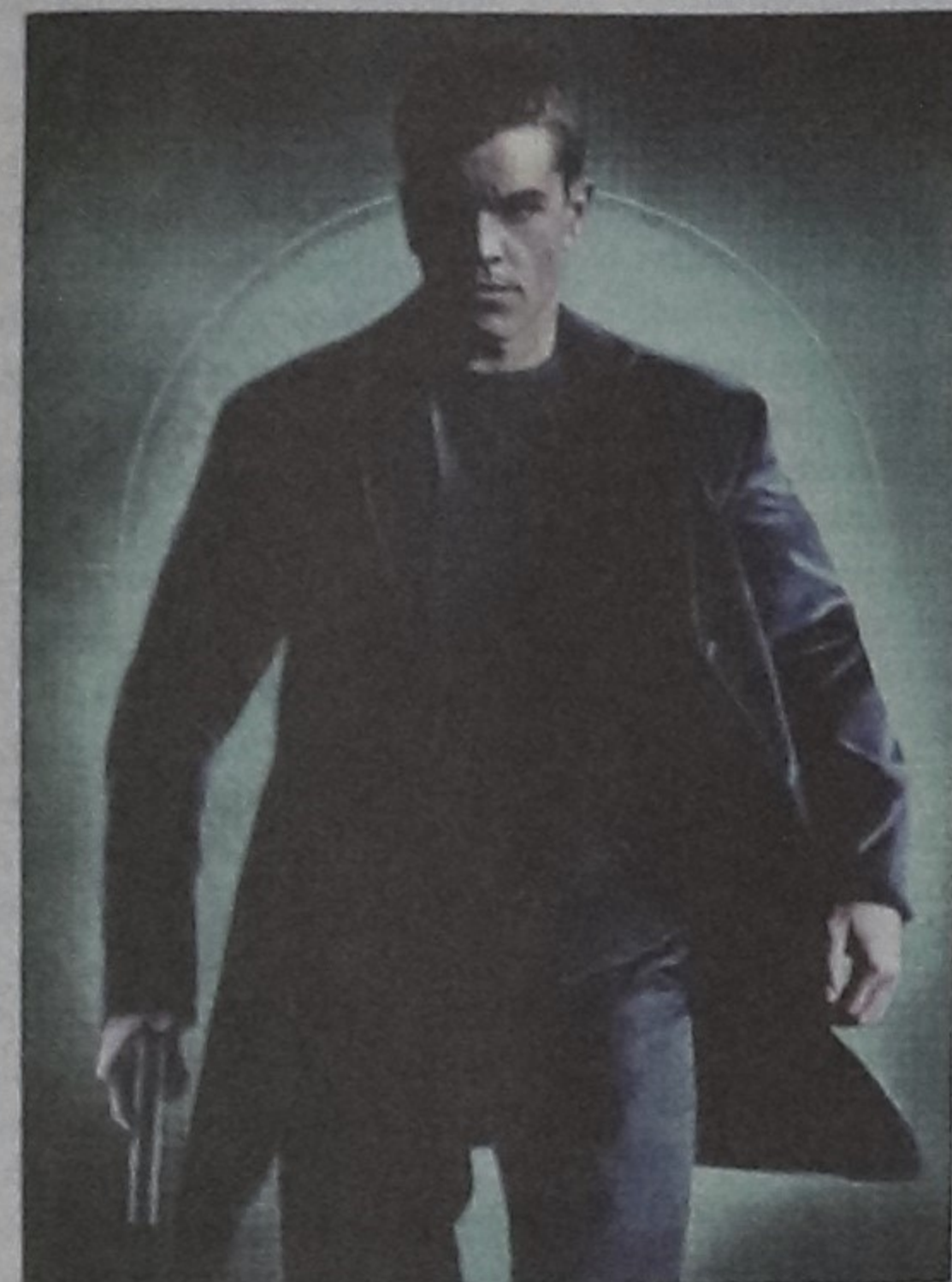


## The prospects of a new "Bourne" movie

Universal is opting to keep Jason Bourne on the run



Their ears ringing with the sound of three Oscar wins for the *Bourne Ultimatum*, Matt Damon and director Paul Greengrass have reportedly committed to add a fourth film to the critically acclaimed action franchise.

