

Photography Exhibition
Life and works of Tajuddin Ahmed
Venue: Gallery 21, Dhanmondi
Date: July 19-September 8
Time: 12pm-8pm



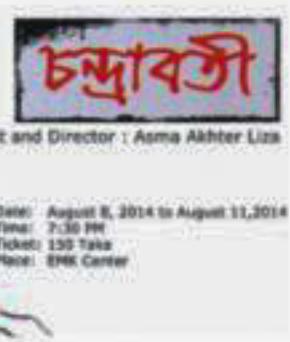
Theatre
Play: A Man for All Season
Troupe: Prachyanat
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: August 11
Time: 7pm



Solo Watercolour
Exhibition
Title: "Jol Chobi" by Shahnor
Mamun
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance
Française De Dhaka



Theatre
Play: Chandraboti
Troupe: Nat Nandan
Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmondi
Date: August 8-11
Time: 7:30pm



Theatre
Trial of Mallam Ilyas
Troupe: Botala
Venue: Studio Theatre Hall,
Shilpkala Academy
Date: August 12
Time: 7:30pm



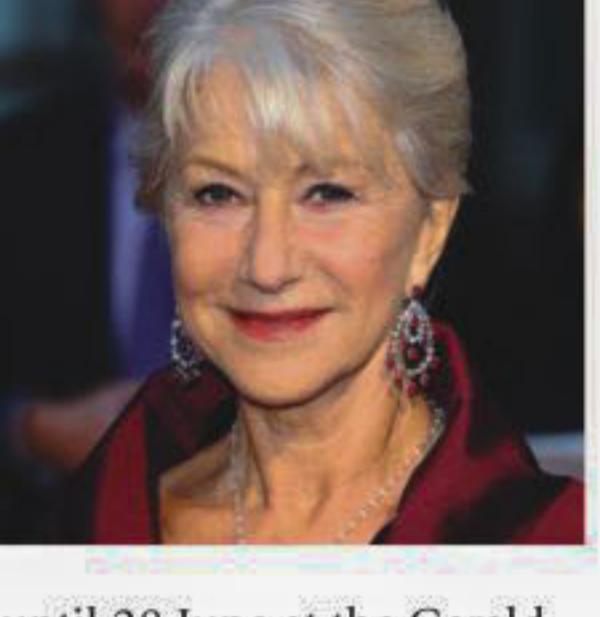
NEWS bytes

Helen Mirren to play Queen on Broadway

West End hit "The Audience", starring Dame Helen Mirren as the Queen, is to transfer to Broadway next year. The play, by playwright Peter Morgan, sees Dame Helen reprise the role of Queen Elizabeth II, which she played in the 2006 film "The Queen".

Dame Helen won the best actress prizes at last year's Olivier and Evening Standard awards for the stage role.

"The Audience" imagines the private meetings between the monarch and her prime ministers over her 60-year reign. The play is scheduled to open in March next year and run

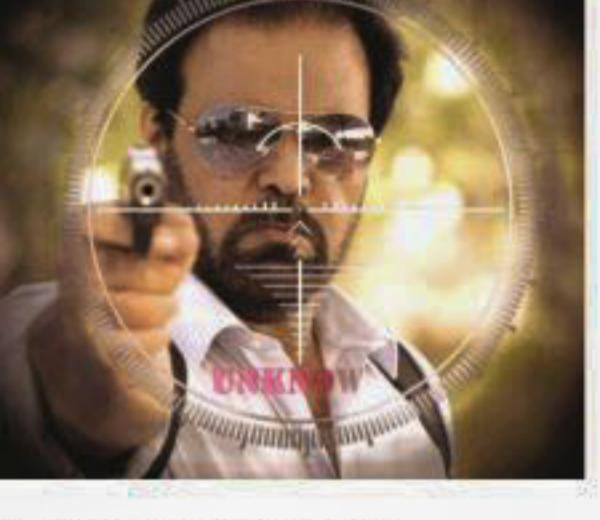


until 28 June at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre in New York.

No other members of the ensemble cast have been announced. Political figures from Winston Churchill through Margaret Thatcher to David Cameron feature in the production, which sees Dame Helen transform herself from a 20-something inexperienced monarch to steely figure-head.

