

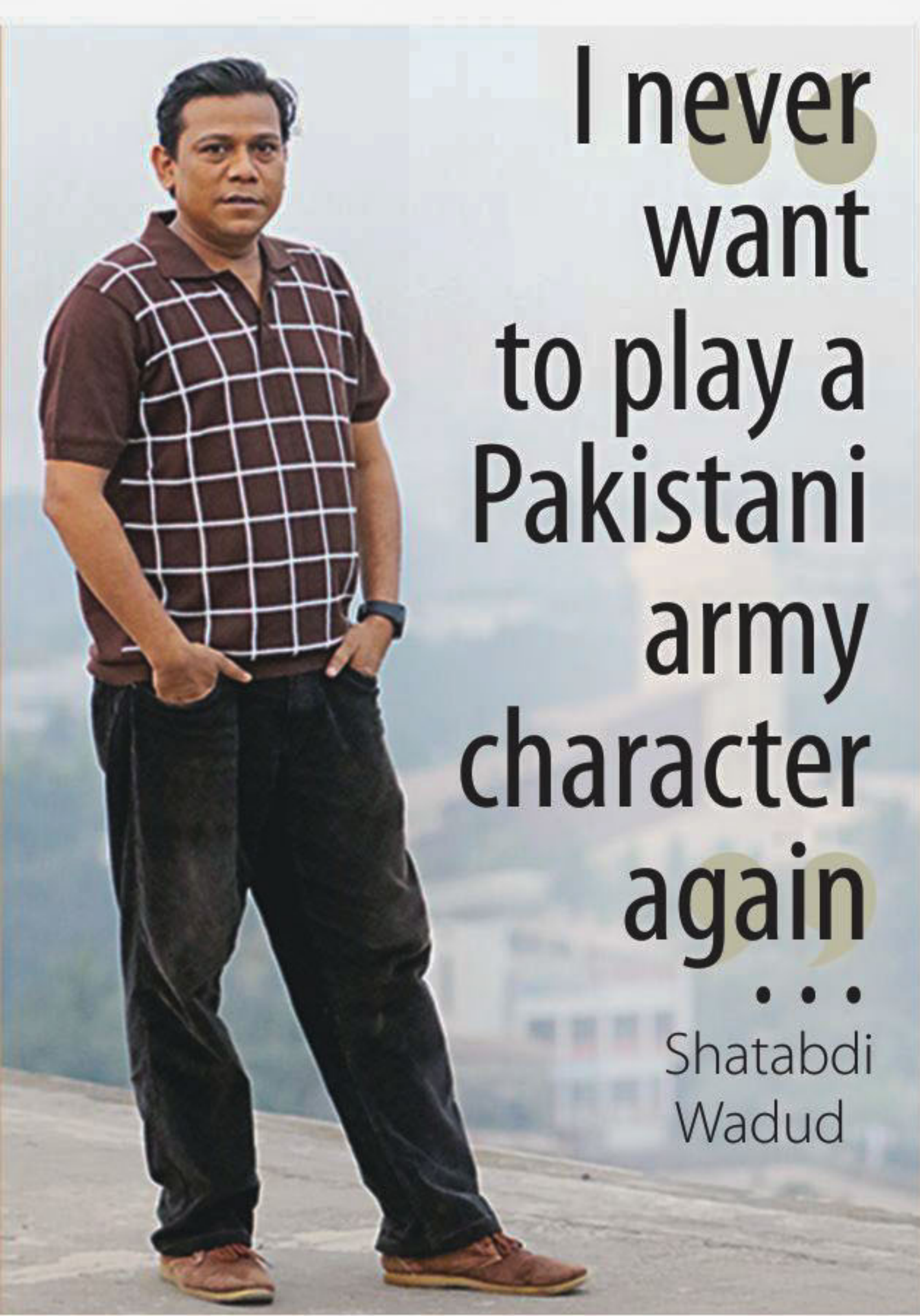
WHAT'S ON
Programmes on Victory Day
 Organiser: Liberation War Museum
 Venue: Liberation War Museum and Jolladkhana Boddhobhumi, Mirpur
 Date: Dec 10-16
 Time: 4pm onward

