

RAMADAN CHRONICLES

# "I avoid fried stuff during iftar" ...Nawsheen

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There's no biz like showbiz for popular Nawsheen. She has anchored television shows and acted in a number of hit TV plays, besides forays into modeling. Now she is busy with shoots for upcoming Eid plays. In a recent chat with The Daily Star, the multi-talented artiste talked about Ramadan, Eid shopping and more:

**Where do you usually have your iftar?**  
Nawsheen: I always try to have iftar at home on the first day of Ramadan but this time it wasn't possible because I was outside Dhaka for a shoot. But when I'm shooting at Uttara, I usually go back home in time for iftar.

**What's your favourite iftar menu?**  
Nawsheen: Usually I avoid junk food and fried stuff. I eat hotch potch and mangoes. However, I have to admit I love jilapi steeped in milk.

**Do you follow the trend of outdoor sehri?**  
Nawsheen: I go to restaurants sometimes with friends and cousins. However, that's only occasionally.

**When will you start your Eid shopping?**  
Nawsheen: During the last few days of Ramadan. I enjoy shopping for my parents and children at night.

**Do you get lots of gifts on Eid?**  
Nawsheen: I do, but I have to give many more. It really makes me happy to get gifts from my mother-in-law. My parents also give me gifts during Eid.



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# Udhao releases online on-demand

Vimeo streaming for Amit Ashraf's thriller



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"Udhao", the drama thriller that marked the directorial debut of talented young filmmaker Amit Ashraf, released yesterday online on an on-demand streaming service. In a rare move for Bangladeshi films, "Udhao" is now available on the Vimeo on Demand service, with options for 30-day streaming period (for US\$ 2.99) and streaming anytime (for US\$ 5.99).

The film, starring Shahed Ali, Shakil Monir Ahmed, Animesh Aich and Nawshaba among others, saw a limited release in Bangladesh in 2013, and was praised critically despite not resonating with the

average filmgoer. The film however, traveled to 21 film festivals in the USA, Sweden, Ireland, Norway, Italy and Portugal, and won seven awards in total.

Amit, who studied in a creative arts programme at New York University, is well aware of the global happenings and trends in entertainment, as is evident from the impressive festival numbers on his film. The rather bold initiative to put a film up for web-streaming for a price, targeted presumably at expatriates and foreign audiences, is certainly commendable, and will show path for upcoming independent filmmakers as well.



# The new face of TARIN

A CORRESPONDENT

Model and actress Tarin has featured in three commercials recently. She has grabbed particular attention for the commercial of Bexi Fabrics, aired from mid May.

To cap it all, she completed a TV play "Bhangachura", based on a short story by Zahir Raihan that will air on ntv this Eid. Here she dons the role of a privileged girl who decides to get married to a man of her choice and live a life of struggle. Asked about the play, Tarin says, "I have worked on Zahir Raihan's works before but this role, Runu, presented a particular challenge. I am always more at ease with a commercial rather than a drama, particularly if the theme and product are just right for me."



# "Nupur" on ntv today

A CORRESPONDENT

Single-episode TV drama "Nupur" airs on ntv tonight at 9:05pm. Written by Tobarak Hossain Bhuiyan and directed by Mahmud Didar, it casts familiar faces Riaz, Sohana

Saba and Maznun Mizan.

The story circles three people, Shubhro, Barsha and Manna. Shubhro and Barsha, who have been in a relationship for a long time, have to split due to Shubhro's tactics. Out of anger, Barsha starts dating a local

influential man named Manna, making her and Shubhro's dynamics further complicated. But a gold anklet that belonged to Barsha but is in Shubhro's possession, reminds Shubhro of the good times they have had.



# SUICIDE SQUAD

receives a PG-13 rating

After the financial — if not critical — success of "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice", all eyes turn to the next DC Comics venture, "Suicide Squad", which yesterday officially received its PG-13 rating from the MPAA. The rating reflects the film's "sequences of violence and action throughout, disturbing behaviour, suggestive content and language."

The PG-13 rating comes as no surprise. Despite some fans' wishes to see the anti-heroes unrestrained by boundaries of age-appropriate conduct, director David Ayer had previously stated in an interview with MTV that an R-rating was never in the cards. Ayer did give some hope to fans who want to one day see the Squad run wild, telling MTV he would consider lobbying for an R-rating for a sequel.

A case for a less-restrictive "Suicide Squad" would no doubt point to the success of Marvel's Deadpool, which became the highest grossing R-rated movie of all time earlier this year, winning over fans and critics with its over-the-top violence, jokey sex scenes, and inappropriate language. Producer Simon Kinberg then announced that "Wolverine 3" will aim for an R-rating, a decision likely to cheer



The baddest of DC supervillians -- aptly dubbed "Worst heroes ever."

hardcore fans given the mutant's violent and aggressive reputation. Back in the DC Universe, Zack Snyder will be unveiling his R-rated cut of "Batman v Superman" on home video later this month.

Kind of like the 'Anti-Avengers', "Suicide Squad" brings several classic DC supervillains together for an unlikely role reversal as crime-fighters. Margot Robbie,

Will Smith, Jared Leto, Cara Delevingne, Jai Courtney, and Joel Kinnaman star.

Reported early screenings of the PG-13 cut of "Suicide Squad" have led to mostly positive fan reactions circulating online, always to be taken with a grain of salt.

The film comes to theatres on August 5.

Source: Yahoo Movies

# I L E A N A

set for Bollywood return

Bollywood actress Ileana D'Cruz, who is all set to make a comeback on the silver screen after a two-year hiatus with Akshay Kumar's "Rustom", says it was not a conscious decision to stay away from showbiz.

Ileana, whose last film was 2014's "Happy Ending" co-starring Saif Ali Khan, said that she was not happy with the kind of work she was being offered. "I know it is a cliched answer but I didn't like anything that was coming my way. I wasn't really happy about the work that I was being offered," Ileana told IANS.

"I would rather not do anything than do something half-heartedly. It was not a

conscious decision to stay away from the big screen for that much amount of time," added Ileana.

She said that she wanted to do something that makes her feel good at the end of the day. "I am okay with doing commercial movies and playing a role where I play an attractive woman onscreen. It's fun doing it. But after a point and after doing certain amount of films, I wanted to do something that makes me feel good at the end of the day," said Ileana.

Directed by Tinu Suresh Desai, "Rustom" is scheduled to release on August 12.

Source: NDTV Movies

