

WHAT'S ON

Book Fair
92nd birth anniversary of Bangladeshi Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
Venue: Bangladesh Shilpa Academy
Date: March 15-26
Time: 4pm-8pm

Francophonie 2012
Organiser: Alliance Française de Dhaka (AFD)
Venue: AFD, Dhanmondi, Gulshan and Uttara
Date: March 15-24

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Quest for Self
Artist: Gayum Chowdhury
Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi
Date: March 9-22
Time: 12pm-8pm

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Vision -5
Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: March 10-29
Time: 11am-8pm

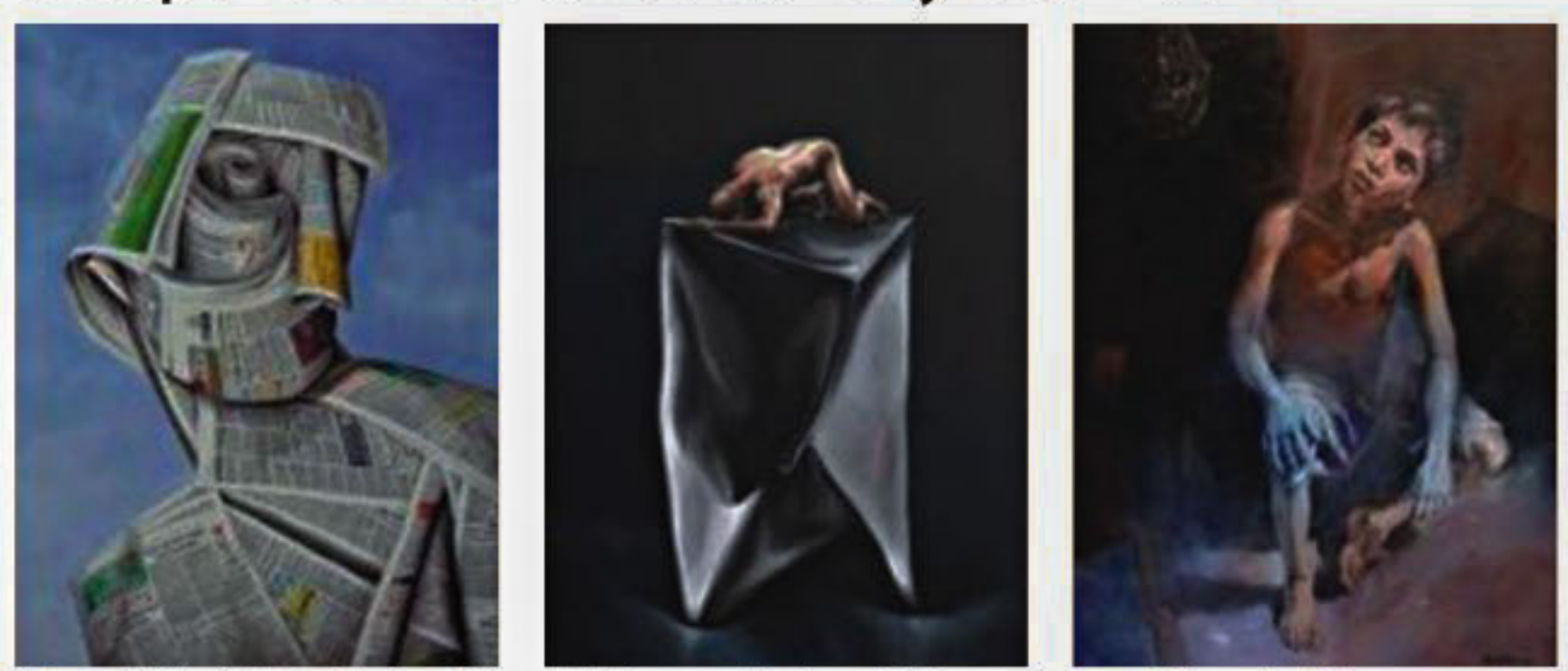
Tagore Dance-Drama
Title: 'Naya Dhol'
Organiser: Shadhona
Venue: National Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 18
Time: 7pm

Book Reading
Group: The Reading Circle
Venue: India Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
Date: March 18
Time: 6:30pm

