

Fond memories

Remembering artist Fokhrul Islam

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Alliance Française de Dhaka organised an open discussion on the life and works of the late artist Mohammad Fokhrul Islam on July 20 at La Galerie of this cultural centre in Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

The discussants included artists, art lovers, journalists and friends, family members of Fokhrul Islam. They reminisced on the artist at the commemorative programme.

Jérôme Charbonneau, deputy director of Alliance Française de Dhaka said, "Fokhrul Islam was an exceptionally talented artist. His unexpected demise was a great loss for Bangladesh art. He is highly praised for his unique style and technique."

Liaquat Ali Khan, an art enthusiast said, "Fokhrul was an outspoken and patriotic person. He was also a man of passion and determination. He was an experimental painter and his works carried a unique touch."

About the artist, Arup Kumar Roy, treasurer of Alliance Française de Dhaka expressed, "Fokhrul Islam was a brilliant artist. He was a person with unquestionable rectitude, and he was uncompromising against all he considered unethical."

As part of a tribute to the artist, a solo painting exhibition titled "Shadows and Light" is now on at Alliance Française de Dhaka. About 30 paintings by the late artist are on display. The collection includes some of his previously unseen paintings.

Fokhrul was born in 1964 in Dhaka. He com-



Arup Kumar Roy speaks at the programme.

pleted MFA from the Department of Ceramics, Institute of Fine Arts (now Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka) in 1988. He went to China, on a three-year scholarship from the Chinese Government, and studied at the Central Institute of Arts and Crafts, Beijing. He received many awards for his outstanding contribution to Bangladeshi art. Fokhrul had exhibited in India, Pakistan, China, Japan, France and Italy.

Memorial discussion on Humayun Ahmed in Kurigram

ABDUL WAHED, Kurigram

Kurigram district unit of Sammilito Sangaskritik Jote, a national cultural organization, held a memorial discussion on the life and works of popular writer Humayun Ahmed at the Kurigram Press Club last Friday night.

Speakers at the discussion urged the government and Ahmed's family to fulfill his last wish and set up a cancer hospital.

They also demanded that Ahmed's birth and death anniversaries be observed nationally.

Humayun Ahmed, 64, died while undergoing cancer treatment at Bellevue Hospital in New York last Thursday.

Presided over by convener of the district unit of Sammilito Sangaskritik Jote, Shyamol Bhoumik, the discussion was addressed among others by Principal of Kurigram Law College and Public Prosecutor, Advocate Abraham Lincoln; Press Club secretary Ahsan Habib; veteran journalist Md. Shahabuddin; former chairman of Kurigram Municipality, Md. Kaziul Islam; General Secretary of the district Communist Party, Md. Ansar Ali; poet Jyoti Ahmed; Prochchhad (cultural organisation) president Zulqarnain Shapon; and general secretary of the district unit of Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad, Subrata Roy.

Shyamol Bhoumik said, "We have lost an icon of Bangla literature. Ahmed enriched our literature immensely through his huge volumes of writing. His death had created an irreparable vacuum in the field of literature."



Tapon Majumder
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Kangal Harinath songs rendered by Tapon Majumder

Solo Album Paar Koro Amarey launched at Chhayanaut

Seasoned folk singer Tapon Majumder recorded 11 songs -- originally composed by Kangal Harinath -- for his solo album "Paar Koro Amarey". The album was recently launched at Chhayanaut Shangkriti Bhaban in Dhaka. Commitment Products has produced the album.

The album features Kangal Harinath songs -- "Awroop-er Roop-er Phandey", "Swadesh Jete Hobey", "Bhabhi Din Ki Bhoynokor", "Jodi Dakar Moto Paritam", "Sarobar-e Rosh Bhoirey", "Orey Shunyo Bhoirey", "Bhebe Tho Dekhena Keu" and more.

Tapon Majumder has poured his heart out in his renditions of the songs.

Firoz Khan on sitar; Asit Biswas on esraj; Jalal on banshi, dotara, mandolin and rabab and Rabindranath Paul on tabla, percussion and harmonium instrumentally assisted the vocalist. Rabindranath Paul arranged and directed music for the album.

Kangal Harinath was a literary figure, an editor, a teacher, a reformer and composer of Baul songs. Harinath is considered a pioneer in journalism at the grassroots level in the then undivided British India. He published a newspaper called 'Grambarta Prokashika' that came out in 1860.

