

WHAT'S ON

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

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

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Quest for Self  
Artist: Gayum Chowdhury  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Dhammond  
Date: March 9-22  
Time: 12pm-9pm

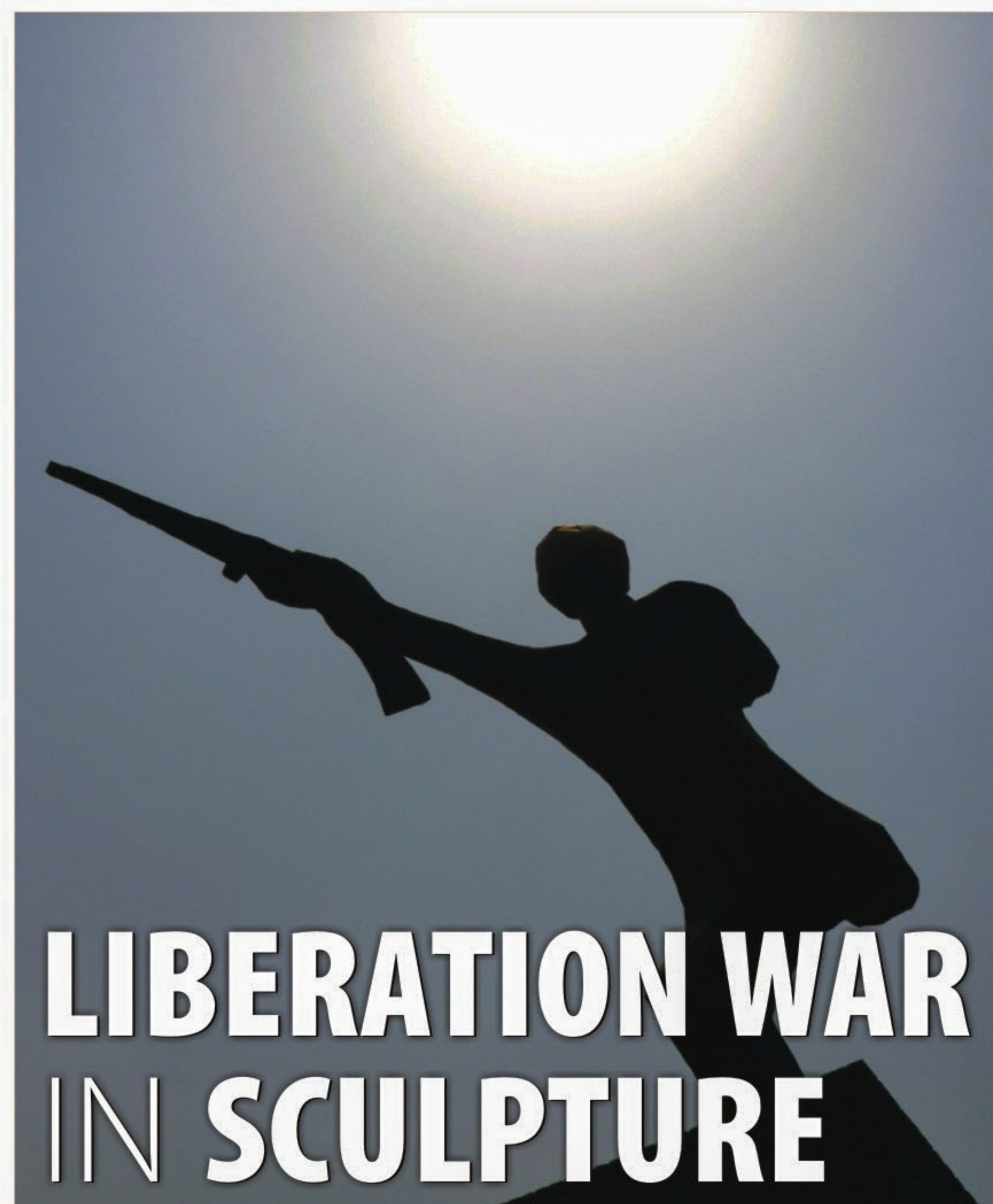
**Group Art Exhibition**  
Title: Vision-5  
Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali  
Date: March 10-29  
Time: 11am-8pm