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Anarchy and the Blue
Artist: Shovrasama
Venue: Bengal Art lounge, Gulshan-1
Date: March 16-25
Time: 12pm-8pm

Theatre
Play: The Distant Near
Traverse: Bangla Theatre
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy
Date: March 24
Time: 7pm

Figurative movement
Group art exhibition at Gallery Cosmos-2



(From left): Artworks by Ashrafal Hasan, Bishwajit Goswami and Kamaluddin.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Under the title "Vision-5", Gallery Cosmos-2 in Mohakhali has organised a group art exhibition, featuring the works of five promising painters--- Ashim Halder Sagor, Ashrafal Hasan, Bishwajit Goswami, Kamaluddin and Md. Azmal Uddin. The exhibition is jointly sponsored by Cosmos group, CosmosAtelier 71 Printmaking Studio and Shaheed Colonel Jamil Foundation. About 25 artworks are on display at the exhibition, and their modes of expression are photo realistic, semi- realistic as well as figurative realism. The painters focus on human figures in varied movements, psychological perceptions, transparent forms and geometric compositions.

LEO Art Competition 2012
Colour in grey worlds

To add a splash of colour to the lives of underprivileged children, Leo Club of Dhaka Central Rajdhani (www.leoclubdcr.org) District 315 A1 (Bangladesh has organised the Leo Art Competition ('Project Chrome') on March 26, says a press release. 'Project Chrome' is not just a project but an effort to light up the

The opening ceremony of the group exhibition was attended among others by Executive Chairman of Board of Investment Dr. SA Samad, Secretary for the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Suraiya Begum NDC and British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Robert Winnington Gibson. Enayetullah Khan, chairman and CEO of Cosmos Group presided over the programme. About the exhibition, Enayetullah Khan said, "Vision-5 is an initiative to bring together talents of the most promising young artistic figures in our country. The goal is to show the community what the current talents have to offer and to give the viewers the same pleasure and joy we felt upon first laying eyes on the pieces being exhibited." The exhibition ends on March 29.

The participants in the competition are from five free schools and orphanages. The competition begins at 10.30 am on March 26 at Survi School House 16, Road 5 Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205.

TRIBUTE TO BANGABANDHU
Cultural programme in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The artists of Shilpakala Academy and different organisations in the town performed at a cultural programme at Shilpakala Academy auditorium marking the 92nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day yesterday.

District Shishu Academy organised the cultural programme that included poetry recitation and dance.

The artistes of Shabda Abritti Charcha Kendra recited poems marking the occasion. Painting and essay competitions were also organised by Shishu Academy for the children in which 100 children took part.

The judges of the painting competition were AKM Bulbul, Hasan Masud and Jamal Uddin Ahmed, all art teachers of Mymensingh Zila School, Bidhamoyee Girls High School and Primary Training Institute respectively.

District Child Affairs Officer Farida Yasmin inaugurated the



Artistes perform at the programme.

PHOTO: STAR

competition. District Cultural Officer Md. Shamsul Alam and Anisuzzaman Ratan of Shishu Academy were also present, among others.

The essay competition for school and college students was held in two groups. Over 80 students of different schools and colleges of the town participated in the competition.

The day-long programme included a colourful rally and discussion.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Lokman Hossain

Miah was the chief guest at the discussion held at Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Among others, chief executive of Mymensingh Zila Parishad Hasanul Islam, Superintendent of Mymensingh Police Golam Kibria, Freedom Fighter District Commander Md. Nazim Uddin delivered speeches. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Kazi Ashraf Uddin presided over the discussion.

The speakers also said that it is our duty to imbue children with the true history of Liberation War so that they can grow up as patriots.

Painting competition in Thakurgaon

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

A painting competition for children was held on Friday morning to mark the 92nd birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day 2010 at Thakurgaon Zila Parishad Auditorium.

Over 150 school going children from several educational institutions in the town participated in three groups at the competition titled "Jemon Khushi Ako", "Smriti Shoudha" and "Muktijuddha".

Judges selected nine children from three groups for awards.

Later, an essay competition was held at the same venue in two sepa-

rate groups. Ka group took part in "Amader Priyo Bangabandhu" and 'Ka' group in "Bangabandhu O Amader Swadhinata Juddho". Six children were selected for prizes. Apart from the essay competition an impromptu debate competition was also held at the same venue in two separate groups. A good number of children took part at the competitions.