According to the *Daily Variety*, Damon and Greengrass, who took over from *Bourne Identity* director Doug Liman to helm the second and third installments in the series, are on board but because of prior commitments it could be a few years before cameras start rolling.

That should give producers time to figure out Bourne's next step, considering late author Robert Ludlum penned only three bestselling novels about the amnesiac secret agent on the hunt for the shady figures who turned him into a steely killing machine. Two sequels by Eric Van Lustbader, *The Bourne Legacy* and *The Bourne Betrayal*, haven't been reviewed quite so kindly.

Damon, for one, didn't seem too excited about his character's future prospects after *Ultimatum's* mystery-resolving (yet helpfully open-ended)

denouement.

"I just don't see what story you could do that would feel right," the 37-year-old actor told *Entertainment Weekly* in August shortly after the third film hit theaters. "It's not like you can bump him on the head again and give him amnesia. Someone suggested we could do one where Bourne loses his car keys...If that's what they're coming up with, maybe a break isn't a bad idea."

The actor also said that if there was another *Bourne* movie it should come after audiences have had a chance to catch their collective breath. Or raise children.

"I think the way you could do a number four is to do it in, like, 10 years," Damon, who at the time also joked on *The Daily Show* that the next film would have to be called *The Bourne Redundancy*, said.

Greengrass said it would be the audience that ultimately decided whether another film should get made. And moviegoers acted accordingly, shelling out \$443 million to watch the franchise box office total to \$945 million worldwide.

Critics have also been particularly kind to the franchise, singling out Damon's performance, the direction and other fine qualities that have made the films stand out in Hollywood, where big-studio action movies usually mean noise, violence, crummy dialogue and little else.

At Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony, Christopher Rouse took home the statue for film editing for *The Bourne Ultimatum*, while the teams of Scott Millan, David Parker and Kirk Francis and Karen Baker Landers and Per Hallberg won for sound mixing and sound editing, respectively.

Damon also snatched the Favorite Male Action Star crown away from perennial pirate Johnny Depp at this year's People's Choice Awards.

But long before Jason Bourne dries off from that swim in the East River, Damon will film the corporate thriller *The Informers* for director Steven Soderbergh. He is also in talks to star in Clint Eastwood's next project, *The Human Factor*, a look at Nelson Mandela's life in post-apartheid South Africa.

Greengrass, meanwhile, will be busy prepping his Vietnam War drama *They Marched into Sunlight* and putting the finishing touches on *Green Zone*, based on journalist Rajiv Chandrasekaran's book. Damon stars in the thriller, along with Greg Kinnear and Amy Ryan.

Source: Internet

## Shyam Benegal's upcoming comedy

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

In keeping with the growing trend in Bollywood, veteran director Shyam Benegal returns to making a comedy film -- after quarter of a century -- through his latest work *Mahadev Ka Sajjanpur* to be released commercially in March-April this year.

The film, starring Amrita Rao and Shreyas Talpade, considered an emerging poster boy of off-beat cinema after acting in Nagesh Kukunoor's *Iqbal*, is the story of an educated youth in a village who makes a living by writing letters for the illiterate. The youth aspires to become a novelist and puts his own emotions into the letters he writes for others and the result is rib-tickler.

While Talpade, who also acts Kukunoor's forthcoming movie *Bombay to Bangkok*, plays the role of the village youth, Amrita essays the role of his wife. Both are clearly appearing in de-glamourised roles.

If you think that Benegal's latest movie will be a pure laugh-riot, you are wrong. Like all his films, *Mahadev Ka Sajjanpur* will send out a message couched in humour, indicates the director.