Source: BBC

New drama serial "Face" on SATV



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Face" will go on air on SATV from August 11 at 8:40pm. Abul Hayat, Tariq Anam Khan, Tania Ahmed, Shahid Sharif Khan, Saju Khadem, Niro Niroz and others have played different roles in the play. The play will run every week from Monday to Wednesday.

Wearing traditional dresses and holding musical instruments, the indigenous people belonging to garo, hajong, cooch, banai, dalu, khatriya, hodi and mandai from Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Tangail and Netrakona joined the programme in hundreds.

International Indigenous Day celebrated



Hajong girls dance at the programme in Mymensingh.

The rendition of indigenous songs and dance sequences with traditional songs entertained the packed hall.

Organisations working for indigenous people in Adibasi Udjapon Committee-2014, Kulaura and Borolekha undertook elaborate daylong programmes to mark the day.

KUBORAZ Inter Punjee Development Association, Caritas ICDP and Indigenous people development services (IPDS) bodies jointly hosted the event on the theme -- "Bridging the gap: Implementing the rights of Indigenous Peoples" in Borolekha municipal Hall room.

Some seven hundreds indigenous people from Moulvibazar area attended the programme, dressed in traditional attire.

Chief guest Rafiqul Islam Sundar, Upazila chairman of the Borolekha Upazila and special guest Borolekha Upazila vice chairman Bibekananda Das addressed the discussion. Acting president of KUBORAZ Pratush Asakra presided over the event.

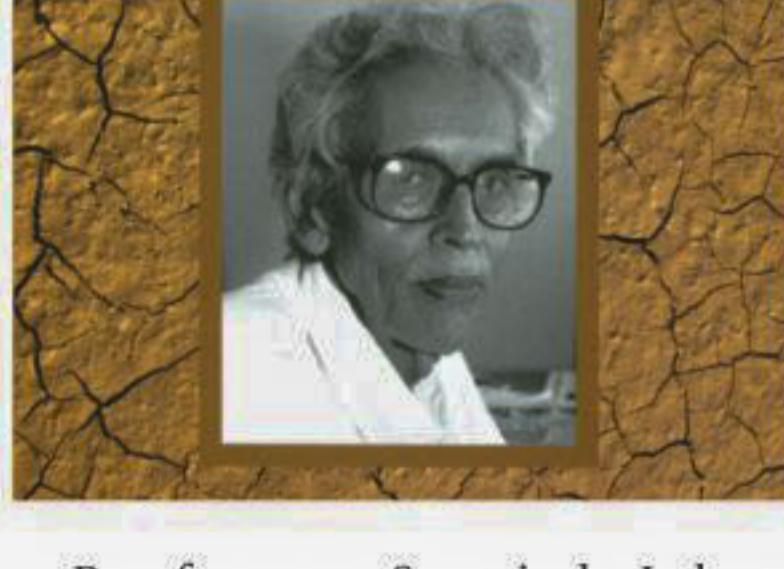
The speakers said according to the ILO Convention, indigenous cultural heritage should be preserved for cultural diversity of the country. The government should take initiatives towards this end, they added. They also urged indigenous people, especially the younger generation, to preserve their unique culture and traditions.

Life and times of Santosh Gupta
Book on veteran journalist launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The publication ceremony of "The life and times of Santosh Gupta" a pictorial biography took place at Poet Shamsur Rahman Auditorium of Bangla Academy on August 9. Santosh Gupta Smriti Parishad and Bangla Academy jointly arranged the programme. Eminent citizens and family members of Santosh Gupta were present at the publication ceremony.

Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, journalist Kamal Lohani, Bangla Academy DG Shamsuzzaman Khan, Professor Syed Mohammad Shahid and artist Kalidas Karmaker jointly launched the book. They also delivered short speeches describing the life and works of the veteran journalist.



Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury walked down the memory lane while recalling his experience of working with Santosh Gupta. "Santosh Gupta was a man of impressive personality. Throughout his life, he was committed to Marxism and worked relentlessly to promote humanity. He was vocal against all sorts of inequality and injustice. His political insight and fearless character made him an iconic figure," he said.

Santosh Gupta, also known as the poet of journalism is an illustrious figure in the field of journalism and literature. He was involved in left-leaning politics before starting a career in journalism in 1957. He later became senior assistant editor of the daily Sangbad.