**Dance Drama**  
Gaudya Nitya Sakal Razer  
Dhara  
Organiser: ICC, Dhaka  
Venue: Main Auditorium, Bangladesh National Museum  
Date: March 23

**Musical Soiree**  
Organiser: Geetsootha  
Venue: Chokraseni Auditorium, H-72, Rd-15/A, Dhammond  
Date: March 24  
Time: 7pm

**Solo Art Exhibition**  
Title: Anarchy and the Blue  
Artist: Shouravman  
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Gulshan-1  
Date: March 16-25  
Time: 12pm-9pm

**Theatre**  
Play: The Distant Near  
Troupe: Bangla Theatre  
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall, Shikukata Academy  
Date: March 24  
Time: 7pm



# LIBERATION WAR IN SCULPTURE

## Shongshoptok at Jahangirnagar University

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hamiduzzaman Khan started his career not as a sculptor but as a painter. On careful examination of his works, it becomes apparent that Khan tries to combine architectural or geometrical shapes with local themes and motifs found in his surroundings. He focuses on form and theme. In his form-oriented works, one also finds Western inspiration.

"After 1971, I tried to understand the impact of sculpture and took interest in the medium. During that time,

I concentrated on Liberation War as a theme, and the subject was a great source of inspiration for contemporary Bangladeshi artists," said Khan.

One of his most moving creations is "Shongshoptok". It stands 28-feet high, including the base. It is constructed of steel armature and brass. The work of art stands in front of the Central Library, Jahangirnagar University. It depicts a freedom fighter with a hand missing, yet ready to fight against the Pakistani forces. The fighter carries a rifle. It is a sign of the freedom fighters' valour and their dedication to the country.

## Sikander Abu Zafar's 93rd birth anniversary observed

TAKIR HOSSAIN

Noted poet, journalist and editor Sikandar Abu Zafar was born on March 19 at Tentulia, under Satkhira district in 1919. He was the editor of the monthly literary magazine Samakal.

March 19 marked the 93rd birth anniversary of Sikander Abu Zafar. Zafar passed Entrance examination (1936) from Tala B Dey Institute, Satkhira and received his BA degree from Ripon College, Kolkata. He moved to Dhaka from Kolkata in 1950 and worked as a journalist for the daily Nabajug, Ittefaq, Sangbad and Millat. He founded and edited (1959-1970) a monthly magazine called Samakal. He also set up a printing press called Samakal Mudrayan and a publishing house named Samakal Prakashani in 1958.

About Zafar and his poems, poet Rafiq Azad expressed: "He was a true patriot and had a big heart. He was also a revolutionary thinker. His bold spirit was fully expressed through some of his ground-breaking poems." Poet Mahadev Saha said, "In the 1940s and '50s, Bangla poetry was mostly romantic. Very few poets wrote about common people and their issues. Zafar's poems were unique and unparalleled in that regard."