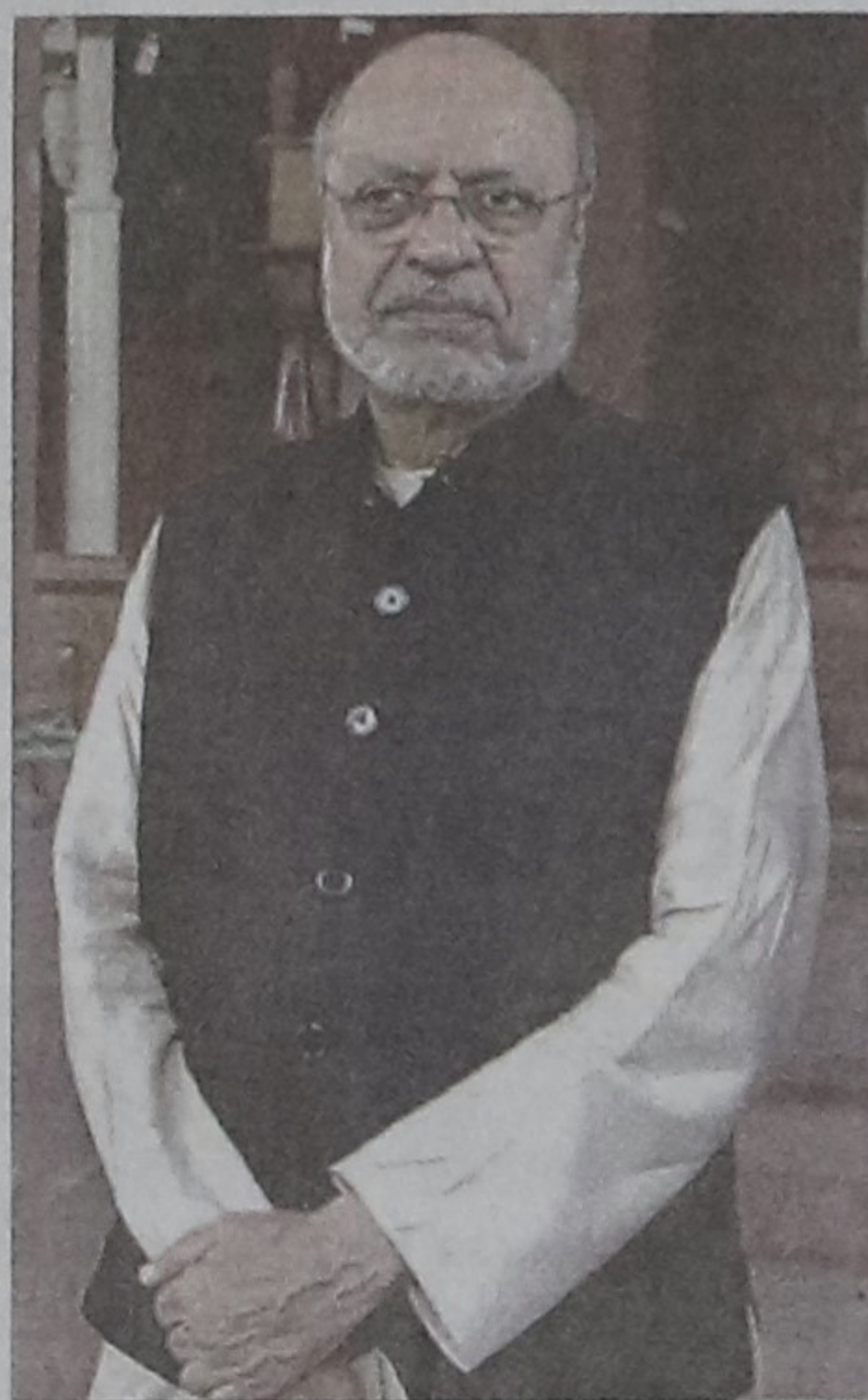
Benegal, who has pioneered a new genre of Hindi films with work like *Ankur*, *Bhoomika*, *Manthan*, *Nishant*, *Sooraj Ka Saatwan Ghoda*, *Mandi*, *Junoon*, *Mammo* and *Zubeida* had been waiting for several years to make the comedy after he saw an illiterate man in his office getting someone else to write letters to his wife and read the letters to him from her.

