

<p><b>WHAT'S ON</b></p>	<p><b>Star Melodies</b> Title: Tagore Melodies on Silver Screen Organiser: The Daily Star Venue: The Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Date: June 15, Time: 6:45pm</p>	<p><b>Solo Art Exhibition</b> Title: Of Man and Earth II by Syed Jahangir Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, 60, Gulshan Avenue, Rd-131, Circle-1 Date: May 31-June 21 Time: 12pm-8pm daily</p>	<p><b>Art Exhibition</b> Title: Artistic Musings of Greats Collector: Nasir Ali Mamun Venue: Bengal Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: June 14-July 5 Time: 12pm-8pm</p>	<p><b>Solo Cartoon Exhibition</b> Title: Time Line Cartoonist: Sharier Khan Venue: Galleri Kaya, H-20, Rd-16, Sec-4, Uttara Date: June 14-27</p>	<p><b>Solo Art Exhibition</b> Title: Unconsciously Conscious Artist: Abdul Guffar Babu Venue: La Galerie, Alliance Francaise de Dhaka Date: June 4-18 Time: 3-9pm; 9am-12pm &amp; 5-8pm</p>
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**NEWS bytes**

**Ford breaks ankle on Star Wars set**

Harrison Ford is being treated in hospital after being injured on the set of the latest Star Wars film. It's understood that Ford, 71, broke his ankle in an incident involving a door at Pinewood Studios. The Hollywood actor, who starred as Han Solo in the original three Star Wars films and is currently filming the new Episode VII sequel, was airlifted to John Radcliffe Hospital, in Oxford.

A spokesman for Lucasfilm said filming



would continue while he recuperates.

Ford is set to be joined in the film by fellow original Star Wars series cast mates Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Peter Mayhew.

Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o, John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Andy Serkis, Domhnall Gleeson, and Max von Sydow are also starring.

"Star Wars: Episode VII" will be the first in a new trilogy of films.

Source: BBC

# The joys of fatherhood



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Fathers are said to be every person's 'first hero'. Father's Day, celebrated most commonly on the third Sunday of June, is an occasion for all sons and daughters to show their love and gratitude to their father, and also for fathers to think back about what being a father means to them. The Daily Star caught up with three loving fathers who are popular names in the country's entertainment industry, on what fatherhood and their children mean to them.

**Kumar Bishwajit, singer**  
"My only son, Kumar Nibir, was born on November 22, 2001 in Dhaka. We named him Kumar Nibir, using letters from me and my wife's names for Nibir. I've always wanted a son, and Almighty has granted that wish.

"It's not possible to describe in words, the feeling of fatherhood. And it's certainly incomparable. You have to be a father to know what it's like. Seeing my son's face for the first time and knowing that he's my descendant, was a euphoric moment.

"All I want for Father's Day is that every son and daughter takes care of their fathers, and never hurt them. And for myself, I just want my son to be happy and at peace. He has a talent for music direction, which is also very heartening for me."

**Azizul Hakim, actor**  
"It was a heavenly feeling when I heard



The strongest bond: (clockwise from top left) Azizul Hakim, Kumar Bishwajit and Asif Akbar with family members.

that I was going to become a father. I was so excited that I did not bother to think whether the baby would be a son or daughter.

"On March 8, 1995, my wife Zinnat gave birth to a baby girl at a clinic in Dhaka. On that day, actress Shomi Kaiser and I jointly performed at a programme in Sheraton Hotel (now Ruposhi Bangla). Moments after wrapping up the event, I rushed to the clinic and waited there till late into the night. After much suspense, a nurse informed me about the birth of my daughter.



father is no more. At the very least we should remember our fathers on that day no matter how busy we are. Now I derive immense pleasure when my son tells me how much he loves me.

"My kids are the apple of my eye. I will spend my entire day with them. On this Father's Day, I send my love to you all."

**Asif Akbar, singer**  
"I have two sons; they are the apples of my eye. Just watching them grow up takes me back my own childhood. It's a kind of happiness nothing else can match.

"My elder son, Rono, is very calm and collected. I remember the day he was born: September 12, 1996. I was ecstatic -- the thought of someone calling me dad was incredible.

"Rudro, my younger son, came four years later. He's the creative and sharp one, and has a very good memory. When he was born, on May 27, 2000, it was once again a memorable day.

