

## End of the golden era of playback

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The eight-time National Film Award winner returned home from Singapore following months of treatment for Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (cancer in both Adrenal Glands) at Singapore General Hospital, where he underwent chemotherapy. He leaves behind his wife Lipika Andrew Eti, daughter Minim Andrew Songya and son Jay Andrew Soptok.

For young musicians today and entrepreneurs alike, the journey of Andrew Kishore — his passion for music, changing the scene and winning awards — achieving everything while showcasing modesty and humility, would probably seem far-fetched. Like all youngsters today, Andrew Kishore was also a dreamer. However, his dreams spoke of his zeal, the spirit with which he could cross all hurdles, an intense love for his homeland, and of course the dream to work with some of the biggest names in the industry.

And he did just that!  
He left his home in Rajshahi for the capital and eventually debuted as a playback singer in the film 'Mail Train' (1977) where he sang Ochinpur Rajkumari Nei Je Tar Keu, composed by Saley Alam Khan. Andrew Kishore was also lauded for his playback in the song Ek Chor Jay Choley from the film 'Protikkha' composed by renowned musician Alam Khan. In the early 80s, the famous song Daak Diyachen Doyal Amaare composed by Alam Khan once again, brought Andrew Kishore massive popularity. Even today, the song, re-structured and re-made by many contemporary musicians, namely Fuad Almuqtadir, is a popular number especially during stage lives where thousands of people sing their hearts out!

To the younger singers who looked up to him, including myself, Andrew Kishore had always been a star which could only be looked at but could never be approached.

I would often see him, of course, at

recording studios or during sessions, however, I never had the courage to go up to him and say hello. The first time I actually gathered up the courage to greet him was back in the mid-2000s in Bappa Mazumder's studio located on the famous Kazi Officer Goli near the Ramna Police Station.

Even though he was used to the younger lot touching his feet for blessings, he was clearly embarrassed by this intrusion of mine. He smiled and put his hand on my head, shared words of encouragement and paid compliments on the recent project that I was working on with Bappa da. Not wanting to disturb the conversation between Andrew Kishore and Bappa Mazumder were having, I moved on to the lounge, screaming silently in ecstasy at the fact that Andrew Kishore was actually inside a studio listening to my recorded voice!

The Kazi Officer Goli was a well-known road amongst many for several reasons. The road was home to AB's Kitchen, the recording studio that belonged to the legend Ayub Bachchu and his band LRB. At the very end of the road, the porch in front of a two storied building would often remain crowded with recording artistes, session players, instrument players and programme heads of TV channels and Radio stations. The ground floor of the building was where famed singer song-writer Bappa Mazumder and his band Dalchhutt housed Bee Em's Studio. Right next to the studio was a production house that belonged to Andrew Kishore. Interestingly enough, Andrew Kishore was producing visual content for Television. I, of course, never had the audacity to ask him why he was doing so. Maybe he had a passion for TV production. But then again, it was and still is very common for singers in Bangladesh to take up a second career to help pay bills — unfathomable for fans and the general people, even today.

Growing up, listening to Andrew

Kishore with the family, it was always apparent as to how he had a tendency to praise people and encourage ideas that belonged to Bangladesh. Music and lyrics being his first love, his heart would always reach out to the folk of his homeland through his melodies.

There is a story about how the Indian legend, the music director RD Burman had asked Kishore to stay back in Bombay (now Mumbai), after the completion of a recording session, and sing for the Bombay film industry, popularly known as Bollywood. Kishore, however, had denied respectfully and said that he was happy in Bangladesh and wanted to work in his country for the music lovers. Burman, instead of being offended at being directly refused, gave Kishore a tight hug, declaring him to be a bagher bachcha. Burman was right. Even for a singer of his stature, Andrew Kishore who was later dubbed as a 'playback king' of Bangladesh, spent a lifetime in an industry with no benefits and little respect for artistes; which definitely took a lot of courage and will power to stay back and continue to fight a war with no end in sight.

One wonders, however, what life would have been like for Andrew Kishore, if he had agreed to move to Mumbai in his early days. He would definitely have had a number of songs to his name, composed by RD Burman and other world famous composers. Would he have also owned homes, spaces and studios like the ones he had described upon his return to Dhaka from Mumbai, where he had witnessed composers, lyricists and singers living in comfortable quarters, palace like homes and serenity? Where they would all mostly think, discuss and research on the quality of music produced and how well the melodies were delivered, instead of sitting with drawing boards every night trying to create marketing plans, fighting corporatisation and figuring

out what secondary gigs to pull for a singing career to be funded?