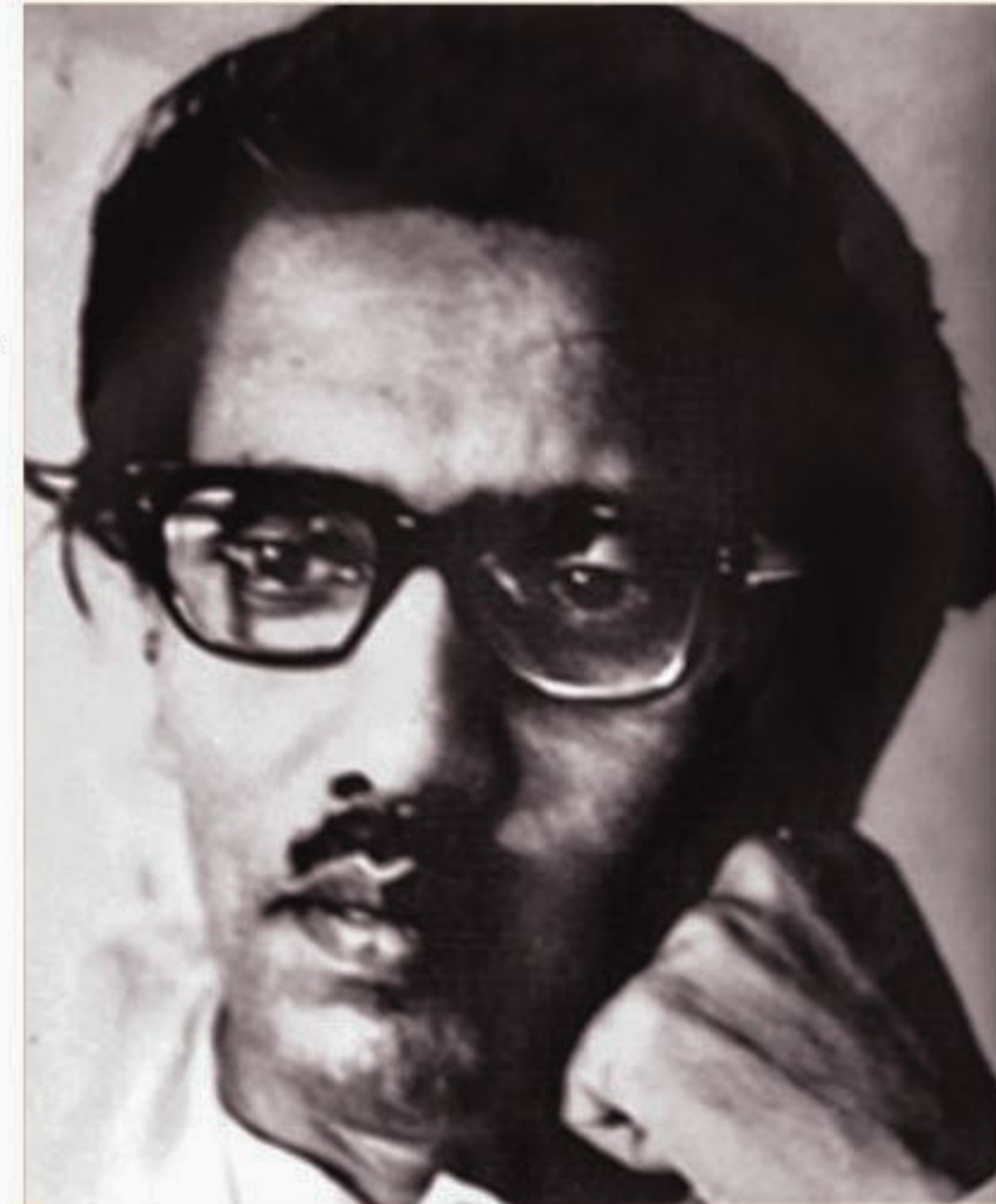
Abul Hasnat, editor of Kali O Kalam, reminisced: "Zafar played a significant role in the cultural and intellectual movement which started in the 1950s. He had a great ability to gather people for a cause within a short time. He would remain in our collective memory for his major contribution to Bengali literature."

"During the Liberation War, he composed a number of memorable songs. Particularly, his 'Amader Sangram Cholbei' motivated people throughout the war."

Mahfuz Ahmed Khan, senior journalist and columnist, commented: "Not just a powerful poet and writer, Zafar was a fearless and brilliant editor. Samakal, a literary magazine, was acclaimed for its rich content and scholarly writing. In 1960s, the literary journal was the best among its contemporaries."

Zafar's noted literary works include plays "Siraj-ud-Dawlah" (1965), "Mohakobi Alao" (1966); a collection of poems "Prashanna Prahar" (1965), "Timirantik" (1965), "Bangla Chharo" (1971) and many more.

The poet received the Ekushey Padak and Swadhinata Padak posthumously, in recognition of his contribution to Bangla literature. He died at the PG Hospital in Dhaka on August 5, 1975.



## Celebrating Life -- Desher Gaan in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A full-house, especially the young, enjoyed the "Celebrating Life -- Desher Gaan" concert at Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on Tuesday evening.

Nadira Begum, a renowned Bhawaiya artiste, held sway over the audience with her stirring performance at the event. She started with the song, "Ekbar Bhebe Dhek Mon Pakhi", which was received by rounds of applause.