Harinath's legacy lives on through his music as well. A disciple of Lalon, Harinath formed a Baul group in 1880 and named it 'Kangal Fikir Chander Dol'. He is particularly remembered for the large number and popularity of the Baul songs he composed. His lyrics and tunes were simple, but the ideas and messages were profound. In his songs Harinath introduced himself as "Kangal" (fakir or mendicant) and the title became part of his name. One of his widely known

songs is "Din Toh Gelo Shondhya Holo, Paar Karo Amarey". Satyajit Ray used the song in his film "Pather Panchali".

Between 1883 and 1893, Harinath published his Baul songs in 16 volumes under the title "Kangal Fikir Chand Fakirer Geetaboli". Harinath's disciples included Akshay Kumar Maitreya, Dinendranath Roy and Jaladhar Sen. Harinath died on April 16, 1896. His complete writings were published posthumously, in 1901, as "Harinath Granthaboli".



Cover jacket of the album.

Looted art returned to Afghanistan



The Begram Ivories date back to the 1st Century AD. The British Museum has assisted in the return of 843 artefacts to Afghanistan, almost 20 years after they were stolen or smuggled abroad.

The items include examples of the Begram Ivories, seen at the British Museum's Afghanistan 2011 exhibition, and an important sculpture of Buddha.

Both were stolen from the National Museum of Afghanistan during its civil war and ended up on the black market.

The artefacts were passed to the museum for safekeeping, ahead of their return.

The items were seized by customs officials and the Art and Antiques Unit of the Metropolitan Police as they passed through Britain, presumably for sale on the black market.

All the artefacts were identified by experts at the museum. Other objects ---some of which were saved by private individuals -- include Bronze Age carvings and medieval Islamic coins.

Neil MacGregor, director of the British Museum, said the pieces' restitution was "the outcome of the ongoing dialogue between our cultural institutions, as well as the support of the authorities, to identify and preserve items from the national collection of Afghanistan that had been illegally removed during years of conflict".

Assisted by the Royal Air Force, the collection left the UK last week, bound for Kabul, via the army base in Helmand.

More than two thirds of the exhibits at the National Museum in Kabul were stolen or destroyed during the 1990s Afghan civil war.

"I'd like to think that anyone would do the same for us if we were unlucky to suffer major disaster or crisis," the British Museum's St John Simpson told The Independent.