Gupta made significant contribution to all progressive movements including the Liberation War in 1971. For his outstanding contribution to journalism and literature, he has received Ekushey Padak, Sher-e-Bangla Padak, Maulana Tarkabagish Padak and Jahur Hossain Memorial Padak. In his lifetime, he wrote 18 books and edited some 30 books.

The veteran journalist and columnist passed away on August 6, 2004 at the age of 80.



IN TRANSITION

Meena Bashir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted singer Meena Bashir passed away rather quietly on Thursday, at the age of 55. The veteran artiste, who was the wife of prolific singer Bashir Ahmed, breathed her last at around 9:45pm at her Mohammadpur residence.

Family sources said Meena Bashir had been ill since the demise of Bashir Ahmed (on April 19), as she was mentally broken down. She had to receive artificial ventilation occasionally since, and her condition had been deteriorating since the morning of August 7.

Meena Bashir had lent her voice to a number of memorable songs with Bashir Ahmed, including "Pahar Nodi Jhorna Dhara", "Shobai Amay Premik Bole", "Ogo Priyotom Ora Jante Cheyeche" and "Bhul Je Hobo O Bholo Mon", while her solo songs "Ja Ja Urre Ja" and "Koto Raat Bhebechhi" were also prominent. Apart from singing in a few Urdu movies, Meena Bashir also used to sing Ham'd and Na't.

Meena Bashir was laid to rest at Mohammadpur graveyard, beside Bashir Ahmed. She is survived by children Raja Bashir and Humaira Bashir, and left behind a host of fans whose hearts she captivated with her singing.

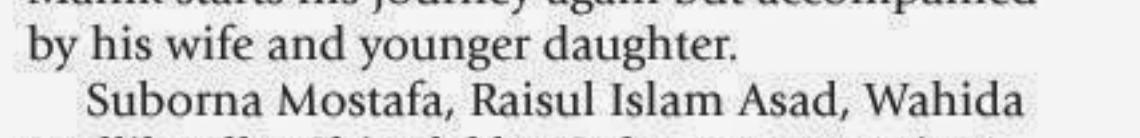
Tina's solo album launched



A CORRESPONDENT

Emerging singer Tina Mostary's solo audio album "Aaj Ki Brishti Hobo?" was launched recently at hotel in the capital. Noted singer Syed Abdul Hadi, Fahmida Nabi, Subir Nandi along with Tina Mostary unveiled the album.

The album features eight songs, penned by Zulfiqer Russel, Raghab Chattopadhyay, Ibrar Tipu, Belal Khan and Sanjib Das have done the composition and arrangements. Laser Vision has produced the album.



A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Pinjor" will air on Maasranga television today and tomorrow at 9:20pm. The play has been written and directed by Badrul Anam Soud.

Missing Manik Mia returns home after 14 years on the day of his elder sister's wedding, creating an unexpected atmosphere. His family and villagers decide that he should leave village again.

Manik starts his journey again but accompanied by his wife and younger daughter.

Suborna Mostafa, Raisul Islam Asad, Wahida Mollik Jolly, Chitalekha Guha, Bonnya Mirza, Saju Khadem, Maznun Mizan and others have donned different appearances in the play.



TV WATCH

"Pinjor" on Maasranga

A CORRESPONDENT

Sabbath, Maiden, AC/DC, Metallica collectibles on auction

Charity sale of rock memorabilia opens on eBay

A signed Iron Maiden painting and a bright orange amp used by Black Sabbath are just a couple of items for sale in the biggest ever rock memorabilia auction of its kind. Aerosmith, Iron Maiden and Metallica are among the bands who have donated merchandise for the charity sale. The auction is under way and will run for two weeks on online shopping site eBay.

Money raised will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust, Childline and Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy. Organised by Heavy Metal Truants in association with TeamRock.com, bidders from around the world will be able to get involved in the hope of getting their hands on more than 80 listed goods.

They include guitars, amps, T-shirts, posters, box sets, rare pressings of albums, set lists, an entire sound system and even a



A signed Iron Maiden poster and an orange amp used by Black Sabbath are on sale.

crash helmet from Slayer.

The auction, closing on August 21, will compete for bids with other charities on eBay.

"It's always charities that get hit hardest in these tough economic times, so this is a great



opportunity for fans, industry, and musicians to join forces in helping those who need it most," Iron Maiden's manager Rod Smallwood told BBC Newsbeat.

Source: BBC