

WHAT'S ON

Group Drawing Exhibition
Title: His Light, His Shadow
Venue: Bengali Gallery of Fine Arts, H-42, Rd 16 (new), Dhamondi

Tagore Dance-Drama
Title: 'Maya Khele'
Organiser: Shadhona
Venue: National Auditorium, Shilpakala Academy
Date: December 23

Album Launch
Album: Nabo Jug Oi Elo Oi
Featuring: Choral records of Nazim Sangeet
Venue: Chayanaut Auditorium, Dhamondi

Anannya Shahitto Puroshkar
This year's award recipient: Kazi Roy
Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium, National Museum

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Journey of Ali Akbar
Artist: Ali Akbar
Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, H-60, R-7A, Dhamondi
Date: December 14-21

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
Title: Alluvial Faces and Diary
Venue: Institute of Art and Culture, Gulshan
Date: Dec 1-20

Solo Art Exhibition
Artist: Kuhu
Title: The Making of Kuhu Art-2
Venue: Radius Art Gallery, Gulshan
Date: Nov 30-Jan 15

Classical Music Fest
Organiser: Chayanaut
Venue: Chayanaut Auditorium, Dhamondi
Date: Dec 20-21
Time: 1st day from 6pm, 2nd



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

In four decades of independence, the Bangladeshi film industry has taken giant strides. Although the number of annual movie titles has experienced a decline in recent years, the industry previously enjoyed a boom -- from the cinema halls used to be packed to the brim. However, only a handful of movies have been made so far on the Liberation War, all of which have gained much acclaim from both critics and the audience.

"Ora Egaro Jon" is the first of its kind when it comes to films on the war. Directed by Chashi Nazrul Islam, the film portrays the experiences of some movie-loving youths during the Liberation War. The roles in the film were played by real freedom fighters. Although many years have passed since it first hit the silver screen, "Ora Egaro Jon" still holds a certain appeal for the film buffs.

"Jibon Theke Neyra" is another timeless classic, directed by Zahir Raihan. Inspired by events surrounding the mass uprising of 1969, the movie was released prior to the war, but still falls under the category of movies that represent the true spirit of independence. In the movie filled with ironies, Raihan used the metaphor of a family to unmask the hypocrisies and oppression of those clinging to power. The movie, featuring the stellar cast of Rowshan Jamil, Anwar Hossain, Khan Ataur Rahman, Razzak, Rosy Afsari and Suchandona, continues to be an audience favourite.

Director and actor Subhash Dutta received great accolades for making the film "Orunodayer Ognishakkhi". Bobita gained a large share of the limelight for her performance in the movie.

Another milestone in the genre is Narayan Ghosh Mita's "Alor Michhil". The plot revolves around a group of unscrupulous people who are submerged in corruption. "Alor Michhil" shows how some youths -- returning from the war -- foil the selfish and unethical attempts by those culprits.

Khan Ataur Rahman also directed a memorable film, titled "Abar Tora Manush Haw", on this theme. The frail economy of the post-war country was pushing youths into depression. Khan Ataur Rahman made the film to bring back those youths to the right path.

Chashi Nazrul Islam's "Songram" (1974) is based on the diary of sector commander Khaled Mosharraf. The

Liberation War on celluloid

Films few and far between



Scenes from "Abar Tora Manush Haw" (top) and "Jibon Theke Neyra".

movie was a commercial success.

Another hit was Shahidul Islam Khokon's "Com-mander", released in 1994. In the same year, Kazi Hayat also made a film on the Liberation War, titled "Sipahi". The movie focused on the struggles faced by the youth, when the country was still reeling from the gruesome effects of the war.

Humayun Ahmed made his directorial debut in 1994 with "Aguner Poroshmoni", an instant classic. The story circled around a family forced to stay indoors during the war. Several actors won national film awards for their performance in the movie.

Later in 2004, Humayun Ahmed also made "Shyamol Chhaya", focusing on a group's journey by a boat during the tumultuous period of the war.

Tanvir Mokammel's "Ekattor" deserves mention as a very well made documentary on the Liberation War. "Tauquir Ahmed's war film "Joijatra" was praised both in the country and in the international arena. The new generation was introduced to different aspects of the war through the film. Several popular TV stars acted in the film.

Tareque Masud's "Muktir Gaan" remains one of the most successful documentations of the war.

