have defied constraints imposed by a relatively conservative society, while

many are still reluctant to break away from traditions. Our culture is generally not receptive to seeing women engaging in activities that are beyond their normative gender roles.
Talking about the theme, Muntasir Mamun said, "Adventure and sports teach you to face the challenges of life with more grit. I believe that they are the best tools to help a person to overcome all kind of fears -- internal as well as external -- directly and indirectly."
Curated by noted photo-artist Paul David Barikdar, the exhibition was inaugurated by Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Robert McDougall. Special guest was the director of Goethe Institut, Judith Mirschberger.
While hosting the exhibition on bold Bangladeshi women, Goethe-Institut is also promoting the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, being hosted by Germany.
The photos are available at the following link: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/muntasir/sets/72157626932330421/>



Trekking in the hills.



A surfer at Cox's Bazar.

Group Theatre Federation conference in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation (BGTF) held its daylong Rajshahi divisional conference at Padma Ranga Mancha in the city on Saturday.
The conference began with a colourful rally that paraded the city streets. Around 50 female theatre activists took part in a seminar, titled 'role of theatre actresses'.
The BGTF chairman and Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Liaquat Ali Lucky, attended the programme as the chief guest.
BGTF presidium members Shahadat Hossain Khan; Sanwar Alam Khan; Shah Alam Dulal and its Secretary General Jhuna Chowdhury were present as special guests on the occasion.

Five eminent theatre personalities from the division were accorded a reception during the conference. The theatre personalities are: Malay Bhoumik (Rajshahi); Khondoker Golam Kader (Bogra); Anu Islam (Sirajganj); Bakul Sawdagar (Joypurhat) and M Kobad Ali (Pabna).
The conference was followed by a discussion on development of theatre activism and its role in progressive movements.



Sefali Sargam

Making of a folk songstress Tête-à-tête with Sefali Sargam

music and every singer should train in this genre. However, my passion lies in folk music," asserts Sefali.
LNB Multimedia Production produced Sefali's first solo album, titled "Bondhur Bari Bandarban", featuring traditional folk tunes of Chittagong in 2010. The folk fusion album contains 10 tracks, "O Jeda Foirar Baap", "Mon Kachara Majhi", "Tui Bondhuar Shukh Pinjira", "Bhagyo Lottery" and more. Syed Mahiuddin wrote the lyrics and composed tunes while Fuad Reza directed music for the album.
Another solo album by the artist, titled "Binodini Rai", featuring 10 original songs such as "Ami Binodini Rai", "Jedin Bondhu Tomarey Dekhi", "Buker O Bhetorey" and "Bondhu Amaye Korilo Jadu", was launched the same year from Geetghar, London. Amin wrote the lyrics, while Nayan directed music for the album.
Featuring folk tunes of Sylhet region, Sefali's third solo album is in the pipeline. The album will contain songs written by Hason Raja, Radha Raman Dutta, Shah Abdul Karim, Durbin Shah, Quari Amiruddin, Arkum Shah, Plabon Koreshi, Matir Mamin and Prince Rubel. Debu Chowdhury is directing music for the album. Meantwhile some of

the songs from the album are being aired on various channels such as ETV, Desh TV, Channel I, ntv and BTv.
Sefali simultaneously performs on stage, especially in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet. "I perform all genres of folk music like Bhawaiya, Bhatiali, regional tunes, and songs written by mystic bards. I even perform Bangla Qawwali. I want to render folk classics written by Bauls, Sufis and mystic bards in English. I seek blessings from all so that I can materialise my dream," says Sefali.
Sefali is an enlisted singer both at BTv and Bangladesh Betar (radio). The artist can fluently converse and render songs in the dialects of Chittagong, Barisal, Noakhala and Chandpur. Her performance at "Matir Pinjira", a major programme featuring folk music on the 20th anniversary of The Daily Star, was widely acclaimed.
Sefali received a national award as a child artist. She came up first in Nazrul Sangeet and Folk Music categories, at the National Education Week (Chittagong Division) in consecutive years from 1998 to 2007. She also received the Sangeet Protibha Anneshon Award (Folk), Chittagong in 2007.
Sefali is now in the midst of completing her graduation from Siddheswari University, Dhaka.

Variety show Pachphoron on ATN Bangla anniversary



Shakila Zafar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To mark its 14th anniversary, ATN Bangla will air a special variety show, titled "Pachphoron", on July 14 at 9:05pm.
The programme will feature a couple of songs - one of which has been rendered by Shakila Zafar. Shakila will sing a popular song from yesteryears. The music of the song has been rearranged by Ali Akbar Rupu.
The other song is a duet by singer-composer Arfin Rumeay and Kheyia. Anurup Aich has penned the song.
The show will also feature a special report on a beggar from Kurigram, who recently ran in the Union Parishad election. An investigative report on a remote village of Kishorganj district, and a feature on mango cultivation in Rangpur add colours to the show.
Brief, humorous skits intersperse the programme.
Fagun Audio Vision has produced "Pachphoron".

