

THE WEEKENDER



"I'm not a big "Game of Thrones" fan" ...Nabila

ROBINA RASHID BHUIYAN

Masuma Rahman Nabila, who began her career as a television presenter and model, rose to fame with her debut acting role in "Aynabaji". Her fan base has grown rapidly since, and in a recent conversation with The Daily Star, the star talks about her life beyond the camera.

What is the ideal way to spend a weekend?
Nabila: Since we work freelance there is no such thing as a fixed weekend. We do have days off, in between filming. The first thing I do is sleep in, without worrying about having to be somewhere. After I get up, I take my time eating with family, because on working days I am always in a hurry and not able to savour my food. So on those days I usually request my favourite dishes to be made, and sometimes I love settling down in front of the TV to eat. I watch a lot of movies, TV series and western talk shows. Recently I've seen "Lost" and "House of Cards" which I loved, and I still watch reruns of "Friends", I'm not a big "Game of Thrones" fan. In the evening I meet up with my friends and we hang out, or go tend to personal errands such as visiting the beauty salon, or shopping.

What was your most memorable vacation?
Nabila: Once a couple of my friends and I made the spontaneous decision to travel to Cox's Bazaar for a day. We had planned the night before and left the next day. During that day we did everything one could do there, from eating at popular spots to parasailing.

What is your favourite dress style? Who are your favourite designers?
Nabila: I love Pinku bhai's salwar kameez, but I hardly get to wear anything by a designer I admire. I usually dress casual, opting for comfortable choices such as jeans, shirts, or kurtis.

If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you have?
Nabila: Maggi noodles. I can live on that for the rest of my life.

What are your pet peeves?
Nabila: I hate when people brag about themselves.

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"Bhuban Majhi" releases first poster



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Fakhrul Arefeen Khan's directorial venture "Bhuban Majhi" has been on the radar of film lovers of the country for a while, and the film gave them a new glimpse on Thursday, releasing its theatrical poster.

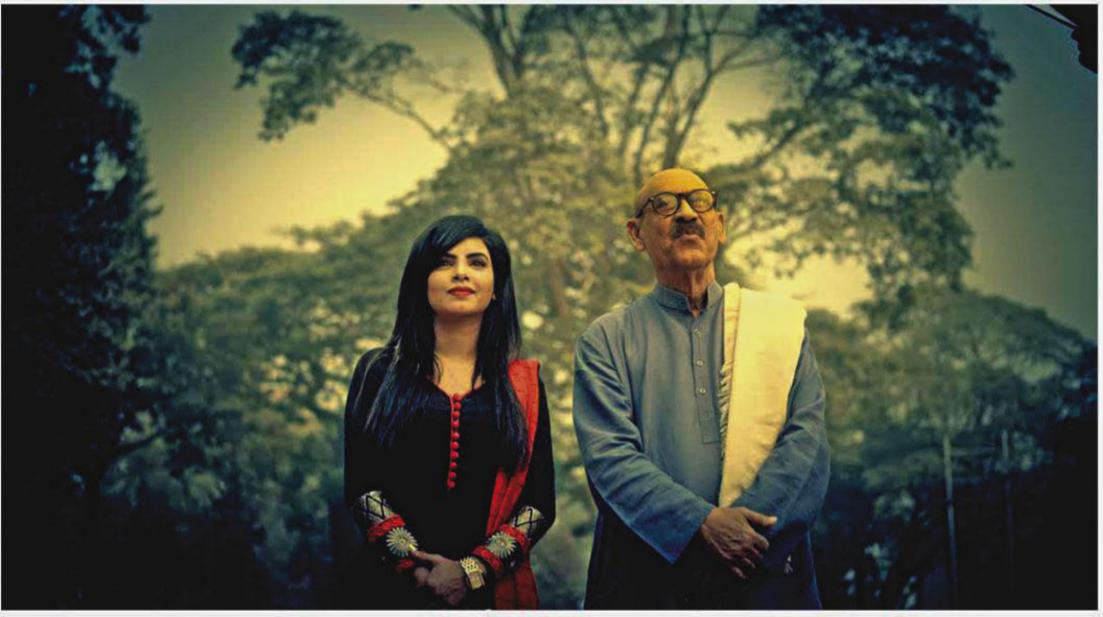
The film's promotional campaign has been gathering momentum in the past few weeks, with the release of the first full trailer early this month, and a couple of songs also revealed on YouTube. Although an official release date has not yet been announced, the signs point to a release not too far in the future.

