

# Appreciation for Farooki's **Television**

## GM of Indian Film Development Corporation lauds the film

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, *New Delhi*

At least one leading name in Indian film production industry is feeling great that Bangladeshi movie "Television", directed by Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, has been chosen to be the closing film of Busan International Film Festival in South Korea on October 13.

"Mostafa Sarwar Farooki, a young filmmaker from Bangladesh, closes the festival with his film 'Television'. What a proud moment for all of us," commented Vikramjit Roy, General Manager of

India's state-owned National Film Development Corporation on his Facebook.

"Can't feel happier. Well done Farooqi sahib", added Roy who was in Busan to attend the festival.

The first Bangladeshi film to be given the honour of being the closing film of Asia's biggest film festival, "Television," a family-focused movie, will close the festival in line with the new plan by organisers to put more importance on Asian films.

The film touches in a sharp manner on issues like religious views and tradition versus modernisation tussle.



A scene from the film.

# Tasher Desh staged in Chittagong

SHAHENOUR AKTHER URMI, *Chittagong*

A dramatised version of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's popular dance-drama "Tasher Desh" was staged by the students of Department of Dramatics, University of Chittagong (CU) at Theatre Institute Chittagong on Monday evening.

The play is a metaphoric work by Tagore in which he describes "Tasher Desh" as a land, where everything goes by



A scene from the play.

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the rule of the book and the people of the land lead their lives following that particular code. Liberalism is banned here. The play depicts how the new thoughts of a visiting prince

bring about a change in the mindset of the people of Tasher Desh. The queen also joins in the quest for a new life, and ultimately the king in deference to public opinion goes forward with them in the new way of life. The cast included Lenin, Mamun, Shakila, Kumkum, Emran, Saba, Ripon, Sumon and Nishi.

The play which was the first theatrical production of the Department of Dramatics, CU was directed by Ashim Das, a lecturer of the department. The set, choreography, costume and lights were also designed by the director himself.

Before the play, a brief discussion was held which was presided over by chairman of Department of Dramatics, Kuntol Barua. Vice Chancellor of CU, Professor Anwarul Azim Arif was present as chief guest, while Professor Alauddin, Dean of Arts faculty, Professor Emran Hossain and Mostaine Billah were present as special guests.



Popular actor Ferdous is busy shooting for both Dhaliwood and Tollywood films, but will make time for his fans and is the featured celebrity of this month at DS Café. He will be on the hot seat and take your calls at The Daily Star Centre today, between 5:30 and 6:30pm. Readers, fire away all your questions at him! The best question will be highlighted in the transcription. Call 8126155, 01711623915 and 01711623917 to speak to Ferdous.

# Sabina and Hadi recording together after 18 years

A CORRESPONDENT

After a long hiatus (almost 18 years), noted singers -- Sabina Yasmin and Syed Abdul Hadi -- are recording together for an album. The artiste duo is recording three duet numbers for the upcoming album titled "Balaka". Both artistes will also record two solo songs each, for the album.

Prosenjit Ojha has written lyrics while Monowar Hossen Tutul has composed tunes for the album. Binod Roy has arranged the music.

The singer duo did playback for several films and recorded albums. Composed by legendary musician late Satya Saha, the artiste duo recorded songs for an album titled, "Neel Bedona" 18 years back. Soundtek produced the album. Since then they have not cut out any album. However, they did some playback for films.

"I'm excited to record songs with Sabina Yasmin after a long time. Prosenjit has written relevant and contemporary lyrics, while Monowar Hossen Tutul has set them to tune keeping both the demand of



time and our taste in mind. I hope all types of audience will accept the songs affably," said Syed Abdul Hadi.

"I had been wanting to record songs composed by Monowar Hossen Tutul. Moreover, I got inspired to record the songs with Hadi bhai after a long break," said Sabina Yasmin.

# Secularism and harmony, as preached by Tagore and Nazrul Cultural programme in Mymensingh

AMINUL ISLAM, *Mymensingh*

As a tribute to Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam, the two prominent bards of Bengali literature, a cultural programme was held at Mymensingh Press Club Auditorium on October 6.