Some other key movies on the Liberation War include "Roktakto Bangla", "Bagha Bangali", "Ekattorer Jishu", "Dhire Bohe Meghna", "Muktir Kotha", "Hangor Nodi Grenade", "Agami", "Nodir Naam Modhumoti", "Megher Onek Rong", "Bangla Ma-er Damal Chhele" and "Shobhon-er Ekattor".

Anti-corruption cartoons and photographs on the Liberation War

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

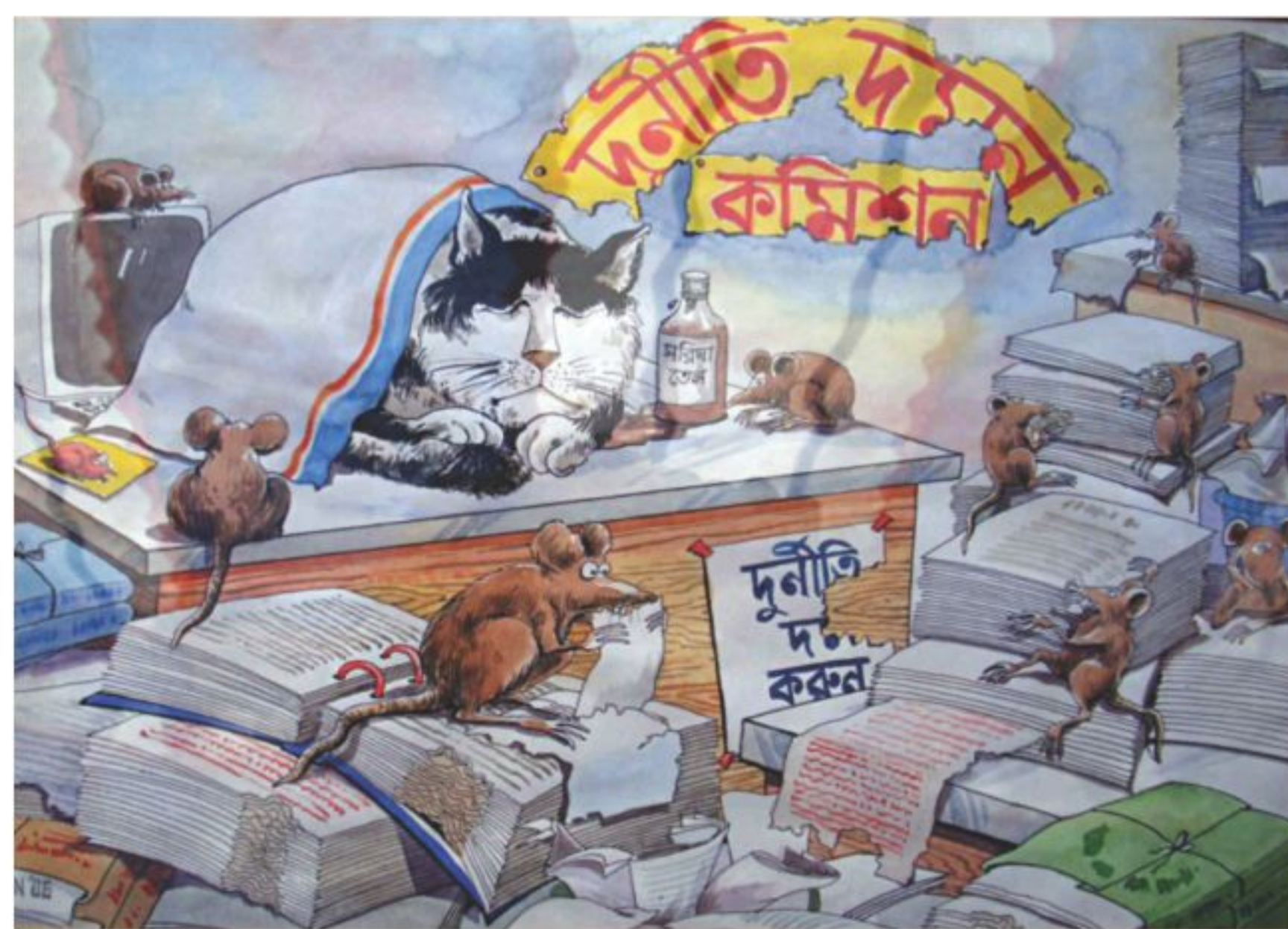
An exhibition of anti-corruption cartoons and photographs on the War of Liberation drew a huge crowd cutting across all ages on the concluding day of the exhibition December 17.