Times were probably different back then, and Kishore had definitely made the right choice of staying back and being with his people. In fact, there was a time when Andrew Kishore was one of the highest paid singers amongst his peers. Things changed with the course of time however. Today, musicians and artistes also yearn for global recognition the way Kishore and others did during their time. But today, the younger artistes also wish for better structures, especially with the rapidly growing and changing digital market.

Some of Andrew Kishore's famous numbers that people hum to even today are Jiboner Golpo Achhe Baki Olpo, Haire Manush Rongin Phanush, Amar Shara Deho Kheyo Go Mati, Amar Buker Moddhe Khane and Amar Babar Mukhe Prothom Jedin Shunehchilam Gaan, Bhalo Aachi Bhalo Theko, Bhengeche Pinjor, Beder Meye Jotsnay Amaar Kotha Diyeche and so many more.

In the 90s, some of Kishore's songs had also become a part of the curriculum at music schools where children were taught songs with elements of life, philosophy and respect were apparent, namely Amaar Babar Mukhe Prothom Jedin Shunehchilam Gaan and Haire Manush Rongin Phanush Dom Phuraila Thush. And just like that, the death of Andrew Kishore leaves a massive, gaping hole within each of us, yearning for someone to come and fill it up — with melody, talent, humility, simplicity, focus, passion and love for the fellow artist.

Unfortunately, there can never be another Andrew Kishore; thus marking the end of the golden era of modern playback singing in Bangladesh.

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## Waterborne diseases now

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far," he added.

Contacted, FM Mahmudur Rashid, health officer of the upazila, said 13 medical teams were working in the affected areas and the health department set up 25 tube-wells in the shelter areas.

In four upazilas of Gaibandha, more than 1 lakh people have already been affected by flood and many of them suffering from different waterborne diseases.

They also had insufficient medical attention.

Abdul Hai, chairman of Mollar Char Union Parishad, one of the worst affected areas in the district, said even cattle were being infected of waterborne diseases there.

The diseases started spreading as the water level started receding, he added.

Contacted, Abdus Samad, livestock officer of the district, said they would soon send a medical team to Mollar Char.

In Lalmonirhat, flood victims are suffering from different waterborne diseases including itch, sore, diarrhoea, dysentery, vomiting, headache and others. But they too have insufficient medical services.

People are forced to drink floodwater due to lack of drinking

water there, locals said.

Jaheda Bewa, of Harinchara area in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said, "I have been suffering from dysentery after drinking flood water-mixed water. No health worker visited us for providing healthcare services."

However, the district's civil surgeon Nirmalendu Roy claimed that waterborne diseases have not been spread in the flood-hit area.

Health officials are distributing water purifying tablets among the flood victim, he added.

In Kurigram, almost similar situation is prevailing.

Abul Hossain, of Char Mashalerchar in Sadar upazila, said, "We have been suffering from different waterborne disease. We are taking treatment from the local quack. But no government officials visited us."

Contacted, the district's civil surgeon Habibur Rahma said, "Medical teams have been working in the flood-affected areas. We have not found any diarrhoea cases, but we are getting dysentery, fever and eczema patients."

In Sirajganj, flood water has started receding. But many people still remained waterlogged.

Our correspondents from Bogura, Lalmonirhat, Manikganj and Pabna contributed to this report.

## First Arab recognition

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**IRAQ RECOGNISES BANGLADESH**  
The Iraqi government has decided to recognise Bangladesh, the official Iraq news agency report today. Iraq is the first Arab country to accord recognition to Bangladesh. The recognition was conveyed to the Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad by the Iraqi Foreign Minister Murtada Adithi. Adithi told his counterpart in a cable that his government wished to establish friendly and fruitful relations with the Bangladesh government.

**EXPLOIT UNTAPPED RESOURCES**  
Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today stresses the need for careful planning for the best exploitation of untapped natural resources so vital for the economic growth of the country. Bangabandhu is confident that the natural resources if tapped into properly would usher in a new era of prosperity for the people of Bangladesh. He expresses the hope

that the country's scientists, engineers and technicians would rise to the occasion to fulfill the stupendous task of national reconstruction and development. Wishing success to the two-day national seminar titled 'Natural Resources and Industrial Prospects of Bangladesh' Bangabandhu describes it as a commendable venture, according to a press release issued today.

**PAY COMMISSION SOON**  
Minister for Finance and Planning Tajuddin Ahmad today discloses that the Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would soon announce formation of a National Pay Commission to rationalise the pay structure. There are 135 grades to service in different organisations of the country. The gap between different grades is irrational. This gap should be narrowed down, the minister adds.

SOURCES: July 9, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

## Italy suspends

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Di Maio, a suspension valid for a week had been arranged during which new precautionary measures will be worked out for arrivals from outside the Schengen area and the European Union.

