

**WHAT'S ON**

**Photography Exhibition**  
 Concealed  
 Artist: Habiba Nowrose  
 Venue: Kala Kendra  
 Date: August 10-31  
 Time: 5pm-8pm

**Concert**  
 Cello-Piano Audio 2  
 Organiser: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka  
 Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, Date: September 8  
 Time: 7pm

**Duet Art Exhibition**  
 Artists: Sayed Fida Hossain & Sultan Istiaque  
 Venue: La Galerie, AFD  
 Date: August 18-30  
 Time: 3-9pm

**Seminar**  
 Career in Filmmaking  
 Organiser: Cine Making Association  
 Venue: Supreme Court Bar  
 Date: August 30-31  
 Time: 10am onwards

**Concert**  
 Dhaka Rock Fest  
 Headliner: Bumblefoot  
 Organiser: The Rock Project Dhaka  
 Venue: Russian Cultural Center  
 Date: September 15; Time: 3pm



## Mohammad Iqbal's 41st solo opens in Japan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned Osaka (Japan)-based art gallery Chayamachi has organised the 41st solo painting exhibition by noted Bangladeshi artist Mohammad Iqbal, titled "Peace in the Times of Disquiet". The exhibition was inaugurated on August 24 and will remain open until August 29. Mohammad Iqbal is also an Associate Professor at the Department of Drawing and Painting, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka.

"Most visitors are deeply moved by

the paintings displayed at the gallery. Moreover, many of them asked the artist about the backdrop of his creating such profound artworks. In Japan, there is an idiom: 'The eyes are as eloquent as the mouth.' The viewers are attracted by the significant eyes of people painted by Iqbal. The expressions show their kind, unhappy, melancholic and involved moods," mentioned Akira Kadosaka, the gallerist, in a written press release.

Iqbal is a dedicated painter in the contemporary Bangladeshi art scene. His canvases are filled with various

visible and shadowy figures. The background of most of his compositions features abstract forms, soothing colours and mellow tones. For the ongoing show, the artist is exhibiting around 21 artworks on several media like oil, acrylic, mixed-media, and drawing.

Mohammad Iqbal is a MONBUSHO Scholar and obtained PhD in Oil Painting, from the Faculty of Fine Arts, Tokyo University of the Arts, Japan. His paintings have exhibited in many renowned galleries of Japan and Bangladesh.

**TV WATCH**

## LUX Eid special returns this Eid

A CORRESPONDENT

Beauty care brand Lux will bring six plays to the TV screens this Eid, as part of their "Lux Bhalobashar Shourobher Golpo". Helmed by a strong team of directors, the seven episodes will feature standalone dramas starring Purnima, Mithila, Mehazabein, Maria Nur, Safa Kabir and Mamo.

The directors behind the episodes include Shihab Shaheen, Redoan Rony, Shafayat Mansoor Rana, Mabruur Rashid Banna, Imraul Rafat, Tania Ahmed and Tauquir Ahmed. Each episode will be aired on Rtv at 10pm over the first seven days of Eid.



## Chhayanaut's musical tribute to the National Poet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the 41st death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Chhayanaut organised a programme featuring solo and choral songs with recitations from the literary creations of the poet on August 25.

The event set off with the choral song "Shubhro Samujjol Hey Chiro-Nirmol". Performance of choral songs "Joy Ananda Bhairav", "Bhoboney Ashilo Othi Shudur" and "Neerondhro Meghe Meghe Ondho Gogon" followed.

Several prominent and promising artistes -- Suman Majumder, Susmita

Debnath Suchi, Bizon Chandra Mistry, Nasima Shaheen Fancy and Mohit Khan performed songs "Mago Chinmoyi Roop Dhorey Aaye", "Shunno E Buk-e Pakhi Mor", "Amar Biphol Poojanjoli", "Ghumayechhey Phul Poth-er Dhulaye" and "Mor Na Mititey Asha" respectively.