Nadira Begum continued her journey into the realm of Bhawaiya songs with "Oki Garial Bhai", "Palkito Na Charim, Dhula Na Lagibe", "Naiyoy Aar Na Jaiyo", "Oki Bondhu Kajol Bhamora Re" and so on.

She also rendered Baroshia songs of Rajshahi region. The instrumentalists -- Goutam Majumder on tabla, M.M. Muniruzzaman on flute, Nirmol Kumar Das on dotara, Sumon



Professor Dr. Md. Rafiqul Hoque speaks and Nadira Begum sings at the programme.



Nadira Begum sings at the programme.

Reza Khan on keyboard and Nazrul Islam on dhol -- also charmed the audience. Other attractions at the event were 10 films presented by Celebrating Life Film Workshop.

The films were: "2B", "Exotic", "Joker Tel", "Nam Nai", "Na Golpo", "Kath Golap", "Kana Masud", "Ghum Manush", "A Television Virus" and "Stranger and the City". The films were directed by Humaira, Mouri, Biplob, Mijanur, Riad, Hasan, Siddiq,

tion Welfare Association president, Md. Nazmul Islam, were also present at the programme.

The vice-chancellor, in his speech, said that agriculture is closely related to our heritage and culture. For example, when a farmer works in the field, he sings to ward off fatigue, he said.

The relationship between agriculture and culture is inseparable, said Professor Hoque, urging the BAU students to incorporate the country's cultural elements into their education.

Syed Badrul Hossain told the audience about the aim of the "Celebrating Life" programme initiated by The Daily Star and Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh.

The programme has been on throughout the country for last five years to promote and inspire local traditions and culture, a much-needed initiative to fortify our identity, said Hossain.

Rafi Hossain, director of "Celebrating Life" and editor of Star Insight, presented the programme.

## Spirit of Liberation War kindled Programme on patriotic songs

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Artists of Gonoshilpi Shangtha Pabna, a leading cultural organisation of the district, performed patriotic songs marking Independence Day on Monday night.

The venue was the Pabna Town Hall premises. A discussion was also held on the occasion.

Professor Shibojit Nag, president of Gonoshilpi Shangtha, Pabna chaired the discussion. Prominent educationalist of the district, Professor Md. Kamruzzaman and secretary, Gonoshilpi Shangtha, Advocate Moshfeka Jahan Konika, also spoke at the event.