An Exhibition of Installation, Video and Drawing
 Title: No One Home
 Artist: Tareeba Begum Lipi
 Venue: Bengal Art Lounge
 Date: Dec 5- Jan 9
 Time: 12-8pm

Solo Exhibition
 Microtears
 Artist: Dilara Begum Jolly
 Venue: Daily Star-Bengal Arts Precinct
 Date: Dec 12-Jan 9; Time: 12-7pm

Bangladesh Film Festival 2015
 Organiser: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
 Venue: National Art Gallery Auditorium, BSA
 Date: Dec 10-24; Time: 6pm

Solo Art Exhibition
 Artist: Kalidas Karmakar
 Title: Alluvial Realization
 Venue: Athena Gallery of Fine Arts/Uttar Badda
 Date: Dec 4-22
 Time: 10am-8pm



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 Shatabdi Wadud

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Theatre, television and film actor Shatabdi Wadud is now a household name in the showbiz. He also won the National Film Award for his powerful acting in the movie "Guerrilla". He is now passing hectic hours with TV plays and cinema. In this month of victory, his new film "Bapjaner Bioscope" is set to hit screens. The veteran artiste talked about Liberation War-based films and more in a recent conversation with The Daily Star. Excerpts:

What makes you choose Liberation War-based films?
 Shatabdi Wadud: It's very satisfying as an artiste. As we the new generation did not witness the Liberation War, I wish to work more in the projects.

How many Liberation War-based films you have done?
 Shatabdi Wadud: As many as four. First was "Meherjaan", then "Guerrilla", "Jibondhuli" and finally "I'm doing another one."

Tell us about your recent Liberation War-based movie.
 Shatabdi Wadud: It is titled "Bapjaner Bioscope", directed by Riazul Rizu where I have played a Bioscope man. It was shot at char area in the River Jamuna. The movie will release in this month of victory.

You played two different characters in "Guerrilla", didn't you?
 Shatabdi Wadud: Yes, although some people may not have noticed it. One was of major and another a captain of the Pakistani army. I have since received many offers to play similar

characters, but I refused those proposals. I never want to play a Pakistani army character again.

What are the films you're doing now?
 Shatabdi Wadud: Tauquir Ahmed's "Aggaytanama", then a commercial film "Choker Dekha", directed by PA Kajol. Apart from this, I have signed two other commercial movies. I'll also play a negative role in the movie "Adi" under the direction of Tanim Rahman Angshu.

What kind of characters do you like playing most in films?
 Shatabdi Wadud: I have a weakness about negative roles, because there is huge scope of showing your acting skill in those kinds of characters.

What are you up to when you don't have a packed schedule?
 Shatabdi Wadud: I'm an ardent bookworm and movie buff. So, I love reading books and watching movies during my leisure. I also love cricket and due to this, sometimes I go to the gallery to enjoy the game.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON



(L-R) Sayema Khan, Milia Ali, Jamil Chowdhury and Afroza Banu speak at the event.

TALES OF THE WAR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The post-liberation generations, over the decades, have heard countless stories of the war and yet there is so much more that has been left out, folded in the fabric of time and burned in the memories of those who have lived through those tumultuous times. On the brink of the 44th anniversary of the Victory Day, here is a recollection of some of those small personal stories, millions of which constituted the nine-month struggle for the Freedom of Bangladesh. The excerpts are taken from a past event, "Ronangoner Epar Opar", organised by The Daily Star.

Jamil Chowdhury, the first General Manager of Bangladesh Television
 "On March 27 -- the first time the curfew was lifted after the initiation of genocide on March 25, I visited the Dhaka University area and the first sight that really struck me was a little baby about one year old inside

a house, lying on her face as if asleep; two bullet holes on the back. At that very moment I decided I was not a Pakistani national anymore; I did not know what I would do, but I would not work at the television (where I was employed)."

