Solo Art Exhibition Artist: Wakilur Rahman Venue: Kalakendra Date: Feb 3-23; Time: 12-8pm

Solo Watercolour Exhibition Title: Koto Ojanare Artist: Saeeda Kamal Venue: EMK Center, Dhanmond Date: Feb 6-18; Time: 9am-8pn

**Duet Art Exhibition** Artists: Zihan Karim & Shimul Sah Venue: Bengal Art Lounge, Date: Jan 30- Feb 27; Time: 12-8pm

Songs and Poetr Being in Love with King of th Artiste: Armeen Mu Venue: Red Shift, Gulsha Date: Feb 12; Time 7-9pm



# NEWS bytes

#### BEYONCE

#### announces World Tour

After performing her new song "Formation" during the Super Bowl 50 halftime, Beyonce announced a world tour via an ad right after the show.

The tour, titled after "Formation", will kick off on April 27. Tickets go on sale next week.

The Formation tour will consist of 40 shows, with Canada and US shows running through mid-June. The European leg of the tour will begin in mid-June, running through July.

Beyonce performed with Coldplay and Bruno Mars at the Big Game's Pepsi halftime spectacle. The pop star debuted a politically charged music video for "Formation" on Saturday.

More details are expected





## Budget constraints stifle Azad Abul Kalam's debut film

A CORRESPONDENT

Seasoned actor Azad Abul Kalam is a successful theatre and television personality. He has seen equal success as a theatre director

Recently, the actor-director has forayed into filmmaking with his first feature film "Oshukher Naam Bhalobasha". Intekhab Dinar, Shatabdi Wadud, Preeti and Rajib Salehin are in the cast, among others.

However, the director faces a major challenge, as he still has to find a producer for the film. As result it has become quite tough to continue the shooting.

He has written the script, screenplay and dialogue for the film, which is currently on floor. The film has been shot for five days, and it will take another two weeks to finish

the shooting, informed the director.

Nonetheless, Azad Abul Kalam is hopeful that he will find a producer, and will be able to release the film in due time.

"All the actors in the film are putting in their best effort to make it a success. I am driven by passion, and I believe that if I can finish this work the audience will like

If everything goes well, the film will release this April.

## Bappa-Tahsan-Joy join forces for **BOLCHHI SHONO**

### New album coming on Valentine's Day

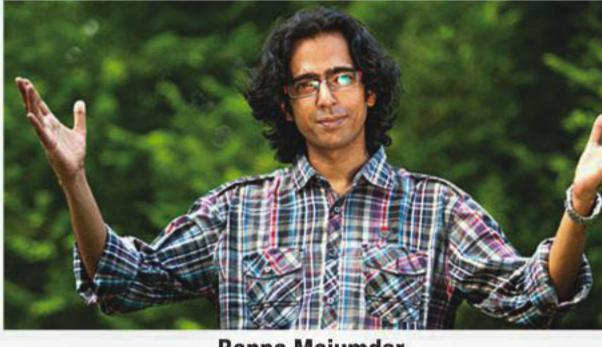
Bappa Majumdar, Tahsan and Joy Shahriar are three popular artistes of this generation. With their singing prowess, the singers have won many hearts.

For the first time, the singer trio has joined forces for a

new album. Their first mixed album, "Bolchhi Shono", will hit music stands on this Valentine's Day from CMV. Each of the singers has three tracks in the album, all of them composed by Joy. About the album, Joy said, "Our audiences are alike,

but each of us has a distinct style of singing. It was my long-cherished wish to collaborate with Bappa and Tahsan, and compose music for them. We tried to give our best in the album. All songs in the album are themed on love. So I hope the audience will appreciate it."

Joy Shahrier, Shahan Kabandho, Rabiul Islam Jibon, Mahmud Manjur, and Someswar Ali have written lyrics for the album.



Bappa Majumdar





**Tahsan** 

#### **Hayat Saif** receives Fazal Shahabuddin Poetry **Award**

A CORRESPONDENT

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Poet Hayat Saif and poet Habibullah Sirajee have been conferred with selected Poet Fazal Shahabuddin Poetry

Renowned poet Hayat Saif has been awarded with the 2015

Award 2015.



Habibullah Sirajee will receive the 2016 award for their outstanding contributions to Bangla literature.

On February 3, on the occasion of Poet Fazal Shahabuddin's 80th birth anniversary, the award was handed over to Hayat Saif by noted Taiwanese poet Dr. Lee Kuei-shien, Fazal Shahabuddin's wife Azmeri Shahabuddin, and

poet Aminur Rahman. The award giving ceremony was held at Bishwa Shahittya Kendra auditorium in the capital. Among others, Swedish poet Bengt Berg, Slovakian

poet Milan Richter,

Benaissa Bouhmala

were present at the

ceremony.

and Moroccan poet Dr.

"I never fit in" ... Sonakshi Sinha

She has spent six years in the film industry, and at times, Sonakshi Sinha has worked around the clock to finish her shooting schedules. But the young actor, who calls herself "a workaholic", has now decided to take things easy. "Last year was supposed to be a laidback one for me. I had resolved to take it easy in terms of work, and take more time out for myself. But, it probably was one of my busiest years," says Sonakshi.

