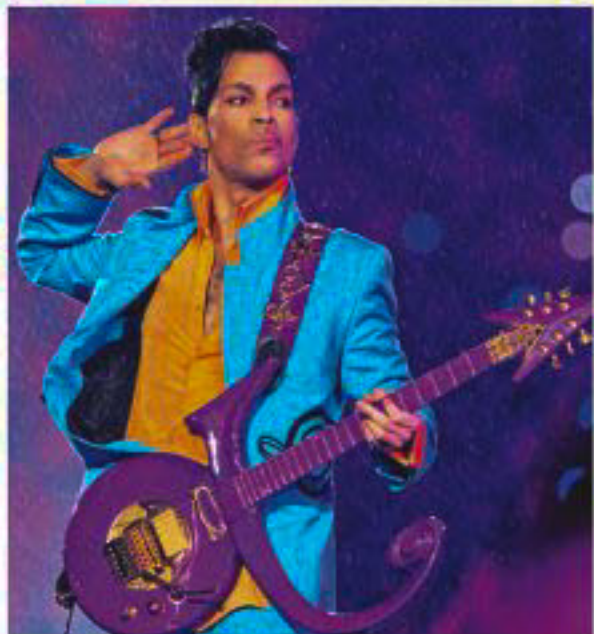


NEWS bytes

Prince releases psychedelic new song

Prince's new song, "Hardrocklover", opens not with the expected thunderous riff, but a minimalist synth pulse. The singer-guitarist surveys the hazy scene at a party, "in between this waking life and REM" – but when the title lover walks in the room, the track erupts with psychedelic wah-wah, funky slap-bass and Prince singing in a squeaky falsetto.

"Hardrocklover", collaboration with his backing band 3rdEyeGirl, is the third standalone track for the singer this year. In March, he debuted "What If?", a heavy reworking of a



Christian song by Nichole Nordeman, and two months later, he posted the dreamy pop-rock protest tune "Baltimore", recorded in the wake of Freddie Gray's death and the subsequent riots in the Maryland city.

The musician performed the song days later in a surprise, two-and-a-half-hour Baltimore set dubbed Rally 4 Peace. This flurry of activity follows a busy 2014 for Prince, who simultaneously released two studio albums – "Art Official Age" and "Plectrumelectrum" – last September.

Source: Rolling Stone



Kobori making serial with Riaz and Ahona

A CORRESPONDENT

Film star Riaz and television actress Ahona have paired up for drama serial "Abar Ashibo Phirey" under the direction of noted actress Sarah Begum Kobori.

Aside from acting and directing the serial, Kobori is playing a key role in the serial which also casts Nayokraj Razzak.

The plot encircles businessman Kamran and Toufique who share common interests but greedy Kamran kills his partner Toufique for extra profit. Later, Toufique's wife Nabila and son

Sourav try to uncover the mystery behind his death.

"I tried to present the serial from a cinematic angle and I hope the audience will like it. I am impressed by Riaz's acting and his sincerity," said Kobori about the drama serial.

About working with Kobori, Riaz said, "I have worked with her in a film where she played my mother. But this is the first time I am working under her direction. I have learned a lot of things from her."

The 13-episode television serial will go on air on a satellite channel.



A CORRESPONDENT

Popular small screen actors Shahed Sharif Khan and Prova will share screen space as a couple in single episode television play "Commission". Written by Ahsan Habib and directed by Khairul Papon, the plot is about a choreographer who deceives his students by tak-

ing commissions. One day he realises that he should not take commissions from his students. Prova will be seen playing an emerging model.

In addition, the play casts Chitralekha Guha, Munia Islam and others in different supporting roles.

"Commission" will go on air on Ekushey Television during Eid.

EID DELIGHTS

All work for Farah before Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Popular television actress Farah Ruma is neck deep in work ahead of Eid. Recently she completed shooting for tele-film "Chandrabinu" alongside Riaz. Directed by Gautam Koiree, the tele-film casts Riaz and Ruma together for the first time.

"During the shooting, I never felt I was working with Riaz for the first time. As an actor he is very supportive and talented. Most importantly, 'Chandrabinu' has an interesting storyline."

In the tele-film, Farah Ruma will be seen as an apparition who keeps appearing in the imagination of the man she loves.

In addition, she has single-episode play "Dhushor Pandulipi" on hand. Casting Farah Ruma and Apurbo in the lead roles, the play will go on the floor soon.

She will be seen as the wife of a landlord in Anjan Aich's Eid play. "I like my role very much. Moreover, it was a pleasant experience to work alongside Tariq Anam Khan."

Some of her Eid plays include Chayanika Chowdhury's "Tomar Prithibi Chhere" and BU Shuvo's "Daak".

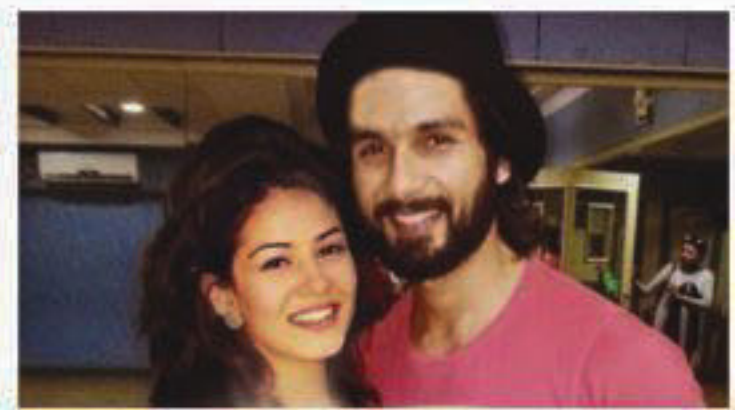
Aside from acting, Farah Ruma is hosting a programme on Channel i.

Despite being busy on the shooting sets, she has shopping plans all worked out. One lean day at work, she went shopping and bought gifts for her dear ones.

The actress will spend Eid with her family in Dhaka.



PHOTO: STAR



Shahid Kapoor marries Mira Rajput

Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor is married to Mira Rajput. Reports say that the wedding muhurat for the beautiful couple was decided to be 11am on July 7 and the ceremonies were held at a Chhatrapur farm house.

Shahid married Mira in a low-key ceremony in presence of only 30-40 family members, reports further suggest.

The wedding will now be followed by a reception bash at The Oberoi, Gurgaon, which will again be attended by family members and close friends.

Also, celebrity photographer Rohan Shreshtha and designer Kunal Rawal, who has also designed the outfits for the wedding, are already in Delhi.

The couple will also host a grand reception party for Shahid's industry friends on July 12 in Mumbai.

Source: Indian Express

IT'S TRUE!

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