Faika Anjum Haque, a student of Class-I of Royal Kindergarten who won first prize in the painting competition from 'Ka' group told this correspondent that such competitions help the children learn about the rights of children. She also added that through the competition she had learnt about

Bangabandhu's life and his inspiring leadership.

Other participants in the painting, essay and debate competitions like Lia, Abonti, Fahim, echoed the same views.

To mark Bangabandhu's birthday (March 17) and National Children's Day, Thakurgaon District Administration with the assistance of District Shishu Academy organised the two-day (March 16-17) programme including a rally, and painting, essay competitions, a debate, discussion and cultural function.

On Saturday morning a colourful rally was held from the Deputy Commissioner's Office premises and ended at Zila Parishad Auditorium premises.

BTV recalls Abul Mansur Ahmad

A CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Television will air a special programme today in observance of the 33rd death anniversary of Abul Mansur Ahmad, renowned litterateur, journalist and politician of the sub-continent.

The documentary will be aired at 11:30am. Eminent educationists Professor Anisuzzaman and Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury will discuss the life and works of Ahmad.

One of the greatest satirists of Bengali literature, Abul Mansur Ahmad was also a renowned politician, lawyer and a noted journalist. He worked for Krishak, Nabajug and was editor of the Ittehad published from Kolkata in 1946 in undivided Bengal. He was a pioneer in modern and progressive journalism.

His publications include great satires like Aina, Asmani Purdah, Gulliverer Safar Nama and Food Conference. His works also include great writings on social and political history of Bengal.

Produced by Shahida Amin, the programme will be hosted by Sohel Haider.



The beacon of Independence
Theatre festival on Liberation War

AMANUR AMAN, Kushtia

A 10-day theatre festival on the Liberation War began in Kushtia on March 16. The festival has been organised on the occasion of 40-years of freedom of Bangladesh by Kushtia Shilpakala Academy.

Liakat Ali Lucky, director general of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy inaugurated the festival.

Professor M. Alauddin, Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University also a Freedom Fighter was chief guest at the programme, while veteran lawyer Barrister M. Amir-ul-Islam was special guest. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC-rev) Azim Ahmed chaired the programme.

The theme of the festival is "Shadhinata Hinotay Ke Bachite Chaire".

Among others, general secretary of Awami League Kushtia district unit Asgar Ali and general secretary of Kushtia Shilpakala Academy Amirul Islam, joint secretary Sheikh Mohiuddin spoke at the programme.

In his speech, chief guest of the programme Professor Alauddin urged that more such programmes be organised to spread the spirit of our Liberation War.

"This will encourage the present generation who are torchbearers of future Bangladesh," he said.

A total of 10-groups from different parts of the country are participating in the festival. On the first day, "Court Martial" was staged. Bodhon, one of the well known theatre organisers in Kushtia, staged the play.

Seven personalities in Kushtia including artistes were accorded a reception for their outstanding performance in the cultural sphere.

These included chairman of BRB groups Company Limited Alhaj Mojibar Rahman as a patron of cultural activities; Amirul Islam, theatre artiste and cultural organiser; Timir Nandi, veteran singer and freedom fighter; Zinnah Haque, script writer; Sukumar Pal, artist; Ali Afroz Pina, theatre director and Ranjitt Biswas Nimoy artist.

The theatre groups taking part are Bodhon, Kushtia, (Court Martial), Mahakal, Dhaka, (Ghum Neyi), Pragati Sangha, Parbatipur (Saheed Jananir Krandan), Arindam, Chudanga (Khudiram Katha), Tarun Smarpradaye, Sirajganj (Bauthnama), Ananaya-79, Kushtia (Nakful), Natygam, Barisal (Tilok), LokNatyadal, Dhaka (Mujib Maney Mukti), Palakar, Dhaka (Rifle) and Bogra Theatre, Bogra (Kaibarta Biddroho).

Literary feast

Reading of books on Liberation War

On the occasion of the 42nd Independence Day of Bangladesh, Indira Gandhi Culture Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India in Dhaka has organised an evening of book reading featuring literary group Reading Circle. The reading will be held at the IGCC Gulshan office on March 18 evening at 6:30pm, according to a press release.

