

WHAT'S ON

Amor Ekushey Book Fair
Venue: Bangla Academy Premises, Dhaka
Date: Feb 1-28
Time: 3-8pm (Sun-Thu) & 11am-8pm (Fri & Sat)

Britto International Artists' Workshop
Title: Open Studio Day
Venue: National Art Gallery Plaza, Shilpakala Academy
Date: February 23

Solo Painting Exhibition
Title: Long Awaited Freedom
Artist: Rasid Akbar
Venue: Drik Gallery, H-58, R-15/A (New), Dhamandhi
Date: Feb 17-23

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: Portraits of Ambiguity
Artist: Ruhul Karim Rumee
Venue: Gallery Cosmos-2, New DOHS, Mohakhali
Date: Feb 16-25
Time: 11:30am-7pm

Musical Soiree
Artist: Shama Rahman
Venue: Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, H-35, R-24, Gulshan-1
Date: February 23
Time: 6:30pm

Group Exhibition
Title: Love is in the Air
Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts, AJ Heights, Cha-72/1/D, Progoti Shorani, Uttar Bakda
Date: Feb 9-26

Group Art Exhibition
Title: Masters and Others
Venue: Shilpanjan Gallery, House 7, Road 13, Dharmadhi
Date: Feb 22-28

Solo Art Exhibition
Title: All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go
Artist: Joya Shukrin Haq
Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60 Gulshan Avenue, Circle 1
Date: Feb 15-March 3

NEW RELEASES

Ekta Shukh-er Shapno Duet album
by SI Tutul & Shirin Munni
Source: Ringer

Daak Mixed album
Source: CD Choice

Reincarnation Vol. 1 Mixed album
Source: G-Series

Mon Chhuye Dekho Mixed album
Source: CD Choice

Spirit of Amor Ekushey

Discussion and cultural programme at Shilpakala Academy



Members of six indigenous communities sing "Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano" in their mother-tongue and in Bangla. (Below) Abdul Jabbar sings at the programme.

ZAHANGIR ALOM
In observance of Shaheed Dibash, also known as International Mother Language Day, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA) organised a discussion along with a vibrant cultural programme at its premises on February 21.

Noted journalist and cultural activist Kamal Lohani attended the programme as chief discussant, while Dr. Abu Md. Delwar Hossain, a Professor at the department of History of Dhaka University, spoke at the event. Director General of BSA, Liaquat Ali Lucky, presided over the discussion.

A number of artists with several cultural organisations rendered songs, performed dance and presented recitation. Young performers, artists representing the indigenous communities and several foreigners who work at different embassies in Dhaka also performed at the programme.

Members of Shilpakala Repertory presented two group songs, while noted elocutionists -- Bhaswar Bandyopadhyay, Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Rupa Chakraborty and Salim Durran (of India) -- recited poems at the event. Young artistes of People's Little Theatre per-



formed three songs in Japanese, English and in Zimbabwian languages. Their presentation, also featuring dance, received rounds of applause. Shadin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste Abdul Jabbar performed two songs -- "Aaj Ekushey February" and "Salam Salam Hajar Salam". Dancers of Nriyalok

'Projonmo Chottor' (Shahbagh) protesters and demanding justice for the slain blogger Ahmed Haider Rajib, several artistes of Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Parishad performed two songs -- "Shuddha Havar Ei Mondir Shahbagh-e Esho Shob-e" and "Rajib Amar Bhai". Mostafa Anwar Swapan has written the songs.

Twelve artistes (in six male-female pairs) representing six indigenous communities -- including Chakma, Marma, Bom and Tripura -- rendered the Ekushey song "Amar Bhai-er Rokte Rangano" in their languages. Later, a Bom singer rendered a patriotic song in her mother language.

Maintaining the theme, Filipino artiste Reiman performed a solo song; Saurav Kumar of Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre presented a Bhajan, originally composed by Guru Nanak; Dr. Anamika Pandey (of India) recited a Hindi poem while Zinia and Salahuddin of Chinese embassy recited a Chinese poem at the event.

Former Vice-chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, Professor Karuna Sindhu Das, also spoke at the event. "The entire world is, in a sense, indebted to the people of Bangladesh as they shed blood to ensure the right to speak in mother language in 1952," said Professor Das.

