

NEWS bytes

50 Cent files for bankruptcy

Rapper 50 Cent, known for the album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'", has filed for bankruptcy.

The artiste, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in US Bankruptcy Court in Hartford, days after a jury ordered him to pay \$5 million in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit.

The filing comes after a New York jury on Friday ordered Jackson to pay \$5 million to a woman who said he acquired a video she made with her boyfriend, added himself as a crude commentator and posted it online without her permission.

50 Cent burst to the fore of 'gangsta rap' with the single, "In Da Club" in 2003, and a tough life story that included having been



shot nine times.

Jackson is an admitted former drug dealer who has built an empire beyond entertainment. He invested early in Vitamin Water and has expanded his business interests into clothing and audio equipment.

He also was named by Forbes in May as one of hip-hop's five wealthiest artists for 2015.

Source: Yahoo! News

IT'S TRUE!

For a scene in his upcoming film "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation", Tom Cruise was strapped to the outside of a military transport plane while it took off and went 5,000 feet in the air. The film crew designed a special camera rig and mounted it to the side of



The Airbus A400m airplane. In an interview with Yahoo Movies UK, Cruise said one of the biggest concerns was about flying particles and bird strikes — at takeoff speeds, even small objects could injure or kill Cruise. The scene actually took eight takeoffs to complete.

EID DELIGHTS

"I take a long nap after Eid prayers"

... Mosharraf Karim



SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Successful TV actor Mosharraf Karim can't take a breather until he finishes shooting for the Eid plays that he has on hand. In a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the celebrated actor talked about Eid shopping, his many assignments and more. Excerpts:

How many plays have you done this Eid?

Mosharraf Karim: I've appeared in several TV plays this time. The most remarkable are "Sushil", "Tini Ekjon Creative Lok", "Sikandar Box Ekhon Rangamati", "Shikha Safar" and "Ghushkhor".

Tell us about your character in "Sushil"...

Mosharraf Karim: I play the role of a scholar. He is very talented and doesn't hesitate to show off his talent. The work is slightly off track and I'm really happy with the role.

You've been acting in the popular "Sikandar Box" series for the last few years during Eid. How has it been for you?

Mosharraf Karim: The "Sikandar Box" series is very popular and we continue with it. This time it is titled "Sikandar Box Ekhon Rangamati". As Sikandar Box is a nice person, everyone likes the character. An increasing number of people watch it every Eid.

Tell us about your Eid shopping?

Mosharraf Karim: It's already done. My wife Jui shops for the family as I'm busy with shooting.

How do you spend the Eid day?

Mosharraf Karim: After returning from Eidgah, I take a long nap. The following day, I go off to hang out with friends. Usually, I stay at home on the day.

Your favourite Eid food...

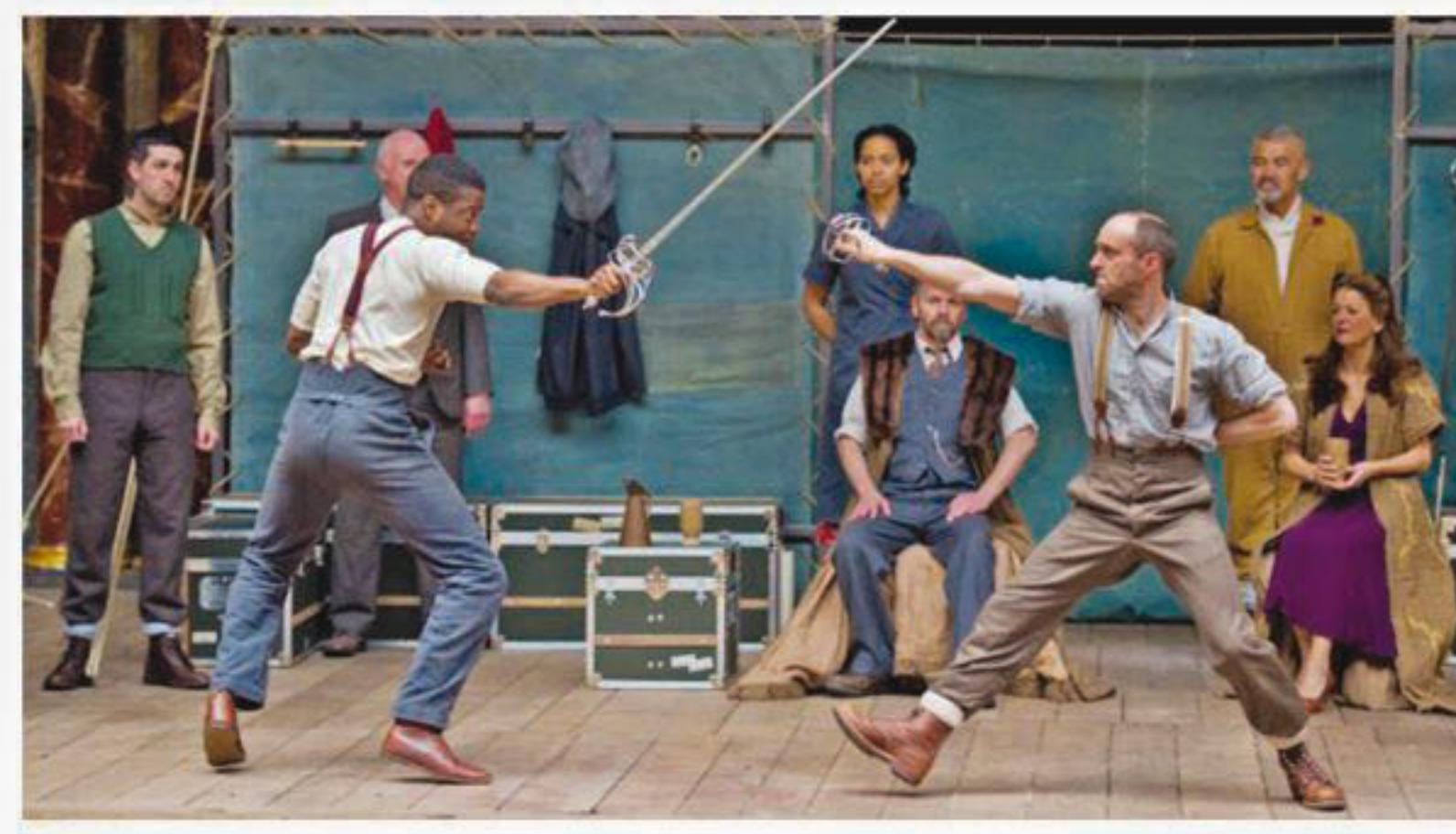
Mosharraf Karim: The sweet dish Molida which is a traditional delicacy in Barisal, my village home.

