

RAMADAN CHRONICLES

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... **Badhon**

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Actress Badhon is a well known figure on the small screen. She also does the occasional modelling and anchoring assignment. Eid is a busy time for Badhon both on the professional and personal fronts. The TV actress talked about Ramadan, iftar and Eid shopping in a conversation with *The Daily Star*.

Do you manage to have iftar at home?
 Badhon: I can't due to a tight shooting schedule. I often take iftar on location but this time I took iftar with my family on the first day of Ramadan. To tell you the truth, I avoided shooting that day.

What's your favourite iftar menu?
 Badhon: I live on yogurt and lemon juice. I usually avoid fried stuff during iftar.

Do you cook iftar delicacies yourself?
 Badhon: I prepare specially dishes like hotchpotch and custard occasionally but mostly my mother does the cooking.

Do you go out for sehri?
 Badhon: There is no such culture in our home. However, I plan to go out for sehri in old Dhaka with my daughter and my family one day.

Any cherished childhood memories of Ramadan?
 Badhon: Though it was very hard, I managed to fast when I was child because our family was very encouraging. I vividly remember my joy when we sighted the Ramadan moon.

Who usually does the Eid shopping?
 Badhon: I do it. I've already done the shopping for my daughter.

How do you manage to juggle the demands of the family with your roles as actress, anchor and model?
 Badhon: It is possible by being organised. However, since I only do the occasional anchoring and modeling, it is manageable.



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"NIYOTI" OFF TO A SOLID START

Shuvo-Jolly starrer opens well in West Bengal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Niyoti", a Bangladesh-India joint production film, released in India this Friday, uncharacteristically earlier than its Bangladesh release. Usually, films that are jointly produced release on the same, or at worst, adjacent week-ends, but with "Niyoti", the Indian release for the Arifin Shuvo-Jolly starrer took place even before a Bangladesh release date was announced.

However, the Zakir Hossain Raju-directed film has been doing well in the 83 cinemas where it is screened, said Abdul Aziz, chairman of the Bangladeshi production house for the film Jaz Multimedia. He further said there was a little bit of a doubt about its reception across the border, since the director and leading cast is Bangladeshi, and the film was shot entirely in Bangladesh (except the songs), but the numbers have been very encouraging.

Of the film's soundtrack, a remake of the classic Dhallywood song "Onek Sadhona'r Pore" (from the 1998 film "Bhalobashi Tomake" starring Riaz and Shabnur) has created quite a stir on the social media since its release last week.

"Niyoti" is expected to release in Bangladesh after Eid, according to sources.



Mosharraf-Jui in four Eid TV plays

A CORRESPONDENT

Few years ago, Mosharraf Karim and his wife Robena Reza Jui were paired in a TV play for the first time, and the viewers received it well. Since then the duo has decided to work, if the story and role of the characters offer a good ambience. As per this decision, the duo will be seen in four Eid special TV plays this year: and "Average Aslam", "Kid Solaiman", "Talwar" and "Chance Master".

Regarding Jui's acting, Karim shared, "Jui is a very dedicated person in terms of her work and she showed her dedication in her acting too. She tries to give her best in every role she has played so far and it is not just me who appreciates her acting skills. I hope viewers will appreciate our work."

On the other hand, Jui said, "I was a little clumsy in the beginning to be honest, and Mosharraf never gave up on me. He used to inspire me by giving his feedback for which now as I have started to master the skills. I am very thankful to each and every person who gave me courage and helped me be successful."

NEWSbytes

"Wolverine 3" set photos revealed

Some new set photos have landed for "Wolverine 3", Hugh Jackman's final outing as the clawed mutant, and confirm that Patrick Stewart's Professor X is in it.

Word has been incredibly quiet with regards to this untitled Wolverine sequel. The timeline of it remains unclear, nor is there any confirmation about what villain Boyd Holbrook is playing.

The photos indicate that it at least partly revolve around a sickly Professor X, who's sporting some scruff, alongside a bearded Wolverine.

The first "Wolverine" helmer James Mangold returns to direct "Wolverine 3", which also stars Richard E Grant, Stephen Merchant, and Eriq La Salle, and opens in cinemas March 3, 2017.



Source: Collider

OCEAN'S 11 remake ropes in three big names

Sandra Bullock's all-female continuation of "Ocean's Eleven" is no Hollywood rumour; it's happening, and the cast list is rapidly growing.

Helena Bonham Carter, Elizabeth Banks and comedy actor Mindy Kaling have all been signed up to star in a film, that's currently called "Ocean's Ocho". The title is expected to change.

Showbiz 411 has also confirmed that Cate Blanchett is definitely aboard the project,

assuming the film's second lead role; Bullock will most likely play a leader role akin to George Clooney's Danny Ocean.