"Rono has completed SSC this year, and lives with me, but Rudro is in Khulna at the Military Collegiate School. Unfortunately, I won't be able to reach him on this Father's Day, because he's only allowed to contact over phone on Thursdays.

"All I want for Father's Day is that my sons grow up to be good human beings, and for those who have lost their fathers, I hope they will remember them on this day."

**Star Melodies' musical evening today**



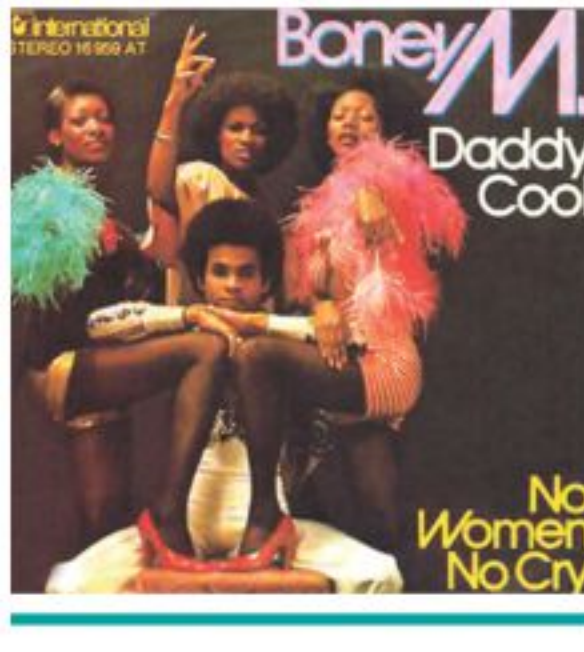
STAR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

As part of its regular musical programmes, Star Melodies is all set to host an evening of "Bangla Cholocchitre Rabindranath'er Gaan", featuring Tagore songs that have been used in films, performed by artistes of repute.

The event, set to be held at the new Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct gallery (mezzanine floor) at 6:30pm today, will see performances by noted Rabindsra Sangeet artistes Fahim Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuzzaman Moina, Bulbul Islam, Shama Rahman, Laisa Ahmed Lisa and Aditi Mohsin.

**IT'S TRUE!**

Disco band Boney M's song "Daddy Cool" was a novelty gimmick record with an unusual, percussive intro by producer Frank Farian, doing rhythmic tic-tic-tics playing on his teeth with a pencil. Frank Farian's characteristic deep voice sings: "She's crazy like a fool..." ('visually' performed by dancer Bobby Farrell) and is answered by the bright voices of Liz Mitchell and Marcia Barrett: "...wild about Daddy Cool". This line has been interpreted by listeners as "...what about it Daddy Cool", so much that the band started singing it that way during live performances.



## Tanvir Mokammel invited to ISDFFEI



A still from "Jibondhuli".

**PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi**  
Discerning cine buffs of Kolkata will be treated to four feature films and a documentary by director Tanvir Mokammel at two separate events in India, in the last week of June and first week of July.

The International Short and Documentary Film Festival of Eastern India (ISDFFEI), which takes place at Nandan II in Kolkata during June 23-27, has invited Mokammel to be the special guest at the opening ceremony, the director told The Daily Star. Mokammel's documentary "Tear-

drops of Karnaphuli" ("Karnaphulir Kanna") will be shown in the festival. The film on the political and ethnic issues of Chittagong Hill Tracts, was initially banned by the then government of Bangladesh, but was later cleared.

Besides, during July 5-6, Salt Lake Film Society of Kolkata has organised a two-day film session of Mokammel. His films to be shown on the occasion are "Lalon", "Lalsalu" ("A Tree Without Roots"), "Rabeya" ("The Sister") and "Jibondhuli" ("The Drummer"). The director himself will be present on the occasion as special guest.

**TV WATCH**

### "Aloy Bhubon Bhora" on NTV

A CORRESPONDENT



A Father's Day special TV play "Aloy Bhubon Bhora" will air on ntv at 9pm tonight. Written by Richi Solaiman and directed by Chayanika Chowdhury, the drama casts Shahiduzzaman Selim, Adnan Faruk Hillol, Tahsin and many others. School teacher Tahsin lives happily in a small town with her blind father Selim. One day Hillol comes to Tahsin's school for audit. They start liking each other and soon it turns into love. Hillol wants to marry her and take her to city. However, Tahsin falls in dilemma, and the story moves along.

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