What is usually the first thing on your mind on Eid day?

Mosharraf Karim: The golden days of my childhood and my father. I remember how excited we were about the salami we got from our elders. Now, I have to give it to youngsters. My wife does this on my behalf as I am shy to give it to them.

Where did you spend your childhood?

Mosharraf Karim: Dhaka and Barisal. Though I stayed in Barisal for only five years, it feels like much, much longer.



As part of its worldwide tour in celebration of William Shakespeare's 450th birth anniversary, Globe Theatre staged its much-acclaimed production "Hamlet" at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday evening. The company travelled to Bangladesh on an invitation from Dhaka Theatre, a leading Bangladeshi theatre troupe. The play has been jointly directed by Dominic Dromgoole, Bill Buckhurst and Jonathan Fensom, while the music has been done by Bill Barclay.



Riaz and Runa in GHOR

A CORRESPONDENT

Film star Riaz has paired up with small screen actress Runa Khan for the first time for single episode television play "Ghor". Written by SM Rana and directed by Hayat Mahmud, the play is currently being shot in different locations in the capital.

About his experience of working with Runa, Riaz said, "This is my first project with Runa. She is a good actress who can portray her character with finesse."

Runa on the other hand said, "Riaz is very cooperative as an actor. Moreover, he is a good and friendly human being. I'm excited about this play."

The play will air on Boishakhi TV during Eid.



Celebrity Cricket Festival to air on Gtv

A CORRESPONDENT

Celebrity Cricket Festival, a seven-episode entertainment-packed television show featuring cricket matches between celebrities, will air on Gtv from the first to the seventh day of Eid.

The tournament, titled Braver Celebrity Cricket Festival Powered by Bangalink, was held at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the capital last month. Chirkutt sang the theme song of Celebrity Cricket Fest.

The show was organised to entertain Bangladeshi cricket lovers during the Eid holidays. The show brought together celebrated personalities from showbiz and former professional cricketers. Six teams, combining TV stars and cricketers fought for the title in the festival.

Eva Rahman's MONER SHOHOR releases this Eid



A CORRESPONDENT

After a two-year hiatus, singer Eva Rahman's 24th solo audio album "Moner Shohor" is set to hit the audio bazaar this Eid. The songs of the album have been penned by noted lyricists -- Kabir Bakul, HM Ismail, Robiul Islam Jibon, Faisal Rabbikin and others. Talented musician Ibrar Tipu has composed and directed music for the album.

"Mon" (heart) is the common denominator that constitutes Eva Rahman's albums, mainly

focusing on themes of love, camaraderie, infatuation and melancholy. This album is no exception. The tracks of the album include, "Mon Projapoti", "Mishti Jontrona", "Ek Polokey Ektu Dekha", "Buker Bhotor Ektu Manush" and "Moner Shohor".

Satellite channel ATN Bangla will air a special musical programme on Eid Day at 10:45pm featuring music videos from the album. The videos have been shot in beautiful locations both at home and abroad.

TWELVE HOURS on Maasranga

A CORRESPONDENT

Eid special single-episode TV play "Twelve Hours" will air on Maasranga Television on the 5th day of Eid at 8:50pm. Written and directed by Mohammad Ali Munna, the play's protagonist is Sohel who comes to the capital from a small town to meet his girlfriend Rezwana for the first time. Sohel waits at New Market for Rezwana but she doesn't arrive. Instead, he meets Ritu who asks Sohel to marry her.

The play casts Tisha, Riased Habib Shuvo, Afran Nisho, Soumi and Selim Ahmed among others.



Fresh Milk organised a prize giving ceremony of the competition titled "Mayer Jite Jaaro Golpo-2015" at Bashundhara Convention Centre on Sunday. Imam Ali, children's litterateur; Tahmina Binte Mustafa, director of Meghna Group of Industries; Asif Iqbal, executive director of the company, Mojibur Rahman, CGM and head of accounts and other eminent guests were present on the occasion.



Baahubali marches into 200-crore club

SS Rajamouli's epic film "Baahubali", which has wowed one and all, entered the Rs 200 crore club on Tuesday, collecting Rs 215 crore worldwide in five days.

"This is said to be fastest an Indian film has entered the Rs 200 crore club. There hasn't been a major dip in the collections even on weekdays," said trade analyst Trinath.

Said to be made on a budget of Rs 250 crore, the film features Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty and Tamannah Bhatia in the lead roles. It's about the war between two brothers for an ancient kingdom.

Released on July 10 simultaneously in four languages -- Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi, the film has surprisingly performed extremely well in all the languages.

The film has emerged as the biggest hit overseas, surpassing even Bollywood blockbuster such as "Happy New Year" and "PK" in its opening weekend.

Source: IANS