Milia Ali, Rabindra Sangeet artiste
 "We started off for India, sometimes on foot, sometimes on rickshaw or a boat, as uncertain days passed. At one point, someone said we had reached India. We sat down on the ground and started crying. We could see the sky and land that was our country, but we did not know if we could ever go back. We kept walking until we reached a refugee camp -- and there we discovered a different world; the most basic things that we take so much for granted, nothing of it was there. But in those difficult conditions, I saw the truest glimpses of the survival instincts of people. Some of us gathered the courage to get on an

old, broken-down plane to go to Kolkata, where I met some of my co-artistes, and under the leadership of Sanjida Khatun and Waheedul Haq, a group was formed called the 'Bangladesh Mukti Sangrami Shilpi Sangstha'. Our aim was to boost the people of the refugee camps."

Afroza Banu, noted actress
 "As we were leaving Dhaka, our boat came under attack. We could hear firing everywhere, and saw bodies dropping into the river from a nearby boat. Our boatmen dropped us off at a place from where we had to crawl on the ground to safety; and we kept walking. Throughout the nine months, we kept running helter-skelter but did not find a place to stay. Hours after we reached our village home in Kushtia, the Pakistan army invaded the village, and we had to move that night. We wanted to cross the border, but that border crossing was

closed because the refugee camps on that border had suffered from a cholera epidemic."

Sayema Khan, sister of Habibul Alam Bir Protik
 "Shahadat Chowdhury, the erstwhile Editor of Bichitra, asked us to make flags of Bangladesh to fly on August 14 -- Pakistan's Independence Day, to assert the presence of Freedom Fighters in the capital. They brought us a number of green lungis, red and yellow cloth. We made 200 flags within one night. If the army found all this volume of cut green cloth, they would be suspicious, so my mother gave us the idea of putting a lace around them to make them look like table-mats. The flags were carried in our car to the stadium, where a few flags were tied to balloons and flown. The Pakistani army had to shoot those down, which was a big moral victory for us at that time."

PHOTO: STAR

SSJ begins Victory Day celebrations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote (SSJ) is holding eight-day programmes to mark Victory Day. The event was announced through a cultural programme at Central Shahid Minar in the capital on December 13 evening.

Noted composer and music director Sujeyo Shyam, along with veteran cultural personalities Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rahsid, Hasan Arif, Golam Kuddus and others, inaugurated the programme through releasing balloons in the sky.

The event is simultaneously taking place at eight venues in the capital—Central Shaheed Minar, Dhanmondi Rabindra Sarobar, Martyred Intellectuals' Memorial at Rayerbazar, Swoparjito Swadhinota at TSC, Mirpur University College Premises, T&T Colony Field, Donia,



Artistes perform a group dance at Shaheed Minar.

Uttara Rabindra Sarani, and Bahadur Shah Park at Sadarghat. The programme features group dance with participation of over 300 organisations, group recitations, ganosangeet, street plays,

children's programme, film screening and solo performances by noted artistes and artistes of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra. The event will conclude on December 20.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

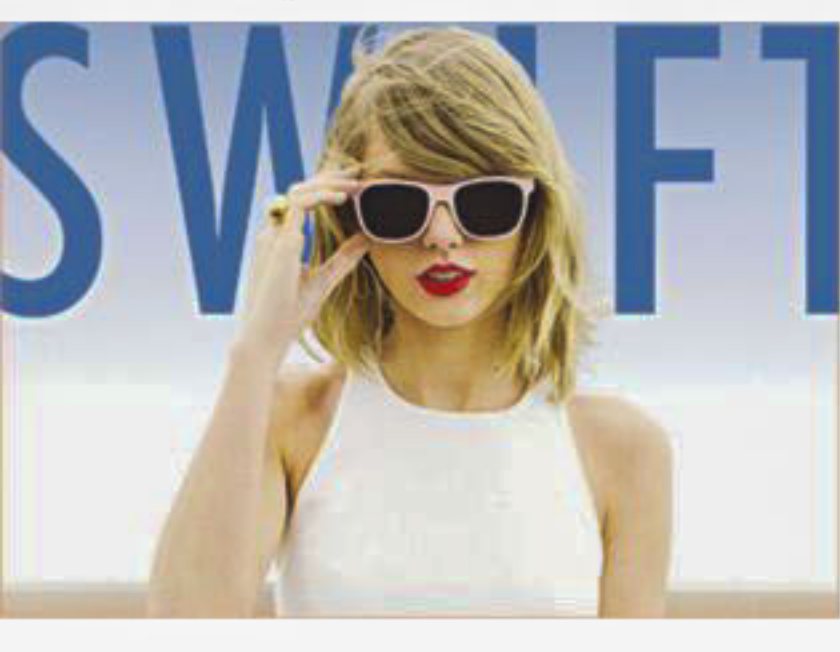
SRK to remake "Breaking Bad"