The artistes of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi, Mymensingh unit rendered Rabindra and Nazrul Sangeet, enthralling the audience gathered at the venue.

A discussion was also held on the occasion. President of Rabindra Sammilan Parishad Professor Manjurul Alam Champak and writer Salim Hasan were the discussants at the programme. Mir Golam Mustafa, secretary of the Press Club, delivered the welcome speech. Press Club vice-president AZM Imam Uddin Mukta presided over the discussion.

The speakers were of the view that to ensure communal harmony, the secular ideals of both the bards should be followed.

If we could imbibe the ideals of the bards fully, communal violence at Ramu [in Cox's Bazar] where 12 Buddhist temples and many homes were burnt down could have been avoided, said the speakers.

They also said that both Tagore and Nazrul always raised their voices against oppression and communal forces that create unrest in the society.

# Low-budget films vie for top award at Busan festival

AFP, *Busan*

Two low-budget productions are among those vying for the top award at Asia's premier film festival this week, with organisers praising their creativity despite their technical limitations.

The New Currents award at the Busan International Film Festival carries with it two prizes of US\$30,000 and is open to first- or second-time Asian filmmakers.

Among the 10 entries this year are local director Lee Donku's \$3,000 "Fatal", a coming-of-age drama, and Thai director Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit's experimental "36", which is set around 36 static images and was made for US\$20,000.

"Shooting a film for that money is not something to be proud of -- definitely not," said Lee. "We were under dire circumstances but we were dying to make this film."

Nawapol explained that financial necessity meant he was involved in every aspect of the production, both behind and in front of the camera.

"I acted, did sound, moved props -- anything that was needed to get this film made," he said.

BIFF's executive programmer Kim Ji-Seok said this year's field represented the diversity of pro-



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New current movie directors including Nahid Ghobadi (L), Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit (3-L), Nitin Kakkar (5-R) and Maryam Najafi (4-R) wave to photographers after a press conference.

ductions found across Asia and highlighted the two low-budget films as a reflection of the dedication needed to break in to the film industry.

"I think it shows their desire, and just how much sacrifice and hard work they are willing to do," he said. "And while these films might be missing some technical aspects, they show just how creative films in Asia can be."

This year's New Currents field represents eight Asian countries and includes two entries connected to acclaimed filmmakers.

From Iraq comes "111 Girls", an entry from husband-wife team of Nahid Ghobadi and Bijan Zmanpira centring around a group of Kurdish women who threaten mass suicide if their government cannot find them husbands.

Ghobadi's brother Baham Ghobadi ("No One Knows About Persian Cats") is an award-winning director who is currently working with Martin Scorsese.

Acclaimed Iranian director Amir Naderi ("Waiting") acts as producer on the Lebanese film "Kayan" from first-timer Maryam Najafi, which follows a single mother as she tries to run a business and her family in a foreign country.

Previous winners of the New Currents award include Jia Zhangke who won for "Xiao Wu" in 1998 and went on to win the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival for "Still Life" (2006).

The New Currents winners will be announced on Saturday, the final day of the festival.

<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	03:05	Drama Serial: Jolchhobi	
11:20	Business and Finance	08:10	Dine Out with Us
03:05	Bangla Feature Film	11:40	Sports 24
08:00	Destination Unlimited		
11:00	Drama: Maya		<b>GTV</b>
		11:30	Bangla Feature Film
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	08:05	Drama Serial: Pancham	
11:05	Ami Maa Hote Cholechhi	11:00	Drama: Nolok
02:40	Hridoye Mati O Manusher Daak		Ghor Mon Janala
03:30	Bangla Feature Film		
07:50	Drama Serial: Chhutir Din Ebong Ekta Nil Noksha		<b>my tv</b>
		02:10	Bangla Feature Film
		06:25	Drama
		08:10	Amar Gaan
<b>ntv</b>			<b>Fox Movies</b>
10:05	Tele-film	03:40	Conan O'brien Can't Stop
06:15	Shubho Shondhya	05:10	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
09:00	Amaro Gaithe Ichchhe Holo	07:00	Real Steel
11:30	Shur Bhora Nilima	09:10	The Incredibles
		11:05	Rise of the Planet of the
<b>Boishakhi TV</b>			