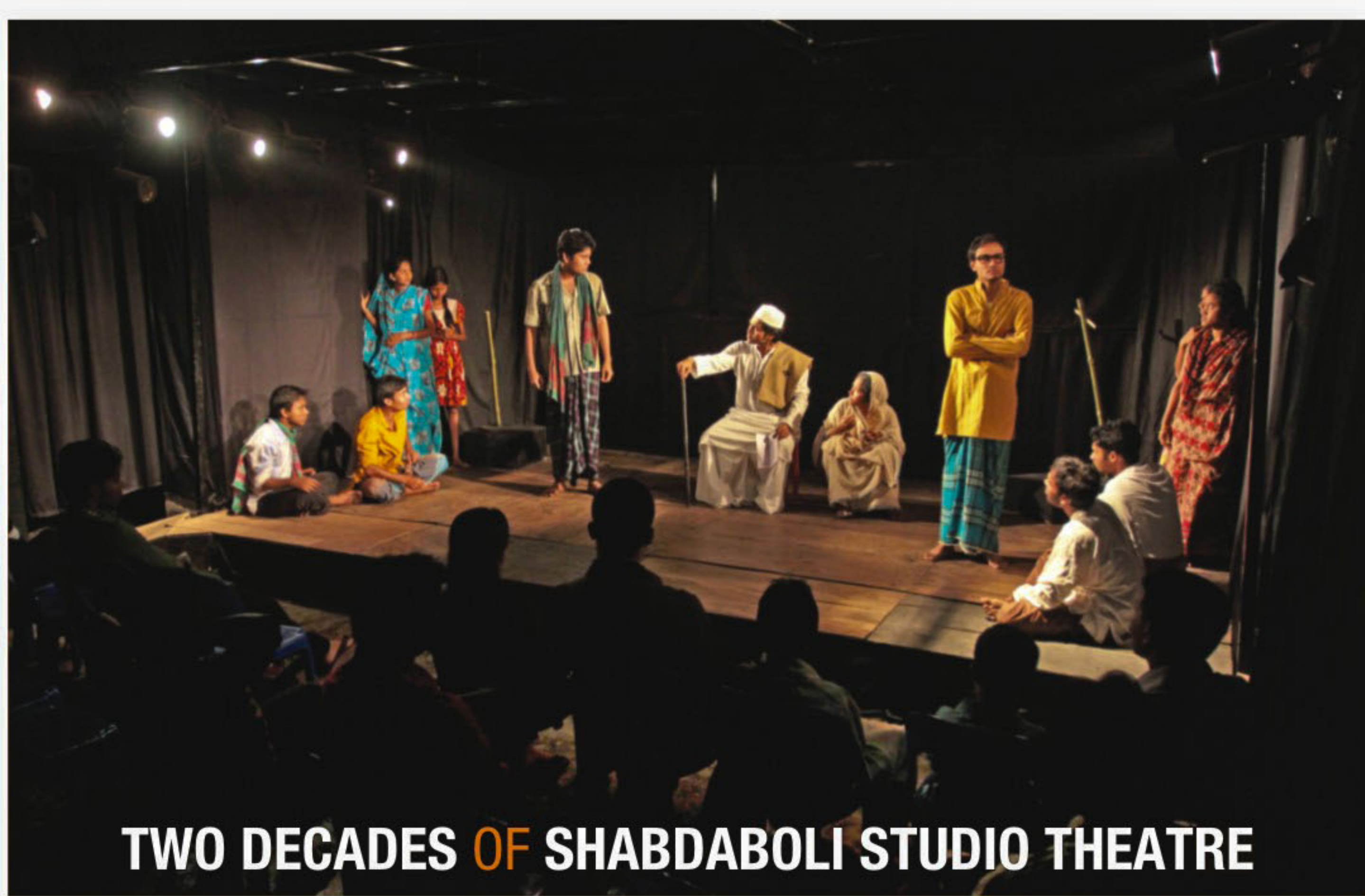
Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra aired patriotic songs that inspired the freedom fighters and generated mass awareness during the Liberation War, said the speakers. The speakers also urged that these inspiring songs be preserved for the young.



Artistes of Gonoshilpi Shangtha perform at the event.

Later the artistes of Gonoshilpi Shangtha performed patriotic songs that were rendered during the Liberation War. Earlier dance artistes Afrina Sultana Lita and Abir Hassan Jewel performed to the accompaniment of patriotic songs.

"Through the programme we have recalled the songs which inspired the nation in the Liberation War. These songs are of immense value in educating the youngsters about the history of our country," said Professor Shibojit Nag, president of Gonoshilpi.



## TWO DECADES OF SHABDABOLI STUDIO THEATRE

With the slogan "Amader Moncho Amrai Gorechhi", Shabdaboli Studio Theatre, Barisal was formed on December 31, 1991. Marking the 40th anniversary of victory and 20th anniversary of Shabdaboli Studio Theatre, a ten-day theatre festival was held at the troupe's centre located on Sadar Road, Barisal and at National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka. The troupe is credited with producing 22 plays and 812 shows at theatre venues across the country. The troupe regularly arranges workshops conducted by local and international theatre experts for its members and other theatre activists of the adjacent districts. President of the troupe, Syed Dulal, and general secretary, Faruk Hossain, are currently leading the 17-member executive committee of Shabdaboli.