The evening will comprise of discussion and readings from books relating to the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh such as "The Search"; English translation of Shaheen Akhtar's prize-winning novel, "Talash"; Yasmeen Saikia's "Women, War, and the Making of Bangladesh"; Quazi Nooruzzaman's "A Sector Commander Remembers"; "We Must Apologise to Bangladesh", edited by Ahmad Salim and "Ekattorer Chithi".

The Reading Circle is a group of readers who meet regularly and choose books for reading and discussion on several relevant occasions. Literary persons like Asfa Hossain, Ayesha Kabir, Shahrukh Rahman, Syed Badrul Ahsan and Professor Niaz Zaman will participate in the programme. The programme is open to all.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Generating awareness about women's rights

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

An essay competition and cultural programme were held at the Shaheed Shadhan Sangeet Mahabidyayala, Pabna on Thursday to generate awareness about women's rights. The event was organised by NGO Amoral Pari Jote (APJ) to mark International Women's Day.

Over 200 students from various educational institutions of the district participated in the essay competition titled, "Role of educational institutions in reducing oppression of women". A discussion was also held on the topic.

President of APJ, Abdul Matin Khan chaired the discussion. Chancellor of

Pabna Science and Technology University (PUST) Dr. Mozaffar Hossain spoke as the chief guest.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner, Pabna Md. Mostafizur Rahman, educationist Professor Md. Nurunnabi, Athgoria Upazila Parishad chairman Isharat Ali, former school teacher Rokhsana Khanam spoke on the occasion.

The speakers emphasised the role of education and educational institutions in preventing oppression of women.

Later, the guests distributed prizes among the winners. Students from various educational institutions performed patriotic and gender related songs on the occasion.

LEADING LADY

One-on-one with Sumaiya Shimu

Over a decade since she first stepped into the media, Sumaiya Shimu has slowly built a niche as one of the leading actresses of her time. In the course of her journey, Sumaiya has won much admiration and she says that it is the love of the viewers that fuel her for the path ahead. All her dreams are built on acting and she wishes to do nothing else. Sumaiya Shimu recently talked to The Daily Star about her humming career and more...

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

What would you cite as your achievements during your decade long presence in the media?

Shimu: The biggest plus will be the love of the people. Wherever I go, people express their admiration for my work. What more can one expect? Particularly when my parents talk proudly about me, it gives me a different kind of joy. It is very strange how I got all this in such little time. I don't have any major failures or regrets. I'm happy with my career, as I've earned everything through my work in the media.

What are your expectations now?

Shimu: I don't have too many aspirations. I'm happy with what I get. I believe in the ideal of patience in everything I do. Luck favours many. But, I'm not one of the lucky ones. I had to work hard for what I attained. Right now I want to keep up my good work. Being a star, do you miss anything? Shimu: I do miss the old times. I cannot just stand on the footpath and have some fuchsia or go for shopping at will. I cannot roam around with my siblings or cousins like I used to before.

Where did you spend your childhood?

Shimu: As I am from Norail, I spent part of my childhood days there. Other than that, I spent most of the time in Dhaka and Khulna. My father was a government employee, so we had to move from place to place.

What TV plays are you doing right now?

Shimu: I'm doing several one-hour-dramas. Besides I'm working on a single serial at the moment. Sajjad Sumon's "Dokkhinayoner Din" which is based on Shawkat Ali's novel "Troee" and will be aired on ntv. I play the role of Rakhi. So far, Rakhi seems like an interesting character, giving me plenty of scope to emote. I'm enjoying the work.

Tell us something about the drama "Shwopnochura".

Shimu: I've performed in several plays. But none has been as popular as "Shwopnochura". From children of five years to septuagenarians, everyone appreciated my work in the drama. It was directed by Fazlur Rahman and aired by Banglavison.



What other dramas brought you fame?

Shimu: "Lolita", which recently finished its airing. After "Shwopnochura", "Lolita" was my most popular work. Wherever I went while the drama was being aired, people used to call me Lolita. Even now, when I go to any village for shooting, people call me by the name. This makes me realise how popular the drama was.

When do you plan to tie the wedding knot?