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has revealed in an interview that he has been wanting to bring American TV show "Breaking Bad" to the Indian audiences. SRK told The Indian Express that he has indeed been considering bringing the massive TV hit to India, not in a TV series format but as a film. "I want to make it into a movie. As a series, it is too evolved to come on Indian television. The Indian audience won't be accepting of meth, drugs and the mafia," the English daily quoted him as saying.

He further said that it is "the story of a man who is going to die and takes a chance to save his family that is a good premise for a feature film". "I have asked some people who have said that they would get me the rights. I am at that age when it will be

NEWS bytes

Swift announces "1989" concert special



Taylor Swift is surprising fans — and Apple Music subscribers — by announcing a free concert special of her star-studded "1989" tour, exclusively for subscribers of the streaming platform.

Swift revealed the news Sunday, her 26th birthday, via her Twitter. "The 1989 World Tour LIVE" will hit Apple Music on December 20.

The special will not be available for purchase, but will stream live for Apple Music subscribers.

The show was filmed at her Sydney, Australia, concert, in front of a crowd of 76,000 fans at ANZ Stadium on November 28. In addition to showing the entire performance, it will also include footage backstage and from rehearsals.

The special will also feature heavily publicised surprise guest stars including Mick Jagger, Kobe Bryant, Justin Timberlake and more.

Swift's mega-selling "1989" recently snagged seven Grammy nominations. Apple Music is currently the only platform streaming the album.

TV WATCH

"Bakshobondi" on ntv

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TV series "Bakshobondi" will air on ntv tonight at 9:45pm. Written by Pantho Shahriar and directed by Nayeem Imtiaz Neyamul, it casts Mamunur Rashid, Shamsul Alam Bokul, Sharmilee Ahmed, Aruna Biswas, Nisho, Nayeem, Nadia, Farhana Mili, Samia and others. The series zooms in on the family of the retired Atiar, his wife Sahana, son Dewan and three daughters Rumpa, Jhumpa and Tumpa. "Bakshobondi" airs on Mondays and Tuesdays.



Young violinist Abraar Ahmed Tarik's first instrumental album "Raganjali", featuring Indian Classical Ragas, was launched recently at a city hotel recently. The ceremony also included a violin recital. Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University attended the event as chief guest. Keya Chowdhury MP, and other distinguished guests including artistes, poets and noted personalities were also present at the inaugural ceremony.

"Anil Bagchir Ekdin" in Chittagong

A CORRESPONDENT

Morshedul Islam's latest film "Anil Bagchir Ekdin" will be screened in Chittagong from December 18-22. Every day, four shows will be held at Theatre Institute of Chittagong at 11am, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. Written by Humayun Ahmed, the film is based on the Liberation War of 1971.

"Anil Bagchir Ekdin" casts Jyotika Jyoti, Gazi Rakayat, Aref Syed, Taufiq Emon, Farhana Mithu and Misha Sawdagar among others. Bengal Creations has produced the film.



interesting to take up such a role," he added.

"Breaking Bad" began airing on AMC in 2008 and ran for five brilliant seasons. It starred Bryan Cranston in the leading role of a chemistry teacher who gets diagnosed with cancer and to be able to leave his family with enough money to live well after him, he decides to cook and sell meth in his city. Of course, things often go out of hand and he has to deal with one adversary after another and also with his own unsatiable greed.

When asked who will play Walter White, the protagonist, SRK replied without even a sliver of humility "Great films don't work without me, darling!"

Source: Indian Express