Munier Chowdhury's "Kobor" staged

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

Marking 'Amor Ekushey' and International Mother Language Day, students of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University in Trishal staged Shaheed Munier Chowdhury's much-acclaimed play "Kobor" at the Gahi Sammyer Gaan stage of the university on Wednesday evening. Sayem Mohammad Jamil directed the play. Students of Music Department of the university also organised a musical programme marking the occasion. The artistes also rendered patriotic songs at the programme.

Earlier, a discussion was held with Vice-chancellor of the university, Professor Dr. Syed Gasuddin Ahmed, as chief guest and other high-ups of the university as special guests.

Later, students and teachers of the university placed floral wreaths at the university Shaheed Minar in the early hours of Thursday. Cultural organisations, including Udichi Mymensingh unit, held special programmes marking the occasion.

A hundred thousand candles shine through the darkness

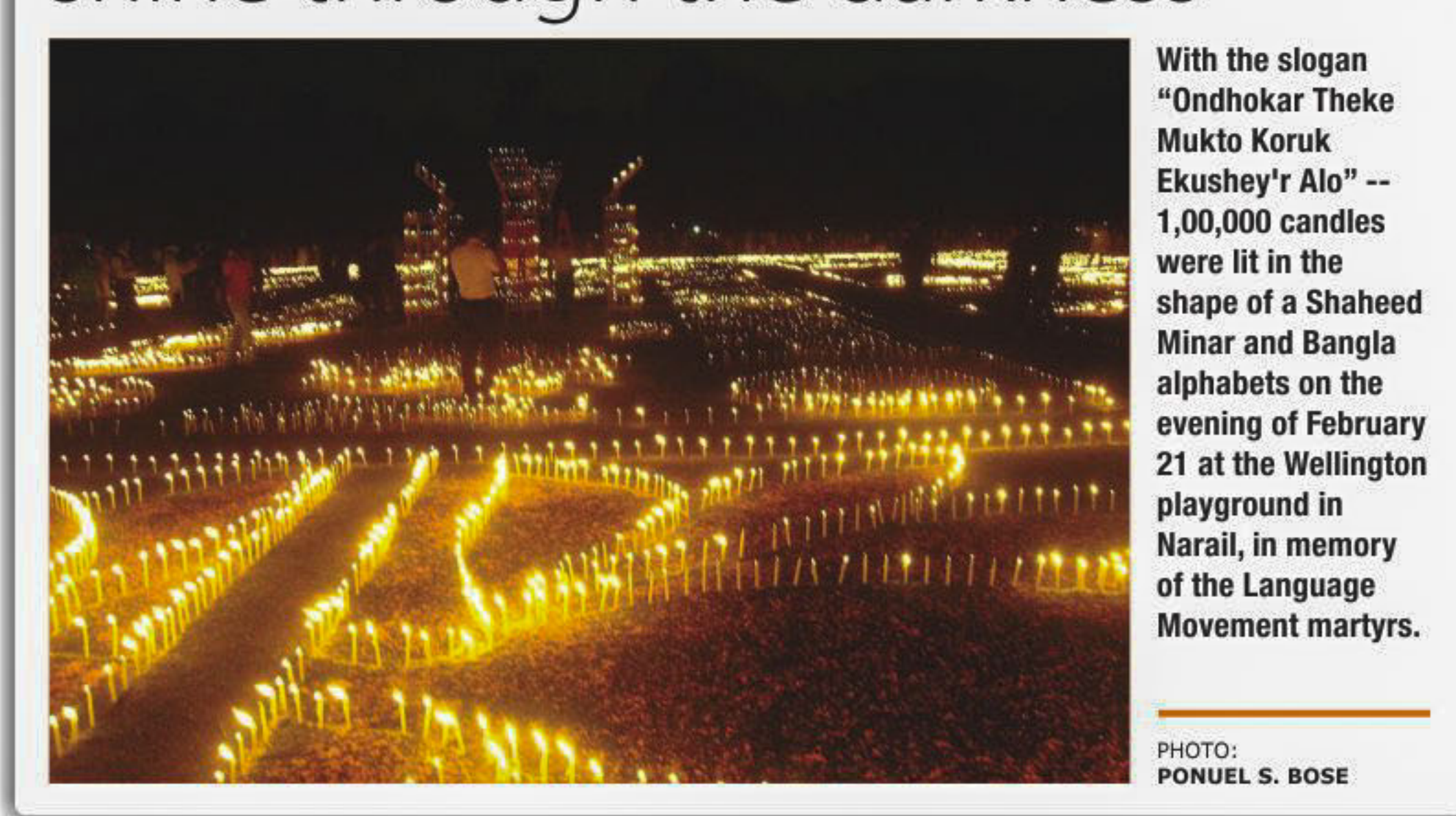


PHOTO: PONUEL S. BOSE

With the slogan "Ondhokar Theko Mukto Koruk Ekushey'r Alo" -- 1,00,000 candles were lit in the shape of a Shaheed Minar and Bangla alphabets on the evening of February 21 at the Wellington playground in Narail, in memory of the Language Movement martyrs.

BOI MELA CORNER

The bookish Monirul Hoque

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

A talent for publishing runs in the veins of Monirul Hoque, the owner of Ananya Prokashoni, who grew up in a family which also owned publishing houses like Tajmahal Book Depot and Comilla Book Depot. At his father's insistence, he joined the family business. Both Tajmahal and Comilla Book Depot published textbooks at that time. Hoque expanded the business into the creative realm, with the goal of benefiting society, the country and Bengali literature.

After a long journey, Ananya Prokashoni has cemented its reputation as one of the leading publishing organisations in the country, with over 1,400 book titles under its name. Since its first publication: Imdadul Haq Milon's "Porir Tin Premik", Ananya Prokashoni has published books by all top authors.

After Anyapokash, Ananya Prokashoni published the second largest number of books by Humayun Ahmed, claimed Hoque.

The publisher's affinity for poetry prompted him to

