

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Musical Event Title: Fête de la musique 2019 Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka Date: June 21 Time: 2 pm – 10 pm</p>	<p>Star Melodies' Musical Evening Title: Shaheenaz Rahmatullah & Subir Nandi – Shorone O Srodhal Venue: The Daily Star Centre Date: June 15 Time: 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Exhibition Title: Mukhoshor Aaraley Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi Date: July 12 – 14 Time: 3 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p>Music Festival Title: Rabindra- Nazrul Jonmojayanti Venue: Bangladesh School of Harmony, Indira Road Date: June 21 Time: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Concert Title: Rushlan's Acoustic Night Venue: Counter Culture Club, Dhanmondi Date: June 19 Entry: BDT300 Time: 4:30 pm onwards</p>
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Remembering AZAM KHAN

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June 5 marked the eighth death anniversary of Azam Khan, the pioneer of rock music in Bangladesh. With a discography of more than 20 albums, his legacy is untouchable. A freedom fighter and an advocate for peace at a time of violence, Azam Khan's name was synonymous to the emerging underground rock music scene after liberation. Maqsoodul Haque, former vocalist of Feedback and musical researcher, notes in *History of Rock – The Legacy of Azam Khan*, "By mid 1973, words spread like wildfire in the youthful underground about the emergence of a man who had taken on the entire establishment, to do a new kind of music despite personal attacks and social criticism. That man was Azam Khan." Without him, a big portion of the industry would not exist as we know it today. Azam Khan was a rock-star, and he rocked harder than anyone could. Azam Khan taught us how to rock. Rest in peace, Guru.

EID TV SHOWS



Eid special celebrity talk show 'Bondhu Aamra', hosted by Tania Hossain and produced by Shaheen Mahmud, will be aired on SA TV at 9:30 am, from today till the sixth day of Eid-ul-Fitr. The three-episode show will have noted actors Alamgir, Farooque, Champa, Rozina, Anjana, Nuton, Misha Sawdagar and Don as special guests.



Popular actor Shajal will talk about his professional journey and experiences on Maarsanga Television's morning show, 'Ranga Shokal'. Anchored by Rumman Rashid Khan and Nandita, the episode will be aired at 7 am today.



Helmed by Arif Khan, the telefilm, 'Mohojal', starring Afzal Hossain, Suborna Mustafa and Shamima Nazneen among others, will be aired on NTV at 2:20 pm today.



The tele-fiction, 'Tout Hoite Shabdhaan', written by Brindaban Das and directed by Shokal Ahmed, will be aired on BanglaVision at 11:45 pm today. It stars Chanchal Chowdhury, Akhom Hasan and Nazia Haque Orsha among others.



Google celebrates Lucky Akhand's birthday with doodle

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Lucky Akhand, who is considered as one of the pioneers in the Bangladeshi music industry, was honoured with a Google doodle on his 63rd birth anniversary yesterday. Enlisted as a

music composer at a relatively young age, the late musician composed and voiced numerous songs throughout his illustrious career.

In 1971, he joined Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra and supported the Freedom Fighters with his patriotic songs, to boost their spirits

during the Liberation War.

His substantial list of timeless hits include the likes of *Abar Elo Je Shondha*, *Polatok Ami*, *Agey Jodi Jantam*, *Ei Neel Monihar* and many more classics.

Lucky Akhand passed away on April 21, 2017.

Robert Downey Jr's initiative to address climate change

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At Amazon's Machine learning, Automation, Robotics and Space (MARS) conference in Las Vegas, actor Robert Downey Jr took the stage to talk about his future goals to improve the environment. Downey intends to launch a new foundation called The Footprint Coalition that would utilise robotics and nanotechnology to effectively clean the planet. Operations are expected to begin in April 2020 with an aim to clean the world in the next decade. Downey also explained the benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI), a topic he is really interested in, much like his *Iron Man* character, Tony Stark.

In addition, he is producing a docu-series for YouTube with his wife, Susan Downey, about AI's impact. It will feature scientists and experts in philosophy, engineering and medicine among others, according to reports.



DARK PHOENIX now showing at Star Cineplex

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Dark Phoenix, the superhero film based on Marvel Comics' X-men characters, is a direct sequel to *X-Men: Apocalypse* (2016). The film is written and directed by Simon Kinberg and stars an ensemble cast featuring James

McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Nicholas Hoult, Sophie Turner, Tye Sheridan, Alexandra Shipp and Jessica Chastain. In *Dark Phoenix*, the X-Men must face the full power of the Phoenix after a mission in space goes wrong. The film is now showing at Star Cineplex.