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Beetle Baily

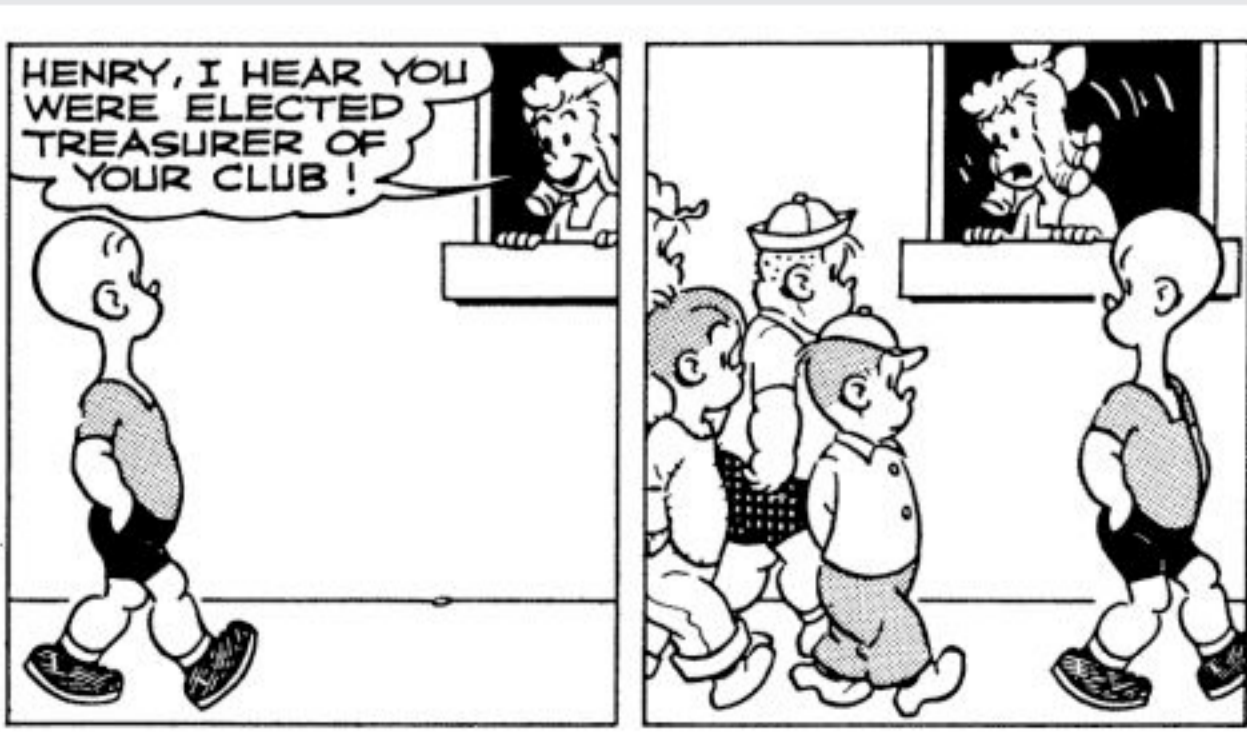
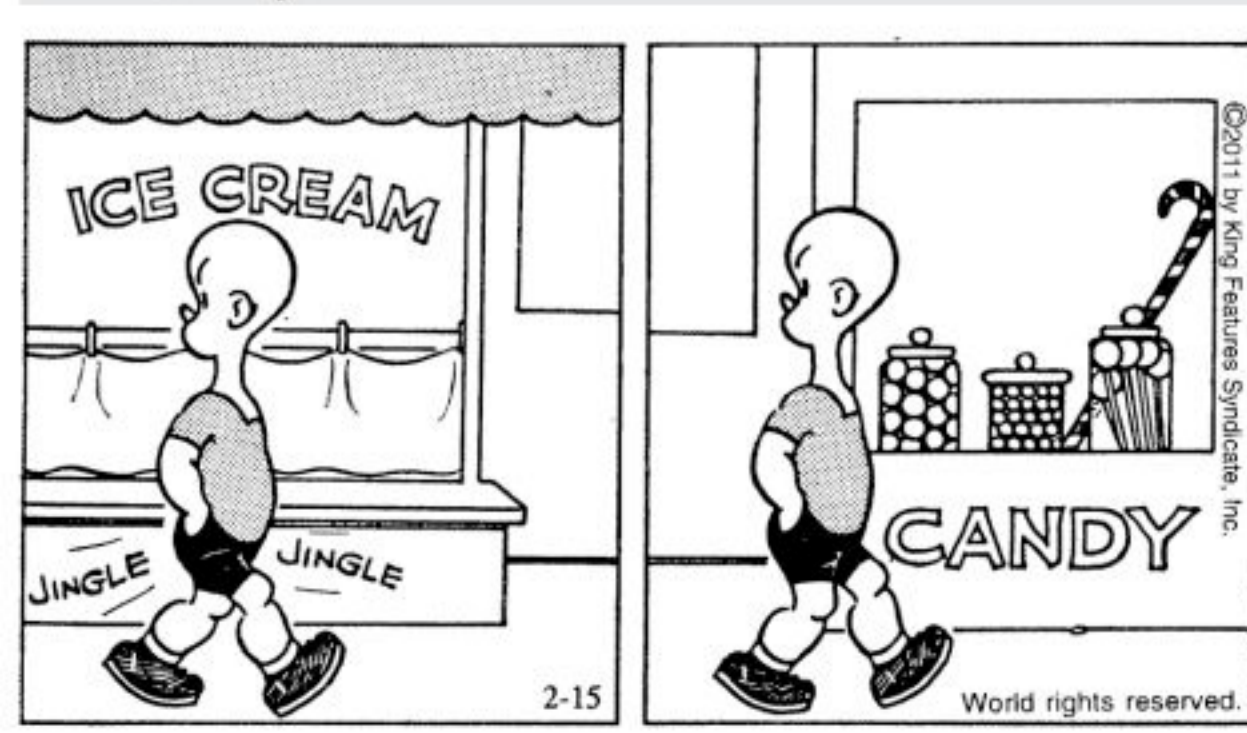


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ATN BANGLA	11:20 Business and Finance	03:30 Suphala Bangladesh
	04:05 Quiz	08:40 Onushondhan
	04:45 Jhatpat Ifitri	09:40 Drama Serial: Ranga Maa
	06:35 Documentary	12:05 News of the Day
	09:20 Drama Serial: Jhulonto Babura	Maasranga Television
ntv	08:45 Bangla Feature Film	09:02 Bangla Feature Film
	06:15 Cholbo Nobir Pothey	06:30 Binodin Sharadin
	09:00 Maggi Taste n Balance Kitchen	08:30 Drama Serial: Khonikaloy
	09:45 Drama Serial: Ochena Protimbibo	09:02 Kingkortobobimur
	11:30 Aponar Jiggasha	11:00 Shajir Baramkhana
ETV	11:30 Ekushey-er Business	12:02 Shamprotik
	06:20 Drama Serial: Rojadar	CHANNEL 9
	07:50 Siyam O Shusthota	09:15 Bangla Feature Film
	09:30 Drama Serial: Tattu Ghora	07:45 Drama Serial: Dead And
	10:10 Cine Hits	09:15 Haater Kachhey Pother Khabar
		11:15 Islamic Jiggasha
		CHANNEL 24
		01:05 Eito Jibon
		08:10 Shopping & Cooking
		09:30 Drama Serial: Jadur