publish collections of poems by the country's best poets. Hoque said, "Although poetry books are not sold in high numbers, I publish them out of my interest and the responsibility I feel."

This year's Ekushey Boi Mela has seen Ananya Prokashoni publish books belonging to a variety of genres. Writers who were published this year include Muhammad Habibur Rahman, Muntasar Mamun, Shahriar Kabir etc. Other publications include a poetry collection by Mahadev Saha, several books by Anisul Hoque, as well as a handful of children's books. Hoque said, "We try to offer something new each year. We also want to promote emerging writers and poets."

Like most publishers, Hoque also expressed satisfaction at the authority's decision to allow only publishing houses to have stalls at the fair. "This was our long-running demand, which was finally fulfilled. The book fair should only belong to publishers."

He also called for expansion of the book fair venue, urging authorities to extend the Bangla Academy walls to allow the readers a greater chance of viewing books



PHOTO: ATL MAKASH

on display. However, he is against suggestions of moving the venue to Suhrawardy Udyan. Monirul Hoque said, "There is a lot of passion and emotion tied to the Bangla Academy premises and the Ekushey book fair. So not everyone will give the nod to proposals to shift the venue."

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

GUESS WHO?

DID THEY JUST RUN ACROSS THE CEILING? YEAH, AND WE'RE LUCKY THE DOOR WAS OPEN.

Henry BY DON TRACHTÉ

HENRY! -- ARE YOU WIBBLING ON THOSE COOKIES? IF SO-- PLEASE STAY IN THE CORNER!

THE WEEKLY STRUM

Ami Banglay Gaan Gai
Lyrics and composition by Pratul Mukhopadhyay

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Ami banglay gaan gai, ami banglar gaan gai
Ami amar ami ke chirodin ei banglay khujje pai
Ami banglay dekhi shepno, ami banglay baadhi shur
Ami ei banglar maya bhora pothe hetechhi etota dur,

D
Ami banglay kotha koi, ami banglar kotha koi
Ami banglay haathi, banglay bhadi, banglay jege noi
Ami banglay mati ullache, kori banglay hahakar
Ami shob dekhe shune khepe giye kori banglay chitkar.

D
Bangla amar dripito slogan, khipito tri-dhonuk
Ami ekbar dekhi, barbar dekhi, dekhi banglar mukh

D
Ami banglai bhalobashi, ami banglake bhalobashi
Ami tari haat dhore shara prithibir manusher kache ashi
Ami ja kichu mohon boron korechi binomro sroddhai,
Mishe tero nodi, shaat shaperog'gi gongay-padmay.