In an interview with Hindustan Times, she added that she had to juggle her film and TV commitments, but got some time off to rejuvenate. "I got time to do things

for myself. For instance, I started learning to play the drums. I also took a break, and went to Australia on a holiday," she said. While the actor has worked in several hit films, Sonakshi is known to be approachable in real life. Talking about it, the actor said, "Honestly, in this profession a lot is made up. Most of it is a farce about pleasing people... I just feel it's easier to be yourself than to add to what is already there. People can do what they want. I have never succumbed to any pressure. I never try to fit in."

Apart from being a celebrated name in Bollywood, Sonakshi has also gained popularity on the small screen. And, the actor says she is glad she ventured into TV, and chose to judge a talent-based reality show. "It was a great experience. I started off with a show that was very well-received. People loved it, and the kids (participants) were fantastic. It was a talent-based show, so it was not frivolous," said Sonakshi. The actor added that like films, television, too, is a big business today. "The small screen is not small anymore. It probably reaches more people than films. So, I'm really glad that I was one of the first actors to dive into it."

Source: Hindustan Times

## Mutants go to war in "Apocalypse" trailer

An intense new trailer for "X-Men: Apocalypse" dropped during the Super Bowl, and things don't look great for those X-Men.

It does indeed look like the end of the world in the new look at the sequel, as the titular villain Apocalypse, played by "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" actor Oscar Isaac, aims to end humanity. But the X-Men are ready for action.

"Let's go to war," says Jennifer

Lawrence as Mystique. James McAvoy's Charles Xavier has assembled some new faces to help out in the follow-up to 2014's "X-Men: Days of Future Past", including Cyclops (Tye Sheridan), Jean Grey

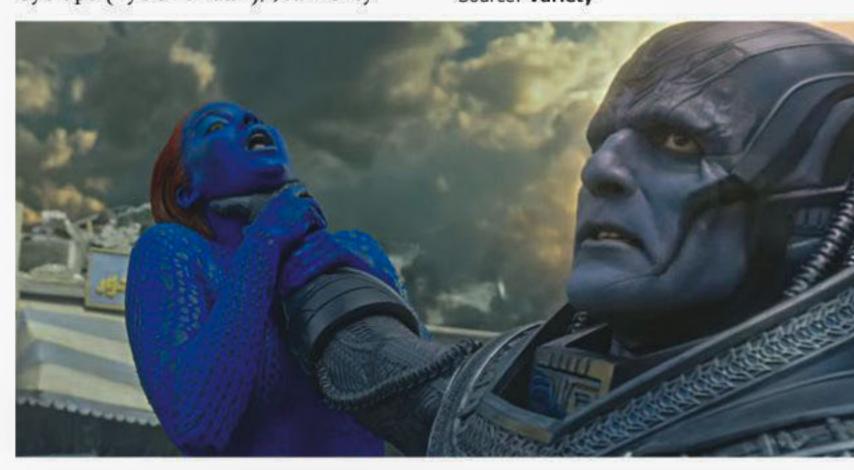
(Sophie Turner) and Jubilee (Lana Condor).

But they have to face mutants like Olivia Munn's Psylocke, who is seen slashing a car in two in the air in the clip.

Along with Lawrence, returning cast members include Michael Fassbender as Magneto and Nicholas Hoult as Beast. "Apocalypse" marks Lawrence's last entry in the franchise.

The first trailer for the superhero film debuted in December. "X-Men: Apocalypse" hails from 20th Century Fox and is directed by Bryan Singer. It hits theatres May 27.

Source: Variety



The Daily Star | STAR Quiz Contest



A CORRESPONDENT

Comedy serial "Nogor Alo" goes on air on Maasranga TV every Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8pm. Written by Sajin Ahmed Babu and directed by

MR Mizan, the serial depicts the lives of tenants in the capital, particularly young bachelors. Mosharraf Karim, Jenny, Tarik Swapan, Milon Bhattacharya, Shamima Naznin, Dr. Inamul Haque and Hosne Ara Putul are in the cast.

10 Winners Everyday! 2 Premium Tickets For Each Winner Email your answer to starquiz.therevenant@gmail.com by 4.00 pm today with your name, DOB, mobile number and address. The winner of the quiz will be announced tomorrow in this newspaper and through email 1. Who is the Cinematographer of THE REVENANT? 2. Who did the music of THE REVENANT? Winners of QUIZ-02 1. Romana Huq, Banani 2. Rizwana Ahmed, Tejgaon 3. Arunima Hossain, Mirpur 1 4. Khondokar Hasibul Alam, Green Road 5. Tawsif Rahman, Banasree 6. Afzal Khan, Mirpur 7. Arafat Mahmud, Khilkhet BLOOD LOST. LIFE FOUND. 8. Sharmin Jahan, Uttara THE REVENANT 9. Tanima Tanha, Dhanmondi 10. Hasibul Hossain, Gulshan