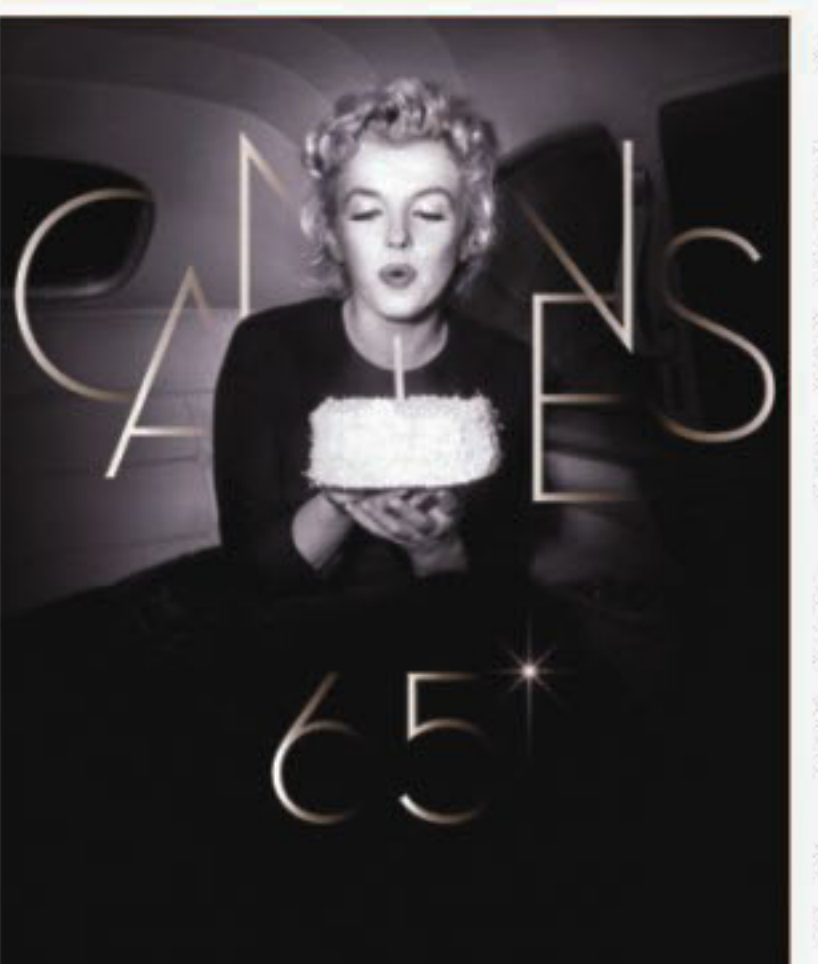
PHOTO: MUMIT M.

## Marilyn Monroe is the face of Cannes 2012

Organisers of the 65th Cannes Film Festival have chosen to honour Marilyn Monroe by selecting a photo of the Hollywood acting goddess for the poster of this year's event, which runs from May 16 to 27.

The organisers said in a statement, "50 years after her death, Marilyn remains one of the major figures of world cinema, an eternal and contemporary reference of grace, mystery and seduction. Each of her screen appearances sparks the imagination. The festival poster captures Marilyn by surprise in an intimate moment where myth meets reality."

The poster shows the American actress in the back of a car, eyelids lowered and lips pursed, blowing out a candle on a birthday cake. The image is taken from a photograph by Otto L. Bettmann, and the design is by the Bronx



The official poster of Cannes 2012.