Shimu: I've left it on luck. All I can say is that I want someone who is appreciative of my work and understanding. But I won't do anything secretly. Whenever I decide to marry, everyone will know.

Artist Bijon Chowdhury no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted Indian artist Bijon Chowdhury passed away on March 16 at Belle Vue Clinic of South Kolkata. He had been suffering from severe lung disease for a long time. He was 82. Chowdhury is survived by two daughters and two sons.

Chowdhury was born in Faridpur in 1931. He studied at the Government College of Arts, Kolkata. Later, he graduated from the Dacca Art College (now the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka). In the 1950s, he was deeply involved with left leaning politics along with some of his peers---Qayyum Chowdhury, Devdas Chakraborty and Murtaja Baseer.

Chowdhury was also involved in the Language Movement. In

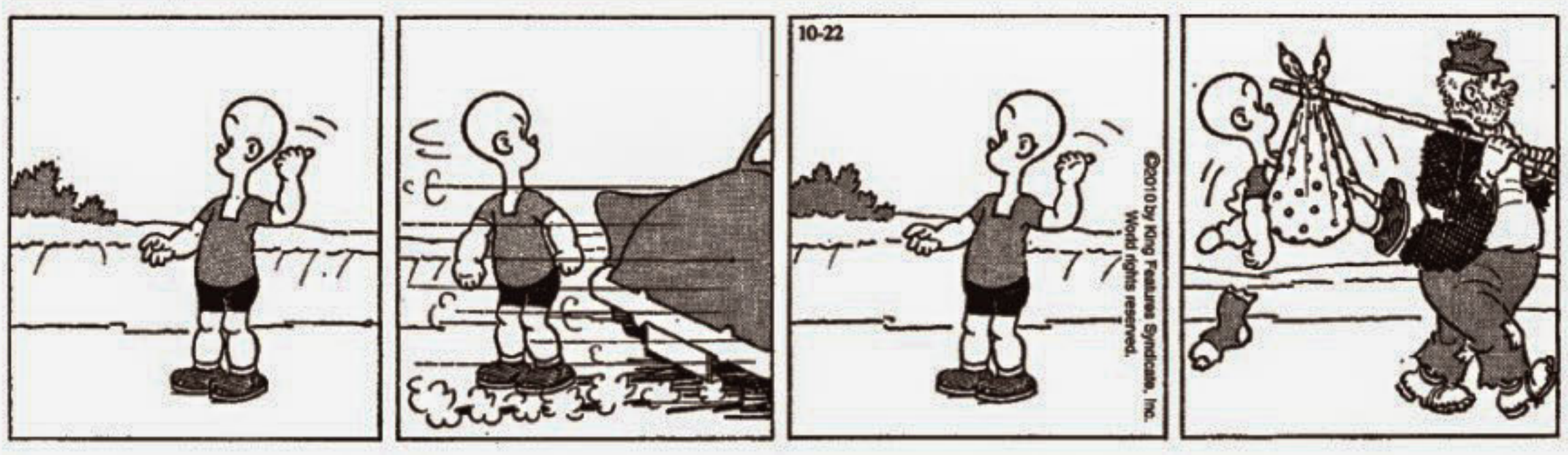


illustrations by Chowdhury. These were among the first such published works on the Language Movement. Later he migrated to Kolkata but he was closely associated with Bangladeshi artists. He participated in many workshops and art camps in Dhaka.

A politically aware painter, his paintings depicted varied narrative elements. His strong mastery over line never deteriorated into illustration. Most of his paintings are considered to be surrealist and symbolic.

Chowdhury's artworks were exhibited extensively in India, Bangladesh, Munich, Stockholm and other European countries. He won many awards, which included the award from the Academy of Fine Arts in 1963 and the Rabindra Bharati Award in 1978.

Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker
SOMETIMES SARGE GETS SO FOCUSED HE FORGETS WHAT HE'S DOING
WHAT'S HE DOING NOW?
CHASING ME
Henry by Don Trachte



BTV	11:30	Special programme: Abul Mansur Ahmad death anniversary	12:35	Bangla Feature Film Gaane Gaane
	02:00	India vs Pakistan (Live)	05:30	Bhulobachhu
	10:25	Digital Bangladesh	08:30	Drama Serial: Chorkhobbo
ATN BANGLA	01:25	Sharer Madhuri	09:50	Ohropodi Kahini
	03:10	Khalid Jogger		
	04:20	Prasanga		
	05:35	Dhak Dhol		
	09:20	Drama Serial: Chhayani Kanyanari		
CHANNEL i	01:05	Ebong Cinemar		
	02:40	Grorey Ghorey		
	06:00	Chhayajhankar		
	09:35	Drama Serial: Oti Lobhe Lati Nosto		
	11:30	Prokhti O Jibon		
Rtv	12:35	Bangla Feature Film Gaane Gaane		
	04:40	Desh Janopad		
	05:30	Durgam		
	06:30	Sanskritir Sharades		
	07:45	Drama Serial: Mayer Doa Poribahan		
	09:45	Tribute to Legend		
Maasranga Television	10:02	Bangla Feature Film Khola Mon		
	06:30	Drama Serial: Khonikhalay		
	08:30	Tele-quiz		
Z Studio	09:02	End of Days		
	01:30	Enemy of the State		

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09:00	12:30	No Tension
12:00	04:00	Dhaka Calling
02:05	09:00	Full Volume
	11:00	Back to Back music
03:00		RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
05:00	08:00	Good Morning Dhaka
07:00	12:00	Today's Adda
09:00	04:00	U Turn
RADIO FOOTI	07:00	Takey Ja Hoke
07:30	10:00	Raat Roor Gaan

Projapoti Din
On ntv at 09:30pm
Single Episode
TV Play
Cast: Apurba, Tahsin

Buried
On HBO at 09:30pm
Genre: Drama/Mystery
Cast: Ryan Reynolds, José Luis García Pérez

Media Gossip
On TV at 10:00pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Shah Alam Shazu, Farzana Chhobi

ntv	08:45	Bangla Feature Film Janar Achhey Bolar Achhey	06:55	The Karate Kid Part 2
	04:10	Shahid Shondhya	09:30	Can Air
	06:15	Drama: Projapoti Din	02:40	Transporter 3
	09:00	Music Jam	04:50	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
	11:30		07:05	Legendary
ETV	06:30	Desh Jury Operadh	09:30	Buried
	08:15pm	Gaaner Opangy		
	08:20	Drama Serial: Ohongkar		
	12:05	Ekushey-er Raat		
	02:00	Sunday Live		
Boishakhi TV	03:30	Shudhu Cinemar Gaan		
	04:15	Shorashori Doctor		
	08:10	Priyo Mukh		
	11:00	Reporters Dairy		
BANGLAVISION	11:05	Shokal Belar Roddur		
	01:05	Bangla Feature Film		
	06:05	Ebong Gass-er Bairey		
	08:15	Drama Serial: Ladies First		
	11:25	Business Vision		
HBO	02:40	Transporter 3		
	04:50	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang		
	07:05	Legendary		
	09:30	Buried		
Star World	03:30	The River		
	04:30	Supernatural		
	09:30	Missing		
	10:30	Panam		
	11:30	Dexter		
National Geographic Channel	02:30	Prehistoric Park		
	08:30	Animal Mega Moves		
	09:30	Seconds from Disaster		
	10:30	Test Your Brain		
	11:30	Taboo		
Discovery Channel	11:05	Wildest India		
	02:30	Man Vs. Wild		
	08:30	Cruise Ship Disaster		

ATN BANGLA	06:00pm	Palash Poth Hoi
	08:40pm	Chota Goli
CHANNEL i	07:50pm	No Mans Land
ntv	08:15pm	Bondhu Amar
ETV	10:35pm	Amader Meherjan
Boishakhi TV		

BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
ATN BANGLA	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.	News (English) at 9am, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
CHANNEL i	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
Rtv	News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
Desh TV	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
Maasranga Television	News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.	

ATN BANGLA	12:30am	Lead News
CHANNEL i	09:45am	Tritio Matra
	12:30pm	Tarika Kothon
ntv	12:30am	Ei Shomoy
ETV	10:10pm	Media Gossip
Boishakhi TV		
Rtv	07:40pm	Our Democracy
Desh TV	11:45pm	Shoja Kotha
Maasranga Television	07:30pm	Prime Issue
Shangrotrik	12:02am	Shangrotrik