Concerned Citizens Committee (CCC) Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised the two-day exhibition, titled "Cartoon Exhibition on Anti-corruption and Photographs on War of Liberation", at Railway Station Krishnachura Square marking the 41st anniversary of the country's independence.

YES (Youth Engagement and Supports) group members of TIB assisted the exhibition.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof Mokarram Hussein, convener of Concerned Citizens Committee of TIB, Mymensingh unit on December 16, and concluded on December 17. It was the fourth such exhibition by TIB at the same venue.

Some 22 cartoons collected through different competitions organised by TIB



In Dhaka and different districts of the country were on display at the exhibition.

More than 160 rare photographs on the Liberation War drew the attention of the people, mainly the younger generation, said Shafiqul Islam.

Five films- "Joy Jatra", "Muktir Gaan", "Lal Sobuj", "Aghuner Paroshmoni" and "Antar Jatra" were screened in the evening during the exhibition. Hundreds of cartoons on corruption were also screened at the exhibition.

Farooki's "Television" bags Jury Award in Dubai

Renowned Bangladeshi director Mostafa Sarwar Farooki's film "Television" has received the Special Jury Mention Award at the 9th Dubai International Film Festival, says a press release. South Korean filmmaker Kim Ki-duk won the Best Director Award for his film "Pieta", while "Inside" -- a film by Turkish director Zeki Demirkubuz -- received the Best Film Award.

The chief of the jury, Cannes award winner South Korean director Li Chang Dong, said he "fell in love" with Farooki's film.

The film was one of the selections for "Muhr Competition". Television, starring Nusrat Imrozee Tisha, Mosharraf Karim and Chanchal Chowdhury in lead roles - will be released in mid-January in Bangladesh, Farooki informed.



Battle for the crown of dessert master TV show awards top achievers

New Zealand Dairy Products Bangladesh Ltd. announced the winner of the "Diploma Mishri Lora 2012" at Pan Pacific Sonargaon recently, crowning Masuma Ali Rekha the dessert expert in a grand gala, says a press release. The competition that began earlier this year had a huge response, with 30 participants selected for the televised rounds from more than 22 thousand recipes.

The programme aired every Friday at 8pm on ATN Bangla, managed to grasp the attention of a huge audience. Participants at the first dessert expert reality show, had to face international standard challenges and recipes. After 12 grueling episodes, one contestant lived through to be the ultimate dessert expert of the country. Chief Pastry Chef of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel -- Abu Taleb Dipu, food critic and owner of Kozmo Lounge Arif Hafiz and Dessert Expert Lubna Hussain were on the judging panel.

Farzana A Khoda Naz was awarded runner up honours, while seven of the top 10 contestants were each awarded a refrigerator, crests and certificates. A special award was also given to Musarrat Jahan Rumi for her consistent performance in all the episodes.

The award giving ceremony was adorned with musical performances from Kumar Bishwajit and Shadhona Shilpi Goshti.

Joler Dhara Art Group organises watercolour camp



A watercolour by Shohag Parvez.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Joler Dhara Art Group has organised a one and a half month watercolour workshop at Shilpanu Academy of Fine Arts, Lalmita in Dhaka. The workshop began on December 15, and will continue till January 30. Veteran painter Samarjit Roy Chowdhury inaugurated the workshop. Chowdhury also briefly discussed watercolour techniques, process and style of application.

Noted watercolourist Shohag Parvez is conducting the workshop. The workshop's main aim is to popularise the medium among the promising painters of the country.