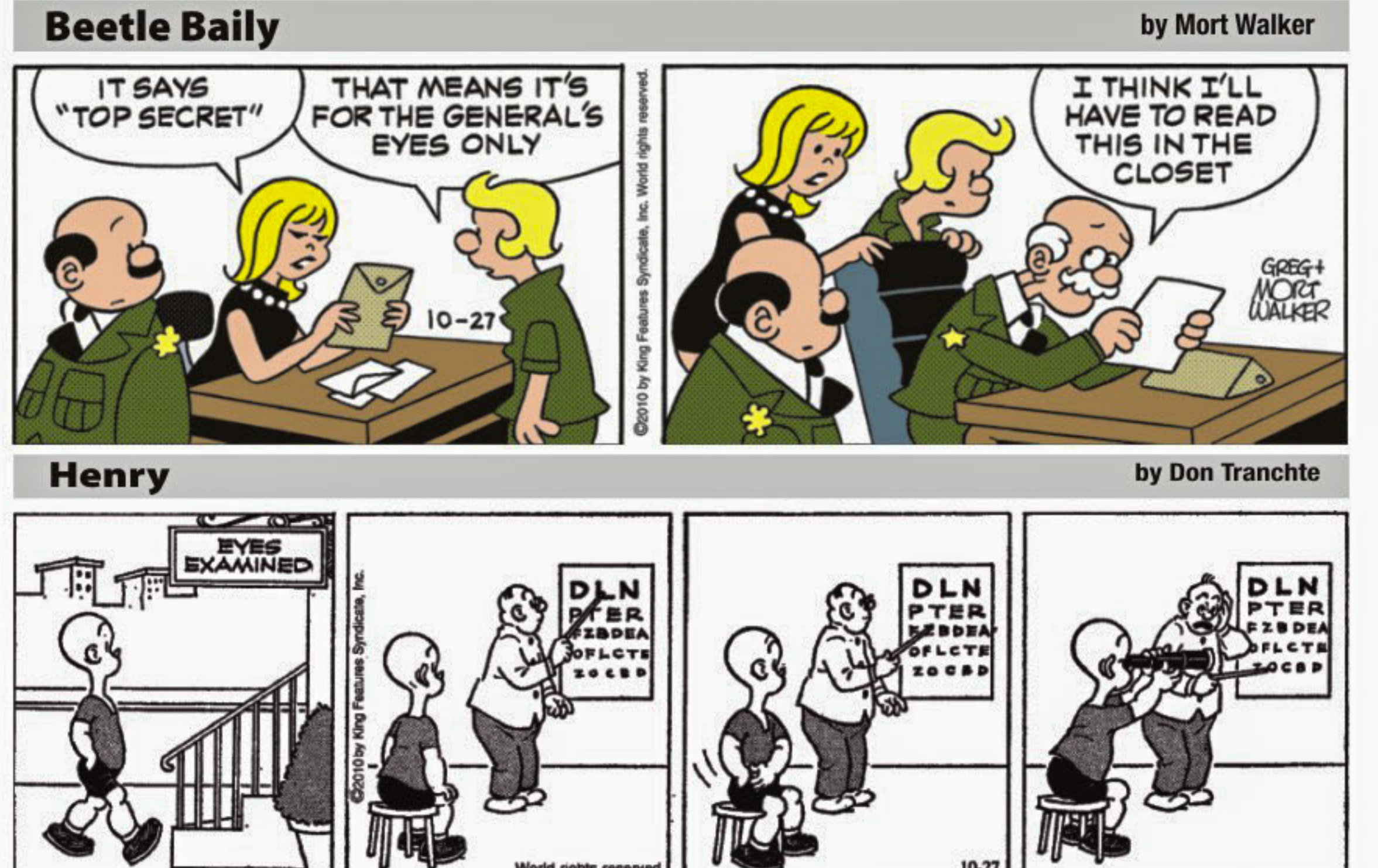
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At last year's festival news of the new film "My Week With Marilyn", an account of the time Marilyn Monroe spent in Britain in 1957, was the talk of the croquette. The film earned Michelle Williams an Oscar nomination for her role as the film star.

The poster is unveiled less than a week after French film "The Artist", a tribute to Hollywood's glamorous past, picked up five Oscars.

Cannes usually picks beautiful actresses for its posters. Last year it was Faye Dunaway. Nanni Moretti, the satirical Italian filmmaker and 2001 Palme d'Or winner, heads the jury at this year's festival on the French Riviera.

Source: The Telegraph



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I am thirsty but this tubewell has no water.

This can happen anywhere if we do not use water wisely.

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<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	11:20 Business and Finance	04:30 Durpath
	12:10 Bangla Feature Film	06:30 Dur Durantey
	06:15 Aina Korbo Joy	07:45 Drama Serial: Mayer Doo Poribahan
	08:00 Drama Serial: Not Out	11:55 Style & Fashion
	11:00 Drama: Tar Nam Mukti	11:55 Drama: The Portrait
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>		
	11:05 Shantir Pothey	10:02 Bangla Feature Film
	01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	05:30 Amazing Animals
	02:40 Hridayo Mar 01	06:30 Char Deyal-er Khela
	Manusher Daak	08:00 Tele-film: Mukti Judho
	03:30 Bangla Feature Film	11:00 Tomay Gaan
	06:45 Tomake Paayer Jonno	Shonabo
	Hey Shadinota	
<b>NTV</b>		
	10:05 Tele-film	01:30 Heart Breaker
	04:10 Jamar Achhey Bolar	03:55 Scary Movie 2
	Achhey	05:40 Scary Movie 4
	06:15 Shubho Shondhya	07:30 Valley of the Fangs
	09:00 Amaro Gaitte Kichhe	09:30 Home of the Brave
	Holo	11:40 Max Keeble's Big Move
	11:30 Music Euphony	