SOURCE: INTERNET

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JEO JARDI

This competition is for students from class 6 to class 10
Online registration will be open from 15th January to 28th February 2013

ATN BANGLA	07:45 Music Dot Net
10:30 Onnodisti	08:15 Pothey Jetey Jetey
12:30 Prosaingo	08:45 Maasranga Television
03:05 Bangla Feature Film	02:30 Bangla Feature Film
08:40 Drama Serial: Shongshar	06:30 Puppet Show
Shukher Hoy Bedonar	09:00 Bengal-ITC SRA Classical Music Festival
Gan-e	09:00 Raajneetri Bairoy
CHANNEL i	11:00 CHANNEL 9
12:30 Taroka Kothan	09:00 Bangla Feature Film
01:30 Bangla Feature Film	07:45 Drama Serial: Baukurani
06:20 The Traffic Signal	09:15 Zen X
09:35 Hridoye Mati O Manush	11:00 Daily Sports
ntv	CHANNEL 24
08:45 Bangla Feature Film	08:00 Eto Jibon
06:40 Biz Time	09:00 Drama: Great Mistab
09:00 Drama: Speed Money	12:00 Modyraater Muktabar
11:30 Ha-show	ETV
01:30 Bangla Feature Film	01:30 Once Upon a Time
05:30 Once Upon a Time	07:50 The Diplomat
07:50 The Diplomat	09:35 Ekushey-er Raat
12:05 Ekushey-er Raat	11:00 Gano Phone

RADIO

abc radio FM 89.2	06:00 Bumper to Bumper
12:20 Campus Campus	10:00 Back to Back Music
05:30 Kachu Lanka	RADIO TODAY FM 89.6
07:20 GP Lounch	06:00 Green FM
07:45 Megh Barata	08:00 Good Morning Dhaka
08:10 Adai	11:00 World Music
09:30 Love Hour	04:00 U Turn
11:10 Preming	07:00 Rise Up! Hk
RADIO FOOTBI	08:00 Raat Shur Gaan
08:00 Ashabari	12:00 Hulum Pecha
09:00 Foorti Unlimited	

Hridoye Mati O Manush
On CHANNEL i at 09:35pm
Documentary programme
Host: Stykh Seraj

The Artist
On Fox Movies at 07:00pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Cast: Jean Dujardin, Bérénice Bejo & John Goodman

Amar Ami
On BANGLAVISION at 09:05pm
Celebrity Talk Show
Guest: Nazanana Chowdhury Bonny

Boishakhi TV	12:00 Shongbad Shonglap
10:45 Bangla Feature Film	Fox Movies
05:30 Puppet Show	05:10 In Time
06:20 Shatkahan	07:00 The Artist
08:00 Drama: Ke Kothai Boitei Holo	08:45 The Muppets
	10:30 The Ides of March
BANGLAVISION	HBO
11:05 Ami Ekhon Ki Karbo	04:30 Speed Racer
01:05 Bangla Feature Film	07:05 Bridesmaids
06:25 Front Line	09:30 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
08:15 Drama Serial: Dui Takar Bahaduri	11:51 The Three Musketeers
Rtv	Star World
12:35 Bangla Feature Film	07:30 Melissa & Joey
05:30 Rupkotha	08:30 Teacher's Achiever's Club
08:15 Drama Serial: Apon Ghor	09:30 Last Resort
12:00 Love Lounge	10:30 Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
Desh TV	Discovery Channel
03:00 Bangla Feature Film	02:30 Dino World
06:30 Nupur Bejey Jai	

DRAMA SERIAL

ATN BANGLA	08:00pm Nirlikar Manush	09:30pm Dhol
CHANNEL i	09:45pm Korta Kahini	BANGLAVISION
07:50pm Noorjahan	Rtv	09:05pm Alosapur
11:30pm Rozhin	09:50pm Eti Dalabhai	CHANNEL 9
08:15pm Oghoton Ghoton	Potyoshi	08:30pm Nagark
		10:15pm Idols

NEWS BULLETIN

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

TALK SHOW

ATN BANGLA	12:30am Lead News	BANGLAVISION	09:05pm Amar Ami
CHANNEL i	09:45am Tritio Matra	Rtv	11:25pm Lal Golap
ETV	10:10pm Golpo Sholpo Gaan	Desh TV	Our Democracy
Boishakhi TV	09:25pm Shudhai Adda	09:45pm Beto Beto Sharabela	11:45pm Shjo Kotha
11:00pm Nirpad Sarak Chai		Maasranga Television	