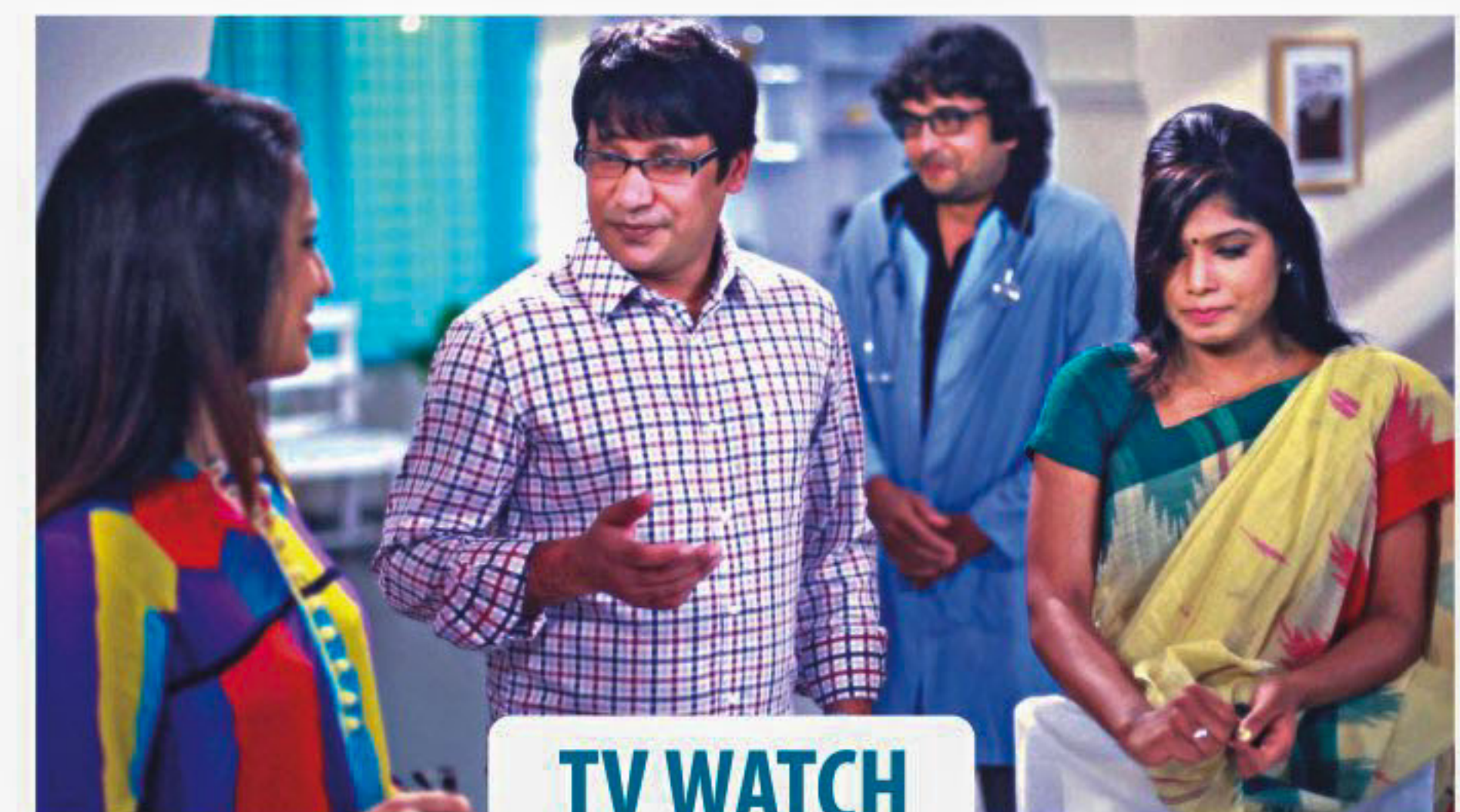
The film's premise will see the collective team up in order to steal a necklace from the Met Ball so they can frame a villainous gallery owner.

Director Gary Ross ("The Hunger Games") will steer production alongside Steven Soderbergh - the director of the 2001 original

"Ocean's 11" - as well as its star and producer, Clooney. Cameras will begin rolling this autumn.

It was recently rumoured that Jennifer Lawrence was being lined up for a role in the film; with six roles left to cast, film buffs can expect some interesting announcements on the way.

Source: Independent UK



TV WATCH

Shesh Bikeler Gaan on ntv

A CORRESPONDENT

Drama serial "Shesh Bikeler Gaan" will air on ntv tonight at 8:20pm. The serial, jointly written by Hridi Haq and Lucky Enam, has been directed by Hridi Haq and Kamruzzaman Rony. It circles the lives of elderly people living in a safe

home. The serial boasts a heavyweight cast including Mosharraf Karim, Tania Ahmed, Litu Anam, Shaju Khadem, Dr. Ezaz, Nayeem, Naznin Hasan Chumki, Sriya Sharbojaya, Syed Hasan Imam, Dr. Enamul Haq, Prabir Mitra, Sharmili Ahmed, Dilara Zaman, Dolly Zahur, and Shampa Reza.



Helena Bonham Carter



Elizabeth Banks



Mindy Kaling