Hamiduzzaman Khan, Biren Shome, Ranjit Das, Nasrin Begum, Kamaluddin were also present as guest artists at the inaugural session

Tarantino film movie latest to be pulled after US shooting

AFP, Los Angeles

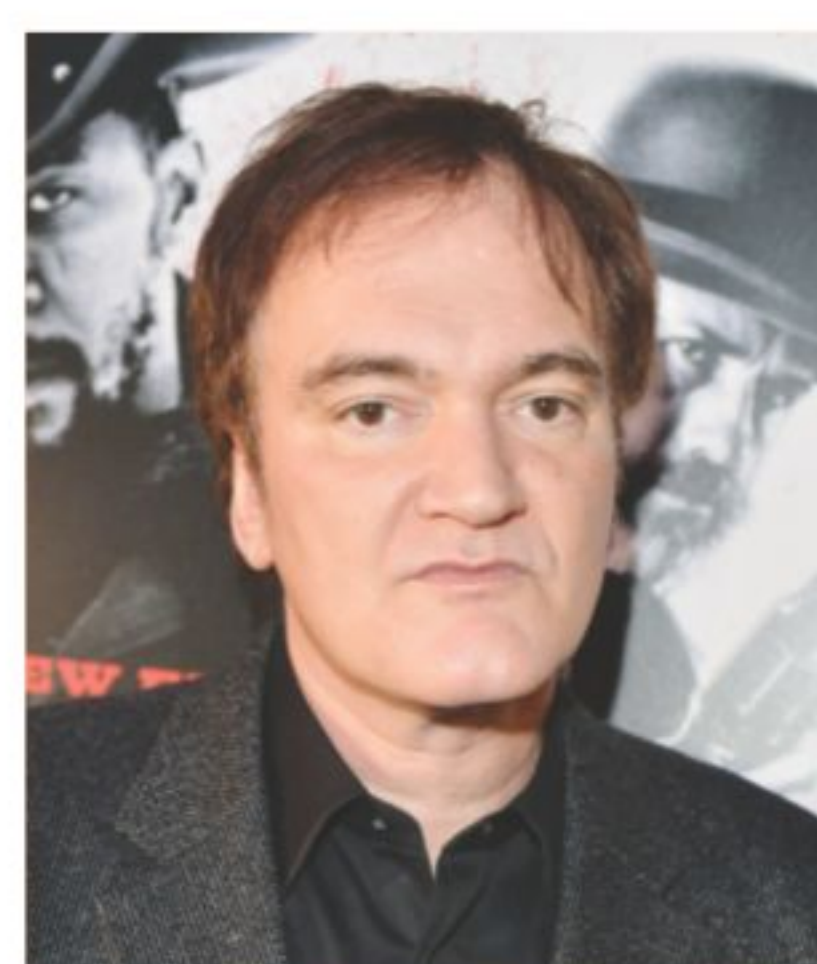
A Hollywood premiere of notoriously violent director Quentin Tarantino's latest film "Django Unchained" was cancelled Monday, the latest such response to the Connecticut school massacre.

A string of movies and TV shows have been pulled or postponed since Friday's shootings, while sporting events have held moments of silence and players have worn black armbands to honor the victims, 20 of whom were young children.

The Weinstein Company said that a premiere scheduled Tuesday in Los Angeles of "Django Unchained" which is due to open on Christmas Day in US theaters -- had been called off.

The studio will still hold a screening for cast and crew and their friends and families, industry daily Variety reported.

Tarantino is known for screen violence, in movies from 1992's "Reservoir Dogs" to 2009's "Inglorious Basterds." In his new film a slave-turned-bounty



Billy Crystal "in light of the horrific tragedy."

The studio also replaced planned broadcasts Sunday of episodes of "Family Guy" and "American Dad" to avoid any insensitivities to the massacre.

A moment of silence was observed at National Football League (NFL) games across the country Sunday to remember those killed in the normally peaceful town of Newtown, Connecticut.

Veteran crooner Barry Manilow postponed a planned Friday night show in Palm Desert, California until Sunday, saying on his website: "Perhaps this small gesture of solidarity will help support these families on this terrible day."

Celebrities were quick to join online expressions of shock and sympathy. Pop star Justin Bieber tweeted: "My prayers go out to all those suffering in this tragedy. It's just wrong. Everyone please pray for them."

"God have mercy!!!! No one deserves this! Praying for the families of the victims of the Connecticut shooting!! What a Christmas it will be," added singer Rihanna on the micro-blogging site.

hunter sets out to rescue his wife from a brutal plantation owner.

The move came after the weekend premiere of Tom Cruise's latest movie, "Jack Reacher" -- about a homicide investigator probing a trained military sniper who shot five random victims -- was postponed.