A special promotional video of the patriotic DL Roy song "Dhono Dhanyo Pushpo Bhora", sung by Shimul Yousuff, Bappa Mazumdar, Partha Barua, Konal, Sabbir, Salma and Bushra Shahriar was also recently recorded for the film.

"Bhuban Majhi" stars prominent Indian actor Parambrata in the lead role, along with Apama Ghose, Mamunur Rashid, Maznun Mizan, Sushama Sarkar and Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed, among others. The film, which switches between two timelines - 2013 and the Liberation War of 1971 - was the recipient of the 2013 National Film Grant.

The Daily Star is the youth engagement partner of the film.

Abul Hayat makes maiden music video appearance



A CORRESPONDENT

Abul Hayat has done it all. With a career spanning almost 50 years on stage, television, film, advertisements, as well as a director and writer, the veteran actor is now slated to appear in a music video for the first time.

In the actors own words, "This is a new media, and in recent years music videos

have taken centre stage in audiovisual entertainment. I have always dismissed it as a trend belonging to the new generation, but now I have made myself open to new ideas. For that I am glad, because I enjoyed my experience immensely. This video is a special venture, as it revolves around the Language Movement in 1952, without which Bangladesh would not come to be."

The song for which the video was made by Yamin Elan is "Bayanno," written by Lalon Lohani. The song describes plight and bloodshed of February 21, 1952. Nazir Mahmud is behind the tune, as well as vocals, while Mushfiqu Litu is in charge of musical arrangements.

The video, produced by CMV will be aired this week on most TV channels including GP Music, as well as YouTube.



Theatre troupe "Natyjan" is staging the 29th show of a Tagore comedy "Sheshrakhya" at Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy at 7pm today. Directed by Mohsina Akhtar, the cast of the play include Kohinoor, Tabibul Islam, Shamim, Mitali, Sohan, Putul, Mira, Bijon and Ovi.

FIFTY SHADES DARKER dominates Valentine's Day



"Fifty Shades Darker" was a huge Valentine's Day winner at the box office, earning \$11 million on Tuesday.

That was more than double the next closest film, "The Lego Batman Movie" (\$5 million). And it's one of the best showings of all time for when the sweethearts' holiday falls on a weekday, almost matching record-holder "The Vow", which pulled in \$11.5 million on Valentine's Day in 2012, also a Tuesday.

From Universal and based on EL James' S&M book series, "Fifty Shades Darker" has earned \$61.5 million in its first five days, slightly ahead of the \$60.8 million grossed by Warner Bros.' "Lego Batman". Both films debuted in North America on Feb. 10.

The sequel, however, continues to pace behind the original "Fifty Shades of Grey", which earned \$98.5 million in its first five days. The first movie had the advantage of opening over Presidents Day weekend in 2014, when

Valentine's Day fell on a Saturday.

Universal is counting on "Fifty Shades Darker" being a slower burn than Fifty Shades of Grey, which dropped a steep 74 percent in its second weekend.

Lionsgate also touted "La La Land" as a Valentine's Day destination. The musical dramedy placed no. 6 with \$1.5 million, a big jump over the \$522,534 earned on Monday. The Oscar front-runner has earned nearly \$128 million domestically and north of \$300 million worldwide.

Generally speaking, a number of films saw a boost. "John Wick: Chapter 2" placed No. 3 behind "Fifty Shades Darker" and "Lego Batman" for a five-day domestic total of \$37.9 million. M Night Syhamalan's "Split" followed, while box-office hit "Hidden Figures" rounded out the top five in North America.

Source: THR

"Olpo Sholpo Golpo" to air soon

A CORRESPONDENT

Amidst the many new TV plays this year, a new drama series will be aired soon titled "Olpo Sholpo Golpo." Scripted by Rupantor and directed by Montasir Bipon, the play stars a myriad of actors including Abdullah Rana,

Saberi Alam, Nadia Ahmed, Intekhaab Dinar, Sanjida Priti, Shahadat Hossain, Nabila Islam, Naziba Basher, Moin Ahmed, Elan Shuvro and Shamima Tushti.

The plot zooms in on the misfortunes of a man named Liaquat Ali Leku who has two regrets; one not being

blessed with a son after having three daughters, and his intense dislike for his nickname "Leku." The retired patriarch is also the landowner of a four storey building, and the story follows the comical incidents from his relationships and interactions with his tenants and family members.