Jannat-E-Ferdousi Lucky, Latifun Julio, Rezaul Karim, Promita Dey, Tanvir Ahmed, Kaniz Husna and Nabonita Chakraborty also rendered solos while Rafiqul Islam, Mahmuda Akhtar and Zarif Ikram recited at the programme.

The event came to an end with the rendition of National Anthem.

## New "Dhaka Attack" teaser is a high-octane affair



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Dhaka Attack", which is being termed by makers as the first cop thriller of the country - has been in the works for a long time, but with its release date announced, (October 6), the film is gradually ramping up the hype. After releasing a cool poster earlier this month, the makers dropped a new teaser online, and though it does not give away much about the storyline, it sure does give a glimpse of the high-octane action that "Dhaka Attack" promises.

At a little over one minute, the teaser once again sets the premise of a series of mysterious murders, and then goes into a fast-cut of tense, thrilling action sequences, interjected with a glimpse of a glam-filled song or two. Arifin Shuvoo is again in the focus, with an impressive cast of supporting actors in Syed Hasan Imam, Afzal Hossain, Alamgir and Shatabdi Wadud. Mahiya Mahi also makes a couple of appearances as a staunch journalist, while

ABM Sumon can also be seen toting rifles in combat gear. The teaser also gives the first looks at the villains, one of them seemingly a man of Asian background, and another afro-haired man in the far background. Near the end, there is one big explosion that seems to be an important point in the story.

The film began production in 2014, under the direction of Dipankar Dipon based on a Sunny Sarwar script. Dhaka Metropolitan Police assisted in the film, which is being produced by Three Wheelers Limited with funding from Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust. The first teaser of the film came way back in November last year, and the first look poster came out earlier this month, launching the films promotional campaign.

"Dhaka Attack" is set for a wide international release in countries of the Middle East, Canada, UK, USA, Europe, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand Singapore and Brunei, after its October 6 domestic release.

## NEWS bytes

### "It" gets rave first reactions

Ever since ABC released an almost impressively boring two-part adaptation of Stephen King's "It", fans of the genuinely bizarre horror novel have been waiting for a proper take on King's book to hit the big screen. From the look of early reactions to director Andres Muschietti's upcoming take on King's book, that wait may be over, says Collider. With the social embargo lifted on Wednesday, flocks of critics and viewers took to Twitter and other social media platforms to praise the movie, its depiction of the 1958 portion of the story, and especially Bill Skarsgard's performance as the diabolical Pennywise.

Collider's Haleigh Foucht called it "everything I wanted. Scary as s\*\*t, Skarsgard nails Pennywise, and the Losers



are perfection." Most other tweets also hailed the movie's scary moments, and the cast, while many also predicted the movie to make a lot of money in the box office.

"It" will hit the screens on September 8. Source: Collider

## A unique Eid beckons Beauty



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After rigorous schedules of shooting or recording, artistes look forward to the Eid holidays for some respite. For many, it is the chance to return home away from the capital, to be reunited with their families and loved ones. However, this won't be the case for popular singer Beauty, who will spend Eid ul Azha at Dhaka for the first time ever due to work commitments.

"To me, Eid is a time when I'd go back home, to eat food cooked by my mother. I truly regret not being able to go, and I will miss my family and relatives back home," she said.

The singer has been extremely busy with projects for Eid-ul-Azha. She has recorded songs for various TV channels, including three folk songs to be aired by BTV. She also has an appearance on a musical programme titled "Eid er Gunjon" where she performed one folk song. Banglavisian has arranged a musical programme on Bhawaiya songs, where she performed three numbers under the genre. For Ekushey TV, the singer has recorded two folk songs.

"My songs performed on BTV have a wider reach than others, because everyone in the country, including the remote areas, has access to the channel. The presence of my fans is more palpable to me whenever I perform for the channel," she said.

"Musical programmes are just as popular as TV plays on Eid," she quipped, "and I am indebted to my fans for their support." Once the Eid festivities begin, the singer will go on to make appearances in two live TV programmes aired by Asian TV and SATV.