Fox cancelled a weekend red carpet event and after-party for "Parental Guidance" starring Bette Midler and

Barisal Reporters Unity holds exhibition on Liberation War

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Barisal Reporters Unity (BRU), arranged a three-day-long exhibition and video show on documents and books on the Liberation War at BRU premises. Sohildul Islam, Deputy Commissioner Barisal inaugurated the event on Sunday. Around 100 pictures, documents and books were on exhibit. A sizeable number of viewers attended the exhibition.

On the first day, Barisal Islamia College arranged an event along with a reception to the Freedom Fighters and family members of the martyred at the Ashwani Kumar Hall premises on this occasion.

A march past and acrobatic shows were also held at Bangabandhu Uddyan.

The speakers at the commemorative programmes said that during the Liberation War the unarmed masses and intellectuals were at the receiving end of the genocide that occurred. They urged that the authorities to speed up trial of war criminals and thus pay tribute to the martyrs of Liberation War. They cautioned against people who are creating a controversy on the subject.

Film festival held in Dinajpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

A two-day film festival for children kicked off at Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur to create awareness among minors about the deleterious impact of child marriage, human trafficking and drug addiction.

Chief guest Harun Ur Rashid convener of Hilly Theatre, an organisation of theatre performers of Hakimpur upazila of Dinajpur inaugurated the festival at Hakimpur upazila Parishad auditorium on Monday noon.

Hilly Theatre organised the festival. Around 2,000 children from different primary and high schools of the upazila viewed the films that featured on child marriage, human trafficking and drug addiction. The films also revealed on how to tackle these issues.

At the inaugural session a discussion was also organised, chaired by Harun Ur Rashid. Azizur Rahman, Hakimpur Upazila Chairman delivered a speech while Zakir Hossain Upazila Education Officer was present as special guest.

Beetle Baily



Henry



by Mort Walker



by Don Tranchte



04:10 Janar Achhey Bolbar Achhey
08:15 Roshnigar
11:30 Drama Serial: Chowdhury Villa

ETV
11:30 Ekushey-er Business
07:50 Fashion and Time
08:20 Drama Serial: Bhomradah College
10:10 Docu-drama: Charge Sheet Report

Boishakhi TV
04:00 Drama Serial: Borobar
08:00 Chhot Bou
08:35 Glamour Guide

BANGLAVISION
01:05 Bangla Feature Film
06:25 Front Line
09:05 Nacho Bangladesh Nacho
11:25 Music Club

Rtv
12:35 Bangla Feature Film
09:05 Drama Serial: Boya Paribar

03:25 Drama Serial: Ashin
08:00 Amar Moto Gaan
12:00 Modhyater Muktabak

Gtv
11:30 Bangla Feature Film
06:30 Purano Shei Diner Kotha
09:05 Crime Fiction

Fox Movies
06:00 Homeland
07:00 I, Robot
08:55 Drive Angry
10:35 The Grey

HBO
03:00 Thor
05:15 The Matrix Reloaded
07:40 Final Destination
09:30 The Mask
11:50 Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

Star World
02:30 Grey's Anatomy
04:30 Alcatraz
08:30 New Girl
09:30 Packed to the Rafters

Discovery Channel
02:30 Extreme Bodies

ATN BANGLA
09:20pm To To Company
CHANNEL I
11:30pm Roshni
rtv
09:45pm Shunno Shumikaran
09:30pm Kamini
Boishakhi TV
09:20pm Ognipath

BANGLAVISION
08:15pm Generation Next Dot
Rtv
08:15pm The Side Effect
Desh TV
02:30pm Radio Chocolate
08:40pm Khonkaly
Gtv
08:15pm Pancham

NEWS BULLETIN
Boishakhi TV
News (Bangla) at 10am, 2pm, 5pm, 9pm.
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
BANGLAVISION
News (Bangla) at 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 7pm, 10pm.
News (English) at 9am, 6pm.
CHANNEL I
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 9pm, 10:30pm.
News (Bangla) at 2pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm.
Desh TV
News (Bangla) at 11am, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm.
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TALK SHOW
11:00pm Reporters Dairy
12:00am Zero Hour
10:40am Taroklap
Desh TV
11:45pm Shjo Kotha
Maasranga Television
12:02am Shampoutik
Gtv

ATN BANGLA
01:00am Onno Drisi
CHANNEL I
12:30pm Tarika Kathon
rtv
12:30pm El Shomey
12:05am Ekushey-er Raat
Boishakhi TV

11:00 Biz Time
10:00 Morning Express
12:00 No Tension
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RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
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