"Dallas" comes back from the dead

More than three decades after the US soap opera "Dallas" introduced the world to warring brothers JR and Bobby Ewing, a new series of the show has been given the go-ahead.
The stars of the original series, Patrick Duffy, Larry Hagman and Linda Gray, will reprise their respective roles as Bobby, JR and his ex-wife Sue Ellen in the 10-episode series due to air in the US next summer.
A preview of the new series was broadcast on the TNT channel yesterday.
Famed for its ratings-grabbing cliffhangers and plot developments, including JR being shot by a mysterious assailant and Bobby Ewing coming back from the dead, the original series attracted a huge global audience.
In the new series, the family fortune is now in the hands of the next generation of the Ewing clan: cousins John Ross Ewing, the son of JR and Sue Ellen, and Christopher Ewing, the adopted son of Bobby, who continue their fathers' long and bitter rivalry.
The revived series was given the go-ahead after a pilot script was written by



Cynthia Cide, who wrote the screenplay for 1992 film "The Mambo Kings".
"90210" star Josh Henderson will play John Ross, while "Desperate Housewives" star Jesse Metcalfe will portray his rival Christopher.
"The Fast and The Furious" star Jordana Brewster will play Elena, who is involved in a love triangle with both cousins.
The original "Dallas" series ran from 1978 to 1991 and centred on the Ewings' cattle and oil dynasty based at the Southfork Ranch in Texas.
SOURCE: INTERNET

ATN BANGLA	04:15 Off Time	04:15 Nabab
01:25	ATN Music	05:15 Shorashori Doctor
05:20	Abiram Bangladesh	05:15 Boishakhi-CNN Shara Bishwa
10:55	Nandini	10:00 Reporter's Diary
CHANNEL I		11:30 Boishakhi Binodon O Sanskriti Sangbad
01:05	Ebong (Cinemar Gaan)	Z Studio
01:30	Hridoyer Gaan	10:30 Falling in Love
04:00	Arshinagar	01:30 Committed
07:50	Khuday Gaanraj	03:45 How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days
12:00	Aajker Shangbadpatro	07:00 Enchanted
ntv		09:30 There Will Be Blood
10:05	Rupkatha	Star Movies
04:10	Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	10:30 Kung Pow: Enter The Fist
05:30	Ajker Jiggasha	06:45 Fantastic Mr. Fox
09:45	Frankly Speaking	03:35 Sorcerer's Apprentice
ETV		05:25 Super Eruption
11:30	Ekushey-er Business	07:00 Silence of the Lambs

abrc radio FM 99.2	07:30 Hello Dhaka
06:10	09:00 Morning Express
09:00	12:00 No Tension
12:00	04:00 Dhaka Calling
05:00	09:00 Kashi Bazar
05:00	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
07:00	06:00 Green FM
09:00	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
11:00	12:00 Today Adda
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Neel Payerar Gaan
On ETV at 07:50pm
Musical Programme
Host: Fatema Tuj Zehra

The Hangover
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Comedy/Crime
Cast: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms

Gohiney
On Desh TV at 07:45pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Asaduzzaman Noor

04:30	Eiating Belating	09:00	F.I.S.T
05:50	Sports Plus	11:15	Six Days, Seven Nights
06:30	Deshjariy Sanglap	HBO	
07:50	Neel Payerar Gaan	10:15	Couples Retreat
10:10	Golpa Salpa Gaan	12:30	Transporter 3
Rtv		02:45	Thunderbolt
01:10	Bangla Feature Film: Premjuddho	05:00	Throw Momma from the Train
05:00	Protidin-er Gaan	06:45	The Blind Side
05:30	Amader Ward	09:30	The Hangover
12:00	Protidin-er Potrika	11:20	The Tournament
12:05	Kichu Dekha Kichu Kotha	Star World	
BANGLAVISION		11:30	India's Most Desirable
09:05	Shudhul Gaan	03:30	Glee
01:05	Bangla Feature Film	08:30	Two And A Half Men
06:05	Clearman Sports Time	10:30	White Collar
06:30	Style File	11:30	Modern Family
09:05	Shure Bhela	National Geographic	
11:25	Raat Biratrye	Channel	
Desh TV		10:30	I Didn't Know That
04:00	Desh Janopad	12:30	Inside
04:30	Durpud	06:30	Extraordinary Dogs
06:30	Obak Prithibi	10:30	Lion Ranger
12:30	Total Sports	10:30	Nat Geo's Most Amazing Photos
Boishakhi TV		BBC World	
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ATN BANGLA	08:20pm	Abshkar	
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09:20pm	Prash Prageer Pala	ETV	
CHANNEL I		08:20pm	Othongkar
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RTV	News (Bangla) at 6:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 10:50 pm, 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm	BANGLAVISION	News (Bangla) at 7:30am, 1:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm
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ATN BANGLA	Rtv	19:40pm	Tanjalap
10:30am	Lead News	07:40pm	O Democracy
11:55am	Vision 2020	BANGLAVISION	
CHANNEL I		10:10am	Front Line
12:30pm	Tarika Kothon	Desh TV	
ntv		11:45pm	Shoja Kotha
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