<b>RADIO</b>		
abc radio FM 89.2	12:00 My Time	
09:00 Makhonto Jhonyo	01:00 No Tension	
12:00 Darun Dupury	04:00 Dhaka Calling	
03:00 Duranto Bileley	09:00 Night Rider	
05:00 Shuchhara	07:00 TOON (KA) 5.5	
07:00 Shajer Maya	06:00 Green FM	
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka	
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	12:00 Today's Adda	
Radio (Foot)	04:00 U Turn	
02:30 Hela Dhaka	07:00 Today's Hot	
10:00 Morning Express	10:00 Rock the Station	

**Bangladesh Vs Pakistan**  
On BT  
at 02:30pm  
Aala Cup Final  
Live from Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium

**Accepted**  
On HBO  
at 07:30pm  
Genre: Comedy  
Cast: Justin Long, Jonah Hill

**Bipashar Othi**  
On BANGLAVISION  
at 09:05pm  
Talk Show  
Guest: Shaheen Samad

<b>ETV</b>	11:30 Ekushey-er Business	03:50 Crank: High Voltage
	05:40 Sports Plus	05:30 Spiders II: Breeding Ground
	07:50 Drama	06:00 The American
	09:30 Ekushey-er Chokh	07:30 Accepted
	10:10 Tobuo Radhon	11:35 Transporter 3
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>		
	10:30 Bangla Feature Film	11:30 Desperate Housewives
	Shorashori Doctor	02:30 Supernatural
	08:10 Priyo Mukh	03:30 Missing
	09:20 Drama Serial: Chup	10:30 Unforgettable
	Adalot Chokchhey	11:30 Joey
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>		
	11:05 Shokal Belar Roddur	03:30 National Geographic Channel
	02:20 Cinebit	02:30 Air Crash Investigation
	05:20 Porikha-Prostoti	03:30 9/11 and the American Dream
	06:05 Shyamol Bangla	08:30 Tiger Man of Africa
	09:05 Bipashar Othi	09:30 Drugs Inc
<b>Rtv</b>		
	01:05 Bangla Feature Film	11:30 Banged Up Abroad
	Camera R Gaan	05:00 Jar Jar Dabney
	05:20 Jar Jar Dabney	02:30 Man Vs. Wild
	11:20 Drama: Chalbaj	03:30 Rampage
	12:05 Music Fest	08:30 Nature's Power Revealed

<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	08:40pm Chand Phul Amaboshya
	09:20pm Motijheel CA
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	
	09:35pm Shokal Shondhya Raat
<b>NTV</b>	
	08:15pm Rupkotha
	09:45pm Dokkhinayoner Din
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	
	08:40pm Taberal
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	
	08:15pm Bokupurer Jati
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	
	09:05pm Oloshour
	09:50pm Dhan Shaliker Gaan
<b>Desh TV</b>	
	08:15pm Set Kabon
<b>Maasranga Television</b>	
	09:30pm Dilur Golpo

<b>BTV</b>	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.	News (English) at 10am, 6pm, 10pm.
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.	News (English) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
<b>NTV</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.	News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.	News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
<b>Desh TV</b>	News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.	News (English) at 7pm, 1am.

<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	12:30am Lead News	12:00am Zero Hour
<b>CHANNEL 1</b>	09:45am Tristio Matra	11:25pm Talk of the Week
	12:30pm Taroka Kothon	10:40am Tankalop
	11:30pm Shawpro Oar Din	07:40pm Our Democracy
<b>NTV</b>	12:30pm Ei Shomoy	10:30pm Desh E Golpo
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>	10:50pm Reporters Diary	07:30pm Prime Issue