

NEWS bytes

J-LAW escapes airplane mishap unscathed

Jennifer Lawrence has walked away without any injury from a harrowing flight in which her private plane reportedly underwent double-engine failure, according to E!.

The flight reportedly was departing from Louisville, Kentucky, which is Lawrence's hometown. During the flight, one engine reportedly failed at



cruising altitude and forced the plane to make an emergency landing in Buffalo, New York. During the landing, the remaining engine also failed.

Pilots were able to land the plane safely and Lawrence has reportedly survived the ordeal unscathed.

A request for comment from Lawrence was not immediately returned, says The Hollywood Reporter.

Source: THR



Irrfan Khan and Tisha in a still from the film.

Another big festival nod for "Doob"

Farooki's Irrfan Khan-starrer in main competition at Shanghai

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mostofa Sawar Farooki's "Doob" (English title "No Bed of Roses") may be in censor board limbo in Bangladesh, but that has not stopped the film gaining some serious momentum in the international film festival circuit. After getting shortlisted for the main competition at this month's Moscow International Film Festival, "Doob" has now broken into the main competition of the Shanghai International Film Festival, vying for the Golden Goblet Award.

"Doob", that stars prodigious Indian actor Irrfan Khan in the lead, has no release date yet in Bangladesh after its No-Objection Certificate was revoked in February a day after it was issued by a gov-

ernment committee for reviewing joint-venture films.

The festival runs from June 17 to June 25, with winners announced on the closing night. Farooki, cast members Irrfan Khan, Nusrat Imrose Tisha and Parno Mittra, producers Ashok Dhanuka, Abdul Aziz, and Himanshu Dhanuka will represent the film at the festival.

"Doob" will be up against some stiff competition at one of Asia's most heavyweight festivals, including "The Chinese Widow" by Palm d'Or and Oscar winner Bill August ("Pele the Conqueror famed"), among other films from Germany, USA, Russia, China, Iran, India, Philippines, Romania, Poland, Italy, Japan, and UK. "The Chinese Widow" was also named the opening film of the festival, replacing mas-

ter Hong Kong filmmaker Ann Hui's Our Time will Come".

The Shanghai Festival earlier announced its jury at this year's Cannes, led by Cristian Mungiu, often called the poster boy of Romanian new wave cinema. Oscar-winning Gary Michael Walters ("Whiplash"), Golden Lion winner US/Macedonian filmmaker Milcho Manchevski, Chinese director Cao Baoping, Chinese screenwriter Li Qiang, Japanese director Sabu, and Chinese actress Xu Qing will join Christian in the international jury.

The festival will also feature competition sections dedicated to documentary filmmaking and animation, and will also show a retrospective of classic Disney animation films.

ASK ME ANYTHING
FERDOUS
coming to The Daily Star's Facebook Live

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Save the date! Celebrated actor Ferdous will go on a Facebook Live 'Ask Me Anything' session with The Daily Star subscribers, this Monday (June 14) at 4pm.

Ferdous, in his nearly two-decade career, has won four National Film Awards, since breaking out with "Hothat Brishti" in 1998. His career has spanned over 200 films and work on the ramp and television as well – both as an actor and a host. His acting credentials have surpassed the boundaries of the country, with a number of film appearances in Kolkata, as well as a Bollywood film, "Mitti".

Anyone subscribed to The Daily Star's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dailystarnews>) can join the Facebook Live session at 4pm, and pour in their love, adulation and questions to Mim, which she will respond to.



Adam West, the first Batman, dies at 88

Adam West — an actor defined and also constrained by his role in the 1960s series "Batman" — died Friday night in Los Angeles. He was 88. A representative said that he died after a short battle with leukemia.

"Our dad always saw himself as The Bright Knight, and aspired to make a positive impact on his fans' lives. He was and always will be our hero," his family said in a statement.

West became known to a new generation of TV fans through his recurring voice role on Fox's "Family Guy" as Mayor Adam West, the corrupt, inept and vain leader of Quahog, Rhode Island. West was a regular on the show from 2000 through its most recent season. West in recent years did a wide range of voice-over work, on such shows as Adult Swim's "Robot Chicken" and Disney Channel's "Jake and the Neverland Pirates."

But it was his role as the Caped Crusader in the 1966-68 ABC series "Batman" that defined West's career.

With its "Wham! Pow!" onscreen exclamations, flamboyant villains and cheeky tone, "Batman" became a surprise hit with its premiere on ABC in 1966, a virtual symbol of '60s kitsch. The half-hour action comedy was such a hit that it aired twice a week on ABC at its peak. But within two seasons, the show's popularity slumped as quickly as it soared.

West's portrayal of the superhero and his alter ego, Bruce Wayne, ultimately made it hard for him to get other roles, and while he continued to work throughout his career, options remained limited because of his association with the character.

In February 2016, CBS sitcom "The Big Bang Theory", which had hosted a number of geek favorites over the years, celebrated its 200th episode — and marked the 50th anniversary of "Batman" — with an appearance by West.

West made his feature debut in 1959's "The Young Philadelphians," starring Paul Newman. Before he donned the mask and cape, West was a rising star in late 1950s and early 1960s TV series, notably Westerns and cop shows. His film roles in this period were few and far between but included a part in the 1965 Three Stooges vehicle "The Outlaws Is Coming."

West was also prolific as a voice actor. He worked on dozens of animated series during the past 40 years, from numerous incarnations of the Batman character to "Kim Possible", "SpongeBob SquarePants", "The Fairly Oddparents", "The Boondocks" and "Penn Zero: Part-Time Hero".

Born William West Anderson in 1928 in Walla Walla, Washington, the actor later adopted his stage name, and began his career in earnest when he moved to Hawaii in the 1950s to star in a local children's programme.

Source: Variety



A VISUAL FEAST FROM THE FAR EAST

A performing arts troupe from China's Sichuan province held a houseful audience captive on Saturday at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, with their array of traditional Chinese performing arts. The Bangladesh China Cultural Economic Center organised the event along with the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka, where the performers displayed one mesmerizing performance after another in dance, acrobatics, contortion, hand shadow dance, puppetry, and a magical changing face masks (Bian lian) that is very much a signature Sichuan performance art form. The event also included a photography exhibit outside the auditorium featuring the natural beauty, heritage and culture of Sichuan. Chinese ambassador to Dhaka Ma Mingqing and Bangladesh's tourism and civil aviation minister Rashed Khan Menon were distinguished guests at the event.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Jaya coming to "Mad Café" this Eid

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Jaya Ahsan is set to make an appearance on "Mad Café", a special programme on Maasranga TV this Eid. On the show, the glamorous actress reveals a lot of lesser-known stories and facts about herself. For example, tropical fruits have always been a special treat for Jaya. While other children would dart for chocolates and sweets in their childhood, Jaya developed this strange fondness for unusual fruits at an early age and had to pay a price for it too. Quite a few times she had to be whisked away to hospital for her unusual explorations.

The actress also reveals some of her professional secrets on the show, like how she does not need artificial tears when a scene requires her to cry.

The show, anchored by Tanvir Hossain Probal and produced by Moniruzzaman Khan, will be aired on the third day of Eid at 10:30 pm.