RADIO		
abc radio FM 89.2	12:00 My Time	
09:00 Mukhorito Jiboney	01:00 No Tension	
12:00 Darun Dupurey	04:00 Dhaka Calling	
03:00 Duranto Bikelley	09:00 Night Rider	
05:00 Shondhatara	01:00 Back to Back music	
09:00 Raat-er Akashey	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6	
11:00 Golper Shesh Nei	06:00 Green FM	
Radio Foorti	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka	
07:30 Hello Dhaka	12:00 Today's Adda	
10:00 Morning Express	04:00 U Turn	

Bagha Sher
On Gtv at 08:00pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chanchal Chowdhury, Shireen

The Company Men
On Fox Movies at 11:10pm
Genre: Drama
Cast: Ben Affleck, Chris Cooper

Jhulonto Babura
On ATN BANGLA at 09:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Abul Hayat, Mosharrar Karim

Boishakhi TV	11:15 The Business Show	10:15 Shahaar
	04:15 Shorashori Doctor	Drama Serial: Ekaki Gangchil
	05:30 Ramzan Protidin	Gtv
	08:00 Tatar Ranna	11:30 Bangla Feature Film
	11:00 Reporters Dairy	06:00 Mahey Ramzan
BANGLAVISION		08:30 Drama Serial: Jonani
11:10 Bangla Feature Film		Bhalobashi Gaan
05:15 Quraner Alo		12:00 Shongbad Shonglap
07:00 Style File		Fox Movies
08:15 Drama Serial: Ladies First	01:15 X-Men: First Class	03:30 Scream 4
11:25 Probashi Mukh	05:25 Into the Sun	07:00 Dylan Dog: Dead of Night
Rtv		08:50 Black Hawk Down
12:35 Bangla Feature Film		11:10 The Company Men
05:30 Quraner Alo		HBO
09:05 Drama Serial: Boyra Poribar		01:10 Step Up 2: The Streets
		03:10 Blade
09:50 Bridal Show		05:40 The Mummy
12:05 Musical Programme		08:10 Game of Thrones
Desh TV		09:30 Fast Five
03:00 Gaan R Gaan		12:10 Balls of Fury
05:00 Durpath		Star World
08:15 Gaan		02:30 Criminal Minds
09:45 Cinema Express		07:30 Two and a Half Men
12:30 Total Sports		08:30 The Simpson
Diganta TV		09:30 Master Chef Australia
01:30 Business Time Line		

DRAMA SERIAL		
ATN BANGLA	09:20pm Ognipoth	
08:40pm Rupanatarer Manush	BANGLAVISION	
	09:05pm Long March	
CHANNEL i		
07:50pm Chhutir Din Ebong Ekti Neel Noksha	Rtv	
	08:15pm Side Effect	
ntv		
08:15pm Kagojer Bari	Desh TV	
	07:45pm Sat Kahon	
Boishakhi TV		
	08:00pm Sat Sawdagor	

NEWS BULLETIN		
BTV	News (Bangla) at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, 8pm.	Boishakhi TV
	News (English) at 10am, 4pm, 10pm.	News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7pm.
ATN BANGLA		News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.		BANGLAVISION
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.		News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
CHANNEL i		News (English) at 1pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm.
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.		Rtv
ntv		News (Bangla) at 1:45pm, 6:45pm, 10:45pm.
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.		Desh TV
ETV		News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
News (Bangla) at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.		Maasranga Television
		News (Bangla) at 7pm, 1am.

TALK SHOW		
ATN BANGLA	12:05am Ekushey-er Raat	
11:30pm Je Kotha Keu Boleni	Boishakhi TV	
12:30am Lead News	08:35pm Public Intellectual	
CHANNEL i	12:00am Zero Hour	
09:45am Tritio Matra	BANGLAVISION	
12:30pm Taroka Kothon	06:25pm Front Line	
ntv		
	Rtv	
12:30am Ei Shomoy	11:30pm Our Democracy	
ETV		
	Desh TV	