News agency Reuters, quoting the Italian health ministry, said: "Italy is suspending all flights from Bangladesh for one week due to a 'significant number' of passengers who tested positive to the coronavirus on a flight to Rome on Monday."

Last week, the Lazio region around Rome urged the local Bangladeshi community to test for the coronavirus after clusters of recent cases.

A total of 276 Bangladeshi nationals who were stranded in the country for more than three months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, were repatriated to Rome on Monday by a special flight of Biman, said Tahera Khandaker, deputy general manager of public relations at Biman.

Both Mohibul Haque, secretary of the civil aviation and tourism ministry, and Biman MD and CEO Mokabbir Hossain said they were unaware of this development.

Earlier in June, Japan put restrictions on operating special flights between Dhaka and Tokyo after four passengers who had travelled from Bangladesh tested positive for Covid-19 while in quarantine in Japan.

After being suspended for more than three months, the government resumed flight operations on international routes on a limited scale from June 16.

Only Biman, Qatar, Emirates, Air Arabia, Turkish Airlines, Malindo Air, and Mihin Lanka have so far been given permission to operate flights from Dhaka.

## Recruitment urgent, process uncertain

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year to publish the results of the 39th special BCS exams and complete the recruitment process. There were no written tests in the exams. Only preliminary and viva tests were held.

Some 13,152 candidates passed in the viva. The PSC recommended the appointment of 4,792 doctors from them. In November last year, the public administration ministry issued a circular appointing 4,443 of them to the health cadre. The rest were kept in the non-cadre list.

From the list, 2,000 doctors were recruited to handle the coronavirus crisis in May. More than 6,000 doctors are still in the list.

At least 50 candidates, who have passed the BCS exams, told this newspaper that the 39th special BCS was held only for doctors. Doctors were recruited from the non-cadre list a few days ago. So, the new 2,000 doctors should be appointed from the list without holding any special BCS exams.

On the other hand, many doctors who passed and are in the non-cadre list of the 38th general BCS, whose results were published recently, said about 6,500 doctors were appointed through the 39th special BCS. They attended only preliminary and viva

tests.

And the candidates of the 38th BCS went through a long process. They had to face written tests. They are seniors. Therefore, doctors in the non-cadre list of the 38th BCS should be appointed along with those in the 39th BCS.

They have already wrote to the health ministry and the PSC in this regard.

Doctors, who are in the non-cadre list of the 38th BCS, talked about the lengthy process of completing a special BCS.

A candidate, who is in the non-cadre list, said, "It took over a year to complete the 39th special BCS in normal time. Now there is coronavirus outbreak in the country. If a new process starts, it may happen that the crisis period will be over. But doctors will not be recruited."

A letter from the health ministry said considering the overall situation, the government has decided to appoint 2,000 more doctors on an urgent basis to treat the Covid-19 patients. They will be posted to various Covid-19 hospitals. After the coronavirus crisis is over, they will be posted to different hospitals in health cadre as per the health department decision.

## Australia locks down millions

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broadcaster 7News.

'KNEE-DEEP'

The United States is still dealing with its first coronavirus wave, warned Anthony Fauci, its top infectious disease expert.

Officials have said hospitals in some parts of the country are in danger of being overwhelmed, with many states hit particularly hard after they eased

virus restrictions.

"We are still knee-deep in the first wave of this," Fauci said Monday, adding that the US never managed to suppress infections to a manageable level before reopening like some European nations.

"We went up, never came down to baseline, and now we're surging back up. So it's a serious situation that we have to address immediately."

## Man dies

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The court placed the arrestee on one-day remand.

The additional SP said police took him to Chapainawabganj Sadar Police Station around 7:00pm. A few minutes later, he attempted suicide in the prison cell of the police station. Seeing this on CCTV, police rescued Afsar and rushed him to Chapainawabganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital where he died around an hour later.

Dr Nadim Sarkar, resident medical officer at the hospital, said an autopsy was carried out on the body at the hospital morgue yesterday afternoon.

He said there was a slim mark on the neck of the deceased.

Chapainawabganj Sadar OC Ziaur Rahman said they remanded Afsar after he gave some names to police.

The arrestee attempted suicide by wrapping an electricity cable around his throat. He tore the cable off a stand fan, the OC told The Daily Star.

Speaking to this correspondent at the hospital yesterday, Afsar's wife Julekha Begum alleged that police killed her husband.

"I asked police to show me the CCTV footage, but police did not agree," she said.

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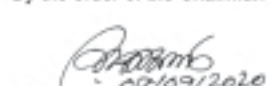
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