The director said that the real story held out the promise of turning into an interesting comedy.

The last time Benegal had made an out-and-out comedy was in 1974 *Charandas Chhor* and he made it a point out that even *Mandi*, a story about nautch girls starring Shabana Azmi, Naseeruddin Shah and Om Puri, had elements of light-hearted satire.

Therefore, when a television journalist had recently told Benegal that *Mahadev Ka Sajjanpur* was his first attempt at making a comedy, the director appeared to have got a little annoyed and shot back "no this is the third time I'm making a comedy film".

Apart from his comedy, Benegal is making at least two more films - including one based on George Bizet's Spanish opera and another on Buddha.



Shyam Benegal

## New "Terminator" film set for May 2009 release

The fourth movie in the *Terminator* franchise will reach theatres on May 22, 2009, coinciding with the U.S. Memorial Day holiday weekend, distributor Warner Bros. said.

Christian Bale will star as rebel leader John Connor in *Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins*, which is scheduled to begin production in the spring in New Mexico.

Charlie's Angels filmmaker McG will direct the movie, which is expected to be the first in a new *Terminator* trilogy.

The series, which originated in 1984 and made Arnold Schwarzenegger a star, centred on a robot from the future where machines wage war against humanity, whose goal was to kill Sarah Connor, the mother of the future leader of the human resistance. As the movies progressed, the son, played by Edward Furlong in 1991's *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* and Nick Stahl in 2003's *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*, took a more prominent role.

Sony Pictures will handle international distribution. Warner Bros. and Sony had a similar arrangement for *Terminator 3*, which grossed \$433 million worldwide.

Source: Internet



Christian Bale is set to star in *Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins*

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### APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

M/s Khan Wahab Shafiq Rahman & Co., Chartered Accountants the current Auditors of our company will retire in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2008. They are not eligible for re-appointment for the year 2008 as per Bangladesh Bank's letter No. BRPD(P)748/3/2007-1866 dated 24.06.2007.

Therefore, the Shareholders of our company is hereby requested to submit their intention for nomination of External Auditors for the year 2008 on or before 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The list of eligible candidates for appointment as External Auditors will be published in newspapers in due course.

Dated : Dhaka  
25/02/2008

A. K. M. Shafiqur Rahman  
Company Secretary



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### News Bulletin

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.

News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.

Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

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News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

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News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11 pm, News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

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News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

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Musical Programme

Documentary Programme: Swadesh Desher Gaan

Drama Serial: Kon Gram-er Meye

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Swadesh Swambhabona

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Talk Show: Shondhani Shonglaap

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Drama: Udbhastu

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Musical Programme: Shur Shombhar

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08:30 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill

09:15 Entertainment Show: Rang Manchoyo Taal

10:30 Talk Show: Onyodhishi

11:05 Drama

12:15 Musical Programme: Shurer Madhuri

12:45 Shodaipati

01:15 Musical Programme

02:30 Daily Soap: Dill's House

03:45 Shundor Jiboner Jonjo

04:20 Selected Programme

05:00 Gram Gorjor Khoror

05:20 Islamic Programme

06:20 Entertainment Show: Shobar Jonjo

08:00 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhill

08:40 Drama Serial: Ochlin Pakhi

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12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)

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04:00pm U-lum (Kibna & Tania)

06:45pm Shondher Khabor

08:00pm Tobo Tai Hok (Sayem)

09:45pm Raater Khabor

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12:00 Ekusher Raat

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08:15 Gaanchil Ei Din

09:00 Rtv Exclusive

09:05 Prithibir Pathay Pathay

10:00 Drama Serial: Anondojatra

11:00 Taroka Alap

11:30 Drama Serial: Aguntuk

12:15 Musical Programme: Gaan ar Gaan

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08:00 Ekusher Shokaal

12:30 Ekusher Business: Special Focus of Business

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