



VILLAINOUS JITU IN "Gohin Baluchor"

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Following the footsteps of his father, Syed Ahsan Ali Sydney, Jitu Ahsan entered the industry at a comparatively young age. After numerous television shows alongside famous actors such as Suborna Mustafa, he grew up to be one of the most scintillating personalities on the television screen. He went on to work with some of the biggest directors in the country, grabbing some very noteworthy roles. From a rickshaw-puller to a comedian, from a gruesome villain to a visually impaired man, Jitu has played an array of characters in some very popular television series, one hour drama fictions and telefilms, such as "Shaola", "Jowar Bhata", "Gohiney", "Elebele", "Tobuo Protikkha", "Andhokarer Biruddhe", "Nouka Dubi" and many more.

The audience will soon witness Jitu Ahsan in a brand new role- playing antagonist, Hanif Sikdar in Badrul Anam Saud's long-awaited upcoming film "Gohin Baluchor".

Tell us about this role?

Jitu Ahsan: Well, I play Hanif Sikdar, son of Latif Sikdar (played by Raisul Islam Asad). The story is basically of two families who want to occupy the same land. These two families have been at war for years. From our family, my father would be the front liner in previous battles, and now I have taken up that role. Hanif is, in every manner, a villain. He is ruthless, thinks up all the coups, the tricks; he makes the plans, and has his henchmen execute them.

What was your reaction when you were offered this role?

Jitu Ahsan: I had suddenly gotten a call from the director, Badrul Anam Saud, who was still working on the script. He told me that he was thinking about me as he was writing the role,

and just wanted me to consider it. Meanwhile, I was contemplating whether I wanted to play a negative role on the big-screen at all. But once he was done writing it, he sent me the script, I read it a number of times and I was convinced. I was, of course, nervous. But I knew I wanted to be Hanif.

What was your experience playing Hanif?

Jitu Ahsan: Like I said, I had my doubts of course. But the difference between the small screen and the big screen is time. While for television drama series and fictions, we have to shoot for say 20 scenes in a day, a film gives you more time to think about your character. I thought about Hanif, whether I would play him like I generally play my characters, or do I add something, like a filmy villainous laugh-

ter- but Saud told me to play it the way I feel best. I made sure to align my character as much as I could with the rest of the film, and did whatever I instinctively felt was correct. I'm just hoping I did justice to the director, the role and the film as a whole.

What are your hopes for the film, "Gohin Baluchor"?

Jitu Ahsan: "Gohin Baluchor" is a simple story, of simple lives. It is entertaining, yet gives one a glimpse of real life situations and real life problems. It is not a film that you have to watch over and over again to understand, nor is it one that you have to sit and ponder upon for hours. It's simple and straight, just like the director hoped for it to be. It is definitely a film people should go to halls for, no doubt.

SUZANA

back on the small screen

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After a long sabbatical spent abroad, actress Suzana is back in the limelight in a new TV play set to release during Eid. Directed by Iftekhar Ahmed Fahmi, the yet-to-be titled venture began filming last week in the capital.

Other cast members in the play include Shahiduzzaman Selim, Apurbo and Sumaiya Shimu. "I have returned to the screen after a long time, but I have worked with Fahmi in a few ventures before," said Suzana, "I enjoy working

under his direction and Fahmi is always able to bring the best out of his actors. He does not allow makeup on any of the cast members, which is a great convenience for us all."

Suzana last appeared in a music video for a song titled "Keu Na Januk". Composed by Imran, directed by Mizanur Rahman Aryan, and sung by Tahsan, the video proved to be a hit with viewers.

Off-screen, Suzana is exploring her entrepreneurial spirit. She has recently opened a new fashion boutique called Fashion Quest in the capital.



Kareena in talks to sign her first biopic

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan might sign Omung Kumar's next film, which is a biopic.

Kumar has just finished shooting the Sanjay Dutt-starrer "Bhoomi", and seems to have already decided on his next film. The man, known for directing biopics like "Mary Kom" and "Sarbjit", will be directing one yet again. As per reports, Kareena Kapoor Khan might be a part of the film, and Omung has already approached the actor, reports Hindustan Times.

If Kareena gives her nod to the film, then this will be the first biopic of her career.

Kareena is currently prepping for her comeback film, Shashanka Ghosh's "Veere Di Wedding", which also stars Sonam Kapoor and Swara Bhaskar. Till that project goes on the floor, Kareena is going through scripts and is open to interesting offers.

Omung Kumar, who has been keen on working with Kareena, will soon meet the actor for a narration. "Omung has wanted to work with Kareena for quite some time and he has finally found the right script for her. It's a biopic and the actor and filmmaker will soon sit for a round of narrations," DNA quoted a source as saying.

Source: **Hindustan Times**

Big names added to Manchester Benefit Concert

Bieber, Perry, Coldplay to perform alongside Ariana Grande

The Black Eyed Peas and Robbie Williams will join Ariana Grande, Justin Bieber and other stars at a charity concert Sunday in Manchester, England.

Live Nation said on Thursday, that girl group Little Mix has also been added to the show being held in honour of the Manchester bombing, that took place at Grande's concert in the city last week. Twenty-two people died at the show.

Katy Perry, Coldplay, Miley Cyrus, Pharrell Williams, Take That and Niall Horan also will perform. The event, dubbed "One Love Manchester", will take place at Emirates Old Trafford.

The concert was Grande's idea, to help the victims of the blast and to show defiance to terrorism. Her manager managed to book the top-bill artistes in a short time, and also got support from Manchester law enforcement, and even the Manchester United football game in the city was re-scheduled to help with travel of concert-goers.

Tickets went on sale on Thursday. Proceeds will go to an emergency fund set up by the city of Manchester and the British Red Cross.

Source: **Billboard**





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