<b>RADIO</b>	
abc radio FM 89.2	10:00 Morning Express
05:30 Kacha Lanka	12:00 My Time
03:30 Golok Dhadha	01:00 No Tension
06:30 Mitha Kara	04:00 Dhaka Calling
07:20 GP Lounch	09:00 Night Rider
07:45 Megh Barata	<b>RADIO TODAY FM 89.6</b>
08:10 Adda	06:00 Green FM
11:10 Studio Live	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
Radio Foorti	12:00 Today's Adda
07:30 Hello Dhaka	04:00 U Turn

**Maya**  
On ATN BANGLA at 11:00pm  
Single Episode TV Play  
Cast: Shahriar Shubho, Lena

**The Incredibles**  
On Fox Movies at 09:10pm  
Genre: Action/Animation  
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Samuel L. Jackson & Holly Hunter

**Roshni**  
On CHANNEL i at 11:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Lutfur Rahman George, Moushumi

09:15	Bangla Feature Film	Apes
12:15	The Business Show	<b>HBO</b>
04:15	Shorashori Doctor	01:20 Kung Fu Panda 2
11:00	Reporters Diary	05:15 Blade
		07:30 Ocean's Thirteen
<b>BANGLAVISION</b>		10:00 Mr. Bean's Holiday
11:05	Shokal Belar Roddur	12:00 The Lost Future
06:05	Shyamol Bangla	
09:05	Bipashar Oriti	<b>Star World</b>
11:25	Gaane Gaane Deshe Deshe	02:30 Grey's Anatomy
		04:30 Glee
<b>Desh TV</b>		08:30 The Simpsons
03:00	Gaan R Gaan	09:30 Master Chef Australia
06:00	123 Sisimpur	11:30 Two And A Half Men
09:45	Style & Fashion	<b>National Geographic Channel</b>
11:55	Drama: Ashibo Na Er Phirey	02:30 The Elephant Kingdom
		05:30 Air Crash Investigation
<b>Maasranga Television</b>		08:30 Banged Up Abroad
11:02	Bangla Feature Film	10:30 Mega Structures
05:30	Amazing Animals	11:30 Nat Geo Secret Diaries
08:00	Tele-film	
11:30	Tomay Gaan Shonabo	<b>Discovery Channel</b>
<b>CHANNEL 9</b>		02:30 Wild Discovery
09:00	Bangla Feature Film	08:30 Superhuman
08:40	Drama	Showdown
09:50	GP Tune Factory	09:30 Man vs. Wild
11:15	Music Box	10:30 Sons of Guns
		11:00 Factory Made
<b>CHANNEL 24</b>		

<b>DRAMA SERIAL</b>	
ATN BANGLA	Boishakhi TV
08:40pm Chand Phul	09:20pm Ognipath
	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
09:20pm Chayabrita	08:15pm Generation Next Dot Rtv
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	
09:35pm Boeing 757	08:30pm Oloshpur
11:30pm Roshni	09:50pm Mon Rongila
<b>ntv</b>	
08:15pm Mayanigam	Desh TV
09:45pm Shunno Shumikaran	07:45pm Saatkahon
	08:15pm Radio Chocolate

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

<b>TALK SHOW</b>	
BTV	10:10pm Tobuo Badhon
10:25pm Unnayane Bangla-desh	Boishakhi TV
	12:00am Zero Hour
<b>ATN BANGLA</b>	<b>BANGLAVISION</b>
12:30am Lead News	06:30pm Talk of the Week
<b>CHANNEL i</b>	Rtv
12:30pm Taroka Kothon	11:40am Tarokalap
<b>ntv</b>	Desh TV
12:10pm Ei Shomoy	10:30pm Desh E Golpo
<b>ETV</b>	<b>CHANNEL 24</b>