

# TANIA-TUTUL paired after seven years

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Tania Ahmed and SI Tutul have different professions, they live a happy family life together. Although he is an accomplished singer, Tutul has been seen in several TV plays proving his acting skills, but was paired opposite Tania only once.

The only project Tania-Tutul worked in was seven years ago, in Humayun Ahmed's "Badla Diner Gaan". After that, the couple was not seen together, but that is about to change this upcoming Eid.

In an Eid special play, "Ei Haat Chuyeche Tomaye", written by Faria Hossain and directed by Arif Khan, the pair will share screen space.

The play depicts a story of a frustrated married couple with no child, as their misunderstanding increases, the couple finds a baby and the story takes a turn.

Talking about the play, Tania said, "I had the opportunity to work with Tutul after such a long time. I hope viewers will appreciate our work."

The play will air on SATV.



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The heartthrob of Bangladesh's silver screen, Shakib Khan is the busiest and highest-paid film star of the present time. He was also the president of Chalachitra Shilpi Samiti. Amid his tight shooting schedule, the National Film Award-winning actor took time out to talk to The Daily Star about Ramadan, iftar, Eid shopping, cooking and his recent work. Excerpts:

**Do you manage to have iftar at home throughout Ramadan?**

**Shakib:** During shooting, iftar is usually on set. But whenever I am home, I make sure to eat iftar prepared by mother at home.

**Where will you celebrate this Eid?**

**Shakib:** I'm very excited that I will stay in Dhaka this time and celebrate it with my family, because I had to stay abroad for shooting for the last few years during the time. Returning from Eidgah, I

will have a big meal prepared by my mother, and then hang out with my close friends at home.

**Is there a food item without which your Eid is incomplete?**

**Shakib:** It's a dessert made of coconut, sugar and milk. My mother makes it.

**What is your attire of choice on Eid?**

**Shakib:** Panjabi and salwar.

**Are you done with your Eid shopping?**

**Shakib:** To be honest, I can't manage time for this due to my shooting schedule. Apart from this, I avoid shopping here, because a big crowd gathers at the mall every time I am there. I have already done my shopping from abroad. My mother and sister usually shop for other family members.

**What was Eid like during your childhood?**

**Shakib:** I have fond memories of Eid from my childhood. The feeling of wearing new clothes, having different delicacies prepared by mother and hanging out with friends are unmatched.

**Tell us about your films releasing this Eid.**

**Shakib:** My films "Shikari" and "Samrat" are scheduled to release this Eid.

**How was the experience of working with Tollywood's Srabanti in "Shikari"?**

**Shakib:** Both as an actress and a person, she is wonderful. As the film was shot in Kolkata and London, I gathered a lot of experience. I hope the audience will receive our on-screen pairing warmly.

**What's going on with your other project "Bossgiri"?**

**Shakib:** It is yet to complete. I will leave for Bangkok for filming a song of the film on the night of Eid.

**What do you think celebrities' social responsibilities?**

**Shakib:** I always try my best to do something from my position to anyone who needs help, not just during Eid but all year round. But I don't want to make it public. Social responsibility should not be about publicity.

## NEWS bytes

# Disney planning more "Indiana Jones"

Back in March, Lucasfilm announced a new installment of the famous "Indiana Jones" franchise with Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford. Considering what happened in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens", the actor doesn't have to worry about juggling multiple franchises, though his involvement in this resurgence is still somewhat unclear.

Disney CEO Bob Iger (who's Mouse House purchased Lucasfilm years ago) spoke to Hollywood Reporter on the matters. When asked if there would be an Indiana Jones expanded universe along the lines of "Star Wars", he said, "Not like Star Wars, no. But we hope...right now, we're focused on a reboot, or a continuum and then a reboot of some sort." Regarding Ford's involvement, Iger added, "Well, we'll bring him back, then we have to figure out what comes next."

He did clarify that he expects more films beyond the fifth installment. "I don't think it reaches the scale of the universe of Star Wars, but I see making more," he said. "It won't be just a one-off."

The fifth, still untitled Indiana Jones was announced for a theatrical release beginning July 19, 2019. Spielberg returns to direct alongside "Jurassic Park" scribe David Koepp and original composer John Williams.

Source: Collider



# "We are where Hollywood was 60 years back"

... Kajol

With new plots, realistic storylines and fresh pairings, Bollywood has come a long way. Actor Kajol says that the industry's working style and the films which are produced now, are slowly becoming like Hollywood.

"I honestly feel that this is a fantastic time in the film industry. Everything is possible right now. We have finally achieved what Hollywood did, sixty years ago," says Kajol.

The actor, who was last seen in "Dilwale" (2015) with Shah Rukh Khan, adds that she has no qualms being paired with someone younger on screen. "I am open to that. I have never refused a film, because of anyone else who is in it. It depends on

the script and casting. We worry about who suits the script, rather than if they are big enough for the film," she says.

She has been part of the industry over two decades and adds that her parameters to select a film have still not changed. "I don't think the parameters have changed much since I started. They are pretty much the same. I am picky and choosy and I need something that I will believe in 300 percent, otherwise I don't think it is worth taking up," says Kajol, who will start working on her home production soon.

Source: Hindustan Times

# Darth Vader confirmed in "Rogue One"

## Character details revealed for Star Wars origin story

As fans anxiously await the release of "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story", the origin tale about how the Rebellion retrieved the Death Star schematics to take down the Empire, new details, released via Entertainment Weekly, offer a closer look at the new characters.

Set before the events of the first "Star Wars: A New Hope", "Rogue One" follows Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones), a galactic outlaw who is given the chance to wipe her slate clean by leading the effort to steal the Death Star plans.

Her team will include Captain Cassian Andor (Diego Luna), a by-the-book Rebel intelligence officer that complements the volatile Erso; Chirrut Imwe (Donnie Yen), a 'warrior monk'; Baze Malbus (Jiang Wen), Chirrut's protective friend who prefers a blaster to ancient weapons; Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed), the Rebel squad's hot-headed lead pilot; and K-2SO (Alan Tudyk), a powerful security droid who director Gareth Edwards calls the "the antithesis of C-3PO."

"Kaytoo is a little bit like Chewbacca's personality in a droid's body," Edwards said.

Forest Whitaker also joins Erso's team as Saw Gerra, who was once part of an insurgent group trained by



Anakin. Mads Mikkelsen will play Galen Erso, Jyn's father, whose doomsday knowledge is sought by both the Empire and the Rebellion.

On the opposing side, Ben Mendelsohn plays director Orson

Krennic, a villain with intentions to use his squad of Death Troopers to take down the rebel uprising while avoiding his enforcer, Darth Vader.

Darth Vader is confirmed to return in "Rogue One". Arguably the greatest

movie villain in Hollywood history, died in "Star Wars: Episode VI".

"Rogue One" will open in theatres on December 16.

Source: Variety